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THE SIXTH FORM

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## **A word from the Headteacher**

This prospectus outlines the extensive provision offered in the Sixth Form at Ysgol David Hughes. We are especially proud of our Sixth Form students and their continued success both academically and in terms of their personal development.

High quality teaching combined with a passion for learning ensures we consistently achieve excellent A Level and AS results. Matching this with exceptional care, guidance and support ensures that our students work hard, enjoy their learning and are accepted onto university courses and careers of their choice.

Students at Ysgol David Hughes work very well with committed teachers who have long experience and expertise in their subjects. We offer a very broad and varied curriculum including A Levels as well as vocational courses, some in collaboration with local partners.

We have excellent facilities across the school and within the designated Sixth Form Centre creating a supportive and positive learning environment in which students excel.

We want all our students to be proud to be a part of our community at Ysgol David Hughes. We want our students to feel safe and that they belong. We also want to support them in becoming independent learners and understand that through effort, hard work and commitment anything is possible.

By joining our sixth form we believe we will set you on the path to an exciting and successful future.

## **Welcome to 16+ education**

The aim of 16+ Education is to prepare you as an individual for a purposeful future. We hope to see you mature academically, personally and socially during your time in Years 12 + 13.

There will inevitably be vast ranges of ability, qualifications, needs and interests among you, but at all times, we seek to consider what is best for you as an individual within your course of study, and it is essential that you yourselves do likewise.

Your motivation is crucial to your success now and in later years. What subjects do you enjoy? Do you have an aim in mind? How determined are you to succeed in achieving your aim? Are you prepared to sacrifice to that end, or are you drifting aimlessly? Are you returning to school under duress, or because you can think of nothing better to do? Think carefully now. Don't choose a course just because you have a friend following that course. Consider carefully what is best for you. At the moment, you are standing on the threshold of the future, and your decisions now are of paramount importance.

We hope that the information that you glean from reading the following pages will help you to embark upon a meaningful and successful journey into your future.

## Staff



**Head of Years 12 and 13**

Mrs Sarah Parry



**Deputy Head of Years 12 and 13**

Mrs Lowri Parry



**Associate Headteacher with specific responsibility for Years 12 and 13**

Mrs Sarah Parry



**Careers**

Miss Angharad Jones



**Tutors**

Miss Nia Williams

Mrs Sioned Coleman

Mrs Mari Rhun Thomas

Mr Einion Dafydd

Mrs Helen Hale

Miss Sally A Hughes

Mrs Christina Thatcher



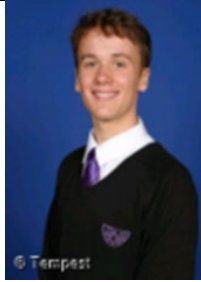
**Learning Coach**

Mrs Sioned Coleman



# Senior Pupils





**Ynyr Jones**

Being a pupil here at David Hughes' Sixth form has been an experience that I have thoroughly enjoyed, and will appreciate for my whole life. It's given me many interesting opportunities to see how the school functions on the surface and behind the scenes, which has been a very intriguing experience for me. From attending meetings with the headteacher and governors, to representing the school in the broader community, being a pupil here has given me several experiences that will be of many use to me for the rest of my life. I believe that there is a strong sense of community in the whole school, not only in the sixth form, and I believe that this, along with all the amazing facilities we have here, create an extraordinary environment that fuels and encourages learning.

The 6th form center is second to none. Here at the 6th form, we take pride in the fact that we are a community; everyone talks to each other and we all get along nicely. It is a great place to work, whether working with other pupils in the work area, or in silence in the quiet room. And if I'm concerned about anything, whether it's to do with my schoolwork, or a problem completely unrelated to the school, the 6th form staff are ready to share their caring pastoral support to get me back on track every time. From skill building sessions, to opportunities to lead and work together, the 6th form of Ysgol David Hughes encourages pupils to develop academically as well as socially and creatively. There is an emphasis on achieving individual academic potential here, but that is much easier to do in such a supportive atmosphere.



**Enlli Pennant**



**Keira Thomas**

I have had countless opportunities to develop both academically and socially during my time in Sixth Form. The Sixth Form is a nurturing environment that encourages students to excel in all aspects, with support in every step of your educational journey. Having such a strong team behind you allows you to make the most of your time at Sixth Form. The community founded in Sixth Form allows you to make new friends, discover new skills, and create your own path in life; whether in university or college, or another avenue entirely, the Sixth Form is the opportunity to discover your future.

Sixform has been very exciting as we have more freedom to be more independent with our work. Having the ability to revise during my non contact periods in between lessons has helped with my academics. I have thoroughly enjoyed the sixform lounge with my friends over the last 2 years and having a place to work but also socialising has been very enjoyable. Being able to help listen to the voices of pupils and raise their concerns with our teachers has been rewarding as we have been able to help with issues such as bullying and challenging behaviours, while also working on fun ideas such as the children in need activities in order to raise money for charity. The opportunity has helped with improving my leadership and teamwork skills which are very important to me when moving on to higher education.



**Anest Lewis**

# Curriculum

## **Introduction**

The curriculum and qualifications at Advanced Level, Advanced Subsidiary and Advanced Applied Subjects as well as the Advanced Skills Baccalaureate Wales (BAC) have been carefully planned to enable students to study a wide variety of subjects across a two year programme and to develop valuable skills for higher education and employment.

The Advanced Subsidiary qualification provides a course aimed at the standard usually achieved by students after a year's study in the sixth form. It is designed to offer an improved progression after GCSE and to encourage students to choose a wider range of subjects.

## **Teaching and learning time**

Teaching time is the time you spend in lessons, i.e., in direct contact with your teachers. Learning time on the other hand, is the time you are expected to be working and studying on your own. Your teachers will set you a variety of assignments/tasks to do. You should spend a large part of your non-contact time working in the library, in the quiet room or on the computers. It is of the utmost importance that you foster and develop a mature attitude towards your work. It is your responsibility to manage your time and ensure that you complete your work punctually.

## **Structure of the courses**

### **Advanced Level and Advanced Subsidiary Courses**

The majority of Advanced Level courses have been divided into units. The first units give an Advance Subsidiary (AS) qualification. The other units are called A2 . The AS units plus the A2 units give a full Advanced Level.

Usually the AS units will be studied in Year 12 and the A2 units in Year 13. Assessment of the AS units will be a little easier and will include structured questions and questions which require short answers. On the other hand, assessment of the A2 units, the second half of the full Advanced Level course, will be more difficult and will include questions which require extended answers and synoptic questions which assess a broader knowledge and understanding across the whole course.

End of unit examinations may be taken in June in Years 12 and 13. It is not possible to study A2 units without studying and passing AS units as well.

### **BTEC Level 3 Courses**

Numerous Level 3 BTEC Subsidiary Diploma courses are offered in partnership with the other Anglesey schools and Coleg Menai. A BTEC Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma course is the equivalent of one A Level. A one year study will give the opportunity to achieve a Level 3 BTEC Certificate which is equivalent to one AS Level. The courses are assessed by a portfolio of coursework, there are no examinations. A Distinction grade in a BTEC Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma course gives **48** UCAS points.



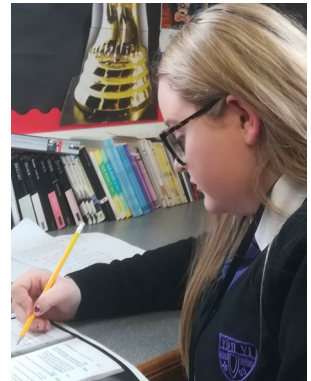
## **How many subjects should you study in Year 12?**

One of the Government's main reasons for introducing changes to Education at 16+ is to increase the breadth of students' education. Breadth means more variety and not more of the same kind of subjects. The number of subjects studied by each student in Year 12 will depend upon a number of factors, e.g. GCSE Results, the best combination for the career you have in mind.

Admission to the 6<sup>th</sup> form will be dependent on the appropriate provision for that pupil.

The subjects may be chosen from the options table – **choose one subject only from a column**. A combination of subjects within the same column is not allowed. Remember that it is possible to combine A level subjects with Applied A Level subjects. When choosing your subjects consider the following considerations carefully:

- The advice of your subject teachers.
- The best combination for the career you have in mind. Ask for advice. You are welcome to discuss the matter with your personal tutor, careers teachers or the Head of Year 12/13.
- The subjects in which you had the best results in GCSE.
- The subjects you enjoy the most.



At the end of Year 12, or the beginning of Year 13, you will have to decide which subjects you wish to continue to study. Most will study what corresponds to three A2 subjects in Year 13.

Every pupil follows the Advanced Skills Baccalaureate Wales course (Welsh Bacc).

There is a lot of additional advice and information on the following websites:

			
<a href="#">Careers Wales</a>	<a href="#">Complete University Guide</a>	<a href="#">The Uni Guide</a>	<a href="#">Informed Choices</a>



## **Advanced and Advanced subsidiary subjects offered in partnership with other Anglesey schools and Coleg Menai**

AS, A Level and BTEC provision in certain subjects will be offered in partnership with other Anglesey schools and Coleg Menai. The subjects offered will be:-

<b>Qualification</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Location</b>
AS/A	German	Ysgol David Hughes
AS/A	French	Ysgol David Hughes
AS/A	Drama	Ysgol David Hughes
AS/A	Geography	Ysgol David Hughes
AS/A	Music	Ysgol David Hughes
AS/A	Health and Social Care	Ysgol Bodedern
AS/A	Further Mathematics	Ysgol David Hughes
CERTIFICATE / DIPLOMA Level 3	Medical Science	Ysgol David Hughes
AS/A	Computer Science	Ysgol Gyfun Llangefni
BTEC Level 3	Civil Engineering & Construction	Coleg Menai, Llangefni

Details of the individual subjects are found with the other subject descriptions. The number of places available on the courses listed is obviously limited.

Teaching of these subjects takes place in morning and/or afternoon sessions. As well as this time students will be expected to do some work at school or home. Arrangements will be made to transport the students from the school to the location of study and back to their school, and when courses continue later than 3.20pm, students are required to make their own transport arrangements to get home.

### **Careers education and guidance**

Careers Education and Guidance is a continuous process in the career development of all students and it is important for you to maintain close contact with the department throughout the two years.

Information on all courses in Colleges of Higher Education and Universities is available in the prospectus of each institution. These can be found in the 6th form centre, but are also available online. In addition there is information about training, apprenticeships and job opportunities locally and nationally. A Careers Advisor from Careers Wales is available to interview Year 12 and 13 students as and when needed.

There is a special emphasis on individual counselling and we offer assistance, advice and careers information to all members of Years 12 and 13.

### **UCAS Points**

The Government has revised the points system for entry to Higher Education. Since September 2016 grades A\* → E are worth the points shown in the table below.

<b>SAFON UWCH/UG A CYMHWYSOL UWCH GCE A/AS and ADVANCED APPLIED</b>				
<b>AS LEVEL</b>	<b>A LEVEL AND BACC</b>	<b>NEW TARIFF POINTS</b>	<b>SUBSIDIARY DIPLOMA</b>	<b>CERTIFICATE</b>
	<b>A*</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>D*</b>	
	<b>A</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>D</b>	
	<b>B</b>	<b>40</b>		
	<b>C</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>M</b>	
		<b>28</b>		<b>D*</b>
	<b>D</b>	<b>24</b>		<b>D</b>
<b>A</b>		<b>20</b>		
<b>B</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>M</b>
<b>C</b>		<b>12</b>		
<b>D</b>		<b>10</b>		
		<b>8</b>		<b>P</b>
<b>E</b>		<b>6</b>		



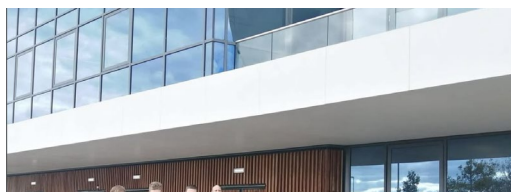
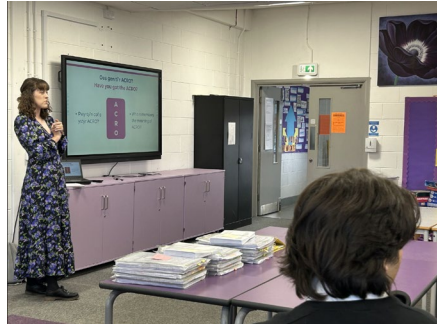




## Enrichment

We offer our students all manner of opportunities. In the past few years we have taken part in a variety of projects and have had visits from a wide range of guest speakers and we encourage all our students to take full advantage of the chances afforded to them.

- School Council
- 6th Form Committee
- Mentoring Younger Pupils
- Maths Mentoring
- Head Pupils
- EESW Competitions
- Sutton Trust Summer Schools
- UNIQ Summer Schools
- Seren Network
- UCAS Convention, Liverpool
- Aberystwyth University Summer School
- Cardiff University Summer School
- Oxford and Cambridge Summer School
- Livery Company of Wales' Bursaries
- Doctoriaid Yfory Project
- Speakers for Schools Project
- Volunteering
- Charity work
- Rotary Interviews
- Rotary Youth Leadership Awards
- Educational Visits



## Work experience

In July on the last week of school, students have five days of work experience. The experience obtained in Year 12 should not be a repeat of Year 10 work experience. Students should consult their subject teachers and their form tutors as they try to decide upon their area of experience.

A decision should be made on the basis of one of the following:-

- To develop 'core skills' e.g. communication, problem-solving, use of leisure
- The experience would be associated with their choice of career
- The experience would enable them to complete a project/course work.



Every pupil is responsible to arrange their own work experience placement and upload all relevant information onto their [Unifrog account](#).

## Voluntary work / Relevant experiences

The school is prepared to release Year 12 and 13 students to partake in voluntary work or to gain relevant experience. Naturally this can only take place during non-contact time and on one morning/afternoon per week. Universities prefer students who have engaged in a variety of experiences. This will help your university application immensely.

## Resources

### The 6th Form 'Ganolfan' and the 'Harbwr'

We trust everyone will take full advantage and make good use of the 6th Form Centre, the Quiet Room and the *Harbwr*. During non-contact lessons, students are expected to revise, read around their subject, make additional notes on aspects of the syllabus and learn their work. You will have to work independently in University – so start now!



There are definite rules regarding the use of the Quiet Room and the *Harbwr*. Silence is the golden rule. It is emphasised that this rule must always be observed to ensure fair play for everyone.

We aim to assist you in adapting to the life of a wise and prudent student, and to encourage you to be self-disciplined - something which is difficult for adults to practise, despite good intentions, but which is crucial for success.

### Access to IT

The school has made a major investment to extend its IT and Wi-Fi provision around the school. Chromebooks are available for Year 12/13 in the 6<sup>th</sup> Form *Ganolfan* and in the *Harbwr*.

We encourage you to take advantage of the Wi-fi provision and bring your own device to work independently during your non-contact lessons.

## Wellbeing

We encourage our students to talk to any member of the 6<sup>th</sup> Form Team if they have any concerns regarding their health or their work. Parents are also most welcome to contact us so that we can give our students the best possible support.

### Educational Maintenance Allowance (EMA)

If you remain in education past the statutory school leaving age of 16, you might be eligible to apply for EMA. You can receive up to £80 to your bank account every fortnight to help you with the cost of continuing with your education. Detailed information is available in the EMA Wales application pack available from school or visit the [website](#)



## Rules

The general school rules will apply to post 16 students, but it is hoped that self discipline will be the motivating force in your behaviour.

### Privileges

1. **6th form 'Ganolfan'**- This is an informal work room with access to chromebooks, including wi-fi access for using personal devices under the Bring your own Device Policy. We expect you to treat the building and the furniture with respect.
2. **Registration** - Every pupil must register promptly at 8.50am and at 1.40pm, unless you have a lesson.
3. **Leaving the school during the day** – Pupils are expected to remain in school during lesson times. Year 12 and 13 students who have no lessons for one whole morning or one whole afternoon are permitted to stay at home to work for one session only each week. This session must be pre approved with our learning coach and your parents. Please see the copy of the official contract which has been approved by the school governors.

### School Uniform

Every post 16 student should set an example to younger pupils by the way they dress and present themselves. The school uniform which has been approved by the Governors is compulsory for all Year 12 and 13 students.

The students are asked to wear **plain** black trousers or skirts (knee length), white shirt, V-neck jumper with Year 12/13 Ysgol David Hughes logo and official Ysgol David Hughes tie. We request that students wear **black footwear**. A 'dark' coloured coat will be necessary during wet and/or cold weather. We do not allow facial piercings.

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## The future

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### **Information and advice about entry to Higher Education**

The purpose of Year 12 + 13 is to prepare you for taking your next step into the future. Only you can make the important decisions ahead of you, but the 6th Form team is on hand to advise and assist you at any time. **If you need help, ask!**

We have two advice systems working simultaneously - a formal and an informal system.

#### **Formal**

- **Handbook** - Information about everything related to your time in Years 12+13.
- **Induction Day** - An opportunity to become familiar with the system, meet personal tutors, receive timetables, discuss courses etc.
- **Day Of Advice On Entry To Higher Education** - Practical help with filling in forms, handbook for further assistance, advice by specialists.
- **Parents' Evening** - Invitation for parents to hear the above advice.
- **Transferring To Higher Education** - The school keeps a record of offers made to you from colleges - your firm acceptance and your insurance.
- **Results Day** - We sincerely hope you will achieve the results you require, but whatever happens, help and advice will be immediately available.

#### **Informal**

Each student has a PERSONAL TUTOR who will be available to discuss problems and give advice.

#### **Careers Advice**

Appointments can be made with Miss Angharad Jones or with the 6th Form team.

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## The next step

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- Open Evening - an opportunity to discuss options with students and teachers
- Choose your subjects
- Fill in a subject form
- Fill in an application form
- Confirm your place on results day

**We sincerely hope you will enjoy your post 16 career and wish you luck and success as you commence your journey towards a bright future.**



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