



# Introduction to the 6th Form at Ysgol Plasmawr



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[www.ysgolplasmawr.cymru](http://www.ysgolplasmawr.cymru)



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Pleser yw cael cyflwyno'r prosbectws hwn i chi sy'n cynnwys manylion am gyrsiau Chweched Dosbarth Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Plasmawr, yn gyrsiau galwedigaethol, Uwch Gyfrannol a Safon Uwch.

Bydd pob myfyriwr yn Chweched Plasmawr yn astudio ar gyfer y Fagloriaeth Gymreig. Er mwyn llwyddo yn y Bac bydd angen ichi sicrhau gwella a dysgu sgiliau newydd a defnyddiol, wrth lwyddo byddwch yn ennill cymhwyster gwerthfawr a chadarn.

Mae'r Chweched Dosbarth yn bodoli ar gyfer dysgyblion sydd yn benderfynol o lwyddo. Mae'n cynnig cyfrwng addysg ardderchog gydag ystafell gyfrifiadurol o'r ansawdd orau, cyfleusterau astudio preifat ynghyd â chyfle i gymryd rhan mewn ystod o weithgareddau yn feunyddiol. Yn bennaf oll, mae'n cynnig cyfle i chi barhau â'ch addysg a'ch diddordebau ehangach o fewn ethos Gymreig a Chymraeg unigryw yr ysgol.

Ein nod yw cynnig ystod eang o gyrsiau ym Mhlasawr, gan sicrhau eich bod yn dewis cyfuniad addas a doeth wrth gyrraedd y garreg filltir bwysig hon yn eich gyrfa addysgol. Gobeithiwn fel ysgol y gallwn eich arwain a'ch cynghori gan sicrhau'r gefnogaeth orau bosibl wrth i chi ystyried eich dyfodol a'ch gyrfa.

Darperir cyfleoedd di-ri i bob un o'r Chweched gyfrannu'n allgyrsiol i weithgareddau'r ysgol a'r gymuned leol, yn deithiau, yn ymweliadau, yn weithgareddau elusennol, yn gystadlaethau ac yn glybiau. Bydd pob aelod yn derbyn y fraint o fod yn Swyddog Chweched Dosbarth, a fydd yn arwydd sicr o'r statws newydd a fydd gennych o fewn yr ysgol.

Felly, dewiswch yn ddoeth, gan ofyn am gyngor eich rhieni, athrawon pwnc a thiworiaid, a chymerwch eich addysg eich hun o ddifri!

Edrychaf ymlaen at eich croesawu yn ôl i'r Chweched ym mis Medi.

Yn gywir iawn,  
Mr John Hayes  
Pennaeth



## Sixth Form Uniform



The School policy on uniform promotes a professional standard similar to that expected in a place of work. Members of the sixth form are expected to set a high standard for the rest of the school community.

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| 1. Trousers:                               | Formal black or grey (no jeans/leggings) |
| 2. Skirt:                                  | Formal black or grey                     |
| 3. Shirt:                                  | White                                    |
| 4. Official sixth form jumper or cardigan* |  |
| 5. Shoes:                                  | Black, no trainers                       |
| 6. Tie:                                    | Sixth form tie*                          |
| 7. Jewellery / Make-up:                    | Suitable, discreet                       |

Normal school kit for games.

\*The Sixth Form jumper/cardigan can be purchased from YC Sports shops. The sixth form tie will be available from the school on GCSE results or on registration day in September, price £10.00.





## Guidelines for senior students returning to Plasmawr



As a senior student at the school you will of course be afforded greater freedom and privileges and will also be expected to assume certain responsibilities. It is therefore appropriate that such responsibilities be outlined briefly.

- **The promotion of Plasmawr's Welsh Ethos**

As young adults who have chosen to continue your studies through the medium of Welsh you will of course be anxious to ensure that use of the Welsh language flourishes in all aspects of school life. You yourselves will be the subject of younger pupils' admiration and will be respected because of your senior position. Regular contact with younger pupils in informal situations has an important part to play in the promotion of the meaningful use of Welsh at school. With this general principle in mind it is highly desirable that members of Year 12/13 take advantage of every opportunity to develop contact with younger pupils, engaging them in conversation and offering general support and encouragement.

- **Entry Requirements**

Entry into Year 12 is open to all students who have completed their Year 11 courses. Whatever your ability or achievement, you are welcome to follow courses in the sixth form that are suitable and offer a coherent balance regarding your future career path. **To follow Level 3 courses it is expected that students have received 5 A\*-C GCSE or Level 2 equivalent.** Some subjects would advise students that a GCSE B grade is needed to be confident of making the transition to an AS course. Each case will be decided on an individual basis. The Welsh Baccalaureate is compulsory for every student that follows Level 3 courses. Some will follow the Advanced or Intermediate qualification. As there are considerable responsibilities which are enjoined on sixth form students, the school retains the right to decline entry to those students who have displayed a negative or aggressive attitude towards the fundamental values or staff at the school. In those exceptionally rare circumstances, an appeal can be made in writing to the Headteacher or Chair of Governors at the school. It is expected that prospective students present a formal application with their option choices (see sheets in the file).

- **Year 12 /13 Which courses?**

You may choose to follow AS courses in Year 12 which follow on to full Advanced Level (A2) in Year 13. Other options are also available. You may choose to follow BTEC courses, or re-sits or AS courses only, or a combination of the three.

- **Choosing the right option**

It is your choice which courses are most suitable to your requirements. Heads of departments, personal tutors and the progress team can advise you on which courses are most suitable. Your choices are not definite until you receive your GCSE results at the end of August. The school will be open on that morning and on the following Friday morning, for you to come and discuss which courses are available with senior teachers. In addition, an induction course in September for all members of Year 12 will provide support and advice to each student to choose a valid combination of suitable subjects to ensure a coherent balanced study.

- **Study / Leisure time / Daily Responsibilities**

As responsible students you will be expected to maintain an appropriate balance between formal lessons, personal study sessions and periods set aside for socialising and leisure. We will encourage you to organise your time sensibly, so that you can take advantage of the excellent study resources in school as well as enjoying leisure time with your peers. At specific times during the day you will be entrusted with particular duties, these may include morning / assembly periods and during break. It will be necessary for you to ensure the safety of younger pupils and you will gain their respect by responding firmly but fairly to situations as they arise. You may also supervise behaviour on the buses, and report any incidents that cause concern to senior teachers at school.



- **Attendance / Punctuality**

Regular attendance and punctuality are required of all students in Plasmawr. As a common courtesy, letters explaining unauthorised absence should be submitted. It must be stressed that prior notification when attending specific courses should also be given to your personal tutor.

- **Student contribution to various aspects of school life**

In addition to the active promotion of the school's Welsh ethos and identity, senior students have a significant contribution to make during such events as parent evenings, concerts, courses and school fairs. It is hoped that members of years 12 /13 will wish to support links with the local community, through work with young children, the aged and the disabled. Students will of course continue to enjoy all positive aspects of the school's extra-curricular programme.



### **Educational Maintenance Allowance (EMA)**

Plasmawr are full partners in the Welsh Assembly Government project to reward students who continue with their post 16 Education. The grant is paid according to household income, and this year Plasmawr students have received grants of £10; £20 or £30 weekly. For further information on the Education Maintenance Allowance and for an information booklet, contact Mr Gareth Thomas at the school. It will be the student's responsibility to ensure attendance in registration and lessons and meeting of work deadlines. It also the responsibility of every student and parent to sign an EMA contract after being accepted on the plan.



## Life in the Sixth Form



- **Sixth Form Council**

Every registration class elects two students to represent them on the Sixth Form Council. Also meetings are open, held weekly and every member is welcome to attend. We discuss any matter directly involved with sixth form life but mostly end up discussing organising social, charity or fundraising events. The Council elects officers to lead meetings, Chair, Vice Chairs, Treasurers and Secretaries.

- **Prefects**

Year 13 students can make an application to be Higher Prefects in the school that come with expected duties. The Head Boy and Head Girl are voted for from the prefects.

- **Sixth Form Charity**

Each year the council agrees on a charity to promote during the year. We have supported several projects over the years including The Noah's Ark Appeal; Christian Aid; The British Heart Foundation; Ysgol Craig y Parc; HIV charity; Mind Cymru and Bopath. It has been pleasing this year to see many of the sixth form raise money for Llamau and Dolen Cymru. As part of a busy sixth form charity calendar, the Curry, Chinese and quiz nights have been very popular.

- **Charity Fundraising**

The sixth form also supports the individual house charities, and as such sixth form students have taken a lead role in promoting the Fun Run, and Inter-house events. Through various projects and schemes we are again on target to raise a significant sum of money towards these specific charities.

- **Activities for Years 7 & 8**

Since its inception the sixth form have organised parties for years 7 & 8, including Halloween, Christmas and Valentine's Disco. These have been very successful and have been important fundraisers for the sixth form charity. One of successes of the sixth form in the last two years has been P67 which is a monthly club for Year 7 organised by Year 12 and 13.



- **Eisteddfod, Sports Day and Interhouse events.**

Every house will elect a house captain and the 6<sup>th</sup> form are instrumental in leading and promoting all kinds of inter house events. The 6<sup>th</sup> form competitions during the Eisteddfod are a true highlight and the elder students' leadership is invaluable to the school ethos. The House Captains had an integral role this year in the launch of the three new houses-Taf, Rhymni and Elai.

- **Sith Form Area -Study Rooms**

Years 12 and 13 were have a purposeful area to relax and two large work rooms to complete their studies. A copy of each university prospectus is kept here as well as reference and careers manuals. Over twenty computer workstations and the same number of laptops are for sixth form use; this room will be well respected as a serious place to complete assignments. Many sixth form students bring their own equipment to school and use the Wi-Fi system to complete their work.



- **Sixth Form Sports**

The Rugby, Netball, Football and Hockey first teams have already been successfully established. We also have a fitness suite at the school in which the 6<sup>th</sup> form can use during non-contact periods after an induction from the PE department. Many students also use the Fairwater Leisure Centre to swim and play badminton or squash.



## **Useful Websites:**

[www.cbac.co.uk](http://www.cbac.co.uk)

[www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com)

[www.careerswales.com/cy/](http://www.careerswales.com/cy/)

[www.qualifications.pearson.com/en/home.html](http://www.qualifications.pearson.com/en/home.html)

[www.welshbacalaureate.org.uk/cy/Am-y-CBC](http://www.welshbacalaureate.org.uk/cy/Am-y-CBC)

[www.cyllidmyfyrwycymru.co.uk/](http://www.cyllidmyfyrwycymru.co.uk/)

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