

## SWANSEA COLLEGE Building foundations for your future



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# WELCOME TO SWANSEA COLLEGE



Swansea College aims for each student to achieve their academic potential and grow as an individual, both intellectually and personally, in an aspirational and supportive environment.

By emphasizing the importance of leadership skills, we hope that all pupils will enjoy making a contribution to our happy and caring college and be inspired to make a positive difference throughout their lives

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# PRINCIPAL'S WELCOME

#### Message to Parents

I'm delighted to introduce you to Swansea College, situated in the heart of the beautiful city of Swansea. At Swansea College, we are committed to understanding and meeting the needs of our students. For a real insight into what Swansea College has to offer, we encourage families and friends to visit us or arrange a virtual tour.

Our teachers and management team are always happy to discuss our provision and identify how we can provide the very best allround education for your child.

Blended learning, combining face-to-face and online learning, has become a part of our curriculum as we adapt to support our students' learning as effectively as possible, whilst maintaining an ethos of clarity, simplicity and consistency.

#### Message to Students

We appreciate that there will be lots of new challenges and experiences for you to face during your time at the college. We are a family that pulls together, supports one another and raises each other up to help each student achieve their own goals and dreams.

In addition to your studies, as an academic student you will participate in a range of enrichment activities. Excellent sports activities that you will take part in every week and the chance to join local teams are just some of the opportunities available to our academic students.

We are a distinctly multi-cultural college, you will find that you are studying alongside students from the UK and other parts of the world, making friends for life and discovering many different cultures.

I look forward to welcoming you to Swansea Sixth form College, to gain your world-class education in our world-class city.



## A CULTURE OF HIGH EXPECTATIONS

We welcome students from all over the world and from all different backgrounds, making a diverse and comfortable atmosphere, perfect for learning.

Our excellent and motivating teaching is designed to encourage our students to become independent, enquiring, and critical thinkers.



# **OUR VALUES**

We foster a culture of encouragement and support designed to develop self-reliance, resilience, confidence and wellbeing

# **DISCOVER YOURSELF**

We provide a framework of individual support devised to help each pupil experience and benefit from a full programme of study balanced with a wide variety of cultural, creative, physical, and fun activities.



## A TAILORED APPROACH

An inspiring, challenging and responsive academic curriculum which balances the best of traditional and online classes

## **ONLINE SCHOOL**

Our virtual online school delivers a fully interactive British education to the comfort of your home or wherever you may be. Our unique online school offers the best in secondary and a level courses, delivered by expert teachers. We offer you everything you expect from a school, plus a whole lot more!

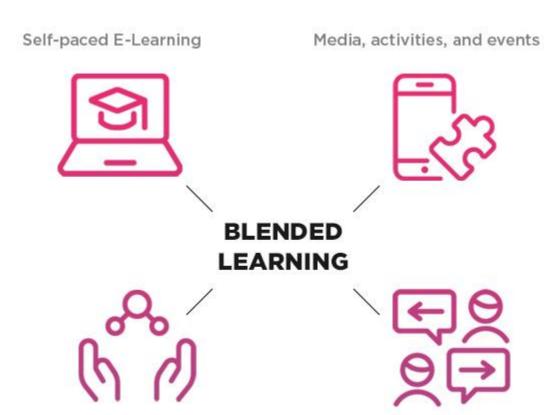


## ENGAGING CURRICULUM

As the college has grown, our curriculum has developed. Following the objectives of the British curriculum, we have designed our own creative and engaging curriculum to meet the needs of our students, which will spark interest, ignite passion for learning and fire up ambition to inspire every student to realise and exceed expectations!

We provide opportunities for cross-curricular learning, which allows students to make connections between different aspects of the curriculum.

We ensure a coherent learning experience for our pupils, linking appropriate curricular areas and deepening understanding.



Online Collaborative Learning

Face-2-face training

The curriculum should be seen in its widest sense as the entire planned learning experience. This includes:

- formal lessons in class
- online live streamed classes, lectures and assemblies
- events, study tours and videos
- outdoor learning and field trips

Our curriculum has been planned and delivered to meet our student's social, moral, spiritual and cultural needs through our PSHE, academic literacy and sports and leisure programmes



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**ONLINE SECONDARY SCHOOL FROM YEAR 10 TO YEAR 13** 



ASSEMBLIES | LECTURES | PSHE | OUTDOOR LEARNING

'The social side of online learning is vital to the success of students in every aspect.'



#### THE CLASSROOM

Real time online classrooms, pupils are taught in timetabled classrooms, each year start the day as a group, then move to their subject classes

#### **LEARNING PLATFORM**

During the lesson pupils communicate with their teacher and each other through a wide variety of medium.

Voice, text, whiteboard, videos, presentations, screen sharing. Pupils may be asked to work as a groups or in pairs.

#### **STUDY SUPPORT**

Connect with our teachers and form tutors whenever you need to, so you never lose momentum on the way to achieving your study goals.

#### SCHOOL COMMUNITY

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# PASTORAL CARE & WELL BEING

Pastoral care lies at the heart of the college's overall policy which seeks to provide a caring, happy environment in which all the pupils can develop to their full potential.



## PERSONAL, SOCIAL, HEALTH AND ECONOMIC EDUCATION (PSHE)



Our PSHE programme is designed to support our academic program and help our students develop into fully rounded individuals.

It is also our aim to help our students understand the values of tolerance, fair mindedness and democracy that we cherish in the UK. It takes place in classes and online. Students learn through discussion and case studies.

#### ENGAGEMENT WITH THE WORLD





## BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

## EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES



We encourage all our students to take part in academic and social groups. Effective teaching and learning requires pupils to be excited, motivated, and engaged in their learning. For this reason, we have developed a creative curriculum which meets the needs of all learners.

# ACCOMMODATION

Many of our students will be living away from home for the first time and so it is imperative that our accommodation provides an environment where students can settle in quickly.





SHARED SPACES TO PLAY, STUDY & RELAX

We ensure specifically tailored provisions are in place for international students to guarantee students immediately feel at home.

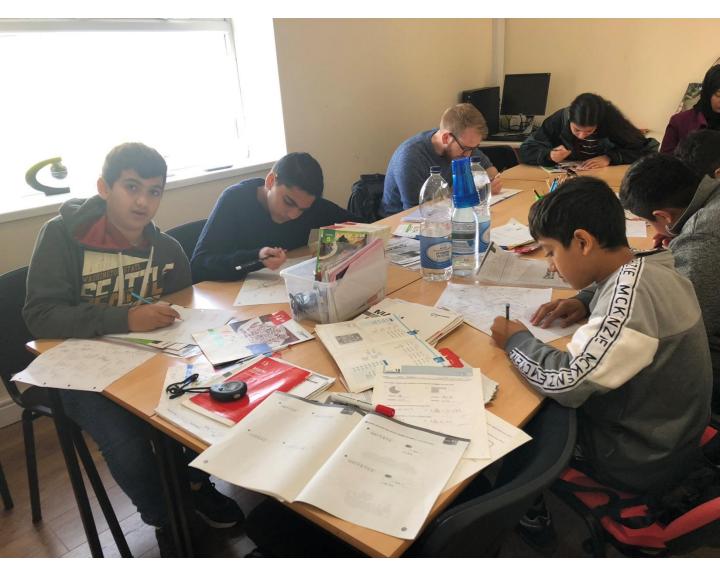
The accommodation is 100 yards from our teaching campus.



# GCSES YEAR 10 AND 11

Our broad and versatile curriculum not only enables students to flourish academically but also develops skills for life.

Most pupils will sit 6-8 GCSE's, we encourage a broad range, and specialisation is left as late as possible in order that decisions about future careers are considered carefully and options are left open.



#### Compulsory subjects :

- English language
- English literature
- Mathematics
- Mathematics numeracy
- Science (double / triple)
- Biology, physics, chemistry

#### Options : (choose up to 2)

(Subjects currently on offer)

- Economics
- Computer science
- French
- Spanish



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# A LEVELS YEAR 12 AND 13

A levels enable students to experience the intellectual challenge and stimulation of studying subjects in much greater depth before they go to university.

Students can study up to 4 a level subjects which can be taken in any combination and tailored to fit the student's future goals.



# Subject options: (choose up to 4)

- English
- Mathematics
- Further mathematics
- Biology
- Physics
- Chemistry
- Accounting
- Economics
- Psychology

#### We encourage students to take Welsh Baccalaureate as an optional extra subject

"The advanced skills challenge certificate is equivalent in size and demand to an A level."



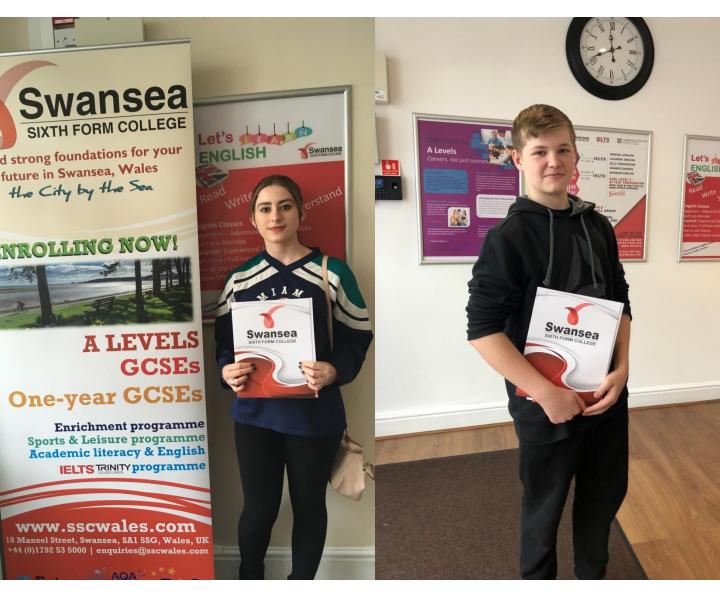


The Welsh Baccalaureate is aimed at giving students a broader experience than traditional subjects, and aims to give them transferable skills useful for education and employment

## PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE

#### Help with university applications and careers advice

The university application process can be daunting for students. Every year, our students receive support from our dedicated team in applying for university places. Our staff help students write their personal statements and everything else they need to submit a strong UCAS and Oxbridge application.



# How to apply – Application

- Complete application form
- $\checkmark$  Pay registration fee to reserve space
- Send copies of qualifications/ transcripts (A Level only)
- ✓ Send English language certificate
- Send copy of passport photo page & copies of any previous Tier 4 visas
- Placement tests and zoom video interview

#### Acceptance

- Check, sign, return acceptance letter
- Pay deposit
- $\checkmark$  If under 18, parent completes the parental consent form

## Offer

- We send an unconditional offer letter or CAS letter (Tier 4)
  & invoice
- ✓ Pay invoice
- ✓ Apply for visa, if necessary
- ✓ Inform SSC of your arrival details
- Book Meet and Greet package if required (compulsory for under 18's not arriving with family)

## Arrival

- Our airport arrangements sent prior to departure
- $\checkmark$  Our staff escort student to host family/accommodation
- Induction week and travel arrangements explained
- $\checkmark$  Ready to study!



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