

# School Leavers' Course Guide

2024-25



Coleg Gŵyr Abertawe  
Gower College Swansea



**Your Future Guaranteed**

# Open evenings

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## Gorseinon Campus 5.30-7.30pm

Thursday 16 **November** 2023

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Monday 4 **March** 2024

## Tycoch Campus 5.30-7.30pm

Thursday 23 **November** 2023

Monday 22 **January** 2024

Monday 11 **March** 2024

## Llwyn y Bryn Campus 5.30-7.30pm

Tuesday 21 **November** 2023

Tuesday 23 **January** 2024

Tuesday 12 **March** 2024

## Jubilee Court 5.30-7.30pm

Wednesday 15 **November** 2023

Wednesday 6 **March** 2024

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### Access to higher education

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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/guardians 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 indeed on the student experience. The College enjoys one of the strongest reputations in Wales for high quality teaching and learning - not only for A Levels, but also across our vocational programmes, with our students' achievements being sector leading.

This larger size also allows us to provide an **extensive student support service**. We have over 50 full-time staff in non-teaching, student facing roles e.g. pastoral coaches, student support officers, welfare advisers and wellbeing coordinators. In addition, we have a wide range of activities and online support available through GCS and You and GCS Active.

Over the years, the College has built up very strong relationships with top UK universities and well-known local employers which means there are greater opportunities for our students to progress, whether to higher education, an apprenticeship or job.

**In 2023, 82% of our students achieved the grades they needed to progress to their first choice university** (the UK national average was 79%). This includes 152 students who have secured places at one of the Russell Group universities.

Our students have also been very successful at Skills Competition Wales events with 30 learners from areas including creative make up, childcare, coding and fashion design winning medals. In previous years, Gower College Swansea students have represented the UK in both European and WorldSkills events – and this is likely to continue.



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





## Students at Gower College Swansea are celebrating a strong set of A Level and vocational Level 3 results again in 2023.

The overall A Level pass rate is 98%, with 1,391 separate exam entries. Of these passes, 35% are at grades A\*-A, 60% are at A\*-B and 82% are at A\*-C.

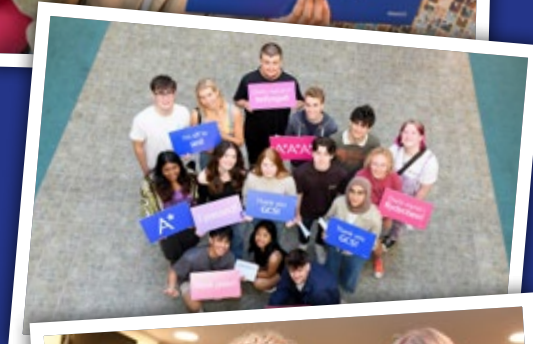
The overall pass rate at AS Level is 95%, with 74% of those passes being grades A - C and 53% being grades A - B. There were 2,119 separate exam entries for AS.

The College's vocational results are also strong again this year with a 97% pass rate across Level 3 Extended Diplomas, and 38% of those achieving the highest grades.

"We are really pleased with these results, which reflect so well on the hard work and dedication of our students over the past two years," says Principal Mark Jones. "It is also, of course, a huge testament to the dedication of our staff who are tireless in their support of our learners both in and outside of the classroom."

Some student success stories include:

- Daniele Lucini – heading to Cambridge to study Natural Sciences
- Chloe Hazel – heading to Oxford to study Classics
- Rachel Smith – heading to Cambridge to study Anglo Saxon, Norse, and Celtic
- Isabela Angeles – heading to Warwick to study Mathematics
- James Duffy – heading to Durham to study Politics
- Megan Goodhall – heading to Durham to study Geography
- Harry Healings – heading to Durham to study Physics
- Ella Kenny – heading to Durham to study Philosophy, Politics and Economics
- Vritika Shrivastava – heading to Bristol to study Law
- Calvin Vaila – heading to Bristol to study Economics
- Eve Winter – heading to Edinburgh to study English Literature.





# Massive medals haul for College students

Gower College Swansea is celebrating after students took home a massive 30 medals following the latest round of Skills Competition Wales events.

The learners were invited to a special 'watch-party' at the Tycoch campus on 9 March to celebrate as the results came in.

## Gold

- Orlagh Cronin – Creative Make-Up
- Tarran Spooner – Industrial Electronics
- Lauren Maddick – Childcare
- Kaitlin Curtis – Visual Merchandising
- Cameron Bryant – Inclusive Skills: Restaurant Services
- Noah Brooks – IT Support Technician

## Silver

- Jarrad Scott – Coding
- Courtney Wallace – Industrial Electronics
- Liam Allan – Carpentry
- Olivia Colhoun – Enterprise
- William Evans – Enterprise
- Heledd Hunt – Enterprise
- Jessi Jones – Enterprise
- Haydn Jones – Enterprise
- Connor Leahy – Industrial Robotics
- Joshua Lenthall – Industrial Robotics
- Vitalii Pasternak – Cyber Security
- Nestor Penate – Cyber Security
- Jessica Brown – Inclusive Skills: Restaurant Services
- Pasha Richards-Parssa Nykoo – Inclusive Skills: Life Skills
- Ciaran Goggin – IT Support Technician
- Georgia Cox – Laboratory Technician
- Erin McCormick – Beauty Therapy Practitioner (Body)

## Bronze

- Rhys Gunning – Fashion Design and Technology
- James Wheland – Industrial Electronics
- Miles Thornton – Childcare
- Thea Wakeford – Visual Merchandising
- Kayleigh Brock – Inclusive Skills: Customer Service
- Ashley Duggan – Inclusive Skills: Health and Social Care
- Courtney Taylor – Inclusive Skills: Life Skills

Skills Competition Wales aims to raise the profile of skills in Wales and offers students, trainees and apprentices in Wales a chance to challenge, benchmark and raise their skills by taking part in competitions across a range of sectors.

Funded by the Welsh Government and run by a dedicated network of colleges, work-based learning providers and employer-led organisations, it consists of a series of local skills competitions, aligned to WorldSkills and the needs of the Welsh economy.



"We are absolutely delighted with the performance of all our competing students who took part in the Skills Competition Wales framework this year," says Dean of Faculty and Skills Ambassador, Cath Williams. "To juggle their day-to-day studies alongside the extra practice and time commitment of competition training is a remarkable achievement, of which each and every one should be proud."

"We are thrilled to have won so many medals this time - six Gold, 17 Silver and seven Bronze – this is a true testament to the excellent teaching and learning experiences that the College, which is a designated UK Skills Centre of Excellence, provides."

# Student Awards 2023

**Students and staff from Gower College Swansea have celebrated yet another year of academic and vocational excellence.**

Firm favourite Kev Johns MBE returned to the stage at Swansea.com Stadium to host the evening, where learners from a range of full and part-time courses, apprenticeships, higher education pathways, access courses and employability support programmes picked up awards.

Guest speaker for the evening was BAFTA-winning broadcaster, intrepid adventurer and world-class extreme endurance athlete Lowri Morgan, whose message of perseverance and positive thinking inspired everyone present.

The awards event was a practical showcase for student talent too.

Entertainment was provided by the College's Theatrical Special Effects, Hair and Media Make-Up students, who treated guests to a special Horror Circus showcase, and a

performance by Dance4Ukraine, many of whom are students at the Llwyn y Bryn Campus. The set, lighting and sound was provided by Level 3 Theatre and Live Events Production students.

"We have heard stories of students achieving the highest grades possible, of students receiving national recognition in their chosen disciplines, of students balancing significant family and work commitments with their studies, and of students whose distance travelled since starting College has been nothing short of incredible," says Principal Mark Jones. "And while these are all different stories, they share a consistent theme of commitment, determination and going the extra mile, which is truly inspirational."



## Learners step into the spotlight at Creative Futures event

Gower College Swansea hosted an exciting Creative Futures event on Thursday 23 March, bringing together fashion, hair and makeup and music in a showcase. The event took place at Tycoch Campus and was attended by pupils from Bishop Gore School, College learners, parents and guests.

The event was a collaborative effort between learners from different areas of the College.

Production Arts students set the stage and controlled the sound and lighting, while Hair and Makeup students prepared the models for the catwalk. Music Performance students impressed the audience with a showcase of original material and Art and Design students displayed their sustainable fashion garments created from waste denim, as well as exhibiting some of their final art pieces and winning Skills Competition Wales entries.



"This exciting event provided an opportunity for creative learners from across the College to work together as they would in industry and showcase their skills, giving them a 'real world' experience of their chosen sector," said Elinor Franklin, Art and Design Curriculum Leader who organised the event.

"The creative industries are thriving in Wales and it's a thrilling time to be embarking on a creative career! Learners at the College have many opportunities to work with artists, designers and creative practitioners to support them with their next steps."



# Gower College Swansea Guarantee

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.**

## Enterprise / Employability

Heledd is busy juggling her Level 3 studies with running her own company - Hels Bakes Cakes – which she started in 2022, catering for events such as birthday parties.

As a fluent Welsh speaker and one of the College's Welsh Ambassadors, Heledd has also catered for Welsh Week events across the campus. She has also received support and encouragement from the College's Enterprise team.

"Studying business at College has been really beneficial," she says. "It's allowed me to gain a lot more knowledge about the practicalities of running a successful enterprise."



Heledd Hunt



Daniele Lucini

## Going to university

Receiving an offer from a top university is a great achievement for any student. Receiving four is very special indeed – and that is what has happened to Daniele who studied mathematics, further mathematics, physics, and chemistry alongside the Welsh Baccalaureate.

He has received offers from Cambridge, Bath, and University College London to study a degree in natural sciences from September. There is also an offer from the University of Bristol, to study chemistry, on the table.

"The College has provided me with loads of support. I remember the day I came in for my induction when I had a lengthy discussion with staff and was advised on what A Levels would be best to study so that I could pursue the university degrees I was most interested in," he says.

Daniele also received support in the form of various academic enrichment activities thanks to the GCS Honours and Oxbridge programmes and the Seren Network.

## Progression

Back in 2017, Emma Hill was at risk of becoming NEET so she joined our Bridge programme while she thought about which career pathway she wanted to follow. After completing the Bridge course with a DM grade profile, she progressed firstly onto Level 2 Health and Social Care, and then Level 2 Engineering Technologies.

Here, Emma found her calling and progressed onto Level 3 Extended Diploma in Engineering Technologies, which she completed this past summer with an overall Distinction, and now she is enrolled at the HE Centre on the HND Electrical and Electronic Engineering.

Alongside this academic achievement, Emma has been a star player in the College's WorldSkills competition success story, reaching the national finals no less!



Emma Hill




# Use your Welsh

Our aim is to ensure you keep your Welsh while studying at the College, whatever your level of fluency. We want the Welsh language to be a natural part of life here, and support students' development in the language and to learn and be involved in Welsh culture.

## Do you want to speak to us in Welsh? You can!

Let us know what your preferred language is and we will make a note of it. You can have an interview in Welsh, join a Welsh tutorial group, and come to our Welsh Welcome Day - an opportunity to meet other Welsh speakers and get to know everyone and the campus before you start in September.

## Study in Welsh

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

Some learning areas also offer Welsh-medium tutor groups. It's important to remember that you are entitled to submit work in Welsh. You also have the opportunity to study the Welsh Baccalaureate in Welsh.

## Your language rights

As a Welsh speaker in Wales, you have the right to deal with public institutions in Welsh and receive services from them in Welsh. The rights are based on the Welsh Language Standards, which are a list of things that organisations are required to do in Welsh.

## Take part!

There are a number of exciting opportunities available through the medium of Welsh, including events, activities and academic options. Join the Welsh Language Association and take part in bilingual events and activities throughout the year. Be one of our ambassadors and help us to promote the Welsh language across all campuses.



**Olivia Lane wins Welsh Language Student of the Year 2023.**

Olivia joined Gower College Swansea from Ysgol Gyfun Dyffryn Amman with an excellent GCSE profile and was determined to pursue a career in health and social care.

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



# 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 College has developed excellent partnerships with leading employers in Swansea.



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 programme
- Higher level further education
- Adult services
- Full or part-time employment
- Part-time courses.



## Advice and support

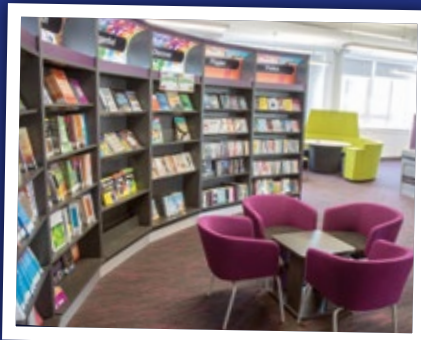
Our Student Services team provides information, support and advice on everything from course options to funding. They can give you impartial, professional guidance throughout your application process.

### 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, Tychoch 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.



### Mathematics and English support

Literacy and numeracy elements can be built into courses.

### Student support officers

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

### 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, out-of-class support, 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. 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 to students of any age from the United Kingdom for full-time further education (15 hours per week or more).

### 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, Oxwich or Pennard (areas which are not serviced by First Cymru) are able to access a National Adventure Travel (NAT) bus pass.



**All bus passes are subsidised.** Further information is available at our open evenings.



**Bagloriaeth Sgiliau  
Cymru Uwch**  
Advanced Skills  
Baccalaureate Wales

This is an exciting new Level 3 qualification that supports students to become effective, responsible and active citizens, equipping you with the skills needed for future study or to enter the job market.

The qualification can be taken alongside other Level 3 qualifications including A Levels.

The two-year course is made up of three projects: Global Community, Future Destination, and Individual, and will help you develop a range of skills which are attractive to employers, colleges and universities.



# Student life

[Linktr.ee/gcsle](https://linktr.ee/gcsle)

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.



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

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 you and your classmates' voices heard.



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.



Fatima Lopes,  
Student Union President

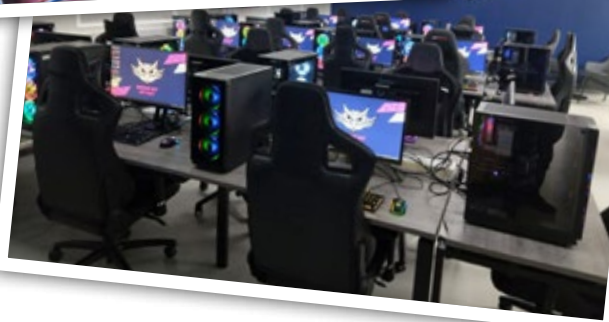


## GCS Owls

An esports team based in Gower College Swansea, we inspire our students to reach for the stars whilst creating, developing and playing games.

Since its creation, the GCS Owls have had many successes competing in various online tournaments based in the UK and USA with games ranging from Apex Legends to Valorant.

**owls.gcs.ac.uk**



## Kenya Project

Our Kenya Community Education Project, established in 2006, fundraises for a small primary school in Western Kenya called Madungu. Due to our support, children at the school have been fed daily and extra teachers have been hired to decrease class sizes.

Our students have had several trips to the school over the years, to see how their efforts have changed lives. All students are encouraged to join in the fundraising efforts, and all ideas are welcomed!

## 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. We also have refectories at all 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 a gym at our Gorseinon Campus.



# Sport

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

Follow us  [GCSFootball\\_](#)  [@GCSRugbyAcademy](#)  [@GCSNetball](#)



## Pro:Direct Football Academy

Gower College Swansea are excited to have launched the new Pro:Direct South Wales Football Academy, the only Pro:Direct Football Academy in Wales!



Established in 2010, Pro:Direct Academies are for young players of all genders. They allow players to train full time like a pro, with UEFA and FA Licensed coaches, weekly competitive fixtures and pro-level fitness and recovery programmes.

Alongside the South Wales Academy, players can choose to study on one of the numerous College courses that fit in with the training slots and games. Many of the players choose to study either the Certificate or National Diploma in Football, Coaching and Performance, though other courses are also available.



## Rugby Academy

The College has been granted the WRU Rugby Programme in Education licence (RPE) and competes in the Elite Schools and Colleges League: the highest league available to education establishments in Wales. We also compete in the largest seven-a-side tournaments in the UK.

The Elite Rugby Academy aims to prepare players for transition to the professional or senior game. Members receive 12 hours contact time per week from our highly skilled coaching team, complementing their education. The academy timetable includes skill sessions, strength and conditioning, performance analysis, medical clinics, one-to-ones and holistic development sessions. There is also a programme and pathway for female rugby players.

Additionally, we run a successful development team for those players that want to play recreationally alongside their studies.





## Netball Academy

The GCS Netball Academy gives students the opportunity to train and play in a high-performance environment both domestically and nationally alongside their academic studies.

They compete at the highest level within the AOC (Association of Colleges) leagues, including the Premier league where they face the best netball colleges in the UK, and the Wales league where they have achieved multiple wins.

Students benefit from coaching from highly qualified staff, and a player development pathway covering all aspects of the game including strength and conditioning, performance analysis and individual reviews.

The College regularly represents Wales in the AOC National Championships, with students gaining national and international honours across several Wales Netball pathways.



## 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.

## Basketball Club

The College Basketball Club plays in the AOC Colegau Cymru 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 knockout competition.



## Surf and 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 has 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.

## 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.

## 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.

# Start your journey

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**Choose your course**

2

Apply online  
**gcs.ac.uk**

3

College **offer**  
and **interview**

4

**Enrol**

5

**Start**



Need further advice  
and guidance?

Contact our admissions team

**admissions@gcs.ac.uk**

## 1 Choose your 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](https://gcs.ac.uk/school-leavers)**



### A Level

A Levels are generally studied over two years and are split into two parts. The first year is known as the AS Level, with external assessment at the end. You then move onto the A2 Level in the second year, with more exams to gain the full A Level Award. We offer around 40 A Level subjects at our Gorseinon campus.

### Vocational

Our vocational courses are designed to lead to specific careers so if you know what job you want to do when you leave college, these are for you. There are different levels so you can slot into the one that's best for you, with the opportunity to progress onto the next level. We offer BTEC, NVQ and City & Guilds qualifications.

### Apprenticeships

Do you want to earn while you learn? Apprenticeship programmes are funded by the Welsh Government and give you the opportunity to gain experience and qualifications while you are working – what's more, they won't cost you a penny. We've got almost 50 different career routes to choose from, so get in touch today to find out more or for help in finding an employer.

## A guide to entry requirements

LEVEL 3

**A Levels** - Seven GCSEs at grade C or above, including English Language. Mathematics is also required for many subjects. Specific entry requirements will be detailed with the individual course details. **What next?** You can progress to a university level course, an apprenticeship or to employment.

**Level 3 vocational** - Five GCSEs including English Language at grade C or above. Or a Level 2 Merit profile along with GCSE English Language grade C.

**What next?** You can progress to a university level course, an apprenticeship or employment within the industry.



## 2 Apply online [gcs.ac.uk](https://gcs.ac.uk)

**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](https://gcs.ac.uk)

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

## 3 College offer and interview

**After you apply, you will be contacted by our Admissions team and invited for an interview.**

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.

## 4 Enrol

**You'll be invited to come into the College after you've finished your GCSE exams to enrol.**

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.

## 5 Start

**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!

LEVEL 2

**Level 2 vocational** - One GCSE at grade C, supported by a number at grade D or above.

**What next?** You may be able to move on to a vocational Level 3 course or possibly an apprenticeship or seek employment within the industry.

LEVEL 1

**Level 1 vocational** - A number of GCSEs at grade D-G or above.

**What next?** You may be able to move on to a vocational Level 2 course or seek employment within the industry.

ENTRY

**Entry Level** - No formal qualifications.

**What next?** You may be able to a Level 1 course or seek employment.

# Open evenings

5.30-7.30pm

**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.

## November 2023

**Jubilee Court Campus**

Wednesday 15

**Gorseinon Campus**

Thursday 16

**Llwyn y Bryn Campus**

Tuesday 21

**Tychoch Campus**

Thursday 23

## January 2024

**Gorseinon Campus**

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**Tychoch Campus**

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**Llwyn y Bryn Campus**

Tuesday 23

## March 2024

**Gorseinon Campus**

Monday 4

**Jubilee Court Campus**

Wednesday 6

**Tychoch Campus**

Monday 11

**Llwyn y Bryn Campus**

Tuesday 12



# 2023 Results

13% A\* grades

35% A\*-A grades\*

60% A\*-B grades

82% A\*-C grades

98% pass rate\*

*\*Higher than the Welsh national average.*

See our website for results per subject



In 2023, 82% of our students achieved the grades they needed to progress to their first choice university (the UK national average was 79%). This includes 152 students who have secured places at one of the Russell Group universities.

## GCSE resits

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

## A Level

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
- Classics
- Geology
- Music Technology
- Dance
- Ancient History
- Electronics

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.

### 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.

### Foundation A Level Programme

Are you a motivated learner who wants to make academic progress? Do you need to improve your GCSE grades? Would you like to study A Levels but haven't quite met the entry requirements? If so, then this course is for you.

The course prepares learners for GCSE exams in five core subjects: English Language, Mathematics/Numeracy, Religious Studies, Media and Geography. This enables learners to re-sit English and mathematics whilst fast tracking three new GCSE subjects.





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

## GCS Honours

GCS Honours is our academic enrichment and support programme for students who wish to apply to the best universities in the UK and beyond.

Starting in Y12, we will support you every step of the way throughout the university application process and help you achieve your aspirations.

We have a strong reputation for academic excellence and are incredibly proud of our students' success:

- **Over 30** alumni currently at Oxbridge Colleges
- **Over 50** students have received MDV (medics, dentists, vets) places over the past two years
- **152 students** received places at Russell Group Universities in 2023.

GCS Honours is timetabled as part of your A Level offer and will sit alongside your academic subjects. At the core of our programme are our academic challenge tutorials: weekly sessions to develop your critical thinking and reading, and research skills.

You will also keep a reflective academic journal which will support you in delving deeper into your subject and discussing challenging ideas and research with like-minded peers.

GCS Honours students will have the opportunity to take part in the **Seren Academy** and **Cambridge University's HE+ Programme**. For those students with ambitions to apply for early-entry university courses and destinations, our **Oxbridge Preparation Programme** and **Medics, Dentists and Vets Programme** provides additional support, help and guidance.



## 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.



## 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.



## Oxbridge Preparation Programme

This year long programme equips students with the knowledge, skills and understanding to make competitive applications to Oxford or Cambridge.

## 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.

# Almost 40 subjects to choose from

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# Reasons to choose a vocational course



**Over 40 courses to choose from**



**Career focused**



**Industry-led courses**



**Practical and hands on**

**UCAS**

**Level 3 equivalent to A Levels**



**Progression options**

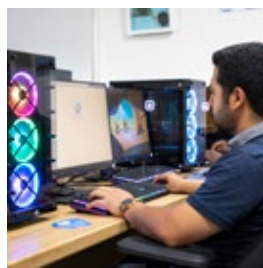
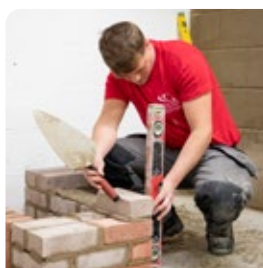
## Vocational

Vocational courses can be studied at Level 1, 2 or 3 depending on ability. They combine practical learning with academic subject and theory content. These are career-focused qualifications which give students the skills, subject knowledge and experience to pursue a variety of careers within their chosen sector, whilst also providing a clear route to university or an Apprenticeship, depending on their chosen path.

Most subjects will include some form of external assessment and assessment through coursework. A lot of these courses have a built-in work experience placement and/or work-related learning so that students get first-hand experience of working within their sector.

Vocational courses are standalone courses which usually cannot be combined alongside other subjects/courses.

The College has fantastic links with employers and students will be taught by industry experts in dedicated facilities with industry standard resources.



### We have vocational courses in the following areas:

- Art and design
- Built environment
- Business
- Catering and hospitality
- Computing and technology
- Creative media
- Engineering
- Hair, beauty and holistics
- Health, social care and childcare
- Horticulture
- Motor vehicle
- Music
- Performing arts and theatre production
- Photography
- Public and protective services
- Science
- Sport
- Travel and tourism



# Apprenticeships

Gower College Swansea is one of Wales' leading apprenticeship providers, offering a wide range of award winning apprenticeship programmes.



Llywodraeth Cymru  
Welsh Government

More and more school leavers are signing up for apprenticeships as an alternative to A levels or vocational courses, seeking to gain practical skills and knowledge in a specific field.

Apprenticeships provide hands-on, real-world experience focused on developing specific skills relevant to your chosen profession. As an apprentice you will earn while you learn, gaining the knowledge, skills and experience that employers value, as you get to apply theoretical knowledge directly to practical tasks.

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).

One of the most attractive aspects of apprenticeships is that you earn a wage while you're learning. This can help offset educational costs and provide financial stability during your training period.

You can start an apprenticeship at the level that suits you, starting at foundation level with the opportunity to progress to senior management level. Your entry level choices are **Foundation Apprenticeship (Level 2)** or an **Apprenticeship (Level 3)** with the possibility of progressing on to a **Higher Apprenticeship (Level 4 and Level 5)**.

Many apprentices are offered permanent positions by the company where they completed their training, and even if not, the skills and experience gained during the apprenticeship programme make you a more attractive candidate to other employers in the industry.

Interested in an apprenticeship? Contact our team now!

[wbladmissions@gcs.ac.uk](mailto:wbladmissions@gcs.ac.uk)

## We offer Apprenticeships in the following areas:

- Accountancy
- Activity leadership/Youth work
- Advocacy
- Brickwork
- Business administration
- Business improvement techniques
- Careers, information advice and guidance
- Carpentry
- Carpet and floor covering
- Community development
- Childcare
- Clinical or perioperative healthcare
- Contact centre operations
- Construction civil engineering
- Construction plant, highways, formwork
- Creative and digital media
- Customer service
- Cycle maintenance (engineering maintenance)
- Data analytics
- Digital application support
- Digital learning practitioner
- Digital marketing
- Electronics
- Electrical
- Engineering
- Emergency fire operations
- Facilities management (IWFM)
- Fashion and textiles
- Gas operations
- Health and social care
- Housing
- Information security
- IT digital application support
- IT, software, web and telecoms
- IT user
- Laboratory and science
- Learning and development
- Management (CMI, ILM)
- Motor vehicle
- Painting and decorating
- Plastering
- Plumbing
- Retail
- Security and emergency systems
- Social media for business
- Sports development
- Supporting teaching and learning/Physical education in schools
- Sustainable resource and waste (CIWM)
- Translation practice (Welsh language)
- Warehousing and storage

Gower College Swansea has been recognised for its **outstanding apprenticeship provision** at the prestigious UK AAC Apprenticeship Awards 2022.





## Art, Design and Media

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

Media is everywhere! It's on the television, 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.



See full  
course  
descriptions  
and apply  
online

## Career paths

- Graphic designer
- Photographer
- Film maker
- Animator
- Digital content creator
- Advertising
- Fashion designer
- Interior designer

The **Swansea Bay City Deal** has a number of projects aimed at supporting the creative and visual arts.

**Enterprise Champion Susanne David** organised an end of year art sale, featuring some hand drawn pencil work from our very own Ryan Jones, who is studying Level 2 Art and Design. We're sure you'll agree his attention to detail is phenomenal! In fact, the Vivienne Westwood piece was pre-sold to an avid fan before the main event



**DISCOVER!**  
creative careers

There are so many options out there - start your research today!





## A Levels

**Standard entry requirements:** Seven GCSEs grade C or above, including English Language. Mathematics is also desirable. Any additional entry requirements will be listed with the course details.

Subject	Qualification	Course length	Campus
<b>Fine Art</b>	<b>A Level</b>	<b>Two years</b>	<b>Gorseinon</b>
Students will explore a range of art, media, processes, and techniques with traditional methods being studied as well as new. You will work in one or more areas of fine art i.e. drawing and painting, mixed media (collage), printmaking and photography, installation/site specific or video. <b>Additional entry requirements:</b> An art based GCSE at grade C or a portfolio of artwork.			
<b>Graphic Design (Communication)</b>	<b>A Level</b>	<b>Two years</b>	<b>Gorseinon</b>
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. <b>Additional entry requirements:</b> A GCSE in Graphic Communication, Art and Design, Media Studies or ICT is recommended, or evidence of work such as a showreel or portfolio/sketchbook.			
<b>Media Studies</b>	<b>A Level</b>	<b>Two years</b>	<b>Gorseinon</b>
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. <b>Additional entry requirements:</b> Grade B in GCSE English Language or Literature.			
<b>Photography</b>	<b>A Level</b>	<b>Two years</b>	<b>Gorseinon</b>
Embark on a creative journey through the captivating world of photography. This course aims to develop your technical skills and artistic vision while nurturing your passion for image making. You will explore various photographic techniques, both digital and traditional, work with film and make black and white darkroom prints. <b>Additional entry requirements:</b> An art based GCSE at grade C is recommended but not essential.			
<b>Textile Design - Fashion/Interior Design</b>	<b>A Level</b>	<b>Two years</b>	<b>Gorseinon</b>
You will learn the fundamental concepts of textile design, including the research of professional artists/designers and other essential sources of research. Through hands-on projects and workshops, students will gain practical experience in developing textile techniques i.e. hand and machine embroidery, bead work, laser, creative construction etc. <b>Additional entry requirements:</b> An art based GCSE at grade C is recommended but not essential.			



**Students had a fantastic opportunity to meet with employers and university lecturers during the first ever Design 48 showcase, which was held at the Gorseinon and Llwyn y Bryn Campuses.**

The idea behind Design 48 was developed by the College in partnership with Rachael Wheatley of Waters Creative.

A series of talks and practical taster sessions, Design 48 was designed to inspire learners and boost their employability skills. It also aimed to raise their aspirations and awareness of the wide range of educational and career pathways available to them within the creative industries.





**Our students had particular success at the Urdd Eisteddfod in Llandoverly.**

Over 60 students in all competed in various stage and homework competitions. Gower College Swansea was the most successful further education college in Wales this year.

In addition to this, a special award went to Lara Rees for the best piece of work in the under 19 category from all art, design and technology competitions at the Eisteddfod.

## Vocational

Course	Qualification	Course length	Campus
<b>Art and Design</b>	<b>Level 1</b> Diploma	<b>One year</b>	<b>Llwyn y Bryn</b>
You will create traditional 2D/3D art and photography, and take part in creative digital design projects to build personal, creative and technical skills. <b>Entry requirements:</b> A number of GCSEs at grade D-G. Subject to interview and examples of work.			
<b>Art and Design</b>	<b>Level 2</b> Diploma	<b>One year</b>	<b>Llwyn y Bryn</b>
An introduction to a range of practical disciplines within art and design such as drawing, painting, ceramics, sculpture, textiles, graphics, photography and contextual references. <b>Entry requirements:</b> Four GCSEs at grade D. Grade A-C in GCSE Art and Design is desirable. Subject to interview and examples of work.			
<b>Art and Design</b> 	<b>Level 3</b> Extended Diploma	<b>Two years</b>	<b>Llwyn y Bryn</b>
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 in a range of mediums. <b>Entry requirements:</b> Five GCSEs at grades A-C including Art and Design. Subject to interview and examples of work.			
<b>Creative Media Production and Technology</b>	<b>Level 2</b> Diploma	<b>One year</b>	<b>Gorseinon</b>
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. <b>Entry requirements:</b> One GCSE at grade C supported by a number at grade D-E.			
<b>Creative Media Production and Technology</b> 	<b>Level 3</b> Extended Diploma	<b>Two years</b>	<b>Gorseinon</b>
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. <b>Entry requirements:</b> Five GCSEs at grade A-C or the Level 2 Diploma in Creative Media Production and Technology. You will also be required to submit a portfolio of artwork at your interview.			
<b>Photography</b>	<b>Level 2</b> Diploma	<b>One year</b>	<b>Llwyn y Bryn</b>
You will study the techniques, processes and concepts of other photographers and complete units on themes such as responding to a brief, realising ideas and image manipulation. <b>Entry requirements:</b> Four GCSEs at grade D. Subject to interview and examples of work.			
<b>Photography</b>	<b>Level 3</b> Extended Diploma	<b>Two years</b>	<b>Llwyn y Bryn</b>
You will be challenged with a number of creative briefs to develop photography outcomes in both studio and location settings. You will explore a variety of genres including advertising, fashion, documentary and travel. <b>Entry requirements:</b> Five GCSEs at grade C or above. Subject to interview and examples of work.			

## Apprenticeships


for further information please see page 18

Route	Qualification
<b>Fashion and Textiles</b>	<b>Level 2/3</b>



## Your future guaranteed

We have the following progression opportunities within the College:

- **Art and Design Foundation Diploma Level 3**   
This one-year course is ideal if you are interested in pursuing a career in art and design at a higher level. It will enable you to explore new mediums to develop your portfolio and individual style.
- **Foundation Degree in Visual Effects and Motion Graphics**

Alternatively you could progress on to university, start your own business, work freelance or gain employment within the industry.

**The summer art exhibition - Emerging** - was an extraordinary showcase of talent and creativity featuring the exceptional work of our A Level and vocational Level 3 learners. The series of exhibitions provided a platform for the next generation of artists and designers to express their perspectives on various themes and issues.



View the VR tour of the exhibition.





## Built Environment

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

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

The A Level is an ideal qualification for those who have an interest in careers such as architecture, surveying and construction site management.



See full course descriptions and apply online

## Career paths

- Construction worker
- Carpenter/joiner
- Plumber
- Electrician
- Tiler
- Plasterer
- Painter and decorator
- Civil engineer
- Architect
- Site manager
- Surveyor
- Building Inspector

The **Swansea Bay City Deal** has a number of projects aimed at supporting the built environment sector.



### College links with industry to enrich student experience

The College continues its rich partnership with CITB, benefiting from construction qualification change support, enhanced learner-employer engagement via initiatives like Cyfle On Site and more. The Cyfle On Site program, in partnership with Swansea Council and Kier, offers on site work experience, a training allowance, and toolkit in students' chosen trade.

The College was also proud to host CITB's SkillBuild 2023 regional heat, with 100 students competing in nine categories at Jubilee Court - our dedicated Built Environment Campus.



## A Levels

**Standard entry requirements:** Seven GCSEs grade C or above, including English Language. Mathematics is also desirable. Any additional entry requirements will be listed with the course details.

Subject	Qualification	Course length	Campus
<b>Built Environment</b>	<b>A Level</b>	<b>Two years</b>	<b>Gorseinon</b>

This qualification advances learners' understanding of the built environment (e.g. the construction of houses, civil engineering, residential and commercial buildings). **Additional entry requirements:** Grade C or above in GCSE Mathematics, Built Environment or Design Technology is desirable.

## Vocational

Course	Qualification	Course length	Campus
<b>Building Services Studies - Plumbing and Electrical</b>	<b>Level 1 Diploma</b>	<b>One year</b>	<b>Tychoch</b>

You will learn the basic skills and knowledge to prepare you for employment or further study. **Entry requirements:** GCSEs preferred, subject to interview. Students may be placed directly onto the Level 2 course if suitable.

<b>Construction Skills - Multi Skills</b>	<b>Level 1 Diploma</b>	<b>One year</b>	<b>Jubilee Court</b>
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This course provides the ideal introduction to the industry, gaining an understanding and practical experience of the variety of trades such as painting and decorating, carpentry and joinery, brickwork, tiling, electrical, plumbing and plastering. **Entry requirements:** GCSEs preferred, subject to interview. Students may be placed directly onto the Level 2 course if suitable.

## Apprenticeships

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Route	Qualification
<b>Bricklaying</b>	<b>Level 3</b>
<b>Electrotechnical</b>	<b>Level 3</b>
<b>Painting and Decorating</b>	<b>Level 3</b>
<b>Plastering</b>	<b>Level 3</b>
<b>Plumbing</b>	<b>Level 3</b>
<b>Carpentry</b>	<b>Level 3</b>
<b>Gas Operations</b>	<b>Level 2/3</b>
<b>Carpet and Floor Covering</b>	<b>Level 2</b>

## Your future guaranteed

We have the following progression opportunities within the College:

- **Level 2 and Level 3 in your chosen pathway**
- **HNC in Construction Management**

Alternatively you could progress on to university or gain employment within the industry.



## Business, Accounting and Law

After completing your qualifications 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.



See full  
course  
descriptions  
and apply  
online

## Career paths

- Business development
- Investment banker
- Data analyst
- Chartered accountant
- Entrepreneur
- Corporate lawyer/solicitor
- Project manager



**Business student Heledd Hunt is busy juggling her Level 3 studies with running her own company, Hels Bakes Cakes.**

"My advice for other budding entrepreneurs would be to find your niche - your passion - and just go for it," says Heledd. "There is nothing holding you back and once you have started, it's onwards and upwards from there! I would also advise them to take advantage of social media as a way of getting yourself out there. Spending a little bit of time on that every day will help to build your brand and will definitely pay off in the long run."



## A Levels

**Standard entry requirements:** Seven GCSEs grade C or above, including English Language. Mathematics is also desirable. Any additional entry requirements will be listed with the course details.

Subject	Qualification	Course length	Campus
<b>Accounting</b> (Linear delivery - see page 15) 🏆	<b>A Level</b>	<b>Two years</b>	<b>Gorseinon</b>
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). <b>Additional entry requirements:</b> Minimum grade B in GCSE Mathematics and English Language.			
<b>Business Studies</b> 🏆	<b>A Level</b>	<b>Two years</b>	<b>Gorseinon</b>
This course aims to provide a holistic understanding of business and the decisions taken by managers in a range of contexts - you will explore core functions such as marketing, finance, human resources and operations. <b>Additional entry requirements:</b> Grade C in GCSE Mathematics and English Language is essential.			
<b>Economics</b>	<b>A Level</b>	<b>Two years</b>	<b>Gorseinon</b>
On this course you will focus on both microeconomics and macroeconomics. <b>Additional entry requirements:</b> Minimum grade B in GCSE Mathematics and English Language.			
<b>Law</b>	<b>A Level</b>	<b>Two years</b>	<b>Gorseinon</b>
This course encourages you to develop an interest and understanding of the current legal system in England and Wales. <b>Additional entry requirements:</b> Grade B in GCSE English Language.			
<b>Criminology</b>	<b>Level 3 Applied Diploma</b>	<b>Two years</b>	<b>Gorseinon</b>
Designed to be taken alongside A Levels. This course is designed to give you an introduction to the theory and skills application of criminology ie. changing awareness of crime and criminological theories. <b>Additional entry requirements:</b> Minimum Grade B in GCSE English Language.			

### Gower College Swansea student William Evans is showing a real practical flair for entrepreneurship despite being just 16 years of age.

Two years ago Will, who is studying a BTEC Business course at the Gorseinon campus, started selling eggs from his family's smallholding in Gower. As the community was under lockdown at the time, Will took the initiative and offered a home delivery service which proved very popular with his customers who were looking to shop locally.

Although he still sells eggs from an honesty box in Three Crosses, Will's business horizons have now broadened with the development of a petting farm with alpacas, guinea pigs, goats and rabbits.


With the help and support of his family, Will's Petting Farm has become



a real hit with the local community. It is especially popular with local playgroups who bring the children along to meet and pet the animals in a safe environment.

Will's business talents have already attracted media attention, with him featuring on a recent episode of ITV's Coast and Country.

## Vocational

Course	Qualification	Course length	Campus
<b>Business and Administration</b>	<b>Level 2</b> Certificate	<b>One year</b>	<b>Tycoch</b>
This course 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. <b>Entry requirements:</b> One GCSE at grade C and three GCSEs at grade D, or a pass on a Level 1 course in a related subject.			
<b>Business</b>	<b>Level 3</b> Diploma with LIBF	<b>Two years</b>	<b>Tycoch</b>
This 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. This course is equivalent to studying an extended diploma. <b>Entry requirements:</b> Five GCSEs at grade C including Mathematics and English Language. Or a related Level 2 qualification alongside a grade C in GCSE Mathematics and English Language.			
<b>Business</b> 	<b>Level 3</b> Extended Diploma	<b>Two years</b>	<b>Gorseinon</b>
This course is equivalent to three A Levels. It aims to holistically develop practical, research, interpersonal and thinking skills within areas such as marketing, finance, human resources and management. You can also opt to study a related A Level alongside this course. <b>Entry requirements:</b> Five GCSEs grade C or above including Mathematics and English Language. Or a related Level 2 qualification alongside a grade C in GCSE Mathematics and English Language.			

## Apprenticeships

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Route	Qualification
<b>Association of Accounting Technicians (AAT)</b>	<b>Level 2/3/4</b>
<b>Business Administration</b>	<b>Level 2/3</b>

## Your future guaranteed

We have the following progression opportunities within the College:

- **Business Express Level 3**  
This course is equivalent to two A Levels and can be studied independently or combined with A Levels - a course format unique to the College. It is a fast track route to achieving your diploma and is aimed at learners who have already started their Level 3 studies.
- **HND/BA (Hons) in Business Management**
- **AAT accounting qualifications Levels 2-4**
- **ACCA accounting qualifications Levels 4-7**

Alternatively you could progress on to university, start your own business or gain employment within the industry.



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).





## Catering and Hospitality

Turn your culinary passion into the highest hospitality service standards. Students on these courses have the advantage of working in a professional environment as they prepare and serve food at the Vanilla Pod, the College's training restaurant at our Tycoch Campus.



See full course descriptions and apply online

## Career paths

- Kitchen/catering assistant
- Chef
- Waiting staff
- Bar staff
- Catering/bar manager

120 pupils from six Swansea schools enjoyed a **hospitality taster day** at the College with The Chefs' Forum Roadshow.



## Vocational

Course	Qualification	Course length	Campus
<b>Introduction to Hospitality and Catering</b>	<b>Entry Level 3</b>	<b>One year</b>	<b>Tycoch</b>
Introduction to the catering and hospitality industry, through preparation and cooking of dishes, along with the service of food and beverages. <b>Entry requirements:</b> No formal qualifications are required.			
<b>Professional Cookery and Catering</b>	<b>Level 1 Diploma</b>	<b>One year</b>	<b>Tycoch</b>
Gain the knowledge and practical skills necessary to achieve an industry recognised qualification and a career in food preparation and cooking. <b>Entry requirements:</b> Three GCSEs at grades E and above. Applicants will also be considered based on interview.			

## Your future guaranteed

We have the following progression opportunities within the College:

- **Professional Cookery and Catering Level 2 Diploma**  
Develop your practical skills further by preparing and cooking classic and contemporary cuisine for our Vanilla Pod training restaurant.

Alternatively you could gain employment within the industry.

Thanks to the Chefs' Forum, **professional chefs visit the College** throughout the academic year to hold cookery demonstrations.

These have included high profile cooks such as Hywel Griffiths, Head Chef at the Beach House Restaurant, and Dan Lee, Masterchef The Professionals winner.

We were also delighted to welcome back our catering alumni, Nick Jones, who progressed through the levels to complete Level 3 Diploma in Advanced Professional Cookery (Kitchen and Larder) with us.







## Computing and Technology

We live in an increasingly digital world where IT skills are always in demand. Stay ahead of AI and discover limitless opportunities in a tech-driven world.



See full course descriptions and apply online

## Career paths

- Computer information systems
- Computer forensics
- Computer games development
- Esports
- Cyber security
- Computer networking
- Computer science

We have a successful esports team, to find out more visit

[owls.gcs.ac.uk](http://owls.gcs.ac.uk)



### Gower College Swansea recently hosted a **Skills Competition Wales Technology Mega Heat**.

Over 80 students – from Bridgend College, Cardiff and Vale College, Coleg Cambria, Coleg Gwent, Coleg Sir Gar, Coleg Y Cymoedd, NPTC Group, St David's College and Ysgol Pen Y Bryn - took part in a variety of competitions on the day.

"We were delighted to host the Technology Mega Heat and to welcome learners from all over South Wales to hone their IT skills and compete against their talented peers for a potential medal placing," says Learning Area Manager, Darren Fountain.

"In addition to the competitions, they had an opportunity to relax and socialise together in their downtime, enjoying a range of 'have a go' activities hosted by our Technology staff and learners. These included our F1 racing simulator, a PC maintenance challenge, Green Screen productions and even a cyber escape room challenge hosted by Tarian ROCU." coding, cyber security, networking, IT tech support and inclusive skills."



## A Levels

**Standard entry requirements:** Seven GCSEs grade C or above, including English Language. Mathematics is also desirable. Any additional entry requirements will be listed with the course details.

Subject	Qualification	Course length	Campus
<b>Computer Science</b>	<b>A Level</b>	<b>Two years</b>	<b>Gorseinon</b>
You will be given the opportunity to develop programming skills together with the knowledge of both hardware and software. <b>Additional entry requirements:</b> Grade B in GCSE Mathematics and English Language. A GCSE in Computer Science/ICT is advantageous.			
<b>Digital Technology</b>	<b>A Level</b>	<b>Two years</b>	<b>Gorseinon</b>
This course will advance your understanding of the digital technologies used by individuals and organisations, looking at how they develop and evolve. <b>Additional entry requirements:</b> Grade C in GCSE Mathematics is essential.			

## Vocational

Course	Qualification	Course length	Campus
<b>Information Technology</b> 🏆	<b>Level 1 Diploma</b>	<b>One year</b>	<b>Tychoch</b>
This course is an introduction to the roles that exist within the IT industry. <b>Entry requirements:</b> Four GCSEs at grade E plus an interview.			
<b>Information and Creative Technology</b>	<b>Level 2 First Diploma</b>	<b>One year</b>	<b>Tychoch</b>
This course provides specialist knowledge, understanding and skills that will prepare you for employment in the industry. <b>Entry requirements:</b> Two GCSEs at grade C or the Level 1 Diploma in Information Technology.			
<b>Computing</b> 🏆	<b>Level 3 Extended Diploma</b>	<b>Two years</b>	<b>Tychoch or Gorseinon</b>
You will gain a broad understanding of ICT and study areas in more depth such as computer networks and website production. <b>Entry requirements:</b> Five GCSEs at grade C or the Level 2 First Diploma.			
<b>Esports</b> 🏆	<b>Level 3 Extended Diploma</b>	<b>Two years</b>	<b>Tychoch</b>
This 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. <b>Entry requirements:</b> Five GCSEs at grade C.			

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Route	Qualification
<b>IT, Software and Telecoms</b>	<b>Level 2/3</b>

## Your future guaranteed

We have the following progression opportunities within the College:

- **HND in Applied Computing**
- **Professional qualifications Level 4 and above**

Alternatively you could progress on to university or gain employment within the industry.



# Engineering

Engineering is one of the fastest growing industry sectors in the world and the opportunities within it are limitless! Engineering is defined as the application of science and mathematics to solve problems.

There are opportunities for both academically minded students as well as those who are more practically gifted and prefer hands-on work.



See full course descriptions and apply online

## Career paths

After school, you can choose a discipline to study at College, and specialise within that discipline when you progress into higher education or an apprenticeship.

In broad terms, engineering can be divided into four main categories. Look for the icons below to find out which courses are the most suitable for each engineering field.



### Mechanical

Design and study of physical and mechanical systems such as mechanical instruments, engines, vibration isolation systems, compressors, weapon systems and automobile parts.



### Electrical/Electronic

Design and study of electrical systems and their application such as electrical circuits, generators, motors, electromagnetic systems, computer systems, IC circuits, microchips, electronic devices and telecommunication.



### Civil

Design of public infrastructure such as roads, bridges, dams, water supply and buildings.



### Chemical

The study of the application of chemistry, physics and biology in commercial processes such as petroleum refining, microfabrication and biomolecule production.



## A Levels

**Standard entry requirements:** Seven GCSEs grade C or above, including English. Mathematics is also desirable. Any additional entry requirements will be listed with the course details.

Subject	Qualification	Course length	Campus
<b>Built Environment</b>	<b>A Level</b>	<b>Two years</b>	<b>Gorseinon</b>
This qualification advances learners' understanding of the built environment (e.g. the construction of houses, civil engineering, residential and commercial buildings). <b>Additional entry requirements:</b> Grade C in GCSE Mathematics.			
<b>Electronics</b> (Linear delivery - see page 15)	<b>A Level</b>	<b>Two years</b>	<b>Gorseinon</b>
This course covers both academic and practical elements of electronics. <b>Additional entry requirements:</b> Grade B in GCSE Mathematics and grade C in GCSE Science.			

**Electronic Engineering staff and students made inspirational memories on a trip to Stuttgart. They were hosted by Werner Siemens Schule who boast state of the art facilities including an Industry 4.0 production assembly lab.**

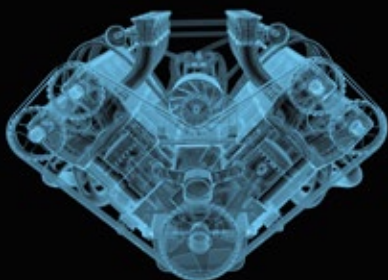
It was a great cultural exchange with students learning each about each others' languages, local traditions and food, whilst also visiting Porsche and Mercedes-Benz museums and developing their technical skills such as PLC and soldering.



**Gower College Swansea is collaborating with University of Wales Trinity Saint David (UWTSD) to inspire and encourage the next generation of motorsport engineers.**

Our students attend the university each week where they are taught by College and UWTSD staff.

Additionally, UWTSD have provided us with a motorsport workshop, PC lab and two fully functioning race vehicles for learners to develop their skills.



**Electronic Engineering students regularly win both Skills Competition Wales and WorldSkills competitions.**

In the recent Skills Competition Wales Industrial Electronics contest, Tarran Spooner secured Gold, Courtney Wallace won Silver, and James Wheland earned Bronze, while Connor Leahy and Joshua Lenthall both claimed Silver in the Industrial Robotics competition! David O'Neill also won Bronze in the Industrial Electronics category of the WorldSkills UK National Finals.

These remarkable achievements highlight the dedication and talent of our students and the excellence of their training.








## Vocational Mechanical Engineering

This is the broadest of the engineering disciplines.

Mechanical engineers specialise in the design and manufacture of machines, engines, mechanical and thermal systems e.g. vehicle components, aircraft products, weapon systems, turbines, compressors, heat pumps, heat exchangers, sports equipment, medical machines and equipment, prosthetic limbs and robots.

### Career paths

Include working in the fields of aerospace, automotive, acoustical, agricultural, manufacturing, production, marine, robotics, biomedical, sports, energy, CNC, welding and fabrication, materials engineering and computer aided design (CAD) and more.

Course	Qualification	Course length	Campus
<b>Practical Mechanical Engineering</b>  <b>(Performing Engineering Operations)</b>	<b>Level 2</b>	<b>One year</b>	<b>Tycoch</b>
This course has been designed to give you knowledge and skills in a wide variety of areas, including practical units which will give you the opportunity to find what areas suit you best. <b>Entry requirements:</b> Four GCSEs at grade D plus a C in either English Language or Mathematics.			
<b>Advanced Manufacture Engineering</b>  <b>- Motorsport</b>	<b>Level 3</b> Diploma	<b>Two years</b>	<b>Gorseinon</b>
This course (equivalent to two A Levels) is designed to give both a technical and academic background. You will study the more complex principles in this field whilst carrying out repair and diagnostic activities on the associated components. <b>Entry requirements:</b> Appropriate GCSEs at grade C including Mathematics, English Language and Science. Progression from intermediate level automotive courses will also be considered alongside appropriate GCSEs or equivalent Essential Skills Wales qualifications.			
<b>Advanced Manufacturing Engineering</b>  <b>- Motorsport</b>	<b>Level 3</b> Extended Diploma	<b>Two years</b>	<b>Gorseinon</b>
This course (equivalent to two A Levels) has been designed to give you the knowledge and skills needed to meet the needs of modern mechanical and electrical engineering industries. Learners can opt to study an extra relevant A Level alongside to enhance their entry to university. <b>Entry requirements:</b> Minimum five GCSEs, preferably with a B in Mathematics.			
<b>Engineering Technologies</b> 	<b>Level 3</b> Technical Extended Diploma	<b>Two years</b>	<b>Tycoch</b>
This predominantly mechanical engineering course (equivalent to three A Levels), is an industry recognised qualification which is designed to give you the academic and practical skills required for many modern engineering industries. <b>Entry requirements:</b> Five GCSEs at grade C or above including intermediate Mathematics and Science.			
<b>Enhanced Engineering Programme</b> <b>Pre-Apprenticeship</b> 	<b>Level 3</b> Diploma	<b>One year</b>	<b>Tycoch</b>
This hybrid programme consists of a Level 3 academic course, a Level 2 NVQ practical course and the essential skills to prepare you for an apprenticeship. Apprenticeships offer you the golden opportunity to study whilst in the workplace, which means you get paid to continue your education, whilst gaining invaluable work experience. <b>Entry requirements:</b> Five GCSEs at grade C or above including Mathematics, 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).			



## Vocational Electrical/Electronic Engineering

Electrical engineers specialise in the design and manufacture of electrical and electronic systems and components, e.g. electrical circuits, electronic circuits, fibre optics, computer systems, telecommunications, instrumentation, controls, generators, motors and electromagnetic devices.

**Career paths** Include electronic engineering, microelectronics, communications, fibre optics, robotics, computer engineering, optical engineering, power engineering and more.

Course	Qualification	Course length	Campus
<b>Electronic Engineering Technologies</b> ⚡	<b>Level 2</b> Diploma	<b>One year</b>	<b>Tycoch</b>
On this course you will explore the very latest technological advances in electronic engineering. <b>Entry requirements:</b> Four GCSEs at grade D or above.			
<b>Electronic Engineering Technician Enhanced Engineering Program</b> ⚡	<b>Level 3</b> Diploma	<b>One year</b>	<b>Tycoch</b>
On this course (equivalent to one and a half A Levels) you will explore the world of electronic engineering including analysing and creating solutions with industrial partners to real problems. <b>Entry requirements:</b> Four GCSEs at grades A-C including Mathematics and English Language or a Level 2 electronics qualification.			
<b>Advanced Electronic Engineering Technician</b> ⚡	<b>Level 3</b> Extended Diploma	<b>Two years</b>	<b>Tycoch</b>
This course (equivalent to two A Levels) is designed to help you achieve a university place in a digital technology or electronics discipline. <b>Entry requirements:</b> Four GCSEs at grades A-C including Mathematics and English Language or a Level 2 electronics qualification.			

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Route	Qualification
<b>Performing Engineering Operations</b>	<b>Level 2 and 3</b>
<b>Engineering Technologies</b>	<b>Level 2 Foundation</b>
<b>Engineering/Electronics</b>	<b>Level 3</b>

## Your future guaranteed

We have the following progression opportunities within the College:

- HNC/HND in Electrical and Electronic Engineering
- HNC/HND in Mechanical Engineering
- HNC in Construction Management

Alternatively you could progress on to university or gain employment within the industry.



## Hair, Beauty and Holistics

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

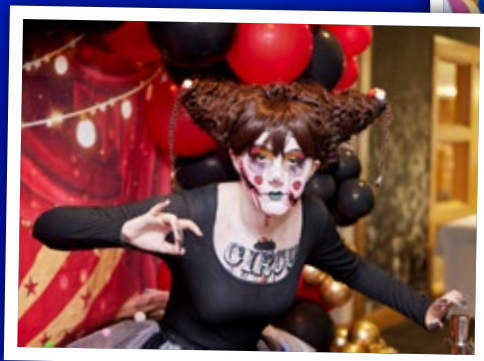
Studying with us could open up a future where you work in a salon, run your own spa or travel internationally on cruise liners.



See full course descriptions and apply online

## Career paths

- Hairdresser/barber
- Beauty therapist
- Nail technician
- Makeup artist
- Run your own business
- TV, film and theatre hair, make-up and special effects



**College theatrical, special effects, hair, and media make-up students have left a mark through their transformative projects this year.**

From creating elf characters for theatre production Elf, demonstrations at Swansea Comic and Gaming Convention to 'Horror Circus' at the College Students Awards.

## Vocational

Course	Qualification	Course length	Campus
<b>Beauty Therapy</b>	<b>Level 1</b> Diploma	<b>One year</b>	<b>Tycoch</b>
Equip yourself with the skills and knowledge required to provide basic skincare and make-up as well as basic manicure and pedicure treatments. <b>Entry requirements:</b> Grade D in GCSE Mathematics and English Language or Level 1 Essential Skills Wales communication and application of number. Interview and a genuine interest in beauty therapy.			
<b>Beauty Specialist Techniques</b>	<b>Level 2</b> Diploma	<b>One year</b>	<b>Tycoch</b>
Develop your practical skills whilst working on clients in a commercial salon environment. <b>Entry requirements:</b> Grade C in GCSE Mathematics, 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.			
<b>Beauty Therapy Treatments</b>	<b>Level 3</b> Diploma	<b>One year</b>	<b>Tycoch</b>
Develop practical skills within a busy commercial environment. You will also attend work experience each week. <b>Entry requirements:</b> Minimum of three GCSEs grade C or above including Mathematics, English Language and preferably Science or equivalent Essential Skills Wales communication and application of number. A related Level 2 qualification.			
<b>Hair and Media Make-up</b>	<b>Level 2</b> Diploma	<b>One year</b>	<b>Tycoch</b>
Suitable for those seeking a career as a media makeup artist. <b>Entry requirements:</b> A minimum three GCSEs at grade D or above.			
<b>Theatrical, Special Effects, Hair and Media Make-up</b>	<b>Level 3</b> Diploma	<b>One year</b>	<b>Tycoch</b>
Providing hair and makeup services in the media, theatre, performing arts, fashion and photographic industries to a high level. <b>Entry requirements:</b> Minimum of three GCSEs grade C or above.			
<b>Hairdressing</b>	<b>Level 1</b> Certificate	<b>One year</b>	<b>Tycoch</b>
Begin to develop your hairdressing skills by blow drying and assisting hair colour services. <b>Entry requirements:</b> Preferably a grade D in GCSE English Language and Mathematics or Level 1 in Essential Skills Wales communication and application of number.			
<b>Hairdressing</b>	<b>Level 2</b> Diploma	<b>One year</b>	<b>Tycoch</b>
Develop your hairdressing skills and work on clients in a commercial salon environment. <b>Entry requirements:</b> Preferably a grade C in GCSE English Language and Mathematics or Level 2 in Essential Skills Wales communication and application of number.			
<b>Hairdressing</b>	<b>Level 3</b> Diploma	<b>One year</b>	<b>Tycoch</b>
Develop your hairdressing skills further by learning colour techniques, and work on clients in a commercial salon environment. <b>Entry requirements:</b> Minimum of three GCSEs grade C or above including Mathematics, English Language and preferably Science, or equivalent Essential Skills Wales communication and application of number. A hairdressing or related Level 2 qualification. You must be highly motivated and passionate about the industry.			

## Your future guaranteed

We have the following progression opportunities within the College:

- **Level 3 Certificate in Sports Massage Therapy** (studied part-time)
- **Level 4 Certificate in Sports Massage Therapy** (studied part-time)

Alternatively you could progress on to university or gain employment within the industry.





## Health, Social Care and Childcare

A rewarding career helping people could lie ahead of you in the fields of Health, Social Care and Childcare.

In South West Wales, the Health and Care sector provides a lot of jobs, accounting for over 17% of all employment\*.

The childcare sector is also growing, with a projected increase of 3.6% between 2023 and 2030 in Wales\*. This means there will be more demand for skilled professionals in these areas.

\*Labour market intelligence



See full course descriptions and apply online

### Career paths

- Day care practitioner
- Teaching/nursery nurse
- Childminder/nanny
- Playworker
- Social work
- Occupational therapy
- Nursing
- Midwifery
- Radiography
- Criminology
- Environmental health
- Probation
- Youth work
- Counselling
- Play therapy
- Additional learning needs



Childcare student, Lauren Maddick, won a gold medal in Skills Competition Wales, alongside Miles Thornton who won bronze!

## A Levels

Subject	Qualification	Course length	Campus
<b>Health, Social Care and Childcare</b>	<b>A Level</b>	<b>Two years</b>	<b>Gorseinon</b>
This course looks at 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. <b>Entry requirements:</b> Seven GCSEs grade C or above, including English, Mathematics and Science.			

## Vocational

Course	Qualification	Course length	Campus
<b>Employability Skills for Childcare</b>	<b>Level 1</b> Introductory Diploma	<b>One year</b>	<b>Tycoch</b>
This course is designed to develop your knowledge and understanding of the early years and childcare sectors. <b>Entry requirements:</b> Some qualifications at Entry Level 3 or GCSE English Language grade E and one other subject at grade D.			
<b>Children's Care, Play, Learning and Development - Practice and Theory</b>	<b>Level 2</b> Diploma	<b>One year</b>	<b>Tycoch</b>
This 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. <b>Entry requirements:</b> Two GCSEs at grade C and at least a D in English Language.			
<b>Children's Care, Play, Learning and Development - Practice and Theory</b>	<b>Level 3</b> Extended Diploma	<b>Two years</b>	<b>Gorseinon or Tycoch</b>
This 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. <b>Entry requirements:</b> Five GCSEs at grade C or above, including English Language.			
<b>Health and Social Care</b>	<b>Level 1</b> Introductory Diploma	<b>One year</b>	<b>Tycoch</b>
This course is designed to develop your knowledge and understanding of the sector. <b>Entry requirements:</b> One GCSE grade C.			
<b>Health and Social Care - Adult, Children and Young People</b>	<b>Level 2</b>	<b>One year</b>	<b>Gorseinon or Tycoch</b>
This course is designed to develop your knowledge and understanding of the sector. This course will also include a work placement. <b>Entry requirements:</b> Three GCSEs at grade C (English preferred).			
<b>Health and Social Care - Principles and Contexts</b>	<b>Level 3</b>	<b>Two years</b>	<b>Gorseinon or Tycoch</b>
This course examines a variety of current and topical issues in the health and social care sector. This course will also include a work placement. <b>Entry requirements:</b> Five GCSEs at grade C or above including English, Mathematics and Science.			



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Route

| Qualification

**Supporting Teaching and Learning in Schools  
Childcare**

**Level 3**

**Level 2/3**

## Your future guaranteed

We have the following progression opportunities within the College:

- Foundation Degree in Childhood Development Practice
- Foundation Degree in Education Learning and Development
- BA (Hons) in Education, Learning and Development
- Higher Apprenticeship in Leadership for Children's Care Learning and Development (Level 5)

Alternatively you could progress on to university or gain employment within the industry.



Health, Social Care and Childcare students at both campuses have access to a range of innovative equipment which provide fantastic learning opportunities.

Some examples include patient simulators, and a sensory tent, which is used to calm children that are over-stimulated or upset and help them to develop key life skills.

Our Health and Social Care students recently participated in virtual reality activities to gain an understanding of the effects of dementia, an interesting experience provided by We Care Wales.







## Horticulture Skills

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.



See full course descriptions and apply online

## Career paths

- Gardener
- Garden centre/plant worker
- Nursery technician
- Heritage horticulturist
- Park ranger
- Grounds/sports grounds maintenance worker



## Vocational

Course	Qualification	Course length	Campus
<b>Landscape Construction and Gardening</b>	<b>Level 1</b> Diploma	<b>One year</b>	<b>Tycoch</b>
Get ready to dig into the exciting world of landscaping! This course is for those who enjoy being outside the classroom and getting their hands dirty. Students will take part in real-life projects on and off-site e.g. Pennard Golf Course, Penlleagaer Woods, Singleton Park. <b>Entry requirements:</b> No formal qualifications needed. A basic level of physical fitness is required for this course.			
<b>Practical Horticulture Skills</b>	<b>Level 2</b> Diploma	<b>One year</b>	<b>Tycoch</b>
This qualification contains a wide range of subjects such as constructing a paved area, building walls and pillars, and maintaining a pond. <b>Entry requirements:</b> One GCSE at grade C or a related Level 1 qualification.			

## Your future guaranteed

Gain employment within the industry or start your own business.

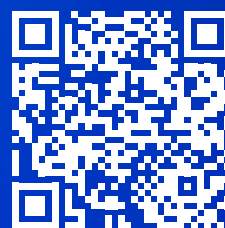


## Humanities and Languages

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

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.

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



See full course descriptions and apply online

## Career paths

- Journalist
- Translator
- Teacher
- Historian
- Politician
- Lawyer
- Conservationist
- Criminologist

**Our AS Government and Politics students recently visited London where they took in some very famous sights.**

It was an action-packed day. Setting off from Swansea at 5.30am, the students visited the UK Supreme Court and enjoyed a walking tour of Whitehall.



They were also treated to a tour of Parliament including both the House of Commons and the House of Lords. There was a workshop on law-making at the end of the tour, followed by a Q&A session with Gower MP Tonia Antoniazzi.

But probably the highlight of the day was a visit to Downing Street, with an opportunity for photos outside the very famous front door of No.10. This stop has been arranged in secret by Curriculum Leader, Scott Evans and came as a total surprise to the accompanying staff and students.



## A Levels

**Standard entry requirements:** Seven GCSEs grade C or above, including English Language. Mathematics is also desirable.

Any additional entry requirements will be listed with the course details.

Subject	Qualification	Course length	Campus
<b>Ancient History</b> (linear delivery - see page 15)	<b>A Level</b>	<b>Two years</b>	<b>Gorseinon</b>
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. <b>Additional entry requirements:</b> Grade B in GCSE English Language or History.			
<b>Classical Civilisation</b> (linear delivery - see page 15)	<b>A Level</b>	<b>Two years</b>	<b>Gorseinon</b>
This is the study of the cultures of ancient Greece and Rome primarily through their art and literature. During your studies you will discover that art and literature is very much connected to cultural identity. <b>Additional entry requirements:</b> Grade B in GCSE English Language.			
<b>Criminology</b>	<b>Level 3 Diploma</b>	<b>Two years</b>	<b>Gorseinon</b>
Designed to be taken alongside A Levels. This course is designed to give you an introduction to the theory and skills application of criminology i.e. changing awareness of crime and criminological theories. <b>Entry requirements:</b> Minimum Grade B in GCSE English Language.			
<b>English Language</b>	<b>A Level</b>	<b>Two years</b>	<b>Gorseinon</b>
This course 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. <b>Additional entry requirements:</b> Grade B in GCSE English Literature and English Language.			
<b>English Language and Literature</b>	<b>A Level</b>	<b>Two years</b>	<b>Gorseinon</b>
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. <b>Additional entry requirements:</b> Grade B in GCSE English Literature and English Language.			
<b>English Literature</b>	<b>A Level</b>	<b>Two years</b>	<b>Gorseinon</b>
This course 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. <b>Additional entry requirements:</b> Grade B in GCSE English Literature and English Language.			
<b>French</b>	<b>A Level</b>	<b>Two years</b>	<b>Gorseinon</b>
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. <b>Additional entry requirements:</b> Grade B in GCSE French and English Language is recommended.			
<b>Geography</b>	<b>A Level</b>	<b>Two years</b>	<b>Gorseinon</b>
In the modern, globalised and ever changing world, studying geography is more important than ever in helping us tackle the challenges we face. <b>Additional entry requirements:</b> Grade C in GCSE Geography, but students without this will be considered on their overall GCSE profile.			
<b>Government and Politics</b>	<b>A Level</b>	<b>Two years</b>	<b>Gorseinon</b>
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. <b>Additional entry requirements:</b> Grade B in GCSE English Language, plus either Grade B in GCSE English Literature or another humanities-related subject.			



## A Levels

**Standard entry requirements:** Seven GCSEs grade C or above, including English Language. Mathematics is also desirable. Any additional entry requirements will be listed with the course details.

Subject	Qualification	Course length	Campus
<b>History</b>	<b>A Level</b>	<b>Two years</b>	<b>Gorseinon</b>
History is our interpretation of the past and is about much more than simply facts and dates – it involves the ability to research, analyse, argue, use historical sources and write well. History teaches concepts – cause and consequence, continuity and change. <b>Additional entry requirements:</b> Grade B in GCSE History (or grade B in English Language if History is not taken).			
<b>Law</b>	<b>A Level</b>	<b>Two years</b>	<b>Gorseinon</b>
This course encourages you to develop an interest and understanding of the current legal system in England and Wales. This will enable you to think critically about the role of law in society. <b>Additional entry requirements:</b> Grade B in GCSE English Language.			
<b>Religious Studies - Philosophy and Ethics</b>	<b>A Level</b>	<b>Two years</b>	<b>Gorseinon</b>
It makes no difference if you are a theist, atheist, or agnostic, Religious Studies is an interesting and vibrant course with plenty of opportunities for thought-provoking religious, ethical and philosophical debate. <b>Additional entry requirements:</b> Grade B in GCSE English Language and Literature is desirable.			
<b>Spanish</b>	<b>A Level</b>	<b>Two years</b>	<b>Gorseinon</b>
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 Spanish speaking world, you will develop an understanding of the culture and way of life. <b>Additional entry requirements:</b> Grade B in GCSE Spanish and English Language is recommended.			
<b>Welsh - Second Language</b>	<b>A Level</b>	<b>Two years</b>	<b>Gorseinon</b>
You will have the opportunity to use any combination of the language skills - reading, listening, speaking and writing. You will also have the opportunity to study Welsh films, television programmes, stories, plays and poems. <b>Additional entry requirements:</b> Grade C in GCSE Welsh (full course, second language).			

## Your future guaranteed

We have the following progression opportunities within the College:

- **Foundation Degree in Criminal Justice**

Alternatively you could progress on to university or gain employment.



Huge congratulations to A Level English students Rachel Smith and Carys King who have won prizes at the Dylan Thomas ED Review competition 2023



## Maths, Science and Social Science

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

Science can be useful in many different job sectors such as engineering, manufacturing and research, as well as medicine and environmental science.

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



See full course descriptions and apply online

The College has been awarded Associate status by The Royal Society, the UK's national science academy.

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## Career paths

- Doctor/paramedic
- Dentist
- Vet
- Social worker
- Researcher
- Engineer
- Psychologist
- Physicist
- Forensic scientist
- Genetic engineer
- Lab technician

### A career rethink thanks to Chemistry!

Ruby Millinship was planning on a career in design until she started studying A Level Chemistry at Gower College Swansea.

"I decided to take chemistry just to try it out really, I was a little intrigued by it at GCSE and wanted to find out more," says Ruby. "Within the first two weeks, I had found a subject that just came naturally to me. Learning chemistry felt like learning a subject that was already in my mind; it just made sense. Organic chemistry was what first sparked my interest and I soon wanted to know everything I could about it."

For Ruby, the best thing about studying STEM subjects is that they give you the confidence to question things – they make you want to 'know why.'

She now plans to study chemistry at higher education and has been offered places at Warwick, Bristol, and Bath. There is also an offer on the table from the University of York to study chemistry, green principles and sustainable processes.



# A Levels

**Standard entry requirements:** Seven GCSEs grade C or above, including English Language. Mathematics is also desirable.

Any additional entry requirements will be listed with the course details.

Subject	Qualification	Course length	Campus
<b>Applied Psychology</b>	<b>Level 3</b> Extended Certificate	<b>Two years</b>	<b>Gorseinon</b>

Designed to be taken alongside A Levels. By studying real-life scenarios and carrying out your own research project, you will develop a deep understanding of the factors that shape human behaviour. This course offers learning based on the practical applications of psychology and would suit those who prefer to complete assessed assignments alongside traditional exams. **Entry requirements:** Grade C in GCSE English Language, Language, Mathematics and Science.

<b>Biology</b>	<b>A Level</b>	<b>Two years</b>	<b>Gorseinon</b>
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. <b>Additional entry requirements:</b> Grade B in GCSE English Language, Mathematics (higher tier) and Science.			

<b>Chemistry</b>	<b>A Level</b>	<b>Two years</b>	<b>Gorseinon</b>
Students will study fundamental concepts of chemistry, including atomic structure, bonding, chemical kinetics, spectroscopy and organic chemistry; gaining a comprehensive understanding of chemical principles. Practical experiments are an integral part of the course. <b>Additional entry requirements:</b> Grade B in GCSE English Language, Mathematics (higher tier) and Science.			

<b>Geology</b> (linear delivery - see page 15)	<b>A Level</b>	<b>Two years</b>	<b>Gorseinon</b>
On this course you will study the risks posed to human beings from natural hazards such as earthquakes and tsunamis 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 such as oil, coal, water and metals. <b>Additional entry requirements:</b> Grade B in GCSE Mathematics and Grade C in GCSE Science.			

<b>Further Mathematics</b>	<b>A Level</b>	<b>Two years</b>	<b>Gorseinon</b>
This course is only an option when combined with A Level Mathematics and cannot be undertaken independently. Areas of study include further pure mathematics, further mechanics and further statistics. <b>Additional entry requirements:</b> Grade A* in GCSE Mathematics is required (a grade A may also be considered).			

<b>Mathematics</b>	<b>A Level</b>	<b>Two years</b>	<b>Gorseinon</b>
This course will provide you with a thorough grounding in mathematics skills and techniques. There are rigorous exercises and homework that consolidate the techniques and skills you learn in class. Areas of study include pure mathematics, mechanics and statistics. <b>Additional entry requirements:</b> Grade A in GCSE Mathematics from the higher tier (grade B from the higher tier may be considered).			

<b>Medical Science</b>	<b>Level 3 Diploma</b>	<b>Two years</b>	<b>Gorseinon</b>
Designed to be taken alongside A Levels. As part of this course you will study units in: human anatomy and physiology, physiological measurement techniques, and medicines and treatments of disease. <b>Additional entry requirements:</b> Grade B in GCSE English Language and Grade C in GCSE Mathematics and Science.			

<b>Physics</b>	<b>A Level</b>	<b>Two years</b>	<b>Gorseinon</b>
Students will study fundamental principles of physics, including mechanics, electromagnetism, waves, and particle physics, as well as astrophysics; developing a comprehensive understanding of the laws governing the physical world. Practical work is an essential component of the course. <b>Additional entry requirements:</b> Grade B in GCSE English Language, Mathematics (higher tier) and Science.			



## A Levels

**Standard entry requirements:** Seven GCSEs grade C or above, including English. Mathematics is also desirable. Any additional entry requirements will be listed with the course details.

Subject	Qualification	Course length	Campus
<b>Psychology</b>	<b>A Level</b>	<b>Two years</b>	<b>Gorseinon</b>
Explore the behaviour of individuals and find out how psychologists carry out their research. Consider behaviours such as schizophrenia, stress and criminal behaviour as well as how they can be changed. You will also discuss the main debates and controversies in psychology. <b>Additional entry requirements:</b> Grade B in English Language, Mathematics and Science (preferably biology).			
<b>Sociology</b>	<b>A Level</b>	<b>Two years</b>	<b>Gorseinon</b>
Sociologists are interested in why society works in the way that it does, researching the extent to which behaviour and opportunities can be shaped by social class, age, gender and ethnicity. This course offers an exciting opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of the social world i.e. culture, socialisation, identity, families and households, education, crime, and deviance and inequality. <b>Additional entry requirements:</b> Grade B in GCSE English Language, English Literature and Mathematics. If English Literature was not studied, a grade B in History or Religious Studies will be considered.			

## Vocational

Course	Qualification	Course length	Campus
<b>Applied Science</b>	<b>Level 2</b> First Diploma	<b>One year</b>	<b>Tycoch</b>
This course enables learners to acquire knowledge in natural and social science i.e. chemistry, energy, biology and the living body. <b>Entry requirements:</b> Preferably four GCSEs at grade D but must include Mathematics and English Language or Level 1 Vocational Studies with a distinction/merit profile.			
<b>Applied Science - Analytical and Forensic or Biomedical Science</b>	<b>Level 3</b> Extended Diploma	<b>Two years</b>	<b>Tycoch</b>
This course is taught by specialist lecturers in well-equipped laboratories and teaching rooms. In the second year, learners have the option to follow either the Analytical and Forensic Science or Biomedical Science pathway. <b>Entry requirements:</b> Five GCSEs at grade C including English Language and Mathematics with Science also being desirable. Or Applied Science (Level 2 First Diploma) with a distinction/merit profile.			

## Apprenticeships

for further information please see page 18

Route	Qualification
<b>Laboratory and Science Technicians</b>	<b>Level 3/4</b>

## Your future guaranteed

We have the following progression opportunities within the College:

- **HNC in Applied Science**

Alternatively you could progress on to university or gain employment within the industry.



## Motor Vehicle

Combining design, manufacture and supply chain, the automotive industry is the largest engineering employment sector in the UK.



See full course descriptions and apply online

## Career paths

- Mechanic
- Automotive technician
- Fitter
- Breakdown service

## Vocational

Course	Qualification	Course length	Campus
<b>Introduction to Vehicle Systems Maintenance</b>	<b>Level 1</b> Diploma	One year	Tycoch
On this 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. <b>Entry requirements:</b> Subject to interview.			
<b>Vehicle Maintenance and Repair</b>	<b>Level 1/2</b> Diploma	Two years	Gorseinon or Tycoch
This 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. <b>Entry requirements:</b> A number of GCSEs at grade D including Mathematics and English Language. Subject to interview.			

## Apprenticeships

for further information please see page 18

Route	Qualification
<b>Vehicle Maintenance and Repair</b>	<b>Level 2/3</b>

## Your future guaranteed

We have the following progression opportunities within the College:

- **Vehicle Maintenance and Repair Level 3 Diploma**

Alternatively you could gain employment within the industry.



## Performing Arts, Production and Music

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

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

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



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## Career paths

- Performer (actor, dancer, singer)
- Professional musician
- Choreographer
- Composer
- Teacher
- Producer
- Stage manager
- Costume designer
- Sound engineer

Our talented Theatre and Live Events Production students have opportunities to work on College events such as the Annual Awards at Swansea.com Stadium, where they provided the set, lighting and sound.





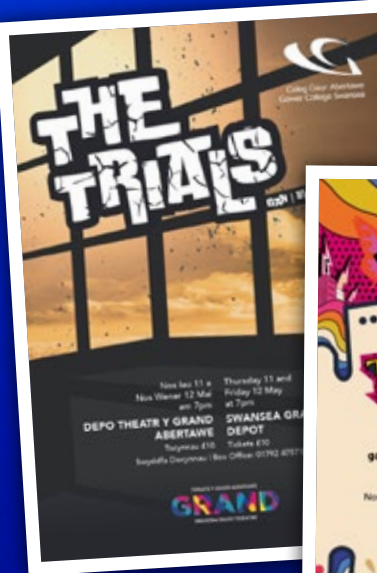
## A Levels

**Standard entry requirements:** Seven GCSEs grade C or above, including English Language. Mathematics is also desirable. Any additional entry requirements will be listed with the course details.

Subject	Qualification	Course length	Campus
<b>Dance</b> (Linear delivery - see page 15)	<b>A Level</b>	<b>Two years</b>	<b>Gorseinon</b>
Through technique classes and workshops you will explore a range of dance styles, including contemporary, ballet, and jazz etc. With an emphasis on choreography and performance, you will enhance your artistic skills and gain confidence in expressing your own creative voice.			
<b>Drama</b>	<b>A Level</b>	<b>Two years</b>	<b>Gorseinon</b>
This course is designed for students who are passionate about acting and theatre. It includes written and practical elements that will encourage you to develop an excellent understanding of theatre performance. <b>Additional entry requirements:</b> Grade B in GCSE English Language. While GCSE Drama is also preferred, any prior performance experience is beneficial.			
<b>Music</b>	<b>A Level</b>	<b>Two years</b>	<b>Gorseinon</b>
This course will inspire you and develop your passion for music, while providing you with a comprehensive understanding of its theory, history, and practical elements. You will explore various musical styles, analyse compositions, and gain proficiency in performance and composition. <b>Additional entry requirements:</b> Grade B or above in GCSE Music or Grade 5 Theory (ABRSM). The ability to read staff notation on this course is essential.			
<b>Music Technology</b> (Linear delivery - see page 15)	<b>A Level</b>	<b>Two years</b>	<b>Gorseinon</b>
You will study both hardware and software techniques of production and will have access to a range of studio recording and editing facilities. You will be encouraged to explore your musicality and create original materials using technology. <b>Additional entry requirements:</b> The ability to play an instrument or to demonstrate relevant production experience. GCSE Music is not essential, but a general knowledge of music is an advantage.			




Here are some of the shows our students have been involved in this year.



Our summer concert was a great opportunity to connect with our local community and showcase the talents of our amazing A Level Music and Music Technology students.

## Vocational

Course	Qualification	Course length	Campus
<b>Music Performance and Production</b>	<b>Level 2 Diploma</b>	<b>One year</b>	<b>Llwyn y Bryn</b>
This course is designed to develop your knowledge and practical skills in music performance and production. <b>Entry requirements:</b> Four GCSEs at grade D or equivalent qualifications accepted. Subject to interview and audition, you must either sing or play an instrument.			
<b>Music Performance and Production</b>	<b>Level 3 Extended Diploma</b>	<b>Two years</b>	<b>Llwyn y Bryn</b>
This course is designed to be as practical as possible giving you a foundation in all aspects of music performance and production. <b>Entry requirements:</b> Five GCSEs at grade C or equivalent qualifications for example Level 2 in Music. Subject to interview and audition, you must either sing or play an instrument.			
<b>Theatre and Live Events Production</b>	<b>Level 3 Extended Diploma</b>	<b>Two years</b>	<b>Gorseinon</b>
This course will provide you with realistic yet demanding training in all areas of production for theatre and live events. You will look at lighting, sound, stage management and design. Areas of study also cover arts administration and a theoretical study of the performing arts. <b>Entry requirements:</b> Five GCSEs at grade C including English Language. Some experience in backstage work is required and/or membership of a youth theatre group is strongly recommended.			
<b>Performing Arts</b>	<b>Level 2 Diploma</b>	<b>One year</b>	<b>Gorseinon</b>
This course is designed for aspiring performers who have a passion for the creative arts. You will be provided with a breadth of study across the disciplines of acting, dance, singing, improvisation, movement, and theatre production. <b>Entry requirements:</b> A grade D in any GCSE subject or a Level 1 Diploma Merit profile. A willingness to participate in all performance activities is essential. Performance experience in dance, drama or music would be an advantage.			
<b>Performing Arts</b> 	<b>Level 3 Extended Diploma</b>	<b>Two years</b>	<b>Gorseinon</b>
This course is equivalent to three A Levels and will provide you with a breadth of study across all disciplines including acting technique, classical theatre, singing technique, contemporary movement, and musical theatre performance. <b>Entry requirements:</b> Five GCSEs at grade C including English Language, or a Merit at Performing Arts Level 2 Diploma. Learners are required to have a keen interest in performing arts, with some performance experience preferred.			



Music Performance students at the Creative Futures event.

## Your future guaranteed

We have the following progression opportunities within the College:

- **Level 4 Professional Diploma in Performance**

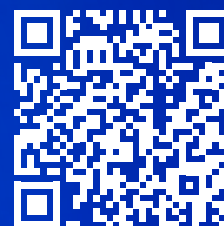
On this course you can choose to specialise in either acting or musical theatre.

Alternatively you could progress on to university or gain employment within the industry.



## Public and Protective Services

Students have the opportunity to find out more about the different services. You will have the opportunity to take part in a range of experiences such as outdoor pursuits, adventure activities, residential trips and guest speaker visits.



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## Career paths

- Armed forces
- Fire service
- Police and probation services
- Detective
- Administrative and secretarial occupations
- Police community support officer

## Vocational

Course	Qualification	Course length	Campus
<b>Preparation for Public Services</b>	<b>Level 2</b> Diploma	<b>One year</b>	<b>Gorseinon or Tycoch</b>
This course will inspire you to improve both public service related and general employability skills. <b>Entry requirements:</b> Five GCSEs at grade D or above. English Language and Mathematics at a minimum D/E grade.			
<b>Uniformed Protective Services</b>	<b>Level 3</b> Extended Diploma	<b>Two years</b>	<b>Gorseinon or Tycoch</b>
This course will prepare you for a career within a public service organisation such as the police force, fire service or armed forces. <b>Entry requirements:</b> Five GCSEs grade C and above with a minimum grade C in GCSE English Language and Mathematics. Or Sport or Public Services (Level 2 Certificate) with a merit profile.			

## Your future guaranteed

We have the following progression opportunities within the College:

- **Foundation Degree in Criminal Justice**
- **Foundation Degree in Sports Development and Management**

Alternatively you could progress on to university or gain employment within the industry.





## Sport

We offer a range of general sport courses as well as options for those wishing to focus on football, rugby or exercise science.

Gain a comprehensive understanding of your chosen sport including principles, techniques, and strategies while maintaining peak physical fitness and health. Turn your passion for sports into a rewarding career!



See full course descriptions and apply online

## Career paths

- Sports coach, instructor, official
- Fitness instructor
- Leisure/fitness centre assistant or manager
- Personal trainer
- Teaching

Sports Development and Management and Football Coaching and Performance students enjoyed a spectacular trip to S.L. Benfica football club in Portugal. Coaches gave great insight into their TDev, nutrition strategies, coaching practices and youth development model.



Please keep an eye on the website as the curriculum may be changing for 2024/25



Our Pro:Direct Academy players had the incredible opportunity to welcome two legendary guests recently – the one and only Lee Trundle and the talented Ben Cabango!

As former stars of the Welsh Premier League, to which some of our players will progress, these football icons provided invaluable advice and insight.



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## A Levels

Subject	Qualification	Course length	Campus
<b>Physical Education</b>	<b>A Level</b>	<b>Two years</b>	<b>Gorseinon</b>

This course will enable you to develop a broad understanding of a range of sport-related concepts including how physiological and psychological states affect performance, the role of technology in physical activity and sport, and how to analyse and evaluate to improve performance. **Entry requirements:** Seven GCSEs grade C or above, including English Language and a grade B in GCSE Science (double/triple) and GCSE PE grade B (C in exam) is desirable. Play at least one sport to club level standard.

## Vocational

Course	Qualification	Course length	Campus
<b>Sport</b>	<b>Level 2 Diploma</b>	<b>One year</b>	<b>Tychoch</b>

This course will provide you with an excellent insight into the sport and active leisure industry, with an opportunity to gain extra sport coaching qualifications. **Entry requirements:** Five GCSEs at grade D or above including English Language and Mathematics.

<b>Sport</b>	<b>Level 3 Extended Diploma</b>	<b>Two years</b>	<b>Gorseinon or Tychoch</b>
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On this 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. **Entry requirements:** Five GCSEs at grade C or above including English Language and Mathematics or Sport/Public Services (Level 2) with a merit profile.

<b>Sport - Football Coaching and Performance (Pro:Direct)</b>	<b>Level 3 Diploma</b>	<b>Two years</b>	<b>Tychoch</b>
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This course is perfect if you are interested in developing your own football skills and performance, alongside the study of coaching and training. **Entry requirements:** Five GCSEs grade C or above to include English Language and Mathematics. Or Sport or Public Services (Level 2) with a merit profile. There will be a requirement to demonstrate your football skills and understanding at pre-course trials.

<b>Sporting Excellence and Performance – Rugby</b>	<b>Level 3 Extended Diploma</b>	<b>Two years</b>	<b>Gorseinon</b>
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The perfect course for those interested in developing their Rugby Union and Rugby League skills and performance, alongside the study of coaching and training. **Entry requirements:** Five GCSEs grade C or above including English Language (Mathematics grade C is also desirable) or Level 2 in Sport or Preparation for Public Services with a Merit profile. Rugby skills and understanding will need to be demonstrated at a pre-course training camp.

<b>Sport and Exercise Science</b>	<b>Level 3 Extended Diploma</b>	<b>Two years</b>	<b>Gorseinon</b>
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This course is ideal if you have a strong interest in sport science and developing an athlete's ability through analysis and research studies. **Entry requirements:** Seven GCSEs at grade C or above including English Language, Mathematics and Double Science. Equivalent subjects considered at distinction grade.

## Your future guaranteed

We have the following progression opportunities within the College:

- **Foundation Degree in Sports Development and Management**
- **Sports Massage Therapy - Level 4 Certificate**

Alternatively you could progress on to university or gain employment within the industry.





## 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.



See full course descriptions and apply online

## Career paths

- Attraction management
- Airline/cruise ship crew
- Airport ground staff
- Tour guide
- Travel agent
- Events management
- Customer services
- Hotel management
- Travel blogger



Students Megan Gear and Faith Lloyd, volunteered at the Mumbles Duathlon. They enjoyed the experience of learning about the operational side of running an event and greeting athletes at the end of the race!

## Vocational

Course	Qualification	Course length	Campus
<b>Travel and Tourism</b>	<b>Level 2</b> Diploma	<b>One year</b>	<b>Tycoch</b>
This course will give you the relevant skills, qualities and knowledge required for employment in the travel and tourism industry. <b>Entry requirements:</b> Two GCSE at grade D or equivalent.			
<b>Advanced Tourism</b>	<b>Level 3</b> Diploma	<b>Two years</b>	<b>Tycoch</b>
This course will prepare you for employment within the travel and tourism industry or higher education including educational visits and meeting industry experts. <b>Entry requirements:</b> Five GCSE subjects at grade C or above, including English Language or Welsh Language, or a Level 2 Diploma in a related subject (with a merit profile).			