

Caerleon Comprehensive School Ysgol Gyfun Caerllion

Maximising Potential | Sicrhewch Ragoriaeth



Sixth Form Prospectus 2024

Croeso - Welcome

It is my pleasure to welcome you to our 6th form prospectus. Reaching the end of compulsory education and choosing the place to continue your studies marks a momentous moment in the life of a young person. The place you choose to study, and the subjects you choose, will undoubtedly have an impact on the options available to you in the future, and this is why it is so important for young people to feel well supported during this stage of their education.

At CCS we pride ourselves on our teaching and learning at AS and A2 level, but also on our wellbeing and pastoral support systems for our 6th form students. We aim to maximise potential in all areas for the young people in our care, and though our results are excellent, we aim to produce well rounded citizens who go off to further education, training or the workplace with more than just excellent results behind them. Our enrichment programme, our form tutor system and our caring and supportive staff ensure that your child receives the best experience possible at 6th form level, and that they learn and have experiences both inside and outside the classroom.

Please do peruse our website and our social media platforms and do not hesitate to contact us if you require further information. Our annual 6th form open evening is also an excellent opportunity to get to know our school and staff better.

I look forward to meeting you and working alongside you to ensure we maximise your child's potential at this important stage of their education,

Lucy Purcell

Headteacher | Pennaeth



Heads of Sixth Form

Thank you for showing an interest in joining us here at Caerleon Sixth Form. We pride ourselves on being an inclusive sixth form with a wide variety of A- Level courses, vocational courses and extra-curricular opportunities that are available to our students.

Our sixth form has a consistent track record for success and high achievement that is made possible by outstanding teaching and learning alongside a specialist and dedicated team of pastoral support staff.

We have a culture of high expectations of our students and of ourselves which has led to high success rates of students accessing their chosen destination pathway - such as apprenticeships, employment, conservatoire and university places. Students regularly secure places to Sutton 30 institutions as well as Oxbridge. We also have a healthy track record of students gaining places in competitive fields such as Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary Science

Whatever your future plans and aspirations are, Caerleon Sixth Form will always be dedicated and unwavering in its commitment to providing you with the support and opportunity to succeed.

Mr R Hunter & Madame Moses
Head of Sixth Form



Admissions

Students apply following the Post 16 Open Evening. We welcome students from outside of our catchment that have studied GCSE elsewhere.

External applicants will be asked to fill out an application form which is available on our website. Students will need to provide proof of GCSE results when enrolling.

In order to embark upon a demanding programme of advanced study at Level 3, students should have achieved a good all round level of performance at GCSE. As such, the minimum requirement for consideration for Level 3 courses is five GCSE subjects at grade C or above, excluding short courses. It is to be noted that many subjects have individual requirements where a B or above is required to study the subject. Please check the latest requirements on our website.

Following a successful application and fulfilment of the entry requirements, each student will be given one-to-one support to ensure the courses selected are suitable and meet the demands of their future destination plans.



"Being in Sixth Form at Caerleon has given me many opportunities, from the support provided by the pastoral team for the UCAS process to the extra-curricular opportunities provided through the drama and music departments. Teachers in the school are so supportive of your learning and will always go out of their way to help you no matter what."

Nic - Year 13



EXPERIENCES

Support

Life in Sixth Form is both exciting and challenging. It is vital that you develop independent work and study skills. However, we recognise that you will need help with this along the way. In Caerleon we offer:

- A bespoke face to face tutor programme covering well-being, employment & careers;
- A dedicated pastoral team committed to maximising your potential and fully supporting and guiding you throughout the two years;
- An individual induction programme for every student;
- Post 18 career planning and guidance for all potential destinations including ; - apprenticeships, university, employment and new courses at further education college;
- Challenging and aspirational target setting;
- Regular reviews and monitoring of academic progress;
- A dedicated enrichment programme with a wide variety of guest speakers from industry and universities;



"The amount of support I received from all the teachers whilst going through my UCAS application process was amazing and helped me to get into the universities I wanted. The opportunity for me to take part in the EESW Young Engineers scheme, gave me the chance to work with the Royal Navy and present my project in front of industry specialists which is an opportunity that many 17 year olds do not get."

Rob - Year 13





"Caerleon has been exceptional in supporting me whilst applying to university, by supplying specific help with preparation for my interviews and offering guidance with my future options. All my teachers have been extremely encouraging and motivate me to do the best that I can this year. Studying my A-Levels at Caerleon has really prepared me for the next step in my life and I am thankful to everyone in the Sixth Form team for all their hard work and commitment."

Hana- Year 13



Academic Excellence

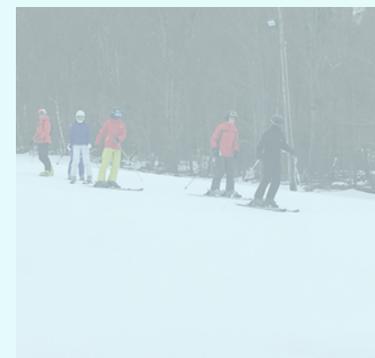
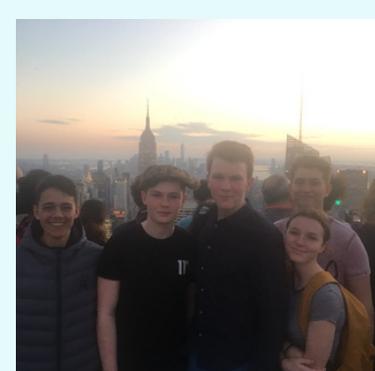
"82% OF YEAR 13 LEAVERS ARE NOW STUDYING A COURSE OF THEIR CHOICE AT UNIVERSITY"

"39% OF ALL A2 GRADES WERE A*/A"

"48% OF YEAR 13 LEAVERS NOW AT SUTTON 30 UNIVERSITIES"

SUPPORT TO MAXIMISE POTENTIAL AND ACCESS THE PATHWAY OF CHOICE; WORKPLACE, APPRENTICESHIP, UNIVERSITY





ENRICHMENT

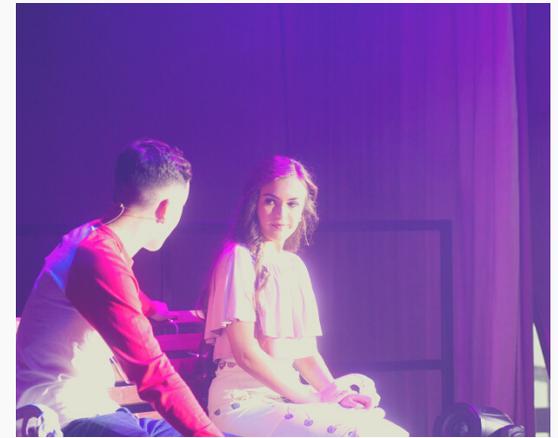
There will be significant opportunities for you to broaden your horizons in Caerleon. There is a fantastic selection of trips and visits that are organised by departments. Previous trips have included Gallery visits to London and Paris, German Christmas Market Trips, Theatre visits to London, ski trips to Canada, California and the East Coast of the USA with a stopover in New York. The Geography department has organised tours to the West Coast of the USA with stays in San Francisco and Las Vegas.

Drama and Music

Caerleon Comprehensive School provides extensive opportunities and enjoys an outstanding reputation in this field. The school regularly puts on productions and the Sixth Form students play an integral part in this. The Music department run an enormous amount of extra-curricular activities including senior choir and Sixth Form choir. There are also various instrument and vocal competitions available to students such as Music for Youth and the Rotary Competition.

Sport

Caerleon Comprehensive School PE department offers wide ranging sporting opportunities for all students. Sixth Formers regularly secure recognition at local and national level. The department partakes in the renowned Rosslyn Park 7's every year and provides PE students with training days at Cardiff Met. The school also offers Duke of Edinburgh awards for Sixth Form students.





INCREDIBLE TALENT
YEARLY EXHIBITIONS OF
ART WORK



Supporting Aspirations - University

Our pastoral team is committed to supporting you throughout your time in the Sixth Form. We have experienced staff that deliver a comprehensive programme. From the outset, you will receive advice and guidance whether applying for university, apprenticeships, training or employment. We collaborate closely with a number of universities, organising trips to colleges such as Oxford, Cambridge, Cardiff and Swansea and pride ourselves in widening students' horizons with visits from prestigious colleges such as Lancaster University. We will support your applications to Oxbridge colleges, Sutton 30 and Russell Group universities, and will provide you with guidance in applications to medical, veterinary and dental colleges across the UK. We pride ourselves in our commitment to providing you:

- Support for all early applicants applying to Oxford and Cambridge, Dentistry, Veterinary Science and Medicine;
- Opportunities for academic research, work experience and university master classes;
- Free access to the Unifrog platform a complete destinations platform
- Organised university trips across the UK;
- Information evenings for you and your parents/carers on applications and student finance;
- Regular enrichment talks from universities across the country including Oxford, Cambridge, Lancaster, Bristol, Cardiff, USW and Swansea;
- Access to the Welsh Seren Network for our most able students (GCSE entry criteria).



"The support I received towards my Oxford application throughout sixth form was incredible; from organising talks on competitive applications to providing opportunities on how to develop the super-curricular part of my personal statement. The trips to Oxford and Cambridge showed me that they are all just normal people like me, encouraging me to apply.

The help and support I received developing my personal statement and organising mock interviews gave me the best possible chance of success. They really do a fantastic job."

David - Oxford University



"This is a good school and the teachers will push you all the way to get good grades."

Sarah- Cardiff University

"The way your subject teachers are your mentors that write references and get to learn everything about you makes the lessons much more effective and enjoyable. Helping out with interview preparation was great as so many teachers were willing to give up their time to help go through it and allow you to present yourself in the best light possible.."

Ethan - Year 13

Supporting Aspirations - Employment & Apprenticeship

We provide individual support for students applying for employment and have a dedicated and experienced member of the pastoral team that will support all apprenticeship applications. In collaboration with Careers Wales, Unifrog and employers, we are committed to providing you with:

- Advice, guidance and regular information on employment opportunities;
- Free access to Unifrog a complete destinations platform system
- Presentations from Careers Wales and employers across the spectrum of industries;
- Individual support for all students, including interview practice with the pastoral team and outside employers;
- Access to our Careers Advisor throughout your time in the Sixth Form.





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