



Llanishen High School  
**SIXTH  
FORM**



# TOGETHER WE CAN DO GREAT THINGS.



## WELCOME CROESO

I look forward to extending a warm welcome to all students who choose to study at our successful and thriving Sixth Form. It is an important time for you to make informed choices and continue along life's educational path. I am confident that the committed team at Llanishen High School, together with a wide range of new state of the art facilities make us an excellent choice as a bridge to the world of work, either directly or via higher education.

The support and guidance that students receive from our pastoral team is second to none.

Our students have a proven record of examination success and go on to obtain places in many leading universities or directly into employment with well established companies. This success also includes tremendous sporting, cultural and

social accomplishments. We have high expectations for our Sixth Form students. They have a key role to play in our vibrant school community. They are positive role models for younger students and play a vital element in establishing successful partnerships within the school and in the local community.

As a school we truly value each and every one of our students and maintain our school ethos that *we believe that all can succeed*. With a committed, hard working and inspirational team within the Sixth Form and an energetic staff that help students achieve their potential and more, I feel confident that you will enjoy your time at Llanishen High School Sixth Form.

**Mrs S Parry  
Headteacher**

Life as a Sixth Form student at **Llanishen High School** is...

# VIBRANT CHALLENGING & REWARDING



Our aim is to support students to progress and develop into independent learners and to take the next steps after Sixth Form life with confidence.

We offer a broad curriculum which enables success at all academic levels and in turn opens doors to a range of higher education courses and career pathways. Learning is driven by inspiring teachers who set high expectations and provide an academically challenging, inclusive and stimulating environment to learn; and one in which all students can thrive. We equip students with the broad range of skills and attitudes required to build successful futures and to feel proud of their achievements and successes.

Each year, over 90% of our students achieve their first choice university course, with our highest achievers gaining places at both Oxbridge and Russell Group universities. We pride ourselves on having close links with a range of universities and institutions across the UK and are excited about the new partnerships we are forming with a range of businesses. We offer clear pathways for those students not choosing higher

education and provide advice on modern apprenticeship schemes and employment. Through our Sixth Form tutorial system we provide the support, care and guidance to ensure students remain motivated and set high aspirations for themselves academically. In addition, we recognise the importance of providing a nurturing environment for students to flourish personally. Contributing to the wider-life of our community through charity fundraising events, senior prefect duties and volunteering schemes are just a few examples of how our students develop into responsible citizens and inspirational role models.

All the experiences we provide ensure our students have every opportunity to achieve their aspirations and prepare them for their next challenge. The culmination of support, guidance and teaching make Llanishen Sixth Form a great place to learn.

**Mrs E Lloyd  
Achievement Leader Key Stage 5**



*Being in Llanishen High's close-knit Sixth Form community has allowed me to comfortably balance my focus on my academic work and social experience of further education. In particular, I have received many brilliant opportunities such as various summer schools, in the UK and US, which I would not have received without the help of the staff, who are dedicated to ensuring that all of the school's Sixth Form students flourish within our school.*

**Donte Day**  
Year 13 Student and Deputy Head Boy



## HEAD BOY & HEAD GIRL

As proud students of Llanishen High School, we can confidently say that the biggest contributory factor to our personal development has been the academically rich and socially vibrant atmosphere in our Sixth Form. We believe that the variety of opportunities and resources that the school provides us with makes our role as student ambassadors not a task, but rather a privilege.

Our Sixth Form provides endless opportunities for every student regardless of their academic interests, including but not limited to: interview practise, university taster days, work experience placements, master classes, and summer schools. The Sixth Form communal spaces are composed of a Private Study Area with numerous ICT facilities and a newly-refurbished common room

with access to a private Sixth Form canteen. You have the chance to make new friends and become a more independent learner.

It has been an honour to be elected as Head Boy and Head Girl in Llanishen High School, and we cannot think of a better place to finish our secondary school education. The support and opportunities we have been offered are unparalleled, and we cannot thank the Sixth Form team enough for guiding us into a new chapter in our lives.

# STUDENT DESTINATIONS



At Llanishen High Sixth Form we pride ourselves on preparing all of our students for the next step after school, whether it is preparing you for university, an apprenticeship or employment. You will be supported via information, advice and guidance sessions on writing successful applications and preparing for admissions tests and interviews.

Students from LHS Sixth Form attend universities all over the UK and a large proportion of our students attend highly selective universities. We frequently have successful applicants to Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary Medicine courses, and pride ourselves on advising students to successfully apply to a broad range of subjects from Accounting to Zoology.

More recently we have seen students attending Summer Schools in the USA and applying to Ivy League Universities. In addition, applications to European universities are also on the rise as aspirations are growing for our most ambitious students.



# CURRICULUM

- Art and Design
- Biology\*
- BTEC Sport
- Business Studies
- Chemistry\*
- Computer Science
- Cymraeg/Welsh
- Drama
- Economics
- English Language
- English Literature\*
- Food Nutrition & Health
- French\*
- Further Mathematics\*
- Geography\*
- German\*
- Health & Social Care
- History\*
- Information Technology
- Law
- Mathematics\*
- Media Studies
- Music
- Physical Education
- Physics\*
- Politics
- Product Design (Technology)
- Psychology
- Religious Studies
- Sociology
- Spanish\*
- Welsh Baccalaureate (Advanced)

To increase the breadth of our Sixth Form curriculum, some subjects may be taught in partnership with other local schools.

In order to study A Levels at Llanishen High School students will need a minimum of five GCSEs at grade C or above. Some subjects will require a minimum of a B grade to cope with the demands of the course. Please refer to the subject specific entry requirement information.

If students have not achieved a C grade or above at GCSE Mathematics and/or English Language they will be required to re-sit the appropriate examinations in the November of Year 12. This will give students the best chance of gaining employment or a place at their university of choice.

Students generally study four subjects in Year 12 and continue with three in Year 13 to focus on obtaining the required grades for their future pathways. Equivalent vocational subjects are available in Sport, Nutrition and Health and Social Care.

It is compulsory for the vast majority of students to study the Advanced Level Welsh Baccalaureate Qualification\* in both Year 12 and 13. It is widely recognised by universities and has helped students develop wider skills essential for further study or in the workplace.

*\*Honours students may disapply from the Welsh Baccalaureate after careful consideration of their future aspirations and entry requirements for higher education*



*I recently moved to Llanishen High School from private education and ever since I arrived, the teachers have been nothing but supportive. The lesson plans for A-Level History and Drama are well structured and interactive. I thought the transition from moving half way through my A-Levels would be disruptive to my education as well as a daunting experience, however, the staff and fellow pupils have made me feel very welcome.*

**Year 13 Student**

# PERSONAL ENRICHMENT

## Leadership

Students have the opportunity to take on leadership roles to help prepare them for the world of work or undergraduate study. Students can be elected as Head Boy/Girl, Deputy Head Boy/Girl or Senior Prefects. The elected students act as the Student Voice for the Sixth Form and represent their peers at meetings with Senior Leaders and School Governors, as well as organising social events to integrate the year groups.

## Sport

The Physical Education department at Llanishen pride themselves in continuing a wide range of extra-curricular activities for Key Stage 5 students. We are a very successful department that provides students with opportunities to compete in local, regional and national competitions. We are an established WRU Rugby Hub Centre and proud to be crowned winners of Welsh Schools Cup no less than 3 times at the Millennium Stadium. The PE department offers many opportunities for students to gain coaching/officiating qualifications and to lead and inspire younger students at practices and matches. We have strong links with Sport Cardiff and Cardiff Metropolitan University in order to extend these opportunities to our students.

## Educational Visits and Work Experience

Students have the opportunity to experience a wide variety of educational visits throughout their time in the Sixth Form, ranging from one day seminars and conventions to embarking on overseas trips all over the world. We allocate ten days at the end of Year 12 for students to attend work experience placements to help prepare for and/or confirm their future pathways.

One day educational visits include;

- UCAS Exhibition, Cardiff Metropolitan University
- Oxbridge Conference, Liberty Stadium, Swansea
- Seren Network Conference, Newtown
- The Brilliant Club (Scholars Programme Launch and Graduation Visits)
- Theatre Visits - locally and in London
- Cardiff University Open Day/Subject Masterclasses/CITER
- University Hospital Wales and Llandough
- Lessons from Auschwitz Project, Poland
- Wales Gene Park - Biology
- Storey Arms Outdoor Education Centre
- Deloitte, Cardiff Branch
- and more...

## Duke Of Edinburgh Gold Award

Our exciting Gold Duke of Edinburgh programme is a fun and inspiring award to help our young people gain the essential skills, experience, confidence and resilience to successfully navigate adult life. Students will receive weekly tutorials and experience many new and exciting opportunities to develop essential skills such as leadership, time management and problem solving. The award allows students to face new challenges and meet new people, whilst benefiting their own fitness and volunteering and helping others in our local community. The skills developed through the Gold Award are widely recognised by universities and employers. The award not only enhances your academic profile, but allows our students to create life-long memories and friendships.



## Engineering Education Scheme Wales (STEM Cymru)

Llanishen High Sixth Form has a record of outstanding success in National Engineering Awards. Physics students work as a team with local engineering companies such as GE in Nantgarw to research and design a solution and produce a final proposal, model or working prototype. The school has won numerous titles and in 2019 was nominated for and won the Best Overall Written Report Award. The students can apply for the Gold Crest Award and gain invaluable skills, knowledge and experience in an industrial context, to prepare them for their future pathway in STEM.



*The support for university choices and the UCAS process was excellent from both the teachers and the Sixth Form team. I look back at my time in LHS with very good memories.*

**Suzanne Evans**  
MEng Civil & Architectural Engineering, University of Bath

## PERSONAL ENRICHMENT

### Music and Drama

The music and drama departments offer a wide range of extra-curricular activities. Sixth Form students regularly take on leading roles in school productions and previous successful shows have included *Les Misérables*, *Chess*, *Grease*, *West Side Story* and *Legally Blonde*. In addition Sixth Form students take leading roles in the annual Christmas Concerts and School Orchestra.

### Charity

Llanishen High School has forged excellent links with many local and national charities. Our events bring together the school as a community and demonstrate the caring and fun nature of the school. Students are responsible for organising fun activities on charity days and take pride in planning a fun day for all. Charities include Children in Need, Comic Relief, Wales Air Ambulance, Bobath and Velindre Cancer Care, as well as delivering Christmas hampers to local residential homes and the homeless.

## LINKS TO UNIVERSITIES

### Partenrships

The University of South Wales has developed excellent links with Llanishen High School over recent years. We regularly deliver higher education awareness sessions to Year 12 and 13 students and their parents. The students are a pleasure to engage with; they are proactive and always willing to take part in the interactive elements of our sessions. The students are keen, enthusiastic and eager to find out more, and this, coupled with engaged and well-informed teachers, is why we have such strong links with Llanishen High.

**Sêra Evans-Fear**  
**Student Recruitment Officer**  
**University of South Wales**

# ENRICHMENT & GUIDANCE

## LHS Honours Programme

Our well established honours programme is designed to cater to the individual needs of students with an outstanding academic profile at GCSE. The group will be selected on this basis and will be challenged academically, whilst receiving additional information and guidance on applying to highly selective universities such as Oxford, Cambridge, Russell Group universities and onto competitive courses such as Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary Medicine.

Over the course of Year 12, students will develop a portfolio of skills and attend super curricular activities that are pertinent to their chosen degree course. Activities will help develop students as critical thinkers and independent resilient learners.

Opportunities to listen to external speakers, attend interview workshops, visits to universities, attend course specific lectures and more will be offered alongside guidance on the UCAS process, writing an effective personal statement and submitting a first class application to highly competitive universities.

## Seren Network

Seren is a collaboration between state schools, colleges, universities, Alumni, Local Authorities, Welsh Government and third sector organisations working in partnership to support students. Seren supports our most academically able students and helps them gain entry to leading universities in Wales, the UK and overseas.

The Seren Network offers its students invaluable international opportunities. Through established partnerships with Yale, Harvard and MIT, students from Llanishen High School have been supported to attend the prestigious Yale Young Global Scholars Summer Schools (in the USA and Beijing) and Harvard Summer School.

We are proud of our links with Seren and the exciting and informative opportunities that our students have gained through this inspiring and supportive programme for our most able students. We are part of the Cardiff Hub and the entry criteria is set by the Hub each year.

## The Brilliant Club

Honours group students in our Sixth Form have the opportunity to access the The Scholars Programme hosted by the award winning charity The Brilliant Club. Through a combination of university trips, in-school tutorials, a virtual learning environment and a PhD tutor, our students from underrepresented backgrounds\* are supported to develop the knowledge, skills and ambition needed to progress onto highly selective universities. Our students have already visited Russell Group universities and the University of Oxford and gained a huge insight into university life. All students have successfully produced final assignments achieving either a first class honours or a 2:1 at undergraduate level. Universities are now considering 'alternative offers' as they recognise the value of The Scholars Programme.

\* 55% of the students enrolled must be 'target pupils'



# HOW TO APPLY

## Post 16 Admissions Process

Students progressing from Year 11 will be interviewed by a member of the Senior Leadership Team/Achievement Leader KS5 following the Learning Pathways Sixth Form Open Evening.

Students will submit their choices via the school website (Google Docs link) to inform us of their 4 AS Level subject choices. You will receive an offer letter confirming your place at LHS Sixth Form (subject to the requirements being achieved).

Your final choices will then be confirmed via the school website (Google Docs link) following GCSE results day in August and you will only be contacted if you have not met the entry criteria for any of your subject choices.

Please refer to your offer letter for information on arrangements for your first day in Year 12.

Application Forms for external students can be downloaded from our website:

[www.llanishen.cardiff.sch.uk](http://www.llanishen.cardiff.sch.uk)

Completed application forms should be sent to:

**Mrs J Jones**  
**Sixth Form Administrator**  
**Llanishen High School**  
**Heol Hir**  
**Llanishen**  
**Cardiff**  
**CF145YL**  
**02920680800 (for all enquiries)**

## EMA

WHAT IS EMA? Education Maintenance Allowance is a weekly payment of £30 to help 16-18 year olds with the cost of further education. Payments are made every two weeks as long as you continue to meet the school's attendance requirements. Getting EMA won't affect any benefits you or your family already receive.

## Who can get EMA?

You could get EMA if all the following statements apply to you:

- You usually live in Wales;
- You're aged 16, 17 or 18;
- You're studying for a minimum of 12 hrs
- You're able to meet the nationality and residency requirements;
- You live in a household with an income of either £20,817 or less if you are the only young person in the household, or £23,077 or less if there are any additional young people eligible for child benefit in the household.

If you need to speak to someone about applying for EMA you can call **0300 200 4050**. Application packs will be available from Mrs Jones the Sixth Form Administrator from May onwards. It takes six to eight weeks for an application to be processed so we recommend students apply during the summer.

Additional information can be found at  
[www.studentfinancewales.co.uk](http://www.studentfinancewales.co.uk)



*The care and attention the teachers and support staff from Llanishen High School give to my children by far exceeds all my expectations. The diversity of the Sixth Form has given both of my children the opportunity to achieve their potential and follow their dreams.*

Parent



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