



Coleg Gŵyr Abertawe
Gower College Swansea

Welcoming you to Gower College Swansea in September

The health, safety and wellbeing of all of our students is, and always will be, our number one priority.

With social distancing requirements likely to remain in place for the foreseeable future, we are adapting how we run all of our programmes, advancing with the blended approach to teaching and learning that we have been using successfully in recent months.

Our current plans are based on the very latest guidance from Welsh Government and we will adapt and flex these plans as the guidance continues to evolve.

As we begin the new College year in September, we will ensure that all of our learners will continue to receive high quality teaching. We will provide a blend of face to face classes and online delivery and support.

The number of days that students will be asked to attend the College will vary and will be dependent on a range of factors including the numbers of students on the course, the course content and the use of workshops and other vocational settings, resources and specialist equipment.

All courses will be delivered through a blended approach which will include:

- **Regular taught sessions.** We will continue with timetabled, teacher-led classes to be delivered through a combination of campus-based and online sessions, with the online delivery allowing us to include a series of guest lectures and master classes presented by external speakers.
- **Practical sessions.** We will make full use of the teaching day and week to get the maximum use out of our facilities. Face to face sessions will be delivered in small groups, in workshops and laboratories on campus. We will also use online resources to complement and extend these practical sessions.
- **Pastoral support.** We will continue to provide support and guidance. Through one to one and group tutorials, we will provide personal, financial and study support and offer advice on career progression.

This approach will ensure that all students can still interact with peers, lecturers and support staff.

As a response to the challenges resulting from the Covid-19 pandemic, the College is planning to extend all of its programmes to include additional sessions in digital skills and employability. This is part of the Gower College Swansea Guarantee which ensures that our students have the very best opportunities to progress to further learning or employment.

At the start of the new College year, our students will undertake an enhanced induction programme. This will include the training on digital tools to ensure that all of our students can access and use all of the online teaching and support materials both at College and at home. Students will become familiar with our digital platforms and how to make safe and effective use of online learning.