Open evenings

Find out more about the courses you are interested in, as well as the student support available.

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### Access to higher education
These courses are suitable for those 18 and over and will prepare you for entry into higher education.

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### Higher education
We offer Degrees, Foundation Degrees, Higher National Certificates (HNC), Higher National Diplomas (HND) and professional qualifications in a number of subject areas.

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### Part time courses
We offer a diverse range of both academic and vocational courses.

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### Business training
We offer solutions for employers who want to get the best out of their staff.

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Welcome

If we’ve learned anything from the challenges of recent years, it’s the importance of education. Choosing what you want to study after leaving school is one of the most important decisions you will make, and we know that prospective students and their parents generally make these decisions based on three key factors, all of which are recognised strengths of this College:

1. The choice and range of courses on offer
2. The quality of teaching and outcomes achieved by our students
3. The opportunities for progression after completing the course.

Studying at a larger college can provide significant benefits for students in terms of choice. At Gower College Swansea these include almost 40 A Level subjects and 40 vocational subject choices at a range of levels. But this larger size does not mean that we compromise on the quality of our courses or on the experience that our students enjoy, with class sizes still in line with national averages.

The larger size also means that there are greater opportunities for progression whether to a top university, an apprenticeship, a career or even progression onto a higher level course at the College – and in doing so, you can follow the thousands of students who have taken all of these routes before you.

Quality at Gower College Swansea is a given. We have one of the strongest reputations in Wales for high quality teaching and learning - not only for A Levels, but also across our vocational provision, with our students’ achievements being sector leading.

In 2021, over 1,000 of our students progressed onto university, including six who were offered places at Oxford or Cambridge.

Our students have also been very successful at SkillsCompetitionWales events with, in 2020, no fewer than 11 learners from areas including beauty therapy, catering, IT, science, art and electronics winning gold medals.

Our aim is to help all our students achieve their individual potential. And this is where the Gower College Swansea Guarantee comes in, ensuring that every student receives individual support onto one of five progression pathways after they finish their course:

1. An offer to a UK university
2. Another suitable course at the College
3. Employment
4. An apprenticeship linked to the needs of the Swansea and south west Wales region
5. Individualised employability support to help to get a job.

We’re always here to help you in making these decisions, so please feel free to contact us.

Mark Jones
Principal and Chief Executive

Covid-19

Covid-19 is, of course, continuing to have an impact on lives across the world and we understand that you may be concerned about how this will affect studying at College.

We can assure you that we are taking all the necessary precautions, following Welsh Government guidance, to ensure that we continue to offer you the best, high quality learning experience which will mainly be delivered through face to face teaching on all of our campuses. Please check our dedicated webpage for updates.

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Success stories

At the end of another very challenging academic year, students at Gower College Swansea are celebrating a fantastic set of exam results.

The College was delighted to be joined by the Minister for Education and the Welsh Language, Jeremy Miles, on results day. During this visit, the Minister chatted with staff and congratulated the students on their success.

The overall A Level pass rate is 99%, with 1,927 separate exam entries. Of these passes, 43% are at grades A*-A, 70% are at A*-B and 88% are at A*-C.

The overall pass rate at AS Level is 95%, with 76% of those passes being grades A - C and 56% being grades A - B. There were 1,869 separate exam entries for AS.

The College’s vocational results are also strong again this year with a 98% pass rate across Level 3 Extended Diplomas (67% with at least one distinction).

Over 1,000 of our students will now progress to university, including six students who have achieved the necessary grades to secure their places at Oxford and Cambridge.
Massive congratulations to all our wonderful SkillsCompetitionWales 2021 winners:

**Industrial Electronics**
- Gold – Tomos Hopkins
- Silver – Danil Timakov
- Bronze – Scott Tavner

**Painting and Decorating**
- Silver - Peter Marshall-Rees

**Inclusive Skills – Restaurant Service**
- Gold - Siobhan Ashour

**Forensic Science**
- Silver - Cerys Brooks
- Bronze - Cara Morgan

**Graphic Design**
- Silver - Rebecca Hodgson

**IT Software Solutions for Business**
- Gold - Agnieszka Nowak
- Silver - Joshua Longhurst

**IT Support Technician**
- Gold - Ethan Lucas-Morgan
- Silver - Henry Colborne

**Laboratory Technician**
- Gold - Joel Farrant
- Silver - Luke Ball

**Photography**
- Bronze - Ramona White.

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**TES FE Awards**

Gower College Swansea was shortlisted in three categories at the prestigious TES FE Awards 2021 and took home the prize for Apprenticeship Programme of the Year. The TES FE Awards celebrate the dedication and expertise of the people and teams who make a significant contribution to improving the skills levels of young people and adult learners.

Gower College Swansea was shortlisted in the following categories:

- Apprenticeship Programme of the Year
- Support for Learners
- Worldskills Hero
For the second consecutive year, the Gower College Swansea Annual Student Awards moved online and proved, once again, to be a fantastic virtual celebration of learner achievement.

The event comprised of 23 separate award categories from across the College’s wide range of provision including full time, part time, apprenticeships, employability programmes and Higher Education courses.

For the first time ever, the judging panel could not choose just one overall winner and so there were two Inspirational Students of the Year 2021 – Caitlin Smith and Annabel Khastgir.

Both students have overcome many barriers to achieve success, respectively a Degree Apprenticeship with Ernst & Young and an unconditional offer to study Conservation Biology and Ecology at a top UK university.

Gower College Swansea has been officially recognised as a College of Sanctuary, the first FE College in Wales to receive such an accolade.

This honour was given to the College by City of Sanctuary UK, an organisation that is committed to building a culture of safety, opportunity and welcome, especially for those seeking sanctuary from war and persecution.

During the assessment process, the College was praised for its commitment to providing a safe, welcoming and accessible place for all learners. Singled out for commendation by the panel were the following points:

- The College’s supportive and encouraging tutors who are receptive and quick to respond to any issues, and who often maintain relationships with students after they have completed their course
- A leadership team who push for positive change
- The College’s key role in supporting learners to continue their studies during the Covid pandemic
- An induction procedure that covers inclusiveness, diversity, values and behaviour
- The development of a Class Representative system and Student Union Management Group
- Working to remove barriers to learning i.e. language or finances.

Student Awards 2021

Photographs from the Theatrical, Special Effects, Hair and Media Make-Up assignment themed Creatures of the forest. After a difficult year of blended learning, students had the chance to show off the skills they’ve worked so hard to perfect in the grounds of the College.
Our unique Gower College Swansea Guarantee ensures that every student receives support onto one of five progression pathways after they finish their course: university, employment, an apprenticeship, another suitable course, or employability support.

Featured here are just some of the students who have chosen one of the above progression routes.

Edan Reid and Ellen Jones studied A Levels with us and have been offered places at **top universities** – Edan will be studying Veterinary Medicine at Cambridge and Ellen will study Experimental Psychology at Oxford.

Ross Forster has chosen to go down the earn-as-you-learn route and is enjoying his digital application support **apprenticeship**.

Chloe Collins wasn’t sure what to do after her Public Services course so she sought advice from our **employability team** and is now set to join the police force.

Dan Bevan enjoyed his time as a Gower College Swansea student so much that he decided to stay on to study **Higher Education** with us.

Hisham Saeed, who came to the UK as an asylum seeker, has **worked his way up through the different course levels on offer at the College** and is hoping to study dentistry at university.

All of these students are very different, and have chosen diverse pathways after College.

Why not follow in their footsteps and enrol today!
Our aim is for the Welsh language to be a natural part of Gower College Swansea through nurturing a Welsh ethos, supporting education and Welsh culture.

Do you want to speak to us in Welsh?
You can. Let us know your preferred language and we’ll ensure that we record it for future correspondence. Please let us know if you would like to have your College interview in Welsh.

Study in Welsh
To find Welsh-medium modules look out for this symbol 🦓 in the course descriptions.

Some learning areas offer Welsh-medium tutor groups which you can be a part of.

It’s important to remember that you have the right to submit work in Welsh, even if your module is delivered in English, your work can be translated for marking if needed.

My language rights
As a Welsh speaker in Wales, you have the right to deal with public organisations in Welsh and receive Welsh-language services from them.

The rights are based on the Welsh-language standards, a list of things that organisations have to do in Welsh.

Get involved!
There are many exciting opportunities available through the medium of Welsh, including events, activities and academic options.

Join the Welsh Society and take part in bilingual events and activities throughout the year.

Last year we hosted a variety of fun events including St Dwynwen’s Day, St David’s Day and Welsh Language Music Day with some of our students and The Voice contestant Bronwen Lewis.

Kate Newnham was named our Welsh Language Student of the Year 2021.
Kate joined Gower College Swansea from Ysgol Gyfun Gŵyr with an excellent GCSE profile and a determination to follow a career in astrophysics.

During her time at the College, she volunteered to be a Welsh Language Ambassador and worked hard to promote the language among her peers and through social media.

An extremely talented musician and singer/songwriter, Kate composes her own music in both Welsh and English. At the virtual Urdd Eisteddfod in 2020, she composed and performed her own Welsh song. On St David’s Day, she performed a Facebook Live gig as part of the College’s celebrations, a performance that garnered over 1,000 views on the evening.
Independent Living Skills (ILS)

Our curriculum is designed to meet the needs of students with additional learning needs. You will follow a programme of learning that reflects your aspirations and will help you to acquire the skills you need for adult life.

The varied study programme follows four areas:
- Independent living skills
- Health and wellbeing
- Employability
- Community inclusion.
We strongly believe in integrating students into College life, fully supported by highly qualified and experienced staff.

ILS students will also have opportunities to participate in national sports and skills competitions.

Learners from this department could progress to:
- Paid employment
- Supported employment
- Supported internship
- Higher level further education
- Adult services
- Full or part time employment
- Part time courses.

Need advice and support?

Our Student Services team provides information, support and advice on everything from course options to funding. They can give you impartial, professional guidance throughout your application process.

Careers guidance
Careers Wales advisors are based at the College throughout the academic year and can help you plan your next step.

Libraries
We have libraries at the Gorseinon, Tycoch and Llwyn y Bryn Campuses, all designed to support your studies. Each course is allocated a library advisor who will liaise with your lecturer to ensure you get the very best out of your library.

Student Support Officers
The officers provide confidential support to any student that requires it, including those who are looked-after children or leaving care, young carers, students with mental health or homelessness issues.

Maths and English support
Literacy and numeracy elements can be built into courses.

Health services
Discuss health and lifestyle choices in confidence with our student health advisors.
All students also have access to the togetherall website for mental wellbeing support. The website has trained practitioners available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

Thanks to support from the Welsh Government, we are supporting the #EndPeriodPoverty campaign by providing free sanitary products to our students.

Additional learning support
Specialist support for students with additional learning needs or disabilities is available. This includes in-class support, workshops, specialist equipment and educational software.

Just let us know at the application stage to ensure we can provide the right support for you.

Futures is a comprehensive suite of employability support available to Gower College Swansea students.

As part of the Gower College Swansea Guarantee, the Futures programme provides targeted advice and support on employment and apprenticeship options, as well as access to continuing employability support, to assist learners in progressing towards their chosen career. The Futures programme can also help students in finding part time employment whilst undertaking their studies.
Financial help

There are several funding streams available to eligible students studying full time, these include:

- Education Maintenance Allowance
- Welsh Government Learning Grant
- Financial Contingency Fund.

This funding can support you with your studies and pay for essential course related equipment. Our funding team can help identify which forms of financial help you could be eligible for.

Tuition fees

The College does not charge tuition fees for full time further education (15 hours per week or more) which is provided to United Kingdom or European Community students of any age.

Additional costs

All students are required to pay a non-refundable administration fee.

For some courses there may be additional costs for specialist equipment or clothing. Students who attend structured work experience as part of their course will require a DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) check.

Transport

Gorseinon Campus

The College arranges transport (with South Wales Transport) for its full time students at the start and the end of the College day, picking up and dropping off at designated points. You can also use these passes on the First Cymru network during term time (Monday-Friday until 6pm).

Tycoch, Llwyn y Bryn and Jubilee Court Campuses

A First Cymru bus pass is available. The pass can be used from September to the end of the academic year and throughout Swansea, Neath and Port Talbot.

A bus is provided for students travelling to the Tycoch Campus from Swansea East. The bus route (service 61) starts in Llansamlet, picking up students in Birchgrove, Trallwn, Winch Wen and Bonymaen, then going directly to the College. The bus leaves Tycoch at 4.35pm each evening for the return journey.

Students who live in Llangennith, Rhossili, Port Eynon or Oxwich (areas which are not serviced by First Cymru) are able to access a National Adventure Travel (NAT) bus pass.

“Had I not taken the Welsh Bacc, I would not be studying medicine today.

The Advanced Welsh Bacc includes teamwork, self-discipline, motivation, compassion, volunteering and much more. It also allows you to study topics which are of interest to you and your future chosen profession.

I chose to do my individual project on dementia, which helped me greatly during the medical school interview process.”

Tara Pachu, medical student at Keele University.
Student life

There’s more to College than just your studies. We really want you to enjoy your time with us, so we continuously invest in top class facilities, provide a range of extracurricular activities and volunteering opportunities and we make sure there are ways for your voice to be heard.

Societies

There are a number of societies that you can join, from sustainability club to film club, debate and chess clubs to our LGBTQ+ society. We also encourage and support students in starting up new ones!

GCS Active

GCS Active aims to help our students get more physically active. There are a range of activities from basketball to yoga. Our coordinator is open to new suggestions, so you can get in touch if there’s anything specific that you’d like to try.

Student Union

You can have a say in running your College. Our Student Union is headed by an elected, full time Student Union President and is represented by the Student Union Management Group. Join the Union and get your and your classmates’ voices heard.
Kenya Project
Each year Gower College Swansea students hold a series of fundraising events in support of the Kenya Community Education Project and, despite restrictions due to the pandemic, they found a way to do it in 2020/21.

The students at Gorseinon and Tycoch Campuses competed against each other on bikes to virtually cover the distance from Nairobi to Sigmore to raise money for Madungu Primary School, with which the College has a long-standing association.

Facilities
As well as our wonderful academic facilities (art, recording and photography studios, science labs, motor vehicle suites), we also have:

Costa Coffee
At our Tycoch and Gorseinon Campuses.

Common rooms
With accessible wifi, television screens and seating.

Vanilla Pod restaurant
Enjoy dishes prepared, cooked and served by our hospitality and catering students under the watchful eye of lecturers, who have spent many years working at some of the UK’s top restaurants. The restaurant is located at our Tycoch Campus.

Broadway Centre
At our Tycoch Campus we offer a range of hair styling and colouring services as well as luxurious beauty, holistic therapy and spa treatments, all at competitive prices. All treatments are carried out by our Broadway students.

Sports Centre
The Centre, based at our Tycoch Campus, has a fully equipped conditioning studio, a multi-purpose sports hall and a power room. Discounted student membership is available. We also have gym rooms at our Gorseinon Campus.
Netball Academy
Our Netball Academy gives students the opportunity to train and play in a high performance environment both domestically and nationally.

The ColegauCymru League provides a competitive contest within Wales, whilst the AOC cup is a national knock out format.

Students will benefit from experienced and highly qualified coaching and a player development pathway covering all aspects of the game.

The College regularly represents Wales in the AOC National Championships with students gaining international honours with Welsh Netball.

Football Academy
Train and play in a range of league and cup competitions both domestically and around the UK. Our football programme has an excellent reputation with experienced and highly qualified staff and teams who play in the highest category of college football in the UK.

It consists of a comprehensive training and playing schedule with a range of opportunities for the most talented and committed learner-athletes.

The College has a history of league and cup success with over 20 of our players gaining honours with Welsh school and college representative teams in the last five full seasons.

Rugby Academy
Part of the WRU Elite Colleges League, players will enjoy the support of an experienced and highly qualified team covering all aspects of rugby performance, including both 15 a side and 7 a side disciplines.

Our Rugby Academy is a valued part of the rugby development programme and aims to prepare players for progression onto domestic, regional and national performance.

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Sport
We are committed to making elite and recreational sport available to all students.

Follow us  GCSFootball_  @GCSRugbyAcademy  @GCSNetball
The Elite Athlete Programme (EAP)
A supportive programme for students who compete and train in external elite sporting programmes including cricket, athletics, cycling, martial arts and swimming.
The College provides support through a mentoring scheme to guide students as career athletes, balancing their academic and elite sporting demands.
Places on the programme are awarded via the application process following enrolment.

Surf and Surf Lifesaving Club
Our surf club caters for all levels of interest and makes use of the fantastic beaches the Gower Peninsula has to offer during our Wednesday afternoon elective period.
The surf club have also attended events and competitions in the UK as well as travelling to European countries to sample new surf locations as part of an educational visit experience.

Sports Scholarships and Bursaries
The College’s sports scholarship programme provides selected students with financial support and mentorship. Applicants will need to demonstrate exceptional ability in one of our sport academies.
Sports bursaries run alongside the scholarships for athletes from other disciplines, based on outstanding performance.

Cricket Academy
Our Cricket Academy players benefit from strength and conditioning sessions, mentorship and net sessions through winter and early spring.
There is a games programme and the opportunity to play Welsh Colleges cricket (if selected) through the summer term.

Hockey Provision
Hockey players have the opportunity to develop their skills by accessing the Swansea University Development Programme.
This newly created hub will include U19 players from throughout the region, with excellent coaching and a supportive player pathway.

Basketball Club
The College Basketball Club plays in the AOC ColegauCymru league and offers students an opportunity to train and play regularly during their time at College.
The fixture calendar includes the National Championships and a UK knock out competition.

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Start your journey...

1 Choose the right course

Think about the subjects you’re best at and what you enjoy studying.

Some subjects are assessed by exams, others combine coursework and exams, so find the course that suits you best. Don’t forget to check the course entry requirements.

For more detailed course information visit gcs.ac.uk/school-leavers

2 Speak to us

Come along to one of our open evenings and speak to our lecturers.

Our admissions advisors visit lots of schools around the area, so have a chat with them or talk to your school’s careers advisor.

Open evening dates (all 5.30-7.30pm)

**November 2021**
- **Gorseinon** - Monday 8
- **Jubilee Court** - Wednesday 10
- **Tycoch** - Monday 15
- **Llwyn y Bryn** - Tuesday 16

**January 2022**
- **Gorseinon** - Monday 10
- **Tycoch** - Monday 17
- **Llwyn y Bryn** - Tuesday 18

**March 2022**
- **Gorseinon** - Monday 7
- **Jubilee Court** - Wednesday 9
- **Tycoch** - Monday 14
- **Llwyn y Bryn** - Tuesday 15

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Speak to us...
3 Apply now

The earlier you apply, the more chance you have of securing a place on your first choice course.

Once you’ve selected your course, you can apply online on our website gcs.ac.uk

If you are a pupil in Swansea, you can apply through My Choice which will take you directly to our website.

4 Your College offer

After you apply, you will be contacted by our Admissions team regarding your College application.

We want to make sure that you have all the support you need throughout the application process and that you choose the right course for you. Our staff are available to answer any questions you may have about the course and the College: admissions@gcs.ac.uk

5 Enrol

You’ll be invited to come into the College to enrol after you’ve had your GCSE results.

Don’t worry if your GCSE results weren’t what you expected or needed to get on to your chosen course, keep your appointment and we can talk through your options. There is a course for everyone.

6 Start your journey

Becoming a student starts with lots of activities to help you settle into College and make new friends.

You’ll also meet your tutor, get your timetable and everything else you need to ensure your student journey starts smoothly!
A Levels

Based at the Gorseinon Campus, the College offers almost 40 A Level subjects, many of which are not offered at GCSE.

In all A Level subjects, the first year of study is known as the AS Level (usually makes up 40% of the full A Level award) and external examinations usually take place at the end of the first year.

The second year of study is the A2 year which usually makes up 60% of the full A Level award and involves external examinations. It may also be possible to start a new AS subject in the second year of study.

Linear delivery

If you choose to take one of these A Level subjects - Accounting, Music Technology, Ancient History, Classics, Dance, Electronics or Geology - make sure you ask about linear delivery at your interview.

Linear delivery means that you might not have the option of taking an AS exam at the end of your first year.

Standard entry requirements

Seven GCSEs grade C or above, including English. Maths is also desirable. Specific entry requirements will be detailed with the individual course details.

GCSE Resits

Don’t worry if you didn’t get the grades for English, Maths, Science or Welsh (First Language), you can resit these in your first year.

In 2020 over 200 students headed to some of the best universities in the UK - including Oxford, Cambridge, Edinburgh, Imperial College London, Bristol, Exeter and the London School of Economics.

Over 1,000 of our students progressed to university in 2020.

For further information and to apply visit gcs.ac.uk/school-leavers
### 2021 Results

Our 2019 A Level examination results **significantly out performed** the Welsh National Average by 8% at A* and A grades (Wales national average 27%).

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Want to attend a leading university? We will support you!

**Tutorial support**
You will be allocated a personal tutor to help monitor your academic progress. You can attend group tutorial sessions which include talks from guest speakers, enterprise activities, career guidance and UCAS application help.

**Applications for medicine**
If you have expressed an interest in medical sciences, veterinary science and pharmacy you will be given weekly tutorial sessions which focus on careers, work shadowing, guest speakers and applications to university.
The tutorials also provide the opportunity for you to discuss current ethical issues and medical breakthroughs and to receive advice on interview techniques.

**Oxbridge Preparation Programme**
Our established programme provides the best possible preparation for acceptance to Oxford, Cambridge and other Russell Group universities.
Delivered through weekly tutorials and led by our team of expert Oxbridge tutors, you will gain knowledge of how to produce an effective application and will be supported throughout all aspects of the admissions process.
Highlights include:
- Residential visits/seminars at Cambridge and Oxford colleges
- Summer school opportunities
- Aptitude tests and assessment preparation
- Mock interview preparation with Oxbridge alumni and local academic professionals.

**HE+**
At the invitation of the University of Cambridge, we are the only college in Wales that runs the HE+ programme.
HE+ develops academic skills and encourages you to challenge yourself and each other in a supportive environment.
HE+ is also supported by the Welsh Government’s Seren Programme. Highlights include:
- Annual HE+ launch event in partnership with Churchill College, Cambridge
- Monthly extension classes to experience subjects at university level
- Overnight visit to the University of Cambridge and its constituent colleges
- Regular seminars delivered by University of Cambridge to support students in preparing applications to highly selective universities.

**The Seren Network**
Gower College Swansea is the hub provider for Swansea’s Seren Network.
The Seren Network, funded by Welsh Government, supports the most academically able students from all state schools to gain access to world leading universities. As the hub institution, we organise academic workshops and super-curricular activities for students across the region.
In the last two years, and with the support of Seren, students at Gower College Swansea have also been successful in securing full scholarship places at Harvard and Yale summer schools, which have helped lead to successful undergraduate applications to American universities.

**Oxford University partnership**
Students at Gower College Swansea have taken part in a brand new initiative that aims to attract more young people from state schools to the University of Oxford.
The Step Up programme is designed to inspire and support state school and college students through years 11-13. It aims to ensure that students of high academic potential recognise Oxford as a realistic and achievable option.
Art and Design

Choosing a course within the creative industries can lead to a wide range of exciting career opportunities. It’s a sector that has grown in recent years and this trend is set to continue.

Fine Art (A Level)

This is a practical exploration of traditional and contemporary practice within fine art. You will be challenged to use a wide spectrum of materials, techniques and processes and learn from the work of other artists.

There is a £25 studio fee.

Specific entry requirements:
At least one GCSE pass must be an art and/or design subject.

Progression/Careers:
Art and Design Foundation Diploma or the Foundation Degree in Fashion and Textile Design at the College. Further study at university in a related subject.

Graphic Communication (A Level)

This course allows you to get involved with the creative process of graphic communication. You will have the opportunity to produce practical and critical/contextual work in areas including illustrations, advertising, packaging design, design for print, communication graphics and computer graphics across a wide range of media related disciplines.

There is a £25 studio fee.

Specific entry requirements:
An art based GCSE at grade C is recommended, although not essential.

Progression/Careers:
Art and Design Foundation Diploma at the College. Further study in areas such as graphic design, art and design, multi-media design, film and video, advertising and design management.
Photography (A Level)

This course will introduce you to the creative field of photography.

You will develop an understanding of location portraiture and experimental approaches to photography. During the course you will have access to our equipped studio to produce high quality images and our traditional photographic darkroom for black and white printing.

Practical experience will be supported by an understanding of technical applications including traditional film and digital photography.

There is a £25 studio fee.

Specific entry requirements:
A creative arts subject at GCSE is recommended, but not essential.

Progression/Careers:
Art and Design Foundation Diploma at the College or further study at university in a related subject.

Employment in the media and photography industry.

Textile Design - Fashion/Interior Design (A Level)

This course aims to nurture creativity. You will use a variety of decorative techniques such as hand printing, embroidery and hand dying. Fabric construction, manipulation and embellishment will also be covered.

You will be given the opportunity to use our contemporary industrial equipment: laser cutter/etch, computerised embroidery machine and Mimaki wide format printer for fabric.

You will be encouraged to use both traditional and non-traditional materials while researching and studying the work of other artists.

There is a £25 studio fee.

Specific entry requirements:
An art based GCSE at grade C is recommended, although not essential.

Progression/Careers:
Art and Design Foundation Diploma or the Foundation Degree in Fashion and Textiles at the College.

Further study at university in a related subject.

Careers in fashion, surface pattern design, interior design, film/theatre costume design, fashion promotion/journalism, teaching or designer in textile jewellery.

“I love the creativity and freedom that comes with the subjects, and the ability to express myself through my projects. I really enjoy making new friends and experiencing new subjects.

I have learnt new techniques and skills through photography that will benefit me in my career.”

Jess Garratt, A Levels in Photography, Psychology, Textiles and Dance (previously attended Penryheol Comprehensive School).
Business and Law

After completing your A Levels, you could use your transferable skills to find a job in the growing business and finance sector. Alternatively, you could choose to stay on at the College and study a related higher education course with us.

Accounting (A Level)
(Linear delivery - see page 15)

This course will help you to understand the responsibilities of the accountant and the impact of their recommendations on business and the wider environment.

You will build knowledge of key concepts, principles and techniques that apply to real-life scenarios. You will develop your ability to solve problems logically, analyse data methodically, make reasoned choices and communicate effectively.

There is an option to study qualifications with the Association of Accounting Technicians (AAT).

Specific entry requirements:
Minimum GCSE grade B in Mathematics and English.

Progression/Careers:
At the College you could progress to the HND in Business and Accountancy or the AAT.
Further study at university in a related subject.

Law (A Level)

This course encourages you to develop an interest and understanding of the current legal system in England and Wales.

Areas of study in year one include:
• Law making
• The civil and criminal process
• Legal personnel
• An introduction to the law of tort.

Areas of study in year two include:
• Human rights law
• Criminal law.

On this course you will develop strong problem solving, analytical and critical thinking skills as well as the ability to communicate effectively both orally and in writing.

In the second year, you have the opportunity to participate in the Bar Mock Trials competition and compete for valuable work experience opportunities.

Specific entry requirements:
Grade B in GCSE English Language.

Progression/Careers:
At the College you could progress to the Foundation Degree in Criminal Justice.
University degrees in law, criminology, politics, policing.
Careers prospects include entry to the legal professions, journalism, policing and the civil service.

Gower College Swansea is the only further education college in the UK to be awarded Platinum Approved Learning Partner status from the ACCA (Association of Chartered Certified Accountants).
**Business Studies (A Level)**

This course uncovers the business decisions that are taken by managers in all organisations.

The course has four main sections:
- Business opportunities
- Business functions
- Business analysis and strategy
- Business in a changing world.

**Specific entry requirements:**
Grade C in GCSE Mathematics and English Language is essential.

**Progression/Careers:**
At the College you could progress to the HND in Business and Accountancy or the Foundation Degree in Events Management.

You could study at university, follow a career in the public sector or set up your own business.

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**Criminology (Level 3 Certificate/Diploma)**

This two year course is designed to give you an introduction to the theory and skills application of criminology. Please note that the Certificate is the first year of the course, with students able to progress onto the Diploma in the second year.

**Areas of study include:**
- Changing awareness of crime – gain skills to differentiate between myth and reality when it comes to crime and recognise that common representations may be misleading and inaccurate
- Criminological theories – gain the skills to evaluate these theories and the debates within them.

This course can be taken alongside other A Level subjects such as Law or Psychology.

**Specific entry requirements:**
Seven GCSEs at grade C.

**Progression/Careers:**
At the College you could progress to the Foundation Degree in Criminal Justice.

Many students go on to university and pursue future careers within the probation service, police or criminal justice system.

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**Economics (A Level)**

On this course you will focus on both microeconomics and macroeconomics.

Microeconomics addresses issues such as:
- Why are house prices so high?
- Can pollution effectively be controlled?
- Should governments interfere with markets?

Macroeconomics covers issues such as:
- Why does the government have an inflation rate target and how does it affect us?
- What happens to the economy if people decide to spend more?
- How is the UK economy affected by developing economies?

**Specific entry requirements:**
A strong GCSE profile, including a minimum grade B in GCSE Mathematics and English.

**Progression/Careers:**
At the College you could progress to the HND in Business and Accountancy.

Many students progress to Russell Group universities, including Oxbridge.

Future career pathways could include finance, banking, accountancy, education, insurance, medicine and engineering.
Computing and Technology

The number of technology job opportunities is expected to increase by 12% by 2024, especially within artificial intelligence and artificial reality applications.

Source: Forbes

Computer Science (A Level)

You will learn how to write computer programs, be introduced to networks, databases and operating systems and learn about the mathematics and theory of computer science.

You will discover how mobile apps, satellite navigation, auto-pilots and even special effects created for movies, all need reliable useable software.

Specific entry requirements:
Either Grade B in GCSE Mathematics and English or Grade C in GCSE Computer Science.

Progression/Careers:
At the College you could progress to the HND in Applied Computing or further study at university.

Careers in a variety of industries such as research and development, movie animation and programming.

Digital Technology (A Level)

This course will advance your understanding of the digital technologies used by individuals and organisations, looking at how they develop and evolve.

The qualification enables you to develop an understanding of how innovations in digital technology, and the increasing levels of connectivity between them, impact on the lives of users and the wider society.

Units covered include:
- Innovation in digital technology
- Creative digital practices
- Connected systems
- Digital solutions.

Progression/Careers:
At the College you could progress to the HND in Applied Computing.

This course is ideal for those who want to follow a career or a higher education programme that utilises digital technologies.

Engineering

Electronic engineers are at the forefront of future technologies – it is an exciting time to be studying Electronics!

Electronics (A Level)
(Linear delivery - see page 15)

This course covers both the academic and practical elements of electronics.

It is taught across six units covering topics such as digital and analogue systems, circuits and components and a programmable control systems project.

In year two you will study communication systems and systems applications. The final unit will be a project where you will design and test an electronic system.

Tasks on this course include the design and development of a micro-controller program using computer software, the construction of a circuit to meet a system specification, and the design and development of an analogue/digital system containing sub-systems or smaller circuits.

Specific entry requirements:
Grade B in GCSE Mathematics and grade C in Science.

Progression/Careers:
At the College you could progress to the HND in Electrical and Electronic Engineering or Mechanical Engineering.

Further study at university, vocational electronics or an apprenticeship in the sector.
English

Study English and the world is your oyster! It is an excellent option for students who wish to study arts, humanities, languages or business at university.

English Language (A Level)

This A Level takes a forensic approach to analysing spoken, print and online language.

You will develop an analytical toolkit of grammatical terminology and linguistic theories that will enable you to dissect any text. Year two includes spoken language and language over time modules, plus an independent research project.

We focus on how language reflects and constructs power in our world and examine how people adapt language to suit different purposes and contexts. You will also write in a variety of genres and learn how to use your toolkit to analyse your own writing.

Specific entry requirements:
Grade B in GCSE English Language is required and a Grade B in English Literature is also desirable.

Progression/Careers:
University study and careers in English language, creative writing, journalism, advertising and communications, forensic and computational linguistics, modern languages, translation or teaching.

English Literature (A Level)

This subject will encourage you to look more closely at different texts and to make connections between them.

You will be introduced to some of the interesting contextual factors that shaped the writing and the different readings of texts.

You will comment on different texts (fiction and non-fiction, spoken and written) using the literary and linguistic terminology you will learn.

You will study the play A Streetcar Named Desire, the autobiography Once in a House on Fire and an anthology of British poetry in year one. In year two you will study The Color Purple and King Lear. You will complete a coursework project analysing novels and producing creative writing from a particular literary genre.

Specific entry requirements:
A grade C in GCSE English Language and GCSE English Literature is required.

Progression/Careers:
This A Level is essential for progression into further study at university in English Literature. Careers in journalism and teaching.

English Language and Literature (A Level)

This course enables you to study literature through language. You will be introduced to interesting contextual factors that shaped the writing and the different readings of texts.

You will comment on different texts (fiction and non-fiction, spoken and written) using the literary and linguistic terminology you will learn.

You will study the play A Streetcar Named Desire, the autobiography Once in a House on Fire and an anthology of British poetry in year one. In year two you will study The Color Purple and King Lear. You will complete a coursework project analysing novels and producing creative writing from a particular literary genre.

Specific entry requirements:
A grade C in GCSE English Language and GCSE English Literature is required.

Progression/Careers:
This A Level is essential for progression into further study at university in English Literature. Careers in journalism and teaching.
Standard A Level entry requirements: seven GCSEs grade C or above, including English. Maths is also desirable.

Health

Over 4 million people in the UK work in healthcare, and there’s a worldwide demand for people with professional qualifications.

Health, Social Care and Childcare (A Level)

This course will equip you with knowledge, understanding and skills relating to the development and care of people. Learners will develop their understanding of influences on human growth, development, behaviour and well-being.

You will also gain a detailed understanding of the social, physical, emotional, and cultural needs of people who use care and support services, and recognise that each individual has a unique blend of abilities and needs. You will gain an understanding of how service provision in Wales supports the development and well-being of individuals, including contemporary issues such as having an ethical and sustainable health, social care and childcare system.

First year topics are likely to include:

- Modifiable risks to health, how health risks can change
- Promoting good health.

In year two, you can specialise in either health and social care or childcare.

Elements of this course can be delivered through the medium of Welsh.

Specific entry requirements:
Seven GCSEs at grade C or above including English, Mathematics and Science.

Progression/Careers:
At the College you could progress to the Foundation Degree in Education Learning and Development or Childhood Development Practice.

You could also find employment or further study in social work, medical science, occupational therapy, speech and language, nursing, midwifery, psychology, teaching or early years.
Humanities

From the Roman Empire to current affairs and religion, these courses are ideal for students interested in past and present issues.

**Ancient History (A Level)**
(Linear delivery - see page 15)

This course is designed to study the history and culture of Ancient Greece and Rome including their systems of government, the structure of their society, their building works and their religious practices.

Topics you will study include the early Roman Empire between 31BC - AD96, Greek history in the 5th century BC and the government and politics of ancient Sparta.

Specific entry requirements:
Grade B in GCSE English Language is essential.

Progression/Careers:
Further study at university in modern history, law, English, philosophy and politics.

**Classical Civilisation (A Level)**
(Linear delivery - see page 15)

This course is the study of the cultures of ancient Greece and Rome primarily through their art and literature.

During your studies you will discover that their art and literature is very much connected with their cultural identity and based on Greek and Roman mythology.

Topics you will study include:
- Greek epic (the Iliad)
- Greek theatre (tragedy and comedy)
- Roman epic (the Aeneid)
- Greek religion.

Specific entry requirements:
Grade B in GCSE English Language is essential.

Progression/Careers:
Careers paths in commerce, law, finance and public administration, as well as teaching, museum work and conservation.

For further information and to apply visit gcs.ac.uk/school-leavers
Government and Politics (A Level)

This course is perfect if you have an interest in news and current affairs, how the country is governed, different political systems and how they work.

Areas of study in year one include:
- Rights and democracy in the UK
- Elections and voting
- Political parties and groups
- Representative governmental institutions in the UK.

Areas of study in year two include:
- US politics
- Ideologies such as conservatism, socialism, liberalism and nationalism.

Specific entry requirements:
Grade B in GCSE English Language and Literature is essential.

Progression/Careers:
You could study politics or international relations at university.

Careers in politics, political parties and pressure groups, the civil service, local government, media, journalism, social work, banking, law, public services, business and industry.

History (A Level)

This course will help you understand the interpretation of the past as well as enable you to research, analyse, argue, use historical sources and write well.

Topics studied include:
- Government, rebellion and society in Wales and England c. 1485-1603
- Weimar and its challenges 1918-1933
- The American Century 1890-1990
- Nazi Germany 1933-1945
- Historical interpretations (coursework).

Specific entry requirements:
Grade B in GCSE History (or grade B in English Language if History is not taken).

Progression/Careers:
Careers in administration and management, public relations, teaching, librarianship, archive and archaeological work, museums and galleries, law, journalism and the media.

Religious Studies (A Level)

This course can provide you with excellent transferable skills such as essay writing, debating and the ability to appreciate other viewpoints. These are all skills that can be incredibly helpful when applying for degrees involving critical thinking and discussion e.g. humanities, English, law, psychology.

You will develop a deeper understanding of world religions (i.e. Buddhism), philosophy and ethics.

Specific entry requirements:
Grade B in GCSE English Language and Literature is desirable.

Progression/Careers:
Further study at university, including Russell Group institutions.

Careers in teaching, social work, journalism, nursing, PR and youth work.

Religious Studies students pay an annual visit to the local Buddhist Centre.
This year, they received an exposition on three types of meditation and got to sample each one with the resident teacher.
Languages

A qualification in languages can lead to a diverse range of careers such as translation, hotel management, marketing and PR or journalism.

French (A Level)

The course will build on your existing skills of speaking, listening, reading and writing.

Through the study of themes such as being a young person in the French speaking world, you will develop an understanding of the culture and way of life.

In the first year, you will also study a film. You will enjoy the support of a native speaker for oral and general linguistic help and spend time in the language laboratory to practise listening and pronunciation skills.

Specific entry requirements:
Grade B in GCSE French and English is recommended.

Progression/Careers:
Further study at university. Our language students have gone on to successful destinations, such as studying History and French at Oxford, French and Russian at Cambridge and Law and French at the University of Exeter.

You could follow careers in teaching, journalism and international business.

Speaking another language increases employability, improves communication skills, independence and self-confidence.

Welsh - Second Language (A Level)

On this course you will experience a range of teaching and learning methods.

You will have the opportunity to use any combination of the language skills - reading, listening, speaking and writing.

You will also make use of the range of resources in the department and have the opportunity to study Welsh films, television programmes, stories, plays and poems.

Specific entry requirements:
Grade C in GCSE Welsh (full course, second language).

Progression/Careers:
Further study at university.

Employment opportunities exist in the civil service, media in Wales, health and care services or police.

GCSE Welsh

We offer a one year GCSE in Welsh (First Language) for those wishing to build on their current GCSE profile or those selecting A Level Welsh who want to boost their skills.
Mathematics and Science

These courses offer a wide range of exciting and varied career opportunities as well as providing an excellent platform for further academic study.

Mathematics (A Level)
This course will provide you with a thorough grounding in mathematical skills and techniques. It includes exercises and homework that will consolidate the techniques and skills you learn in class. Areas of study include pure mathematics, mechanics and statistics.

Specific entry requirements:
Grade A in GCSE Mathematics from the higher tier (grade B will be considered).

Progression/Careers:
Further study at university.
A Level Mathematics is a requirement for many university courses.

Further Mathematics (A Level)
This course is designed to broaden and deepen the mathematical knowledge and skills developed when studying A Level Mathematics. Areas of study include further pure mathematics, further mechanics and further statistics.

Specific entry requirements:
Grade A* in GCSE Mathematics is required.

Progression/Careers:
Further study at university.
A Level Further Mathematics is often a requirement for degrees in mathematics, physics or engineering.

Biology (A Level)
This course offers opportunities to engage in practical applications of biological theory.
After learning the basic principles, you will progress to more detailed study of physiology and cellular systems, genetics, evolution and reproduction. There is an emphasis on practical experimentation throughout the course, resulting in an externally marked practical exam.

Specific entry requirements:
Grade B in GCSE English, Mathematics and Science (double, triple, higher tier).

Progression/Careers:
At the College you could progress to the Foundation Degree in Analytical and Forensic Science.
Many students use this subject as a platform for entry into medicine, dentistry and veterinary science. Other degree courses include biology, zoology, marine sciences, biochemistry and also other health-related subjects such as pharmacy, biomedical sciences, radiography, optometry and nursing.

Biology is a great subject to help develop your research, problem-solving, organisation and analytical skills.
One step closer!

Edan Reid is one step closer to achieving his dream of becoming a vet after accepting an offer to study at one of the most prestigious universities in the UK.

Having achieved three A* in Maths, Biology and Chemistry, 18 year old Edan has his sights set on becoming a specialist vet.

Despite a challenging year, Edan’s hard work has seen him gain the grades he needed to secure a place at Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge where he will study veterinary medicine.

“Ever since I was little, I’ve loved animals and dreamt of becoming a vet. I am thrilled, and really proud of myself, after achieving the A Level results I needed, but securing a place at the University of Cambridge - a pathway I had never considered before studying at Gower College Swansea - is the icing on the cake.”

When Edan initially enrolled at Gower College Swansea, he was introduced to the College’s Oxbridge programme pathway which provides dedicated support for students hoping to study at top UK universities.

Alongside weekly tutorials, aptitude tests and assessment preparation, Edan received tailored support through the Oxbridge programme with mock university entrance interviews with local vets coordinated by lecturers within the College. Edan also took part in a mentorship scheme that partnered him with a current Cambridge student who offered support and advice on his entrance interview and what to expect in his first years on the course.

Talking about his ambitions as a vet, Edan said: “My dream is to specialise in animal cardiology or open my own practice. But who knows, I might even practice my interest in genetics and save species around the world through conservation research. As for right now I can’t wait to enter the next chapter of my veterinary journey at Cambridge, beginning with a deep dive into pre-clinical practices.”

Chemistry (A Level)

You will study a range of topics over the two years.

Year one will include atomic structure, chemical equilibrium, chemical calculations, energetics and kinetics and chemical bonding.

Year two will cover spectroscopy, organic compounds and synthesis, redox, chemical kinetics, periodicity, enthalpy, entropy and equilibria.

There is an assessed practical exam, so the course involves laboratory experiments related to course material.

Specific entry requirements:
Grade B in GCSE English, Mathematics and Science (double, triple, higher tier).

Progression/Careers:
At the College you could progress to the Foundation Degree in Analytical and Forensic Science.

Many higher education courses including medicine, dentistry, veterinary science, dietetics and pharmacy require A Level Chemistry.

ASSOCIATE SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES OF THE ROYAL SOCIETY

The College has been awarded Associate status by the Royal Society, the UK’s national science academy.
Geology (A Level)
(Linear delivery - see page 15)

On this course you will discover how geology is a science that applies to a range of physical, chemical and biological principles.

You will study the risks posed to human beings from natural hazards such as earthquakes, volcanoes, tsunamis and landslides and how these may be minimised by prediction, prevention or hazard management.

You will also learn about the finding and extraction from the earth of vital resources as oil, coal, water and metals.

Specific entry requirements:
Grade C in GCSE Science and Maths.

Progression/Careers:
Further study at university (many of the courses also require A Level Mathematics).

Careers in engineering, hydrogeology, biology, environmental science and oceanography.

Physics (A Level)

On this course you will study many areas including:
• Motion, energy and matter
• Electricity and light
• Oscillations and nuclei
• Fields and options.

In year two you will undertake a practical exam giving you the opportunity to carry out an investigation and evaluate experimental data.

Specific entry requirements:
Minimum grade B in GCSE Physics (or double award Science), Mathematics (higher tier) and English.

Grades C may be considered upon interview.

Progression/Careers:
At the College you could progress to the Foundation Degree in Analytical and Forensic Science.

Further study at university onto a technical or scientific degree course in physics, engineering (civil, mechanical, electrical or electronic), architecture, medicine or veterinary medicine.

Media

Media is everywhere! It’s on your phone, it’s on the internet and it’s on the news. Gain the skills to succeed in our increasingly technology driven world.

Media Studies (A Level)

This course will offer you the opportunity to develop a thorough understanding of how the media plays a central role in contemporary culture, society and politics.

You will use key concepts and a variety of perspectives to support critical exploration and reflection, analysis and debate.

Areas of study include:
• Media language
• Representation
• Media industries
• Audiences.

Specific entry requirements:
Grade B in GCSE English Language or Literature.

Progression/Careers:
At the College you could progress to the Foundation Degree in Events Management.

Further study at university in subject areas including media studies, journalism, public relations, marketing and film studies.
Music

The College’s music department is the biggest in Wales and we run a range of ensembles including a choir, orchestra and jazz band.

Music (A Level)

On this course you will study a broad overview of music topics including:
• Investigation into significant musical developments (1650 – present)
• Study of several set works including Requiem Masses by Mozart and Verdi, alongside the techniques of 20th century musical theatre
• Western classical composition, impressionism, minimalism and other styles.

You will receive significant performance support from our designated performance coach.

Specific entry requirements:
Grades A or B in GCSE Music or grade V Theory (ABRSM).

Progression/Careers:
Further study at university to read music or to specialise in performance at a conservatoire.

Careers and employment as performers, composers, music journalists, teachers and recording engineers.

Our students have the opportunity throughout the year to perform at corporate College events such as our Annual Student Awards and Graduation Ceremony.

Music Technology (A Level)

(Linear delivery - see page 15)

You will study both hardware and software techniques of production and will have access to a range of studio recording and editing facilities.

Working with students from both popular music and traditional backgrounds, you will also be encouraged to explore your musicality and create original materials using technology.

You will complete a finished portfolio of work containing recording and composition productions.

Specific entry requirements:
You do not need to have studied GCSE Music, but the ability to play an instrument is essential.

Progression/Careers:
Further study at university to read a wide range of popular music and sound engineering courses.

Employment in the industry as performers, composers, teachers, sound engineers or record producers.

A Music lecturer from Gower College Swansea has been shortlisted for a prestigious Pearson Teacher of the Year Award.

Jonathan Rogers, who is Curriculum Leader for A Level Music at the Gorseinon Campus, is in the running for the title of FE Lecturer of the Year.

Accomplished and well respected in the music world, Jon utilises his links with organisations - such as the Swansea Philharmonic Choir (where, as Conductor, he set up a scholarship scheme to provide opportunities for students to perform large choral works with orchestras) and the Dunvant Male Choir (who provide a host of opportunities for young performers) - to inspire the next generation of musicians.
Performing Arts

The College has excellent links with specialist colleges. We are a regional audition centre for Arts Ed London, Mountview Academy and National Youth Theatre.

Dance (A Level)
(Linear delivery - see page 15)
You will acquire experience of performance, choreography and dance analysis.
You do not need previous dance experience, just commitment and determination.
Areas of study include:
- Understanding dance
- Choreography and performance
- Solo performance
- Quartet performance
- Group choreography
- Performance in a duo/trio.
There is a £100 studio fee.
We also host auditions for the National Youth Dance Company of Wales.

Specific entry requirements:
Grade C in GCSE English is required.

Progression/Careers:
Further study at university including leading institutions such as Bath Spa, URDANG Academy, Laban, Northern School of Contemporary dance and London Contemporary Dance School.
Employment opportunities exist in education, performance, administration and choreography.

Drama (A Level)
This course will help you pursue your interests and skills in a range of practical and theory drama elements including:
- Theatre workshops
- Text in theatre
- Text in performance
- Text in action.
There is a £100 studio fee as a contribution towards theatre visits and workshops.

Specific entry requirements:
Grade B in GCSE English. A keen interest in performing and dramatic arts.

Progression/Careers:
Further study at university.
Acceptance into leading drama colleges including RADA, LAMDA, Bristol Old Vic and The Central School of Speech and Drama.
Social Science

If you are interested in the world around you, whether it is the natural environment or human interactions, these courses are perfect for you!

Geography (A Level)

This course will encourage you to gather and apply knowledge of the world at a range of scales, through the balanced investigation of physical and human processes.

It also aims to develop an understanding of the interrelationships between people and their environments.

Areas of study include:
- Tectonic hazards
- Coastal landforms and processes
- Fieldwork techniques
- Global issues such as climate change, oceans and migration
- 21st century challenges
- Economic growth and challenge in India
- Energy challenges and dilemmas.

Specific entry requirements:
Grade C in GCSE Geography is required, but students without this will be considered on their overall GCSE profile.

Progression/Careers:
Careers in meteorology, engineering, hazard management, environmental consultancy, conservation work, planning, economics, civil service and teaching.

Psychology (A Level)

The course is interesting and challenging, covering many areas within psychology.

Areas of study in year one include:
- The main approaches in psychology
- Research methods used by psychologists.

Areas of study in year two include:
- Explanations and ways of modifying schizophrenia, stress and criminal behaviour
- Research methods and statistical analysis.

Specific entry requirements:
Seven GCSEs, with a grade B in English Language are essential for this course.

Grade B in GCSE Mathematics and Science are desirable, but not essential.

Progression/Careers:
Further study at university in a related subject.
Careers in criminal psychology, educational psychology, sports psychology and clinical psychology.
Also useful for careers in teaching, nursing, social work, human resources and the police force.

For further information and to apply visit gcs.ac.uk/school-leavers
Sociology (A Level)
This is an interesting and challenging course where you will study human interaction, social structure and culture.

Areas of study in year one:
• Exploring socialisation, culture and identity
• Families and households
• Education and research methods used by sociologists.

Areas of study in year two:
• Crime and deviance
• Social inequality
• Applied research methods.

Specific entry requirements:
Grade B in GCSE English Language and English Literature.

If English Literature was not studied, a grade B in History or Religious Studies will be considered.

Progression/Careers:
Further study at university in a related subject.

Careers in social work, police force, teaching, journalism, nursing and working for major charities.

Sport
Jobs directly related to qualifications in sport include fitness centre manager, personal trainer, sports development officer and PE teacher.

Physical Education (A Level)
This course will enable you to develop a broad understanding of a range of concepts including:
• How physiological and psychological states affect performance
• The key socio-cultural factors that influence people’s involvement in physical activity and sport
• The role of technology in physical activity and sport
• The contribution which physical activity makes to health and fitness
• How to analyse and evaluate to improve performance.

Specific entry requirements:
Grade B in GCSE Science is essential.

Play at least one sport to club level standard.

Progression/Careers:
At the College you could progress to the Foundation Degree in Sports Development and Management.

Further study at university in a related subject such as sport science, sport rehabilitation, sport therapy, sport nutrition, coaching and teaching.

Careers in sport, leisure, health and fitness.
Vocational courses

Do you prefer coursework elements of GCSEs rather than exams? Then a vocational course would be a good choice for you.

There are many levels to each course so you can slot into one that matches your qualifications and then progress through the levels.

Tutorial support
All students will be allocated a personal tutor to help monitor academic progress at College. Students can attend group tutorial sessions which include talks from guest speakers, enterprise activities, career guidance and UCAS application help.

Awarding bodies
BTEC, VTCT, OCR, EAL, NCFE and UAL qualifications require you to compile a portfolio of evidence with some courses having units that are assessed by external tests.

WJEC qualifications are regulated by Welsh Government/Qualifications Wales.

National Vocational Qualifications (NVQs) are practical qualifications, based on being able to do a job, achieved through assessment and training.

City & Guilds qualifications are developed with industry bodies, ensuring they are always relevant and up to date.

Standard entry requirements
This is a guide only. Students would normally be expected to achieve the following minimum entry qualifications:

- **Entry Level**: There are no formal entry requirements
- **Level 1**: A number of GCSEs at D–G grades or above
- **Level 2**: One GCSE at grade C, supported by a number at grade D or above
- **Level 3**: Five GCSEs at grade C.

GCSE resits
Don’t worry if you didn’t get the grades for English, Maths, Science or Welsh (First Language), you can resit these in your first year.

For further information and to apply visit gcs.ac.uk/school-leavers
Advance into FE

Our Advance into Further Education course is aimed at school leavers who are unsure of the vocational route they wish to take.

This is a one year, full time option located at our Tycoch Campus.

You will have the opportunity to try out a range of subjects as part of this course.

These may include*:
- Art and design
- Being a responsible road user
- Business
- Catering
- Childcare
- Construction
- Engineering
- Forensic science
- Health and social care
- Horticulture
- IT/digital media
- Public services
- Salon Services
- Sport
- Travel and tourism.

*subject to change.

On completion:
- Advance onto another full time course
- Advance into employment with support and guidance from our Better Jobs, Better Futures team.

Speak to us today
Caryn Morgan 01792 284233
caryn.morgan@gcs.ac.uk

Employability Skills Programme (Level 1 Diploma)

Tycoch Campus

This course is designed to support young people by improving their prospects for work by equipping them with the skills that are valued by employers.

We will support learners to search and apply for suitable employment, whilst also preparing them for further study in a chosen field.

The course will cover units such as:
- Planning for progression
- Career planning and making applications
- Creating a positive impression
- Customer service
- Managing personal finance
- Rights and responsibilities in the workplace
- Enterprise and working as a team.

This programme can be joined at any stage throughout the academic year and the qualification achieved will be based on units completed.

Specific entry requirements:
This course is only available to young people who will be 19 or under on 30 June 2022.

Ideally, you will have achieved a minimum four GCSEs at grades D-G, but you will have the opportunity to work towards improving English and Maths grades.

Progression/careers:
We will aim to help support you in finding employment, or you could apply for another full time course at College.

Didn’t get the grades? You can resit GCSE English, Maths, Science or Welsh (First Language) in your first year.

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Art and Design

Choosing a course within the creative industries can lead to a wide range of exciting career opportunities. It is a sector that has grown in recent years and this trend is set to continue.

Your progression:
Over 80% of our art and design students progress on to a higher level course.

Once you complete Level 3 you can either progress on to the Foundation Diploma in Art and Design or the Foundation Degree in Fashion and Textile Design at the College or a related course at university.

Your career choices include:
Advertising, animation, game design, graphics, fashion, film, fine art, photography, product design, sculpture, textiles, jewellery, theatre design, costume and glass.

Top skills in demand:
• Fundraising
• Web development
• Digital marketing.

Top occupations:
• Marketing professionals
• Web designers.

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Students exhibit artwork throughout the year. This exhibition, entitled Right Here, Right Now, was in response to our rapidly changing world. It was displayed in our theatre gallery space as well as a digital format which can be currently viewed on the College website. The work included sculpture, drawing and photography.

Interested in apprenticeships? See page 79.
Art and Design (Level 1 Diploma)
Llwyn y Bryn Campus

On this one year course you will study the major creative subjects of art and design.

You will take part in traditional 2D/3D art, photography and creative digital design projects with a view to building personal, creative and technical skills.

There is a studio fee of £25.

Specific entry requirements:
A number of GCSEs at grade D-G. Subject to interview and examples of work.

Art and Design (Level 2 Diploma)
Llwyn y Bryn Campus

This one year course will offer you an introduction to a range of practical disciplines within art and design such as drawing, painting, ceramics, sculpture, textiles, graphics, photography and contextual references.

There is a studio fee of £50.

Specific entry requirements:
Four GCSEs at grade D. Grade A-C in GCSE Art and Design is desirable. Equivalent qualifications will be accepted, pending interview.

“The course has given me the freedom to create the art that I am passionate about. I’ve enjoyed most of all the people and how non-judgemental they are.

Next, I am hoping to progress to the Art and Design Level 3 course.

The course has helped me towards reaching my destination through helping me to gain confidence in my abilities.”

Kirstie Garnett, Art and Design Level 3 student (previously attended Bishop Gore School).

Art and Design (Level 3 Extended Diploma)
Llwyn y Bryn Campus

This two year course will prepare you for a future in the creative industries offering a range of practical areas including fashion, photography, graphic design, fine art and 3D crafts.

You will be challenged with a variety of exciting briefs which will encourage you to explore your creativity and develop your confidence in communicating ideas.

There is a studio fee of £75 per year.

Specific entry requirements:
Five GCSEs at grades A-C including Art and Design. Equivalent qualifications accepted, including a merit at Level 2.

Level 3 student Kelsey Brooks is a finalist in this year’s Eisteddfod in the Art and Design and Technology Trophy competition for 14-25 year olds. Using her fantastic digital illustration skills, Kelsey submitted an accomplished contemporary interpretation of Alice in Wonderland, inspired by tarot cards.
For further information and to apply visit gcs.ac.uk/school-leavers

Student Chris Thomas put his skills to the test when he captured these powerful images during last year’s Black Lives Matter protests. Chris’ ambition is to become a documentary photographer and, following the successful completion of his Level 3 Extended Diploma in Photography, will be progressing to University of South Wales to fulfil this ambition. Alongside his studies Chris has been a Student Ambassador at College, a role which he excelled in.

Photography (Level 2 Diploma)

Llwyn y Bryn Campus

On this one year course you will study the techniques, processes and concepts of other photographers. You will complete six units in total on themes such as responding to a brief, realising ideas and image manipulation.

There is a studio fee of £50.

Specific entry requirements:
Four GCSEs at grade D, equivalent qualifications accepted.
Subject to interview and examples of work.

Photography
(Level 3 Extended Diploma)

Llwyn y Bryn Campus

This two year course involves a lot of practical work in both the studio and on location. You will explore a variety of genres including advertising, fashion, documentary and travel. You will study at the Llwyn y Bryn Campus which has a specialist studio space, purpose built Mac digital suites and a fully functioning black and white darkroom.

There is a studio fee of £75 per year.

Specific entry requirements:
Five GCSEs at grade C or above. Equivalent qualifications accepted, including a Merit in Photography (Level 2).
Subject to interview and examples of work.
Art and Design
(Level 3 Foundation Diploma)

Llwyn y Bryn Campus

This one year course is ideal if you are interested in pursuing a career in art and design at a professional level.

The course is predominantly practical enabling you to explore fresh and inventive ideas to develop an individual voice and style through experimenting in a range of art and design disciplines.

It is taught through a series of artist-led workshops, lectures and seminars.

There is a studio fee of £100. Not subject to tuition fees.

Specific entry requirements:
One subject at A Level and five GCSEs at grade C or above. Equivalent qualifications considered.
Subject to interview and examples of work.

Progression/careers:
At the College you could progress to the Foundation Degree in Fashion and Textiles.

Further study at university in related subjects including advertising, animation, game design, graphics, fashion, film, fine art, photography, product design, sculpture, textiles, jewellery, theatre design, costume and glass.

Foundation Art students have this year progressed to some of the UK’s top universities for art and design which include UAL Camberwell, Kingston, Ravensbourne, Falmouth, Central St Martins, Leeds, RWCMD and Central School of Speech and Drama to name but a few.

Nathan Jamison studied Level 3 in Art and Design before the Foundation Diploma in Art and Design. Nathan has received a range of university offers including one from Central St Martins (UAL) to study Fine Art. University of the Arts London (UAL) is ranked 2nd in the world for Art and Design.

Our Foundation Art and Design students have opportunities to compete in live competition briefs throughout the year including the national SkillsWalesCompetitions with much past success. This year, student Ramona White won a bronze medal in the photography competition.

Didn’t get the grades? You can re-sit GCSE English, Maths, Science or Welsh (First Language) in your first year.
Business Introductory Diploma in Business

 Tycoch Campus

This course prepares students for the world of work or further study within the business and administration sectors.

Study units may include:
• Business planning
• Developing a personal progression plan
• Organising a meeting
• Branding a product
• Creating a visual display.

Specific entry requirements:
Interview required.

Business and Administration

 Level 2 Certificate

 Tycoch Campus

This course incorporates two qualifications, a BTEC Technical Certificate in Business Administration and a Certificate in Business.

This one year course covers the challenge and continual change of the business world. You must be willing to explore new ideas and communicate them effectively, it also prepares you for the world of work.

It will offer you the opportunity to study a number of business functions including marketing, human resources management, business planning, web design and ICT with an emphasis on business administration.

Study units include:
• Business enterprise
• Marketing
• Finance
• Promoting a brand
• Web design
• Providing administrative services
• Using business technology to process and communicate information
• Planning, organising and supporting business events.

Specific entry requirements:
One GCSE at grade C and three GCSEs at grade D, or a pass on a Level 1 course in a related subject.

Your progression:
100% of our Level 2 students progress on to a Level 3 course.

Once you complete a Level 3 you can either progress on to the HND in Business and Accountancy, the Foundation Degree in Events Management or Level 3 AAT at the College or a related course at university. Almost 60% of our Level 3 students choose to progress to a university course.

Alternatively there may be opportunities for trainee management programmes or an apprenticeship.

Your career choices include:
Business analysis, management, consultancy, banking and financial institutions or starting up a small business.

Top skills in demand:
• Financial analysis skills
• Accounting
• Auditing
• Accounting software
• Management
• Taxation.

Top occupations:
• Bookkeepers/payroll/wage clerks
• Call and contact centre operatives
• Chartered and certified accountants.

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Interested in apprenticeships?
See page 73.
Didn't get the grades? You can resit GCSE English, Maths, Science or Welsh (First Language) in your first year.

Business (Level 3 Diploma with LIBF)  
**Tycoch Campus**

This two year course is ideal for those who wish to study financial services, marketing and business management. It incorporates the London Institute of Banking and Finance (LIBF) Diploma and the Welsh Baccalaureate.

It offers students the opportunity to study a number of business functions including marketing, HR and management with an emphasis on finance (exams are included for some units).

Areas of study include:
- Exploring business
- Developing a marketing campaign
- Personal and business finance
- Managing an event
- International business
- Digital marketing
- Principles of management
- Recruitment and selection process.

Elements of this course can be delivered through the medium of Welsh.

Specific entry requirements:
Five GCSEs at grade C or above including Maths and English, or a merit profile in Business and Administration (Level 2 Certificate).

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Business Express  
**(Level 3 National Diploma)**  
**Gorseinon Campus**

This is a one year course that provides you with a fast track route to achieving your diploma.

The course is made up of number of units including:
- Exploring business
- Developing a marketing campaign
- Personal and business finance
- Managing an event
- International business
- Principles of management.

This course is equivalent to two A Levels and can be studied independently or combined - a course format unique to the College.

Specific entry requirements:
Five GCSEs at grade C or above with existing AS qualifications or combined with A Level or other study areas.

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Business (Level 3 Extended Diploma)  
**Gorseinon Campus**

This two-year course is equivalent to three A Levels.

Study units include:
- Exploring business
- Developing a marketing campaign
- Personal and business finance
- Managing an event
- International business
- Principles of management
- Business decision making.

Alongside the course you will also study the Advanced Skills Certificate where you will achieve an A Level and develop essential skills including numeracy, literacy and digital skills.

The course also supports learners who want to progress directly to employment in business/management or higher apprenticeships in the business sector. This course also develops skills for starting up a small business.

Specific entry requirements:
A minimum of five GCSEs at grade C or above.
Introduction to Catering (Entry Level 3)

Tycoch Campus

This one year course will introduce you to the catering and hospitality industry through preparation and cooking of dishes along with the service of food and beverages.

These skills will be developed in our training kitchens and the Vanilla Pod restaurant.

You will also have the opportunity to improve your Maths, English, digital literacy and employability through our skills for catering programme.

Elements of this course can be assessed in Welsh.

Specific entry requirements:
Interest in a career in hospitality and catering.

Your progression:
Over the last two years 100% of our Entry Level students have progressed to Level 1. Achieving Level 2/3 will open employment opportunities in general hospitality, food preparation and cooking. For example, almost a third of our Level 2 students gained employment in the industry after completing their course.

Your career choices include:
Completing the Level 3 will give you additional opportunities for supervision/management NVQ courses.

Top skills in demand:
- Restaurant operation
- Welsh Language skills
- Training
- Management
- Cooking
- Food safety.

Top occupations:
- Kitchen and catering assistants
- Bar staff
- Waiting staff.

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Introduction to Professional Cookery (Level 1 Diploma)

Tycoch Campus

This one year course offers the knowledge and practical skills necessary to achieve an industry recognised qualification and a career in food preparation and cooking.

You will undertake practical sessions to develop your customer service and food service skills in the Vanilla Pod, our training restaurant.

You will also study maths, English, digital literacy and employability through our skills for catering programme, as well as complete a food service qualification.

Elements of this course can be delivered through the medium of Welsh.

Specific entry requirements:
A general education, commitment, enthusiasm and the ability to work with others is essential.
Advanced Professional Cookery (Level 3 Diploma)

On this one year course you will study a range of theory units that will provide an understanding of the taught practical elements.

The timetable also includes practical sessions where you will prepare and serve food for gourmet and themed evenings in our training restaurant, the Vanilla Pod.

Specific entry requirements:
Professional Cookery (Level 2 Diploma) merit grade or above or an equivalent catering and hospitality qualification.

Professional Cookery (Level 2 Diploma)

On this course you will develop your practical skills further by preparing and cooking classic and contemporary cuisine for the training restaurant. You will undertake practical sessions to develop your customer service and food service skills in the Vanilla Pod, our training restaurant.

You will also study maths, English, digital literacy and employability through our skills for catering programme.

A work placement is included.

Specific entry requirements:
Professional Cookery (Level 1 Diploma) merit grade or above or an equivalent catering and hospitality qualification.

Former student, Collette Gorvett, who now works at The Ritz in London, competed against 33 other learners in the Restaurant Services category of the WorldSkills Finals in Russia 2019 where she was awarded a Medallion of Excellence.

Marco Pierre White, who has opened his Steakhouse Bar & Grill at the J-Shed in SA1, met up with four of the College’s Catering and Hospitality students.

Vocational | Catering and Hospitality

Didn’t get the grades? You can resit GCSE English, Maths, Science or Welsh (First Language) in your first year.
Computing and Technology

We live in an increasingly digital world where IT skills are always in demand.

Interested in apprenticeships? See page 74.

There are Welsh speaking staff in this area.

Information Technology (Level 1 Diploma)

Tycoch Campus

This one year course is an introduction to the roles that exist within the IT industry.

Areas of study include:
• Solving IT technical problems
• Creating websites
• Creating computer programs
• Developing digital products
• Developing multimedia.

You will develop key skills such as communication, team working and leadership that will help you when seeking employment.

Specific entry requirements:
Four GCSEs at grade E plus an interview.

Information and Creative Technology (Level 2 First Diploma)

Gorseinon or Tycoch Campus

This one year course provides specialist knowledge, understanding and skills that will prepare you for employment in the industry.

Areas of study include:
• The online world
• Technology systems
• Installing computer hardware and software
• Web design
• Databases
• Multimedia product development
• Computer programming.

Specific entry requirements:
Two GCSEs at grade C or the Level 1 Diploma in Information Technology.

Computing (BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma)

Gorseinon or Tycoch Campus

This two year course will prepare you for a career in this sector.

You will gain a broad understanding of ICT and study areas in more depth such as:
• Computer networks
• Website production
• Developing computer games
• Computer animation
• Cyber security.

Specific entry requirements:
Five GCSEs at grade C or the Level 2 Diploma in Information Technology.

Your progression:

Over 70% of our students progress through the levels. Nearly 65% of our Level 3 students moved on to either the HND in Applied Computing at the College or a related course at university. Alternatively you could seek employment or an apprenticeship.

Your career choices include:

Computer information systems, computer forensics, computer games development, cyber security, computer networking and computer science.

Top skills in demand:
• Information security
• Networking
• Management

• Infrastructure
• Testing
• Cyber security.

Top occupations:
• Programmers and software developers
• Information security analysts/specialists
• Cyber security engineers.

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eSports National Foundation Diploma (RQF) (Level 3 Extended Diploma)

Tycoch Campus

This two year course aims to provide students with a career pathway into IT or eSports, providing you with the skills to have a future as a games designer, technician, video producer and streamer.

Areas of study include:
- Learn how to set up, design and brand teams, logos, merchandise etc
- Develop and create social media channels like your own YouTube and Twitch
- Have an opportunity to apply learning in a practical and realistic way
- Follow a programme of study that enables progression to both higher education and employment within ICT, business and marketing
- Gain confidence through developing independent learning skills
- Take part in eSports events like British eSports, Insomnia etc.

Specific entry requirements:
Five GCSEs at grade C.

Students have reached quarter and semi final stages in the last two years for both British Esports and American hosted eSports competitions in Rocket League and Overwatch.

This success has been achieved even though the GCS Owls have only been competing for two seasons. This looks like only the start for the GCS Owls as there are rumours that big things are going to be coming out of the college eSports scene in the next year.

Follow us on Twitter  GCS_Owls

Didn’t get the grades? You can re-sit GCSE English, Maths, Science or Welsh (First Language) in your first year.
Construction and Plumbing

With a variety of trades to choose from and a projected future growth, there are plenty of opportunities to progress within this sector.

There are Welsh speaking staff in this area.

Interested in apprenticeships? See page 74.

Construction - your progression:

Progress onto Level 2 at the College in your chosen trade or an apprenticeship (see page 74-76). Alternatively you could seek employment in the industry.

Your career choices include:

Construction worker, carpenter/joiner, plumber, electrician, painter and decorator. Future trends include new building technologies i.e. bioplastics, solar cladding, self-healing concrete and IT skills.

Find out more using the Career Coach tool on our website or visit gcs.emsicc.com

Plumbing - your progression:

Progress to the next stage within the College or an apprenticeship in plumbing, heating (see page 75), gas or renewable energy.

Your career choices include:

Plumbing, heating, ventilation engineer. Future trends include smart home technologies and green energy.

Find out more using the Career Coach tool on our website or visit gcs.emsicc.com

For further information and to apply visit gcs.ac.uk/school-leavers
Construction Skills - Multi Skills (Level 1)

Jubilee Court

This one year course provides an introduction to the construction industry if you are not sure about which route to follow.

You will gain an understanding and some practical experience of a variety of trades such as painting and decorating, carpentry and joinery, brickwork, tiling, electrical, plumbing and plastering.

Specific entry requirements:
Subject to interview based on GCSEs, equivalent qualifications and own merit.

You will need to undertake an industry assessment to help determine the most appropriate course.

Elements of this course can be delivered through the medium of Welsh.

Plumbing (Level 1 Diploma)

Tycoch Campus

This one year course is designed to prepare you for a career in the plumbing industry.

Areas of study include:
• Safe working practices in construction building services
• Plumbing systems processes and installation techniques
• Scientific principles within construction building services
• Environmental technologies within construction services.

Specific entry requirements:
Subject to interview based on GCSEs, equivalent qualifications and own merit.

You will need to undertake an industry assessment to help determine the most appropriate course.

Foundation in Construction and the Built Environment (Level 2)

Jubilee Court or Tycoch Campus

This course provides a broad introduction to construction and the built environment. As well as completing core units, you will have a choice of trades such as plumbing, brickwork, carpentry or painting and decorating that you can specialise in to gain more experience.

The knowledge gained on this course will enable progression to higher levels.

Specific entry requirements:
Level 1 qualification in construction skills or plumbing and/or subject to interview and based on GCSE passes, equivalent qualifications and own merit.

You will need to undertake an industry assessment to help determine the most appropriate course.

*News flash* A new suite of fundable construction and building services engineering qualifications are being developed to better meet the skills needs of Wales and will be ready from September 2021/22.

Designed with employers, the change will simplify what is currently a complex landscape of more than 400 qualifications to provide clear progression routes that will enable students to be ready for further study and progression into a job.

Visit skillsforwales.wales to receive regular information, news and notice of events.
Creative Media Production (Level 2 Diploma)

Gorseinon Campus

This one year course will introduce you to the technological, creative and personal skills involved in working in the media industries.

You will develop knowledge and skills for media careers and work towards the production of a range of products such as video, audio and graphic design.

Alongside the media units, you will study ICT, literacy and numeracy.

There is a studio fee of £25.

Specific entry requirements:
One GCSE at grade C supported by a number at grade D or E.

An interest in media and a willingness to take part in creative projects is essential.

Creative Media Production and Technology (Level 3 Extended Diploma)

Gorseinon Campus

This two year course offers an exciting opportunity to gain the skills necessary to advance to higher education or gain employment within the creative media industry.

We now offer this course with three specific pathways:
- Graphics and photography
- Film, motion graphics and visual effects
- Creative content for social media and marketing.

You will learn about all aspects of the creative process from pre-production to post-production. You will be working on productions in practical, theoretical and written ways, producing portfolios and show reels of your work.

Students will have the opportunity to visit production studios, specialist careers events, university open days and receive practical workshops.

There is a studio fee of £75.

Specific entry requirements:
Five GCSEs at grade A-C or the Level 2 Diploma in Creative Media Production.

You will also be required to submit a portfolio of artwork at your interview.

Mature students with relevant skills or experience will also be considered.

An interest in media and creativity is essential.

Your progression:
Almost 70% of our Level 2 students progress on to the Level 3.

75% of our Level 3 students moved on to either the Foundation Degree in Visual Effects and Motion Graphics at the College or a related course at university.

Alternatively you could seek employment.

Your career choices include:
Social Media and Marketing pathway: content creator, image editor, video producer/editor, motion graphics producer, photographer, website designer.

Film, Motion Graphics and Visual Effects pathway: film maker/editor, VFX producer/editor, CG supervisor, 3D artist, animator, texture artist, rigging/lighting director.

Graphics and Photography pathway: graphic designer, advertising, photography, 2D artist, digital illustrator, set designer, stop motion animator, video production, social media developer.

Find out more using the Career Coach tool on our website or visit gcs.emsicc.com

For further information and to apply visit gcs.ac.uk/school-leavers
Electronic Engineering

Your local electronics engineering industry needs you! There is a huge demand for young engineers in the South Wales area.

Electronic Engineering Technologies (Level 2 Diploma)

Tycoch Campus

On this one year course you will explore the very latest technological advances in electronic engineering.

Areas of study include:
- Home integration of digital technology
- Ultra HDTV
- Internet protocol television
- Mobile communication
- Computer technology
- Industrial digital technology applications
- Digital and analogue electronics.

Specific entry requirements:
Four GCSEs at grade D or above.

Your progression:
84% of our Level 2 students chose to progress to Level 3.
Following successful completion of Level 3, you could progress onto the HND in Electrical and Electronic Engineering at the College, an apprenticeship or further study at a university.
Alternatively, you could seek employment in the digital technology/electronics industry.

Your career choices include:
Future trends include aerospace, electronics and automotive.

Top skills in demand:
- Engineering
- Manufacturing
- Management
- Testing
- Computer aided design
- Computer system repair.

Top occupations:
- Production managers and directors.

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Electronic Engineering Technician Enhanced Engineering Program (Level 3 Diploma)

Tycoch Campus

On this one year course you will explore the world of electronic engineering including analysing and creating solutions with industrial partners to real engineering problems.

Areas of study include:
- Radio and radar
- Audio visual solutions
- Computer systems
- Home digital integration
- Industrial electronics
- Robotics
- Artificial intelligence AI
- PCB design
- PLC
- Skills competitions.

Specific entry requirements:
Four GCSEs at grades A-C including Maths and English or a Level 2 electronics qualification.

Didn’t get the grades? You can re-sit GCSE English, Maths, Science or Welsh (First Language) in your first year.
Advanced Electronic Engineering Technician (Level 3 Extended Diploma)

This two year course is designed to help you achieve a university place in a digital technology or electronics discipline.

Areas of study include:
- Mobile communication
- System design
- Home integration
- Engineering mathematics
- Digital and analogue electronics
- Robotics
- Artificial intelligence AI
- PCB design
- PLC
- Skills competitions.

Specific entry requirements:
Four GCSEs at grades A-C including Maths and English or a Level 2 electronics qualification.

We have sector leading facilities including a digital technology lab sponsored by Whirlpool.

Tycoch Campus

Our students have had success in both local and international competitions including ten category wins in the Engineering Education Scheme Wales, 18 medal wins in SkillsCompetitionWales (winning Bronze, Silver and Gold in the most recent competition) and two Gold, one Silver and one Bronze medal win in the WorldSkills UK final. Five students have become squad members in WorldSkills UK and Rhys Watts (pictured) was selected to be part of Team UK for WorldSkills’ EuroSkills in Graz!

We work in partnership with many well-respected and innovative companies such as Samsung, Whirlpool, Bosch, Sony, Electrolux, AMDEA, RETRA, Panasonic, Elite Aerials, Hotpoint, Indesit, Trojan, Kontroltek, HEEST, Tongfang Global, One Vision, Zeta Alarms, KSR International.

Recently, students also demonstrated their world-class electronic engineering skills in a virtual training event with students from across China. The event was the first of its kind to be held in Wales, and was organised by WorldSkills UK, supporting its programme to exchange best practice in skills development with countries around the world.

The two-day event was initiated by the Department for International Trade and the Ministry of Human Resources and Social Security in China and was hosted at the College’s Tycoch Campus. Medals were presented to Rhys (Gold, pictured), Ben (Silver) and Liam (Silver) meaning their dream of representing the UK at the Worldskills Competition at Shanghai in 2022 – an event known as the skills Olympics - is now within reach.
Electrical Installation

Courses are delivered in industry standard workshops, enabling students to develop the skills required for a career in the electrical sector.

Your progression:
94% of our Level 1 students progress to Level 2.
67% of Level 2 students chose to progress to Level 3 (others opt for employment or an apprenticeship).
Once you complete the Level 3 you can either progress on to the HNC/HND in Electrical and Electronic Engineering at the College, an apprenticeship or a related course at university.
Alternatively you could seek employment.

Your career choices include:
Electrician or electrical fitter.
Find out more using the Career Coach tool on our website or visit gcs.emsicc.com

Electrical Installation (Level 1 Diploma)

This is a one year course introducing you to the electrical installation industry.

Areas of study include:
• Electrical installation wiring and terminations
• Fabrication techniques for electrical installation
• Electrical science and technology
• Environmental and sustainability measures in domestic dwellings
• Structure of the construction industry
• Safe working practices.

Specific entry requirements:
Subject to interview based on GCSEs, equivalent qualifications and own merit.
Grade C in GCSE Maths and English is preferred although not essential.

Electrical Installation (Level 2 Diploma)

Tycoch Campus
This one year course will allow you to develop and practise the skills required for employment and/or career progression in the electrical installation sector.

Areas of study include:
• Electrical installation wiring and terminations
• Electrical installations technology
• Principles of electrical science
• Health and safety
• Communication within the industry.

Specific entry requirements:
Electrical Installation (Level 1 Diploma).

Progression/careers:
Electrical Installation or Engineering (Level 3 Diploma) or an Electrical Installation Apprenticeship.

Electrical Installation (Level 3 Diploma)

Tycoch Campus
On this one year course you will learn, develop and practice the skills required for employment and/or career progression in the electrical installation sector.

Areas of study include:
• Electrical installations, fault diagnosis and rectification
• Principles of electrical science
• Principles and requirements of environmental technology systems
• Electrical systems design
• Health and safety.

Specific entry requirements:
Electrical Installation (Level 2 Diploma).

Progression/careers:
Electrotechnical Apprenticeship, Engineering (Level 3) or a HNC/HND in Electrical and Electronic Engineering.
Multi Skill Engineering

Engineering is massive for the UK. It makes up nearly one fifth of the UK economy and employs over 4.5 million people.

Source: Careers Wales

Your progression:
80% or our Level 2 students progress on to the Level 3.
40% of our Level 3 students chose to move on to the HND in Electrical and Electronic Engineering or Mechanical Engineering at the College, or a related course at university.
Alternatively you could seek an apprenticeship or employment.

Your career choices include:
Architecture, fabrication, welding, aerospace, automotive, mechanical, electrical, electronic and civil engineering. Future trends include modern manufacturing, green energy and utilities.

Top skills in demand:
• Engineering
• Manufacturing
• Management
• Testing
• Computer-aided design
• Mechanical engineering.

Top occupations:
• Design and development engineer
• Civil engineer
• Chartered surveyor.

Find out more using the Career Coach tool on our website or visit gcs.emsicc.com

Interested in apprenticeships? See page 79.

Advanced Manufacturing Engineering (Level 3 Extended Diploma)

Gorseinon Campus

This two year course has been designed to give you the knowledge and skills needed to meet the needs of modern mechanical and electrical engineering industries.

This is a technical and professional qualification which is recognised by employers for the skill it provides in a specific subject area and is accepted by universities as equivalent to three A Levels.

Many learners opt to study a related A Level alongside the programme.

Specific entry requirements:
Minimum five GCSEs, preferably with a B in Mathematics.

Engineering - Mechanical/Welding and Fabrication (Level 2 Performing Engineering Operations)

Tycoch Campus

This one year course has been designed to give you the knowledge and skills needed to meet the needs of modern mechanical welding and fabrication.

It includes a wide range of units so you can focus on your chosen career or area of interest.

Specific entry requirements:
Four GCSEs at grade D plus a C in either English or Maths.

Source: Careers Wales

Interested in apprenticeships? See page 79.

Your progression:
80% or our Level 2 students progress on to the Level 3.
40% of our Level 3 students chose to move on to the HND in Electrical and Electronic Engineering or Mechanical Engineering at the College, or a related course at university.
Alternatively you could seek an apprenticeship or employment.

Your career choices include:
Architecture, fabrication, welding, aerospace, automotive, mechanical, electrical, electronic and civil engineering. Future trends include modern manufacturing, green energy and utilities.

Top skills in demand:
• Engineering
• Manufacturing
• Management
• Testing
• Computer-aided design
• Mechanical engineering.

Top occupations:
• Design and development engineer
• Civil engineer
• Chartered surveyor.

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Interested in apprenticeships? See page 79.
Engineering (Level 3 Technical Extended Diploma)

This two year course has been designed to give you the knowledge and skills needed to meet the needs of modern mechanical and electrical engineering industries.

It is equivalent to three A Levels and covers a wide range of units to allow you to focus on your chosen career or area of interest and progress into employment or higher education.

Specific entry requirements:
Five GCSEs at grade C or above including intermediate/higher tier Maths and a Science subject.

Enhanced Engineering Programme (Level 3 Diploma) Pre Apprenticeship

This one year course has been designed to give you the knowledge and skills needed to meet the needs of a variety of modern engineering industries.

Areas of study include:
• Engineering
• Maths
• Mechanical and electrical principles
• Mechanical maintenance
• Computer aided drafting.

You will complete a Level 2 NVQ as part of this course as well as the essential skills required for the apprenticeship framework.

Specific entry requirements:
Five GCSEs at grade C or above including Maths, English Language and a Science subject.

You must also pass an aptitude test (this will assess your ability to perform specific tasks and react to a range of different situations).

Progression/careers:
This course fast tracks to the second year of an apprenticeship programme or alternatively entry on to the HND in Mechanical Engineering or Electrical and Electronic Engineering at the College.

Hair, Beauty and Holistics

The industry relies on people who are creative, have strong communication skills and a willingness to learn.

Studying with us could open up a future where you work in a salon, run your own spa or travel internationally on cruise liners.

Your progression:
Over 90% of our students progress on to a higher level course.
An apprenticeship or further study at university.
Alternatively, you could seek employment or become self employed.

Your career choices include:
Salons, spas, cruise liners, independent/home based employment or starting your own business. Future trends include aesthetics, lash lifting and HD brows/microblading.

Top skills in demand:
• Advanced beauty therapy
• Colouring
• Skin treatments
• Microblading
• Lazer/light therapy
• Micro-pigmentation.

Top occupations:
• Beauticians
• Hairdressers/barbers
• Health associate professionals.

Find out more using the Career Coach tool on our website or visit gcs.emsicc.com
Beauty Specialist Techniques  
(Level 2 Diploma)  
**Broadway, Tycoch Campus**  
On this one year course you will develop your practical skills and work on clients in a commercial salon environment.  
Areas of study include:  
- Client care and communication  
- Health and safety and related theory  
- Manicure treatments  
- Pedicure treatments  
- Make up  
- Eyelash and brow treatments  
- Facial skincare  
- Waxing techniques  
- Tanning.  
You will also study literacy, numeracy, digital literacy and employability.  
Specific entry requirements:  
Grade C in GCSE Maths, English Language and preferably Science or equivalent Essential Skills Wales communication and application of number.  
You will be required to complete an initial assessment in literacy and numeracy and attend an interview.  

Beauty Therapy Treatments  
(Level 3 Diploma)  
**Broadway, Tycoch Campus**  
On this one year course you will develop practical skills within a busy commercial environment.  
Areas of study include:  
- Facial and body electrical treatments  
- Lash extensions  
- Swedish/pre-blended massage  
- Tanning  
- Micro-dermabrasion  
- Anatomy and physiology  
- Health and safety and related theory.  
You will also attend work experience each week.  
Specific entry requirements:  
Minimum of three GCSEs grade C or above including Maths, English and preferably Science or equivalent Essential Skills Wales communication and application of number.  
A related Level 2 qualification.  

Theatrical, Special Effects, Hair and Media Makeup (Level 3 Diploma)  
**Broadway, Tycoch Campus**  
This one year course is suitable for those seeking a career as a theatrical media makeup artist.  
It will enable you to work with performers to a high level providing hair and makeup services in the media, theatre, performing arts, fashion and photographic industries.  
Areas of study include:  
- Airbrush makeup  
- Camouflage makeup  
- Media makeup  
- Fashion and photographic makeup  
- Prosthetics and bald caps  
- Fantasy hair designs for performers.  
You will also develop your numeracy, literacy, digital and employability skills throughout the course.  
Specific entry requirements:  
Must have experience and a passion for media make up, this can be self-taught, evidence of your work to be provided at interview.  
Level 2 hair or beauty will be considered an advantage.  

A Theatrical, Special Effects, Hair and Media Makeup student applies the finishing touches to their model's face, during their Creatures of the forest assignment.
Hairdressing - under 19
(Level 1 Certificate)
Broadway, Tycoch Campus

On this one year course you will begin to develop hairdressing skills.

Areas of study include:
• Health and safety
• Development of effective working relationships
• Shampoo and conditioning
• Preparing for hair services and maintaining work areas
• Blow drying hair
• Assisting with hair colour services
• Plaiting and twisting hair using basic techniques
• Reception duties (optional).

You will also complete qualifications in Maths, English and employability.

Specific entry requirements:
Preferably a grade D in GCSE English and Maths or Level 1 in Essential Skills Wales communication and application of number.

Hairdressing (Level 2 Diploma)
Broadway, Tycoch Campus

During this one year course you will develop your hairdressing skills and work on clients in a commercial salon environment.

Areas of study include:
• Health and safety
• Advise and consult with clients
• Shampoo, condition and treat the hair and scalp
• Colour and lighten hair
• Styling hair
• Cut women’s hair
• Cut and style men’s hair
• Promote products and services
• Working in the hair industry
• Plaiting/twisting hair.

You will also complete qualifications in Maths, English and employability.

Specific entry requirements:
Preferably a grade C in GCSE English and Maths or Level 2 in Essential Skills Wales communication and application of number.

Hairdressing (Level 3 Diploma)

During this one year course you will develop your hairdressing skills and work on clients in a commercial salon environment.

You will be expected to attend work experience for one day per week across the 36 week course in a salon of your choice.

Areas of study include:
• Health and safety
• Consultation
• Creative cutting
• Creative colour techniques
• Colour correction
• Creatively style and dress hair
• Creatively dress long hair.

Specific entry requirements:
Highly motivated and passionate about the industry.
Minimum of three GCSEs grade C or above including Maths, English and preferably Science, or equivalent Essential Skills Wales communication and application of number.

A hairdressing or related Level 2 qualification.
Health and Childcare

Over 4.2 million people in the UK work in healthcare, and there’s worldwide demand for people with professional qualifications.

Source: www.careerpilot.org.uk

There is always a high demand for qualified childcare professionals.

Childcare - your progression:

Over 80% of our health and childcare students progress on to a higher level course.

Almost 60% of our Level 3 students chose to move on to either the Foundation Degree in Education Learning and Development or Childhood Development Practice at the College or further study at university in related subjects such as primary teaching, early years, social inclusion, psychology or sociology.

Other options include an apprenticeship or Access programmes for careers in children’s nursing or social work.

Your career choices include:

Foundation phase, day care crèche or sessional day care assistant/practitioner. Alternatively a nanny or holiday rep.

Future trends include integration of technologies into learning environment, focus on learning through play, early literacy and numeracy.

Top skills in demand:
- Recruitment
- ICT
- Childcare
- Cooking
- Housekeeping
- Customer service.

Top occupations:
- Nursery nurses/assistants
- Childminders/related professions
- Teaching
- Childcare practitioner
- Playworkers.

Find out more using the Career Coach tool on our website or visit gcs.emsicc.com

Interested in apprenticeships? See page 80.

Health - your progression:

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Almost 60% of our Level 3 students chose to move on to either the Foundation Degree in Education Learning and Development and Childhood Development Practice at the College, or further study at university.

Alternatively you could seek employment.

Your career choices include:

Employment in social work, occupational therapy, nursing, midwifery, radiography, criminology, environmental health and probation.

Top skills in demand:
- Patient Care
- Management
- Training
- Welfare
- Communication
- Assessments.

Top occupations:
- Care workers and home carers
- Nurses
- Nurse auxiliaries and assistants.

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Our Health and Social Care students are able to learn new skills at the College’s mock ward which features hospital beds, a hoist and an x-ray screen.

For further information and to apply visit gcs.ac.uk/school-leavers
Health and Social Care (Level 1 Introductory Diploma)  
**Tycoch Campus**

This one year course is designed to develop your knowledge and understanding of the sector.

Areas of study include:
- Service provision and roles
- Health and safety
- Protection and safeguarding of adults and children
- Communication skills for health and social care
- Making healthy snacks when caring for people
- Advising others about healthy lifestyle
- Visiting a health and social care setting
- Providing a creative activity when caring for people.

Elements of this course can be delivered through the medium of Welsh.

Specific entry requirements:
Some qualifications at entry Level 3 or GCSEs grades D-G (must have at least a grade F in English Language).

You must complete a DBS prior to enrolling on the course. Cost is approximately £40.

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Health and Social Care Core Combined Pathway - Adult, Children and Young People (Level 2)  
**Gorseinon or Tycoch Campus**

On this one year course you will develop an understanding of the health and social care sector.

Areas of study include:
- Safeguarding
- Health and wellbeing
- Principals and value
- Health and safety
- Professional practice.

You will also study literacy, numeracy and essential skills and will be required to undertake a work placement.

Elements of this course can be delivered through the medium of Welsh.

Specific entry requirements:
Two GCSEs at grade C (English preferred) and additional D grades or a Level 1 course with 90% attendance and supported by a placement.

You must complete a DBS prior to enrolling on the course. Cost is approximately £40.

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Health and Social Care - Principles and Contexts (Level 3 Certificate and Diploma)  
**Gorseinon or Tycoch Campus**

This two year course examines a variety of current and topical issues in the health and social care sector.

Topics in the first year are likely to include:
- Human growth and development
- Diseases and disorders and how they may be prevented
- Promoting quality care and communication.

In the second year, you will be able to broaden your study by completing two topics from optional units such as:
- Engagement strategies to support individuals in a range of care settings
- Understanding human behaviour
- Understanding mental health and wellbeing
- Promoting the rights of adults, children and young people.

You will study the Welsh Baccalaureate alongside this course.

These qualifications will require a set work placement.

Elements of this course can be delivered through the medium of Welsh.

Specific entry requirements:
Five GCSEs at grade C or above including English, Maths and Science.

You must complete a DBS prior to enrolling on the course. Cost is approximately £40.

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It’s not every day that you receive a personal letter from the British Prime Minister but that’s exactly what happened to Level 3 Health and Social Care student Sophie Billinghurst.

Sophie was astonished to find out that she’d been chosen as a UK Point of Light in recognition for her work in raising awareness of the importance of sign language.

Points of Light are outstanding individual volunteers who are making a change in their community.

"When I found out I’d been chosen for the award I was pretty gobsmacked,” says Sophie. “It didn’t feel real until I actually received the letter from Boris Johnson, and my certificate.”

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Didn't get the grades? You can resit GCSE English, Maths, Science or Welsh (First Language) in your first year.
Children's Care, Play, Learning and Development - Practice and Theory (Level 2)

This one year course builds on the knowledge and skills needed for working with children and young people from birth to age 19. This course will include a work placement.

Areas of study include:
- Principles and values
- Health and wellbeing, learning and development
- Professional practice and safeguarding
- Develop further understanding of child development and childcare services in Wales
- Behaviour management.

You will also complete the Core Qualification alongside this course. You will undertake 300 hours placement in a childcare setting.

Elements of this course can be delivered through the medium of Welsh.

Specific entry requirements:
A suitable Level 1 qualification or two GCSEs at grade C and at least a D in English Language.

You must complete a DBS prior to enrolling on the course. Cost is approximately £40.

Children’s Care, Play, Learning and Development - Practice and Theory (Level 3)

This two year course builds on the knowledge and skills needed for working with children and young people from birth to age 19. This course will include a work placement.

Areas of study include:
- Principles and values
- Safeguarding
- Health and wellbeing, learning and development
- Professional practice
- Illness and infection
- Speech, language and communication skills
- Positive behaviour.

You will also complete the Core Qualification alongside this course and the Advanced Welsh Baccalaureate.

Elements of this course can be delivered through the medium of Welsh.

Specific entry requirements:
Level 2 childcare qualification or five GCSEs at grade C or above, including English Language.

You must complete a DBS prior to enrolling on the course. Cost is approximately £40.

Childcare (Level 1 Introductory Diploma)

Tycoch Campus

This one year course is designed to develop your knowledge and understanding of the early years and childcare sectors.

Areas of study include:
- Service provision and roles
- Protection and safeguarding of adults and children
- Physical care of babies and young children
- Promoting healthy eating
- Planning a safe childcare environment
- Planning activities to support children’s emotional and social needs
- Providing pre-school children’s reading, numeracy and creative activities.

Elements of this course can be delivered through the medium of Welsh.

Specific entry requirements:
Some qualifications at entry Level 3 or GCSEs grades D-G (must have at least a grade F in English Language).

You must complete a DBS prior to enrolling on the course. Cost is approximately £40.

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- Professional practice and safeguarding
- Develop further understanding of child development and childcare services in Wales
- Behaviour management.

You will also complete the Core Qualification alongside this course. You will undertake 300 hours placement in a childcare setting.

Elements of this course can be delivered through the medium of Welsh.

Specific entry requirements:
A suitable Level 1 qualification or two GCSEs at grade C and at least a D in English Language.

You must complete a DBS prior to enrolling on the course. Cost is approximately £40.

Children’s Care, Play, Learning and Development - Practice and Theory (Level 3)

Gorseinon or Tycoch Campus

This two year course builds on the knowledge and skills needed for working with children and young people from birth to age 19. This course will include a work placement.

Areas of study include:
- Principles and values
- Safeguarding
- Health and wellbeing, learning and development
- Professional practice
- Illness and infection
- Speech, language and communication skills
- Positive behaviour.

You will also complete the Core Qualification alongside this course and the Advanced Welsh Baccalaureate.

Elements of this course can be delivered through the medium of Welsh.

Specific entry requirements:
Level 2 childcare qualification or five GCSEs at grade C or above, including English Language.

You must complete a DBS prior to enrolling on the course. Cost is approximately £40.
Horticulture

Landscaping is a rapidly growing sector in the UK. In recent years, there has been a large upsurge in awareness amongst the public in plants, gardening, landscaping and the environment. This is helping to make horticulture and landscaping one of the largest employment sectors in the UK.

Practical Horticulture Skills (Level 2 Diploma)

Tycoch Campus

This qualification contains a wide range of optional subjects such as:

- Construct a paved area in a garden
- Build garden walls and pillars
- Maintain a garden pond
- Plant a container for seasonal display
- Prune deciduous spring flowering shrubs
- Cut hedges using a petrol hedge trimmer
- Propagate plants by stem cuttings
- Mow turf using a petrol rotary mower
- Construct garden fencing
- Sow seeds outdoors by hand
- Construct garden benches and pergolas
- Grow plants indoors from seed.

The qualification is assessed by observation of practical performance and questioning. Students must also produce a written portfolio of evidence to support underpinning knowledge and understanding.

There is a £60 fee for safety clothing which students are required to wear whilst doing practical tasks.

Specific entry requirements:
Applicants will need to display an interest in hard and soft landscaping and ideally hold a Level 1 qualification in horticulture or construction, or one GCSE at grade C.

Your progression:

You could progress onto an apprenticeship or further study. Alternatively you could seek employment in the industry.

Your career choices include:

Gardener, garden centre/plant worker, nursery technician, heritage horticulturist, park ranger or grounds/sports grounds maintenance worker.

Find out more using the Career Coach tool on our website or visit gcs.emsicc.com

Vocational | Health and Childcare | Horticulture

Didn’t get the grades? You can re-sit GCSE English, Maths, Science or Welsh (First Language) in your first year.
Introduction to Vehicle Systems Maintenance (Level 1 Diploma)

On this one year course you will study the basic principles of mechanical and electrical systems used in motor vehicle technology.

It will give you an insight into a career in the motor vehicle service and repair industry.

You will also develop your maths and English skills.

Specific entry requirements:
A keen interest in the subject.

You may be required to undertake an aptitude test to ensure you have a good understanding of literacy and numeracy.

Motor Vehicle Maintenance and Repair (Level 1/2 Diploma)

This two year course will give you an understanding of the electrical and mechanical systems that are used on a motor vehicle in terms of operation, design and maintenance.

You will complete a number of set practical tasks, along with multi-choice examinations to test your knowledge.

You will also develop your maths, English and digital literacy skills.

Specific entry requirements:
Appropriate GCSEs at grade D including Maths and English along with an interview.

Top skills in demand:
- Diagnostics and electronics
- Repairing (computer systems)
- Maintenance.

Top occupations:
- Vehicle technicians
- Maintenance mechanic
- Vehicle engineer.

Find out more using the Career Coach tool on our website or visit gcs.emsiccc.com

Your progression:
Over 70% of our students progress on to a higher level course.

You could progress onto an apprenticeship or further study at university.

Alternatively you could seek employment in the industry.

The Vehicle Technology, Level 3 course is ideal if you would like to progress on to a HND/BSc in Automotive and Motor Sport Applications.

Your career choices include:
Future trends include electric vehicles and battery specialist skills, hybrid repairs and new industry technologies.

For further information and to apply visit gcs.ac.uk/school-leavers
Vocational | Motor Vehicle

Motor Vehicle Maintenance and Repair (Level 3 Diploma)

This one year course will give you an understanding of the electrical and mechanical systems that are used on a motor vehicle in terms of operation, design and maintenance.

You will complete a number of set tasks, along with multi-choice examinations to test your knowledge.

You will also develop your skills in numeracy, communication and IT.

Specific entry requirements:
Successfull completion of the Motor Vehicle Maintenance and Repair (Level 2 Diploma).

Advanced Manufacture Engineering - Motorsport (Level 3 Diploma)

This two year course is designed to give learners a technical and academic background which will allow them to access a range of careers and progression onto associated university programmes such as HND/BSc Motorsport and Automotive Engineering.

You will study the more complex principles in this field of engineering whilst carrying out repair and diagnostic activities on the associated components.

Areas of study include:
- Applications of vehicle science and mathematics
- Motorsport workshop practices
- Professional practice and logistics for motorsports
- Vehicle electrical charging and starting systems
- Function and operation of vehicle petrol injection systems
- Operation and testing of vehicle electronic ignition systems.

Specific entry requirements:
Appropriate GCSEs at grade C profile including Mathematics, English and Science. Progression from intermediate level automotive courses will also be considered alongside GCSEs or equivalent Essential Skills Wales qualifications.

Engineering Student of the Year 2021

Upon leaving school, Matthew Lewis was unsure of which career path to take.

At a crossroads, he decided to focus on his passion for cars and enrolled on a full time motor vehicle course with us.

Matthew found his place as a well-respected member of the group, adopting the role of class representative and peer study tutor.

Despite the challenges of lockdown, he has produced work of an excellent standard, achieving distinction status in every exam. He has also gained a position as a Student Technician in the College, has been put forward for an extended work placement, and hopes to secure an apprenticeship.

The motorsport industry employs over 40,000 of the best of the best in the UK (which is acknowledged as the global heart of the industry).
Music

The Llwyn y Bryn Campus features two fully equipped recording studios, numerous music practice rooms and a stage performance space.

Music (Level 2)
Llwyn y Bryn Campus

This one year course is designed to develop your knowledge and practical skills in music performance and production.

You will study all areas of music including the industry, production analysis and solo/ensemble performances.

The course has a practical focus. You will perform solo and in ensembles, work in the recording studio, and begin to develop skills such as song writing, sequencing and arranging.

There is a studio fee of £50.

Specific entry requirements:
Four GCSEs at grade D or equivalent qualifications accepted.
Subject to interview and audition.

Music Performance (Level 3 Extended Diploma)
Llwyn y Bryn Campus

This two year course is designed to be as practical as possible giving you a foundation in all aspects of music performance and production.

You will spend much of your time developing your own professional practice. Individual performance, ensemble work and studio-based activities are all encouraged, alongside an understanding of music history and cultural context.

The course provides practical experience of live sound, studio recording technologies, sequencing, entrepreneurship, video production and song writing. It allows you to develop a broad understanding of the music industry from which a specialisation of your own choosing can emerge.

You will also develop the technical skills and repertoire required to plan and organise a major music event.

There is a studio fee of £75 per year.

Specific entry requirements:
Five GCSEs at grade C or equivalent qualifications for example, Level 2 in Music (merit grade).
Subject to interview and audition.

Your progression:
Employment in roles such as production assistants, media runners and venue support.

Or after completion of the Level 3, further study at university in a related subject such as popular music or music technology.

Your career choices include:
Live or studio engineers, professional musicians and journalists.

Find out more using the Career Coach tool on our website or visit gcs.emsicc.com

For further information and to apply visit gcs.ac.uk/school-leavers
Performing Arts and Theatre Production

The College has excellent links with specialist colleges. We are a regional audition centre for LAMDA, Mountview Academy and the National Youth Theatre.

Your progression:
90% of our students progress on to a higher level course, with almost 75% of our Level 3 students moving on to a university level course.
Within theatre production you could seek entry into specialist drama colleges including RADA, Bristol Old Vic and Mountview.
Within performing arts you could progress onto the Performance (Level 4 Professional Diploma) specialising in either Acting or Musical Theatre. Over 80% of our Level 4 students moved on to a university level course.
Alternatively you could seek entry into specialist drama, dance and musical theatre colleges including RADA, Arts Ed and London Contemporary Dance School.

Your career choices include:
Teaching, arts administration, stage management, costume design, lighting/sound design or technical.

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Theatre Production Arts
(Level 3 Extended Diploma)

Gorseinon Campus

This two year course will provide you with realistic yet demanding training in all areas of production for theatre. You will follow a generic course that looks at lighting, sound, stage management and design.
Areas of study also cover arts administration and a theoretical study of the performing arts.
It will offer you a range of performance project work, both at College and in external venues. This practical work is underpinned with theory and skills-based training in technical, management and design.
There is a studio fee of £150 to cover theatre trips and workshops.

Specific entry requirements:
Some experience in backstage work is required and/or membership of a youth theatre group is strongly recommended.

Students participate in practical skills sessions which include lighting, sound, stage management, scenic construction, set design, costume construction and prop making.

All students attend theory sessions to explore context of performance work and the performing arts business.

Four Theatre Production Arts graduates from Gower College Swansea have arrived in Bristol to take up their places at the prestigious Old Vic Theatre School.
Abbi Davies, Susannah Pearce, Matthew Newcombe and Lewis Bamford have enrolled on Production Arts (Stage and Screen) and Costume for Theatre, TV and Film courses.
Performing Arts (Level 2 Diploma)

This one year course will give you the knowledge and skills in a range of subjects including dance, drama and singing.

The course has a practical focus and you will take part in a variety of performance projects.

You will also tour a production to the local community as part of your final project.

There is a studio fee of £150 per year to cover theatre trips and workshops.

Specific entry requirements:
A grade D in any GCSE subject or a Level 1 Diploma Pass profile.

A willingness to participate in performance activities is essential. GCSE experience in dance, drama or music would be an advantage.

Performing Arts (Level 3 Extended Diploma)

This two year course will provide you with realistic training in all areas of performance.

You will develop your performance techniques in acting, singing and movement.

You will take part in a wide range of performances which include small scale sharing of work as well as larger productions in outside venues.

There is a studio fee of £150 per year to cover theatre trips and workshops.

Specific entry requirements:
Performing Arts (Level 2 Diploma) Distinction profile.

A grade C in GCSE English is essential.

A proven interest and experience in performing arts and membership of a non-school based performance group is recommended.

Did you know that, on completion of your Level 3 Performing Arts course, we now offer a choice of two progression pathways? With the Level 4 Professional Diploma in Performance, you can choose to specialize in either Acting or Musical Theatre.

Previous students on our Level 4 course have gone on to study at some of the UK’s most prestigious drama schools and conservatoires, including:

East 15 Acting School
Joe Asher, Annalise Williamson and Cerys Gruneberg

Drama Studio London
Eve Harris and Josh Crawshaw

Royal Holloway
Eva Coffey and Cate Harvey

Royal Birmingham Conservatoire
Alfie Evans and Sam Dinnage (below)

LIPA
Dafydd Evans

Royal Central School of Speech and Drama
Sam Jones

For further information and to apply visit gcs.ac.uk/school-leavers
**Public and Protective Services**

Students have the opportunity to find out more about the different services and to assess the level of fitness required. Outdoor pursuits and adventure activities are an important feature of these courses.

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**Preparation for Public Services (Level 2 Certificate)**

- **Gorseinon or Tycoch Campus**

This one year course will inspire you to improve both public service related and general employability skills through a challenging programme.

**Areas of study include:**
- Public service skills
- Employment
- Health and fitness
- Activities and teamwork
- Expedition and land navigation skills
- Cyber security and crime.

**Specific entry requirements:**
Five GCSEs at grade D or above. English and Maths at a minimum D/E grade.

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**Uniformed Protective Services (Level 3 Diploma)**

- **Gorseinon or Tycoch Campus**

This two year course will prepare you for a career within a public service organisation such as the police force, fire service or armed forces.

**Areas of study include:**
- Citizenship and diversity
- Behaviour and discipline
- Physical preparation, health and wellbeing
- Teamwork, leadership and communication
- Government and the protective services
- Expedition skills
- Introduction to criminology.

You will study the Welsh Baccalaureate alongside this course.

**Specific entry requirements:**
Five GCSEs grade C and above or Sport or Public Services (Level 2 Certificate) with a merit profile. Minimum grade C in GCSE English and Maths.

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**Your progression:**

Over 70% of our students progress from Level 2 to the Level 3 Diploma.

Over 40% of our students either progressed onto the Foundation Degree in Criminal Justice or Sports Development and Management at the College or further study at university.

Alternatively you could apply to join a public service organisation.

**Your career choices include:**

Armed forces, fire service, police and probation services.

Find out more using the Career Coach tool on our website or visit [gcs.emsicc.com](http://gcs.emsicc.com)
Science

Science can be useful in many different job sectors such as engineering, manufacturing and research, as well as medicine and environmental science.

One of our science labs has a marine reef ecosystem which grows living coral and other marine life.

Your progression:
Over 90% of our students progress from Level 2 to Level 3.
The Level 3 Applied Science course is well suited for those wishing to pursue a science related degree allowing progression onto university to study a range of science courses.
Alternatively, you could remain with us to study the Foundation Degree in Analytical and Forensic Science. Over 75% of our students move on to a university level course.

Your career choices include:
Medical genetics, biology, chemistry, paramedic training, forensic science, dental technology, criminology and biochemistry.

Top occupations:
• Biological scientists and biochemists
• Laboratory technicians
• Environment professionals.

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Applied Science
(Level 2 First Diploma)

Tycoch Campus

This one year course will enable you to develop knowledge in natural and social science.

Areas of study include:
• Chemistry and our earth
• Energy and our universe
• Biology and our environment
• Applications of physical science
• Health applications of life science
• Practical scientific project
• The living body.

Specific entry requirements:
Preferably four GCSEs at grade D but must include Maths and English or Vocational Studies (Level 1) with a merit profile.

Applied Science - Analytical and Forensic Science or Biomedical Science
(Level 3 Extended Diploma)

Tycoch Campus

This two year course is taught by specialist lecturers making use of well equipped laboratories and teaching rooms.

In the second year of study, learners have the option to follow either the Analytical and Forensic Science or Biomedical Science pathway, dependent upon their chosen progression route.

Areas of study include:
• Principles and applications of science
• Practical scientific procedures and techniques
• Science investigation skills
• Laboratory techniques and their application
• Investigative project
• Contemporary issues in science.

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Optional units include:
• Physiology of human body systems
• Forensic evidence collection and analysis
• Forensic traffic collision investigation
• Biological molecules and metabolic pathways.

Specific entry requirements:
Five GCSEs at grade C including English Language and Mathematics and Science also being desirable. Or Applied Science (Level 2 First Diploma) with a merit profile.

Two Forensic Science students have taken medals at recent SkillsCompetitionWales events.
Cerys Brooks, who won silver, and Cara Morgan, won bronze. Competing against nine other students from across Wales, they had to analyse evidence at a virtual crime scene and draw an accurate sketch.
There are Welsh speaking staff in this area.

**Sport (Level 2 Diploma)**

This one year course will provide you with an excellent insight into the sport and active leisure industry, with an opportunity to gain extra sport coaching qualifications.

Areas of study include:
- Sports injuries
- Nutrition
- Practical sport
- Anatomy
- Planning and leading sports activities.

It also encourages personal development through practical participation and performance in a range of activities.

**Specific entry requirements:**
Five GCSEs at grade D or above including English and Maths.

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**Your progression:**
85% of our students progress to a higher level course.

Around 55% move on to either the Foundation Degree in Sports Development and Management at the College or further study at university in subjects such as sport and physical education, leisure management studies, sports coaching, sporting development and teaching. There may also be opportunities to study abroad.

Alternatively you could seek employment in the active leisure industry.

**Your career choices include:**
Work in the health, fitness and wellbeing industry, physical education teaching, coaching, sports management or a sports participation/active communities officer. For Sport and Exercise Science there are careers in psychology, biomechanics, nutrition, kinesiology, sports therapy and teaching. Future trends include life sciences, wellbeing and running own business.

**Top skills in demand:**
- Marketing/e-commerce
- Entrepreneurship
- Technical sports knowledge

**Top occupations:**
- Sports coaches, instructors, officials
- Sport and leisure assistants
- Sport and leisure managers

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Sport and Public Services Student of the Year 2021 is accepted for a scholarship in the USA.

Jay-Leigh Amour achieved a distinction profile throughout his Football Coaching and Performance course, whilst also taking part in the Football Academy and his outside passion of personal training and fitness.

He excelled during his work experience, coaching in local primary schools and acting as a great role-model to his peers by supporting those that had been absent or were struggling.

Jay-Leigh has been accepted to study higher education in the USA, pursuing a football/academic scholarship.
Sport - Football Coaching and Performance (Level 3 Extended Diploma)

This two year course is perfect if you are interested in developing your own football skills and performance, alongside the study of coaching and training.

You will gain a valuable insight into coaching and training techniques for a range of football populations, from young children to elite professional players.

Areas of study include:
- Anatomy
- Fitness training and programming
- Analysis
- Coaching
- Organising and running school football programmes
- Development of football skills
- Sports massage and injuries.

You will develop industry skills through a range of local work placements under tutorial supervision and support.

Specific entry requirements:
Five GCSEs grade C or above or Sport or Public Services (Level 2) with a merit profile.
Minimum grade C in GCSE English and Maths.
There will be a requirement to demonstrate your football skills and understanding at pre-course trials.

Broaden your horizons just like these students who enjoyed a two week football training camp with SL Benfica (Portugal).

Sport and Exercise Science (Level 3 Extended Diploma)

This two year course is ideal if you have a strong interest in sport science and developing an athlete’s ability through analysis and research studies.

Areas of study can include:
- Anatomy
- Exercise physiology
- Sport psychology
- Biomechanics
- Sports nutrition
- Sports research
- Sports injuries.

Elements of this course can be delivered through the medium of Welsh.

Specific entry requirements:
Seven GCSEs at grade C or above to include English, Maths and Double Science.
Equivalent subjects considered at distinction grade.

Sport (Level 3 Extended Diploma)

On this two year course you will focus on the study of the human body in sport, coaching skills and fitness instruction. There is also an emphasis on improving and developing sport within society.

You will need a wide range of sporting interests and enjoy taking part in all activities.

As many study units are related to leadership and coaching, you should also be confident to work with peers and young children in schools.

Areas of study include:
- Anatomy and physiology
- Fitness testing
- Sports coaching
- Sport nutrition
- Organising an event.

Elements of this course can be delivered through the medium of Welsh.

Specific entry requirements:
Five GCSEs at grade C or above including English and Maths or Sport/Public Services (Level 2) with a merit profile.
Travel and Tourism

A travel and tourism course offers vocational training and helps you develop strong business management and communication skills, broadening your career prospects.

Source: www.prospects.ac.uk

Your progression:
Once you complete the Level 3 you can either progress on to the Foundation Degree in Events Management at the College or a related course at university such as hospitality, leisure, tourism or air travel management.
Alternatively, you could seek employment in the industry.

Your career choices include:
Attraction management, retail travel operations, airport cabin crew, customer services and events management.
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Passport into Tourism (Level 2 Diploma)
Tycoch Campus

This one year course will give you relevant skills, qualities and knowledge required for employment in the travel and tourism industry.
The course covers a range of Level 1 and Level 2 units, all of which relate to the vast industry of travel and tourism.
As part of the course you will develop your literacy and numeracy skills.

Specific entry requirements:
Two GCSEs at grade D or equivalent.

Advanced Tourism (Level 3 Diploma)
Tycoch Campus

This two year course will prepare you with the skills and knowledge necessary to enter the travel and tourism industry, or higher education in travel and tourism management.
The course covers a range of units, all of which relate to the vast industry of travel and tourism.
As part of the course you will complete the Welsh Baccalaureate qualification as well as develop your literacy and numeracy skills.

Specific entry requirements:
Five GCSE subjects at grade C or above, including English or Welsh Language, or a Level 2 Diploma in a related subject (with a merit profile).

Travel and Tourism students at the FLYBE Training Academy in Exeter Airport.
The students successfully completed a FLYBE Introduction to Cabin Crew Training Programme, which covered areas such as introduction to emergency procedures, emergency slide descent, safety demonstration and emergency equipment.

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As part of the course you will complete the Welsh Baccalaureate qualification as well as develop your literacy and numeracy skills.

Specific entry requirements:
Five GCSE subjects at grade C or above, including English or Welsh Language, or a Level 2 Diploma in a related subject (with a merit profile).
We offer Apprenticeships in the following areas, **routes suitable for school leavers** are listed on pages 73-81:

- Accountancy
- Advice and guidance
- Brickwork
- Business administration
- Business improvement techniques
- Carpentry
- Childcare
- Contact centre operations
- Construction operations
- Consumer electronic products
- Customer service
- Data analytics
- Electrical
- Engineering
- Facilities management
- Fashion and textiles
- Health and social care (you must be over 18)
- Housing
- Hospitality
- Information security
- IT digital application support
- IT digital learning design
- IT, software and telecoms
- IT user
- Operational performance
- Laboratory technicians
- Learning support
- Management
- Motor vehicle
- Painting and decorating
- Plant operations
- Plastering
- Plumbing
- Retail
- Security and emergency systems
- Social media and digital marketing
- Warehousing.

More and more people are signing up for apprenticeships as an alternative to further education and university, or are looking to upskill in their current job.

As an apprentice **you will learn while you earn**, gaining the knowledge, skills and experience that employers value.

Apprenticeships can be accessed by people of **any age** as long as you are employed for a minimum of 16 hours per week. If you need to find employment then our Better Jobs, Better Futures team can support you (see page 7).

You will receive a **regular wage** with paid holidays and the same benefits as other employees. As your skills develop, your pay will increase accordingly. You may also get additional money for essential books, clothing or equipment.

You can start an apprenticeship at the level that suits you, from entry to senior management. This could be a **Foundation Apprenticeship (Level 2)** or an **Apprenticeship (Level 3)** with the possibility of progressing on to a **Higher Apprenticeship (Level 4 and Level 5)**.

Gower College Swansea has been awarded the coveted titles of **UK Digital Apprenticeship Provider of the Year** and **UK Engineering and Manufacturing Apprenticeship Provider of the Year** at the FE Week and AELP AAC National Apprenticeship Awards. The College was the only Welsh provider to win an award and the only provider in the UK to secure two awards at the event.
To celebrate Apprenticeship Week Wales 2021, Gower College Swansea organised a week-long programme of virtual events and activities from live chat rooms and information sessions to free webinars and YouTube tutorials.

One very important element of the College’s celebrations was the Virtual Apprenticeship Awards, held across Twitter and LinkedIn, and designed to highlight the very best of the best apprentices, employers and assessors.

“Due to the covid-19 restrictions, we were unable to deliver our awards in the usual way this year but we were absolutely determined to mark the occasion in the best way we could. The virtual awards highlighted stories of success and achievement from right across our apprenticeship routes – from accountancy and IT to laboratory science – and delivered throughout Wales and England.”

“We are always so impressed and humbled by the hard work and tenacity of our apprentices, employers and staff but, this year more than ever, we really wanted to pay tribute to them. Even though we were unable to be together, we felt it was really important to honour their achievements and celebrate their talent and dedication.”

Paul Kift
College’s Director of Skills and Business Development
Business and Accounting

Association of Accounting Technicians Foundation Apprenticeship (Level 2)

This one year course is ideal for those who want to train in an accountancy role in either industry or practice.

Areas of study include:
• Bookkeeping transactions
• Bookkeeping controls
• Elements of costing
• Using accounting software
• Working efficiently in finance.

Specific entry requirements:
There will be an informal interview.

Grade C or above in GCSE Maths and English would be preferable.

Progression/Careers:
Association of Accounting Technicians (AAT) Level 3 and Level 4 (it is possible to start at these levels but this is dependent on experience, qualifications and interview).

Business Administration Foundation Apprenticeship (Level 2)

This 18 month course is ideal for those who want to train in an administrative/clerical job or if you are employed within an office environment.

Areas of study include:
• Communication in a business environment
• Managing personal performance and development
• Developing working relationships with colleagues.

Specific entry requirements:
There will be an informal interview.

Progression/Careers:
Business Administration Apprenticeship (Level 3).

Business Administration Apprenticeship (Level 3)

This two year course is ideal for those who want to gain a qualification in senior administrative occupation or if you are employed in an office environment and want to progress into a supervisory role.

Areas of study include:
• Communication in a business environment
• Managing personal performance and development
• Communication and information.

Specific entry requirements:
There will be an informal interview.

Progression/Careers:
Business and Professional Administration Higher Apprenticeship (Level 4).
Computing and Technology

IT, Software, Web and Telecoms Professionals (Wales) Foundation Apprenticeship (Level 2)

Jubilee Court

This course provides you with the skills and knowledge to work effectively with IT systems, communications, productivity tools and applications in a range of industry sectors.

Areas of study include:
- Database
- Software development
- System support
- Coding.

Specific entry requirements:
There will be an informal interview.

Progression/Careers:
IT, Software, Web and Telecoms Professionals (Wales) Apprenticeship (Level 3).

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Jubilee Court

This course provides you with the advanced skills and knowledge to work effectively with IT systems, communications, productivity tools and applications in a range of industry sectors.

Areas of study include:
- Database
- Software development
- System support
- Coding.

Specific entry requirements:
There will be an informal interview.

Progression/Careers:
Higher apprenticeships in a range of subject areas including professional administration and management.

Construction and Plumbing

Decorative Finishing and Industrial Painting Foundation Apprenticeship (Level 2)

Jubilee Court

This two year course covers a range of painting and decorating techniques, adding to your knowledge of the trade.

You will gain the expertise to work independently, including a firm grasp of advanced decorative effects, such as graining and marbling.

Specific entry requirements:
A combination of GCSE passes, previous work experience within the industry, achievement on a relevant progression course and results of an online assessment – this will be discussed at interview.

Grade C or above in GCSE Maths and English would be preferable.

Progression/Careers:
Decorative Finishing and Industrial Painting Apprenticeship (Level 3).

This course will give you the skills and qualification to progress into self-employment and further career/employment opportunities.
Decorative Finishing and Industrial Painting Apprenticeship (Level 3)

Jubilee Court

This one/two year course is ideal if you are involved in preparing surfaces and applying paint by brush to complex surfaces or hanging wall coverings.

It will allow you to enhance your skills and knowledge in a range of finishing techniques including the application of coving and decorative mouldings, application of coatings by spray methods, stencilling, graining, comb textured, marbling and the application of metal leaf.

You will also gain Essential Skills certificates.

Specific entry requirements:
Must have completed a Level 2 in an associated trade.

Progression/Careers:
This course will give you the skills and qualification to progress into self-employment and further career/employment opportunities.

Plumbing and Heating Foundation Apprenticeship (Level 2)

Tycoch Campus

This apprenticeship covers the essential knowledge and skills needed for a successful career in the domestic plumbing and heating industry.

Areas of study include:
• Health and safety
• Domestic hot and cold water systems
• Central heating systems
• Sanitation systems
• Environmental technologies
• Gas safety.

Specific entry requirements:
A combination of GCSE passes, achievement of a relevant progression course and results of an online assessment.

Maths and English at grade C or above would be preferable.

You must be employed in a suitable role within the industry.

Progression/Careers:
Plumbing and Heating Apprenticeship (Level 3).

Plumbing and Heating Apprenticeship (Level 3)

Tycoch Campus

This is an advanced two year apprenticeship which will provide you with the relevant regulation knowledge of the construction industry.

You will study the industry organisation structures governing this sector.

You will also learn through theory and practical based training, the health and safety legislation governing plumbing, heating and gas processes.

Specific entry requirements:
Plumbing and Heating (NVQ Level 2).

You must also pass an online assessment and interview.

You must be employed in a suitable role within the industry.

Progression/Careers:
This course will give you the skills and qualifications to progress into self-employment and further career opportunities.

Site Carpentry or Bench Joinery Foundation Apprenticeship (Level 2)

Jubilee Court

This two year course will give you professional level skills in the application of site carpentry techniques.

You will learn about various structural timber elements including joists, roofs, entrances and timber framed buildings or manufacture doors, windows and staircases.

Whilst at work you will need to gather evidence of competence for your NVQ qualification.

Specific entry requirements:
A combination of GCSE passes, previous work experience within the industry, achievement on a relevant progression course and results of an online assessment – this will be discussed at interview.

Maths and English at grade C or above would be preferable.

Progression/Careers:
Site Carpentry or Bench Joinery Apprenticeship (Level 3) or progress into a variety of different fields in the sector.
Site Carpentry or Bench Joinery Apprenticeship (Level 3)

On this one/two year course you will develop a range of advanced bricklaying skills including decorative work, repairs and complex masonry.

You will add to your existing knowledge of the trade and be able to work on specialist tasks.

You will gain the expertise to work independently, and you will be equipped to take on supervisory roles.

Specific entry requirements:
Must have completed a Level 2 in an associated trade.

Progression/Careers:
This course will give you the skills and qualifications to progress into self-employment and further career opportunities, including site management or higher education.
Electrical and Engineering

Electronic Security and Emergency Systems Foundation Apprenticeship (Level 2)

This apprenticeship develops the knowledge you need to install security systems - you can specialise in anything from intruder alarms to fire detection.

Specific entry requirements:
You must be employed in a suitable role within the industry.
Knowledge of electronic security and emergency systems would be advantageous, however all elements will be taught on a day release basis and the practical requirements will be gained with your work placed provider.

Progression/Careers:
Electronic Security and Emergency Systems Apprenticeship (Level 3).

Electrotechnical Foundation Apprenticeship (Level 2)

Tycoch Campus

This course is essential if you would like to pursue a career as a qualified electrician.

Areas of study include:
- Maths
- Electrical principles
- Health and safety
- Electrical installation technology
- Installing wiring systems
- Communications in building services engineering.

You will also study essential skills in numeracy, communications and digital literacy.

You will attend College for one day per week, the other four days will be spent in on-the-job training.

Specific entry requirements:
Level 1 qualification in either Electrical Engineering or Electrotechnical.

Progression/Careers:
Electrotechnical Apprenticeship (Level 3).

Electrotechnical Apprenticeship (Level 3)

Tycoch Campus

This two or four year course is essential to become a qualified electrician.

Areas of study include:
- Maths
- Electrical principles
- Health and safety
- Fault diagnosis
- Design of electrical systems
- Installation, inspection and testing
- Environmental technology.

You will also study essential skills in numeracy, communications and digital literacy.

You will attend College for one day per week, the other four days will be spent in on-the-job training.

Specific entry requirements:
Level 2 Foundation Apprenticeship, a Level 1 qualification in either Electrical Engineering or Electrotechnical.

GCSE grade C in Maths and four other grade D subjects.

Progression/Careers:
Work as an installation electrician, or progress onto a higher education course or a higher apprenticeship.
Electronic Engineering

Engineering/Electronics Apprenticeship (Level 3)

Tycoch Campus

This two year course is designed for those keen to develop a career in engineering. There are different pathways available within the framework such as engineering manufacture, operations and maintenance, electronics, welding and fabrication.

Areas of study include:
- Maths
- Engineering science
- Electronics
- Mechanical and/or electrical principles
- CAD
- Health and safety
- Communications for technicians
- Robotics
- Artificial intelligence AI
- PCB design
- PLC
- Skills competitions.

You will also study essential skills in numeracy, communications and digital literacy.

You will attend College for one day per week, the other four days being spent in on-the-job training.

Specific entry requirements:
Minimum grade D in GCSE Maths, English and a Science plus two other subjects.

Progression/Careers:
Career as a supervisory technician.

At the College you could progress to the HNC/HND in Electrical and Electronic Engineering or Mechanical Engineering.

Engineering/Electronics Foundation Apprenticeship (Level 2)

Tycoch Campus

This two year course is designed for those keen to start a career in engineering. There are different pathways available within the framework such as engineering manufacture, operations and maintenance, electronics, welding and fabrication.

Areas of study include:
- Maths
- Engineering science
- Electronics
- Health and safety
- Communications for technicians
- Robotics
- Artificial intelligence AI
- PCB design
- PLC
- Skills competitions.

You will also study essential skills in numeracy, communications and digital literacy.

You will attend College for one day per week, the other four days will be spent in on-the-job training.

Specific entry requirements:
Grade C or above in GCSE Maths and English and three other subjects (one of which should be a science subject).

Progression/Careers:
Career as a supervisory technician.

At the College you could progress to the HNC/HND in Electrical and Electronic Engineering or Mechanical Engineering.

Gower College Swansea has been awarded the coveted titles of **UK Digital Apprenticeship Provider of the Year** and **UK Engineering and Manufacturing Apprenticeship Provider of the Year** at the FE Week and AELP AAC National Apprenticeship Awards.
Fashion and Textiles Foundation Apprenticeship (Level 2)

Llwyn y Bryn Campus

This qualification is designed for those who are working, or want to work, in the fashion and textile industry. It provides the opportunity to develop industry knowledge, progress to other courses, improve performance at work or increase future work prospects.

As part of this apprenticeship, you will complete:
- Level 2 Certificate in Apparel, Footwear, Leather or Textile Production
- Level 2 Certificate in Manufacturing Sewn Products.

These qualifications have been designed in association with Creative Skillset, following research into skills requirements for the future.

Areas of study include:
- The history of the industry
- Health and safety requirements
- Developing good relationships in the work environment
- Routine maintenance of tools and equipment
- Manufacturing techniques and production process.

Specific entry requirements:
No formal qualification necessary.

Employment in a relevant sewing manufacturing setting is desirable.

Progression/Careers:
Full employment, more skilled activities within the chosen industry or other relevant qualifications.
Children’s Care, Learning and Development - Practice Foundation Apprenticeship (Level 2)

Tycoch Campus

This one year course builds on the knowledge and skills needed for working with children and young people from birth to age 19.

Areas of study include:
- Communication
- Personal development
- Introduction to equality and inclusion
- Child and young person development
- Safeguarding
- Health and wellbeing, learning and development
- Professional practice
- Develop further understanding of child development and child care services in Wales.

You will also complete the core qualification alongside this course. This course will include a work placement.

Specific entry requirements:
Employment in the sector for 16 hours a week.

Progression/Careers:
Children’s Care, Play, Learning and Development (Level 3) which can be studied full time or as an apprenticeship.

Employment opportunities include a nursery nurse, nursery assistant or play group assistant.

Children’s Care, Play, Learning and Development - Practice Apprenticeship (Level 3)

Tycoch Campus

This two year course builds on the knowledge and skills needed for working with children and young people from birth to age 19.

Areas of study include:
- Principles and values
- Safeguarding
- Health and wellbeing, learning and development
- Professional practice
- The role and context of children’s care, learning and development and play provision across the UK
- Creating positive environments.

Specific entry requirements:
Employment in a relevant childcare setting for a minimum of 20 hours per week.

Progression/Careers:
At the College you could progress to the Foundation Degree in Education, Learning and Development or Childhood Development Practice.

Further study at university in a related subject such as primary teaching, early years, social inclusion, psychology or sociology.

Access programmes for careers in children's nursing or social work.
Motor Vehicle

Vehicle Maintenance and Repair Foundation Apprenticeship (Level 2)

This two year course is designed for those keen to follow a career in motor vehicle.

Areas of study include:
- Health and safety
- Transmission systems
- Engines
- Steering and brakes
- Electrical systems.

You will also study essential skills in numeracy, communications and digital literacy.

You will attend College for one day per week, the other four days being spent in on-the-job training.

Specific entry requirements:
Grade D or above in four GCSE subjects to include Maths and English or Light Vehicle Maintenance (Level 1).

Progression/Careers:
Vehicle Maintenance and Repair Apprenticeship (Level 3) which is essential for work as an automotive technician.

Vehicle Maintenance and Repair Apprenticeship (Level 3)

This two year course is essential to become a qualified motor repair technician.

Areas of study include:
- Health and safety
- Transmission systems
- Engines
- Fault diagnosis
- Steering and suspension
- Electrical systems.

You will also study essential skills in numeracy, communications and digital literacy.

You will attend College for one day per week, the other four days being spent in on-the-job training.

Specific entry requirements:
Foundation Apprenticeship (Level 2) or Motor Vehicle Maintenance and Repair (Level 2 Diploma).

Progression/Careers:
You will qualify as an automotive technician.
Progression to Levels 4, 5 and 6 can lead to employment as a supervisory technician or manager.

Science

Laboratory and Science Technicians Apprenticeship (Level 3)

You will complete the following two qualifications as part of the apprenticeship framework.

Applied Science (Level 3 Diploma) and Laboratory and Associated Technical Activities (Level 3 NVQ).

Areas of study include:
- Working in the science industry
- Fundamentals of science
- Scientific practical techniques
- Using mathematical tools in science.

You will also study essential skills in literacy, numeracy and digital literacy.

Specific entry requirements:
Minimum of five GCSEs at grade C or above. These must include Maths, English and at least one Science subject.

Progression/Careers:
Laboratory and Science Technicians Higher Apprenticeship (Level 4).

Further study at university in a related subject.