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Sixth Form Admissions Policy

Llanishen High School

This document contains the specific policy and associated information related to gaining entry to the 16 to 19 learning environment at Llanishen High School.

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Introduction

Llanishen High School prides itself on having a thriving and successful sixth form taking around 300 students through their 16-19 learning experience. We enhance every student's further education experience thus providing them with a greater opportunity to progress to higher education or personal career choices.

Llanishen High School welcomes interest from our existing Year 11 pupils and any other interested pupils outside our own community. The Sixth Form Prospectus details the subjects on offer and entry qualifications for each.

The Sixth Form will use the WJEC examination board predominantly from September 2016 to deliver 31 Level 3 subjects. We offer BTEC Sport Level 3 (Development, Coaching & Fitness), BTEC Performing Arts and BTEC Health & Social Care which is at the moment under Pearson/Edexcel examination board.

All Llanishen High School Sixth Form students undertake the Advanced Welsh Baccalaureate. To further widen curriculum choice we operate a timetable that is closely linked, with our cluster schools comprising of Whitchurch High, Cardiff High, Cathays High and Cardiff and Vale College.

The school website, www.llanishen.cardiff.sch.uk carries the sixth form prospectus that details, each year, the subjects on offer and the entry qualifications required. This information is made available at each November/ December open evening. It is also available from the Leader of Learning 16-19 who can be contacted via the school switchboard on 029 2068 0800.

Legislation

Llanishen High School acts in accordance with the Welsh Assembly Government's School Admissions Code 002/2009 dated July 2009. This Code is made under Section 84 of the School Standards & Framework Act 1998 as amended by Section 40 of the Education and Inspections Act 2006. The Code recognises that school sixth forms may select pupils based on ability and aptitude. Selection cannot be made on students' previous attendance, behaviour record or perception of attitude or motivation. Selection interviews cannot be used although meetings to provide options advice may be held.

Entry Requirements

Students wishing to join the Sixth Form at Llanishen High School require a minimum of 5 GCSE at grade 'C' or above.

In most instances a minimum of grade 'C' at GCSE is required for each specific subject although a higher grade may be specified where this is thought to give a more reasonable chance of success.

A minimum of grade 'C' in Mathematics and English is a prerequisite for university places and most post Sixth Form careers. Students who have not achieved these standards are required to re-sit these subjects in the November of Year 12 and must attend re-sit sessions to remain in the Sixth Form.

All prospective Sixth Form students will have a one to one meeting with experienced departmental staff. They will advise each student as to the suitability and number of their chosen subjects. Where they advise that it would be unwise to commence an AS course with a 'C' grade GCSE, this advice should be taken very seriously.

The school offers opportunity tempered with advisability and recognises that higher education may not benefit every student. Additional advice on apprenticeships and career opportunities can be obtained from the Career Wales Advisors based in the Llanishen High School Sixth Form Private Study Area.

Where, in any subject, the applicants exceed available places, preference will be given to students achieving GCSE 'A*', 'A' and 'B' grades. When some, but not all 'C' grade applicants can be accommodated then selection will be based on the professional judgement of the departmental staff.

Timetable

During the end of November/ December each year a Learning Pathways Open Evening is held at the school to promote entry into the Sixth Form for the current Year 11 cohort.

Applicants must submit their subject options via 'free choice online' to the school in the following January.

In February a draft timetable with option blocks will be constructed to satisfy all possible options. Prospective students will make their final choices based on the options matrix in consultation with the 16-19 Leaders and Mrs S Tyler/Mrs S Parry -Timetable/14-19 Co-ordinator/Acting Head Teacher.

Acceptance into Year 12 will be dependent on pupils obtaining the required GCSE grades.

Sixth Form students are subject to regular performance reviews and target setting via the assertive mentoring programme and review process. Tutors discuss wellbeing and post 16 pathway options during registration contact time. The Honours programme encourages and supports more able and talented students to be aspirational.