



The Bishop of Llandaff CiW High School
Ygsol Uwchradd Esgob Llandâf

Sixth Form Prospectus
Prosbectws y Chweched Dosbarth





Welcome Croesawiad

A very warm welcome to the sixth form at The Bishop of Llandaff. As you make the very important decision of where and what to study, we trust our prospectus gives you a feel for what life is like here as a sixth form student. We are confident that whether you stay with us from Year 11 or join us in Year 12 from another school you will settle quickly and feel part of our very unique community.

Our sixth form is a vibrant and dynamic community where students receive high quality teaching in a culture of high expectations and excellent pastoral care. All students are challenged and supported to achieve their full potential as shown by our excellent results. We are a faith school and we believe this strengthens our relationships with students and staff. However, we are open to students of all faiths and those from none who wish to be educated at our school.

Our aim is to develop students with the skills and personal qualities required for the world of work and the highly competitive global marketplace. We are committed to supporting the success of every student. Our students leave us as well-rounded, confident and caring individuals through the range of leadership and extra-curricular opportunities we offer.

Our sixth form is at the heart of the school. Whether it be leading a house assembly or offering reading support to younger students our students seize opportunities for personal development and contributing to the well-being of others.

We are proud of our sixth form at The Bishop of Llandaff and strive to make your two years with us successful and enjoyable.

Sarah Smith
Assistant Head (Head of Sixth Form)

I am delighted that you are considering joining The Bishop of Llandaff Sixth Form. Life as a sixth form student is very unique. You will want the freedom of college study but be assured of the high quality support you received in Year 11. At The Bishop of Llandaff we try hard to maintain this balance while preparing you for university or the world of work. Our sixth form students are truly exceptional! They play such an active role in the school and are genuine ambassadors for the rest of the community. If you join The Bishop of Llandaff Sixth Form in September then you can be guaranteed to settle in quickly, make life-long friends and learn in a supportive, challenging and exciting environment.

I wish you well in your studies and hope to see you in Year 12!

Marc Belli
Headteacher



Pathways Llwybrau

At The Bishop of Llandaff, students choose up to **four** subjects at AS Level, depending on prior attainment. The following courses are available to students (subject to demand)

Art
Product Design
English Literature
Geography
Mathematics
Physics
Sociology
Applied Science
Child Development

Biology
Food and Nutrition
English Lit/Lang
German
Further Maths
Criminology
Welsh
Computing
Textiles

Business Studies
Drama & Theatre Studies
Travel and Tourism
History
Media Studies
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Applied Business
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Our students in the sixth form work towards at Level 3 qualifications. These are courses which include Advanced Subsidiary (AS) and Advanced Level (A2) as well as BTEC Diplomas.

Advanced Level and applied subject provides a traditional route to both higher education and employment. To study at Level 3 students are required to have strong GCSE grades, predominantly at C or above. Most of our students study four AS Levels or their vocational equivalent. A full copy of our entry requirements can be accessed via our sixth form section of the school website.

Students follow the Welsh Baccalaureate qualification, which is a compulsory element as specified by the Welsh Government.

One of our sixth form means all students are known to us and through collaboration with other local schools (Whitchurch High School and Radyr Comprehensive) and colleges we are able to increase the range of subjects. This also means that in subjects where there are low numbers, students can follow their interests with one of our partners.

We place a limit on **one** subject followed in another institution from the qualifications studied.



Support Cefnogaeth

At The Bishop of Llandaff we care very much about student wellbeing and personal development. Sixth formers experience many pressures and Bishop's dedicated Pastoral Team, including Pastoral Manager, Learning Coaches and School Counsellor, are here to ensure you are a happy, productive and successful student with us.

Personal Tutors

At the start of year 12 you will be assigned a form tutor who will be seen daily in morning registration, the starting point for each day. This means that you will get to know your tutor very well during the course. It is the tutor's role to monitor the day to day welfare of students in their form, as well as their academic and social progress. Of course, being a part of a tutor group means that you will be with a group of students who offer friendship and mutual support.

Induction

In order to help you settle into the sixth form, the start of Year 12 begins with a Welsh Baccalaureate project where students will work as a team. This is an excellent ice breaker and enables students to get to know each other in a more relaxed but purposeful setting. This is followed up with a Parent Information Evening early in the Autumn Term. Subject teachers will provide you with help and support to manage the jump from GCSE and will guide you with managing your increased work load and developing independent study skills.


Students who are new to the school will be offered a support programme to help become familiar with the school. We are assured you will be supported at every stage.

Academic Monitoring

We want you to reach your full potential. Each student is expected to achieve their full potential. Teachers and the Pastoral team will be involved in setting you target grades to meet your potential for the year. You and your parents will be kept informed of your progress is on track throughout the year. The Autumn Term, as well as inter-term reviews.

Student Voice

We place great emphasis on the views of our students at Bishop are given opportunity to share the teaching and learning they receive. You will be involved in the review of teaching and learning. We believe your views on how you learn and your learning experience. A thriving School of Learning allows students to become more involved in the learning process at Bishop and strengthen the school's central to the school's ethos.

A photograph of two students, a young man and a young woman, both in school uniforms, looking at a book together. The young man is on the left, smiling, and the young woman is in the center, also smiling. They are holding a large book with a blue cover. In the background, there is a bulletin board with several papers pinned to it. The scene is set in a classroom.

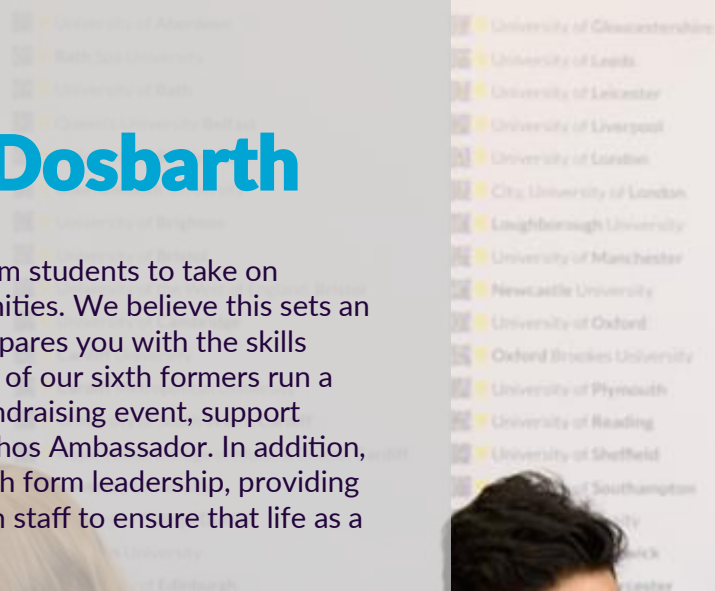
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"Education is the passport to the future, for
belongs to those who prepare for it today."



Sixth Form Life

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Leadership opportunities We encourage our sixth form students to take on leadership roles and provide a wide range of opportunities. We believe this sets an important example to the younger students and it prepares you with the skills required for the challenges of the 21st century. Many of our sixth formers run a lunchtime club, coach a sports team, co-ordinate a fundraising event, support younger students as a Reading Partner or act as an Ethos Ambassador. In addition, we have a team of student leaders who act as the sixth form leadership, providing support and guidance as well as establishing links with staff to ensure that life as a sixth former is both unique and exciting!

Our Duke of Edinburgh provision is one of the best in Cardiff with most of our students completing the Gold award each year. You will enjoy a range of experiences, discover talents you never thought you had, challenge yourself and make new friends. Achieving an Award will build confidence and skills that future employers are looking for. You will make a difference to other people's lives and your community, be fitter and healthier and make memories to last you a lifetime.

House System The House teams for the entire school are led by Year 13 students, each with a specific role. Every week the House teams lead an assembly for all students/staff in their house and during the year there are three main events that the houses work towards: Inter-House Games, Sports Day and Eisteddfod. Students can apply to be House, Sports, Charity and Eisteddfod Captains: prestigious positions which offer invaluable leadership opportunities.

Educational Visits and Trips Our students benefit from numerous opportunities throughout the year to experience life and learning beyond school. These may include a visit to The Tate Modern for those studying Art inspiring them to create their own masterpieces! For the Economists, The Royal Economics Society annual lecture provides an insight into real world problems faced by society today. Our partnership with Cardiff Metropolitan University enables our A Level Biologists to gain hands-on experience of work in a micro-biology laboratory. Our prospective accountants thoroughly enjoyed gaining an insight into becoming a Chartered accountant through the ICAEW BASE competition.

We believe that experiences such as these enhance the sixth form experience. International visits are also well established; a recent visit to New York was organised by The Economics Department. Fifty students took the opportunity to visit famous landmarks such as The Empire state Building and The Brooklyn Bridge and experience some of the culture The Big Apple has to offer. For our more energetic students the PE Department arrange a ski trip. There is so much on offer and we are certain there is something for everyone!



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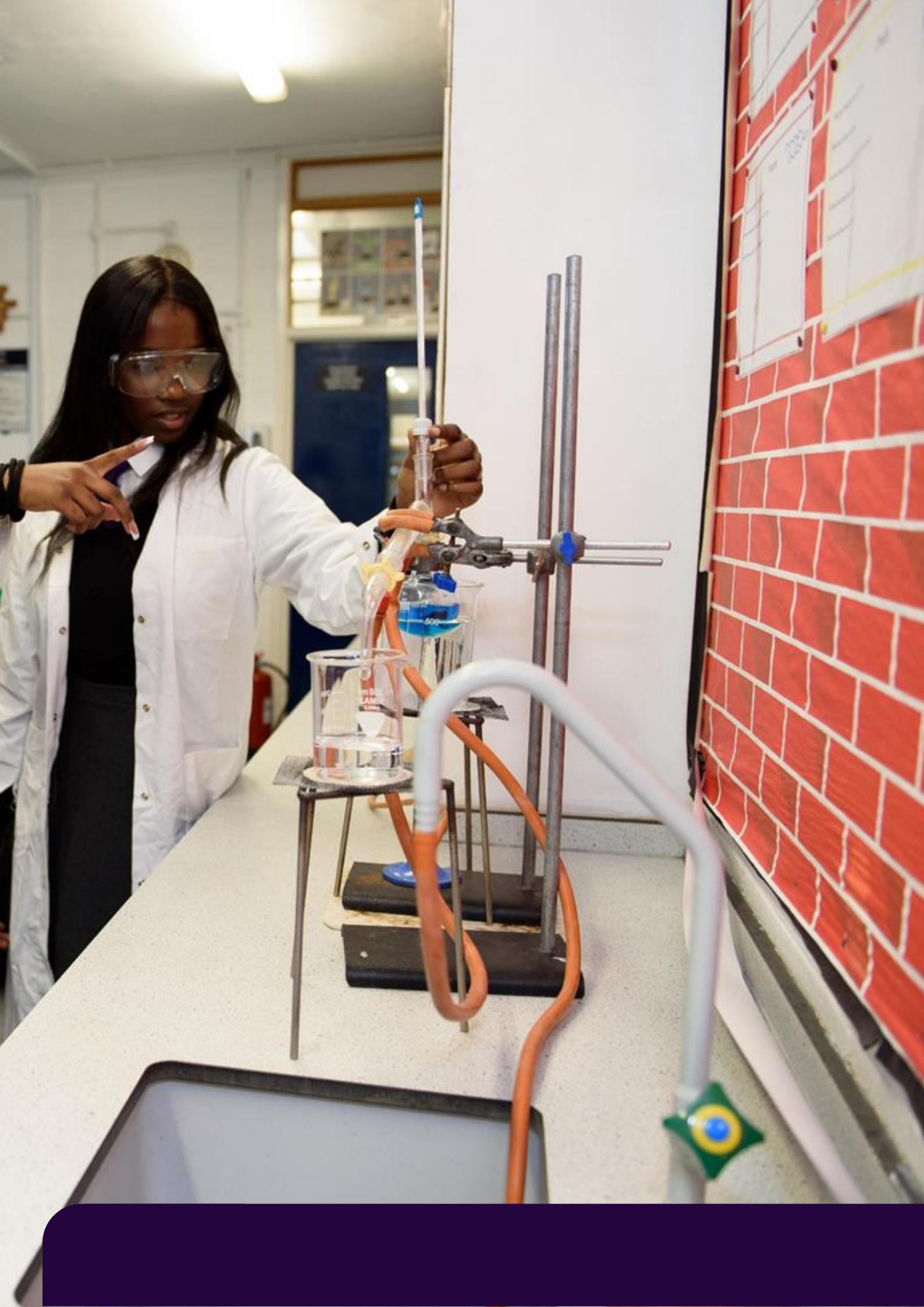


Guidance Canllawiau

The majority of our students progress to Higher Education. A strength of our sixth form is the extensive expertise we have in preparing our students successfully for this route. Our programme begins in the Spring Term of Year 12 with opportunities to attend seminars and conferences. After the AS exams, you will be introduced to the UCAS process. You will register for and complete most of your on-line application and will learn how to write a personal statement that will set you apart from other applicants enabling you to gain a place on a competitive university course.

All of our students benefit from one-to-one support in the completion of their personal statement as this is a key element of the application. We pride ourselves on knowing each and every one of our students; this results in a bespoke reference for all.

We have a comprehensive programme of support for our Medicine and Oxbridge applicants including interview workshops, mock interviews and specialist subject support. Our partnership with parents during this process is important to us and for those who are unfamiliar with the application procedure we arrange a UCAS Information Evening in the Summer Term of Year 12.





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'world class school'

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