

School Leavers' Course Guide

2026-27



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Gower College Swansea



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Wednesday 3 **June** 2026

Llwyn y Bryn Campus

Wednesday 26 **November** 2025

Wednesday 21 **January** 2026

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Tycoch Campus



Llwyn y Bryn Campus



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Business training

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

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Welcome

Choosing what to study after leaving school is one of the most important decisions you will make. At Gower College Swansea, we take pride in our recognised strengths:

- 1** A wide range of courses to choose from.
- 2** High-quality teaching and outstanding student outcomes.
- 3** Comprehensive support to ensure every learner gets the help and guidance they need every step of the way.

Studying at a college offers significant benefits in terms of choice. We offer over **40 A Level subjects**, **40 vocational subject choices** at various levels, and numerous apprenticeship pathways.

Our award-winning College is renowned for its high-quality teaching and learning across Wales. We excel not only in A Levels, but also in vocational programmes, with our students' achievements leading the sector.

We prioritise support, with over 50 full-time staff in non-teaching, student-facing roles, including pastoral coaches, student support officers, welfare advisers and wellbeing coordinators.

Over the years, we have built strong relationships with top UK universities and leading employers to create more opportunities for our students to progress to higher education, apprenticeships, or into the world of work.

Our GCS Honours programme is designed for students aiming to apply to top universities across the UK and beyond, including Russell Group universities. In 2025, 14 of our A Level students were offered places at either Cambridge or Oxford University, a remarkable achievement.

Our vocational students have also excelled at Skills Competition Wales events, winning 17 medals in 2025 – five Gold medals, five Silver and seven Bronze. They continue to represent the College in European and WorldSkills events.

At Gower College Swansea, your future is guaranteed. Our goal is to help all our learners achieve their individual potential, providing ongoing support even after course completion.

We are always here to help you make these decisions, so please feel free to contact us.

Kelly Fountain
Chief Executive Officer

Your future guaranteed!

Whatever your interests or career ambitions, you will find a course at Gower College Swansea to help you on your next steps.



Alex

Studied A Levels in Maths, Further Maths, Physics and Computer Science.

"I chose Gower College Swansea, because of the great reputation for exam results and progression to top universities."

Future plans:

Studying Engineering at Cambridge University.

Studied A Levels in Business, French and Graphic Design.

"I chose Gower College Swansea, because of the wide range of subjects available and different subjects to those offered at school."

Future plans:

Going to university, working abroad and setting up own graphic design business.



Alexandra

Studied Level 3 Children's Care, Play, Learning and Development - Practice and Theory.

"I chose Gower College Swansea because of new opportunities, freedom and meeting new people."

Future plans:

To gain employment in a primary school and study sign language.



Cara



Skills Competition Wales 2025

Gower College Swansea is celebrating a fantastic set of medals success at Skills Competition Wales 2025.

Staff and students from the College attended the recent watch party and medal ceremony at Swansea Building Society Arena where they brought home five Gold medals, five Silver and seven Bronze.

In addition, there were 14 Highly Commended certificates awarded to College students and two learners **Sarah James** and **Eva Roberts** – were designated Best in Region in their respective categories.



Gold

- Rhys Freeman - Industrial Electronics
- Sarah James - Childcare
- Chloe Eames - Digital Media Production
- Evangeline Roberts - Photography
- Nicole Farcas - Cyber Security

Silver

- Kobi Williams - Industrial Electronics
- Eva Robins - Inclusive Skills: Restaurant Service
- Layla Melville - Childcare
- Cai Smith - Coding
- Brandon Price - Web Development

Bronze

- Cieron Redden - Brickwork
- Meena Gray - Laboratory Technician
- Connor Brown - Industrial Electronics
- Ffion Davies - Creative Make-up
- Kaleb Piecko - Inclusive Skills: Health and Social Care
- Hannah Leach - Graphic Design
- Holly Pitt - Cyber Security



Student Awards 2025

Students and staff from Gower College Swansea have gathered together to celebrate another fantastic year of academic and vocational excellence.

Kev Johns MBE made a welcome return 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.

The awards were a practical showcase for staff and student talent with the set, lighting and sound provided by the Level 3 Theatre and Live Events Production team.

Entertainment was provided by A Level Music, English Literature, Classical Civilisation and Advanced

Skills Baccalaureate Wales student Isobel McNeill, and Level 3 Diploma in Music Performance and Production student Kara Wood.

Also on hand were the College's Theatrical Special Effects, Hair and Media Make-Up team, who treated guests to a special Animals showcase.

"Gower College Swansea has always enjoyed one of the highest quality profiles of any education institution, not just in Wales but across the UK," says Chief Executive Officer, Kelly Fountain. "All of this has been achieved as a result of the outstanding commitment and dedication of both our students – all 13,000 of them each year – and our staff, and tonight is an occasion when we get to celebrate their success and pay tribute to the best of the best."

Guest speaker for the evening was former student Alex Callender who plays as a flanker for the Wales Women's Rugby Union team and Harlequins Women, having gained her first cap for Wales at the 2019 Six Nations Championship.

At the end of the evening, there was a special presentation to Chief Executive Officer Mark Jones MBE who is retiring after a long and distinguished career in education. As a memento, Mark was given an original piece of art by former Foundation Diploma in Art and Design student Wanesa Kazmierowska which depicted all the College campuses. He was also given two rugby shirts – one from the year he rejoined the College as Principal in 2013, and one from 2025.





Study Bilingually

Our aim is to ensure you keep your Welsh while studying at the College, whatever your level of ability. We will support students' development in the language as they learn within the classroom and get 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 Bilingually

To find Welsh-medium delivered modules look for this symbol 🗣️ in the course descriptions. You can choose to complete all or part of your work in Welsh, or bilingually on any of our courses across the College.

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.



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 club and take part in bilingual activities throughout the year celebrating cultural events. Be one of our Welsh ambassadors and help us to promote the Welsh language across all campuses.

Your language rights

As a Welsh speaker in Wales, you have the right to receive all services from us 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.

Gower College Swansea has held a special Welsh-themed welcome event for students.

Croeso Day saw staff and learners, who are fluent speakers, enjoy a range of activities designed to get everyone using their Welsh as they get to know one another.

Entertainment was provided by pioneering beat-boxer and live looping artist, Mr Phormula, while Doctor Cymraeg was also on hand to share the importance of using any Welsh at any opportunity.

In between spots of yoga, crazy golf and photo booth fun, there was delicious pizza (thanks to Dominos!) and a range of yummy DuffNut donuts.





Independent Living Skills (ILS)

Our curriculum is designed to meet the needs of students with additional learning needs who have Individual Development Plans (IDPs).

You will follow a programme of learning that reflects your aspirations and will help you to acquire the skills you need for adult life.

Our destination led programme covers the four areas of the ILS curriculum including:

- 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:

- Employment
- Supported employment
- Supported internship programme
- Adult services
- Further learning.



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



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.



Academic

- GCS Honours (see page 15)
- Tutorial support
- Maths and English support



Additional Learning Needs (ALN) Support

- Learning support assistant as part of Additional Learning Provision (ALP)
- Neurodiversity team support
- Exam access arrangements
- Transition support at the start or end of the year



Health and wellbeing

- Health advisor
- Counselling



Libraries

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



Student support officers

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



Gwell Swyddi
Gwell Dyfodol

Better Jobs
Better Futures

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

This programme provides targeted advice and support on employment and apprenticeship options, as well as access to continuing employability support.

Better Jobs, Better Futures can also help students in finding part-time employment whilst undertaking their studies.



GCS Enterprise

Whether you have a business idea, already have a business, or just want to learn more about the world of enterprise, GCS Enterprise can help. They provide students with the tools and opportunities to develop their enterprise skills, connect with external agencies, and realise their full potential. Through engaging enterprise sessions, bespoke workshops, and inspirational role models, GCS Enterprise encourages an environment where students can explore their passions, gain valuable experience, and translate their ideas into reality.



#PeriodProudWales Thanks to support from the Welsh Government, we are able to provide free sanitary products to our students. You can find them in the toilets across our campuses.



Gower College Swansea is thrilled to announce a major redevelopment project for the Gorseinon Campus.

This project represents a £20.6 million investment, supported by Welsh Government's Sustainable Communities and Learning Programme.

When completed in 2026, it will feature a new entrance area, additional classrooms and student social spaces and an enhanced traffic flow system.

The redevelopment highlights the College's commitment to substantial future investments, enhancing the learner experience and promoting the sustainable growth of the College.

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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.

Tycoch, Llwyn y Bryn and Jubilee Court Campuses

A First Cymru bus pass is available. The pass can be used to get to and from College, and can be used on evenings and weekends and holidays on First Cymru buses.

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.

Students aged 16-21 can register for **mytravelpass**, and receive a third off the price of your pass or ticket compared to the standard adult fare.*

*For more information, please scan the QR code on page 7.



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

Student Life

At Gower College Swansea you'll find a vibrant community where learning and fun go hand-in-hand. Get involved in the student activities across our campuses, check out the libraries and join clubs to meet like-minded friends.



Student Union

The Student Union is the heart of campus life, holding exciting events, clubs and activities catering to diverse interests. You could even become a part of the Student Union Management Group and help shape the future of the College.

Award Winning

We are an award-winning student union, winning two top prizes at the recent NUS Wales Conference:

- FE College Union of the Year
- Members Engagement of the Year



Clubs and Societies

We have a range of clubs and societies at the College with lots of different areas of interest including religious groups, sustainability, LGBTQ+, Dungeons and Dragons and debating. Don't see a club you like? Our Learner Experience team can support you in starting your own.



Active Wellbeing

Looking for something fun or relaxing to do during your free periods? Our Active Wellbeing Lead organises a wide range of activities throughout the College day to support your wellbeing, from sports like basketball or jazzminton, to yoga or guided walks.

During the summer months, you can also take part in our wellbeing trips like Ninja Warrior, surfing, coastal walks, and sea dipping. Great for having fun and making friends.



Student Ambassadors

Student Ambassadors are enthusiastic representatives of the College, playing a crucial role in welcoming and informing prospective students. Become a Student Ambassador and represent our College with pride!



Student Discounts

Enjoy access to several student discount websites and apps.



Awareness Campaigns

The Student Union runs several awareness campaigns each year on issues relevant to both students and the wider community. Past topics have included voter registration drives, environmental sustainability initiatives, and mental health advocacy events.



Events

Enjoy craft and food stalls, themed weeks in the canteen, giveaways, second-hand pop-up shops, charity fundraisers, and society events, such as:

- Freshers' Fayre
- Active Wellbeing
- and more!



Campus Quickie

Need confidential advice on contraception, vaccinations, or STI testing? Campus Quickie has you covered! Our Student Health Advisors offer a range of services, including:

- Contraception
- PREP and PEP: Protect yourself from HIV with pre-exposure prophylaxis (PREP) or post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP)
- Vaccinations against Hepatitis B and HPV
- STI Screening.



GCS Owls

Join the College Esports team! A community of passionate gamers, providing opportunities to develop skills, compete at the highest level and create lasting friendships.

Gower College Development Studios

Bring your game ideas to life! Join our Game Development Studio and collaborate with fellow students on exciting projects. Learn industry-standard tools and techniques, develop your skills, and gain hands-on experience in game design, programming, and art.



Kenya Community Education Partnership (KCEP)

KCEP is an independent charity set up within the College in 2003 to support Madungu Primary School in Kenya. Students and staff collect money continually to fund the cost of two schoolteachers, which in turn benefits all 700 pupils who attend the school every year.

Staff and students from the College have visited Madungu six times, with the most recent visit being in June 2024. As part of the visit they carried out teaching, voluntary work and met the staff and students at the school.



Student spaces

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, games such as Jenga and Connect 4, 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, student memberships start from just £30 for the whole academic year.

Sport Academies and Clubs

Rugby Academy

The College is proud to be home to a thriving Rugby Academy, we are licensed by the WRU Rugby Programme in Education (RPE) and compete in the prestigious WRU Elite National Schools and Colleges League, the highest level available below regional age-grade representative rugby. This highly competitive league features the top 16 schools and colleges in Wales, and boasts an impressive track record, with 65% of Wales U18 and U20 players hailing from its ranks.

Our academy provides a comprehensive development programme designed to prepare players for the transition to professional or senior rugby. Players receive 12 hours per week of training, strength and conditioning, performance analysis, individual sessions and injury clinics. This schedule is spread across the week, and most programmes of study at Gorseinon Campus are compatible with the academy timetable.

In addition to the Elite Academy, we run a highly competitive 2nd XV team that competes in the NS&C 2nd XV league, providing opportunities for players who want to play recreationally alongside their studies.

Our commitment to excellence is reflected in the achievements of our alumni. Over 15 players have gone on to successful professional careers, including regional rugby, international honours for Wales, and British and Irish Lions caps. Notable alumni include **Leigh Halfpenny, Justin Tipuric, Nicky Smith, Rory Thornton, James Ratti** and **Keelan Giles**.



The programme also has a set of skilled coaches, with ex international player **Steven Jones**, as well as South Gower's coaches, **Daniel Cluroe** and **Mark O'Kelly**.

The College works closely with the Ospreys and Swansea University to create a clear development pathway within the region and to university. This allows players to continue their studies at a higher education level while maintaining their involvement in an elite rugby environment. We are also hoping to develop a pathway for female rugby.



Pro:Direct Football Academy

The College is honoured to be the home of the first and only Pro:Direct South Wales Football Academy in Wales!

Our extensive training program is designed to prepare players for the transition to professional football. Academy players receive expert guidance and training from UEFA A and FA Licensed Coaches and compete in weekly fixtures in the ECFA Premier League. They benefit from pro-level fitness, recovery and diet programs, physiotherapy access, and personalised strength and conditioning plans.

The Pro:Direct Academy is committed to helping players reach their full potential, offering programmes to advance players towards earning professional contracts. Players can also gain valuable experience through

elite scholarships and trips to some of the best sporting facilities in the footballing world.

The College works closely with Swansea City Football Club, providing our players with access to guest coaches. Players benefit from local work placements where they can gain industry skills and find employment opportunities. Our commitment to excellence is reflected in the achievements of our alumni, many of whom have gone on to successful professional careers. Notable alumni include **Ricky Owen, Nathaniel Osbourne, Ollie Anderson, Caleb Demery, Tyler J Evans** and **Harvey Chapman**. Our Football academy has the largest set of coaches, including **Andrew Stokes** U18s Welsh assistant coach and **Richard South** Head Coach of Welsh Schools.

Alongside the Pro:Direct Football Academy, players can choose to study on one of the numerous College courses that fit in with the training slots and games, for example Football, Coaching and Performance (see p56).



Netball Academy

The Netball Academy gives the opportunity to train and play in a high-performance environment both nationally and domestically, alongside academic studies in a number of courses. This academy is led by coaches with a wealth of experiences in the sport, including the head coach being a coach at international level.

Our teams compete at the highest level within the AOC (Association of Colleges) Leagues, including the Premier League, where they face the best netball teams in the whole of the UK, and the Wales League. The Netball Academy have achieved multiple wins in both leagues, with students gaining national and international honours across several Wales Netball pathways.

Our players benefit from a high-quality netball plan, with a player focused development pathway covering all aspects of the game, including strength and conditioning with qualified personal trainers, performance analysis sessions and individual reviews. Our coaches are equally as impressive, with **Sarah Lewis** who is assistant coach for Cardiff Dragons, as well a Head Coach in the Welsh set up. Her assistant coach, **Sophie Morgans**, is also assistant head coach for the regional set up in Swansea.



Netball students celebrate at the Sport Awards 2025.

Alumni include **Clare Jones** (Wales International and Cardiff Dragons Netball Captain), **Alex Callender** (Wales U21 Netball / Rugby Pro and Wales International).

The Cricket Development Squad

Our Cricket Club 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.

Surf 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 visiting European countries to sample new surf locations as part of an educational visit experience.

Women's Football Academy

The College boasts a thriving Women's Football Academy where players can enhance their skills through a professional training programme. Players attend three training sessions per week, led by a dedicated coach. The focus is consistently on addressing each player's individual needs, encompassing both football skills development, match preparation and post-match analysis. Alumni include Swansea City Ladies players **Ria Hughes**, **Laura Rees** and **Victoria Crocker**.

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 to help students balance their academic and elite sporting demands as career athletes. 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.



For more information, contact sportsacademies@gcs.ac.uk

Start your journey



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

A Levels

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. Vocational courses are delivered across all our campuses.

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 to find an employer.

A guide to entry requirements

ENTRY

Entry Level - No formal qualifications.

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

LEVEL 2

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.

LEVEL 1

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 3

A Levels - Seven GCSEs at grade C or above, including English Language. Mathematics is also required for some 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**

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 through our website **gcs.ac.uk**.

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!



Need further advice and guidance?
Contact our admissions team
admissions@gcs.ac.uk

Over 40 AS/A Level subjects to choose from

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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:

- **14 students** received offers from Oxford and Cambridge in 2025. Subjects included Engineering, Law, Psychology, Music, History and Spanish.
- **Over 40** alumni currently at Oxbridge Colleges
- **Over 70** students have received MDV (medics, dentists, vets) places over the past three years
- **200 students** received places at Russell Group Universities in 2025.

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 take part in an academic conference, producing and discussing a super-curricular poster with your peers and lecturing staff on an independent research topic of your choice.

The Seren Academy

Gower College Swansea is the hub provider for Swansea's Seren Academy. The Seren Academy, funded by Welsh Government, supports the **most academically able students from all state schools** to gain access to world leading universities. You will take part in academic master classes held at Swansea University.

Step Up – New College, Oxford

Gower College Swansea is proud to be part of the Step Up initiative, coordinated by New College, Oxford. The Step Up team visits the Gorseinon Campus to talk through the application and personal statement process, and offers visits to Oxford, giving our students an invaluable insight.

www.new.ox.ac.uk/step-up

Oxbridge Preparation Programme

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

Medics, Dentists and Vets Preparation Programme

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.



**Bagloriaeth Sgiliau
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Advanced Skills
Baccalaureate Wales

Advanced Skills Baccalaureate Wales

The Advanced Skills Baccalaureate Wales (AdvSBW) Level 3 helps you get more from your A Levels or vocational course. It's designed to make your learning feel more connected, giving you the skills to study smarter, achieve higher and stand out when applying to university.

You'll take part in exciting projects linked to real-world issues, from the UN Sustainable Development Goals to Wales's Well-being of Future Generations Act. Along the way, you'll boost your confidence, communication, and problem-solving skills - the exact qualities universities and employers are looking for.

With AdvSBW, you'll build a stronger CV, a stronger UCAS application and a stronger future.

Entry requirements: A minimum of seven GCSEs grades A*-C, including English Language and Mathematics.

You will develop a range of skills which are attractive to employers, colleges and universities including:

Integral skills

- Planning and organisation
- Critical thinking and problem solving
- Creativity and innovation
- Personal effectiveness.

Embedded skills

- Literacy
- Numeracy
- Digital competence.

Over the two years you will study:

Global Community Project (25%)

You will select a global issue to investigate, share your knowledge with others and take part in a community action.

Future Destination Project (25%)

You will gain an understanding of yourself, explore future employment and wellbeing goals, and plan how you can achieve this.

Individual Project (50%)

You will plan, manage, and research a topic linked to your future education or career aspirations, and create a written dissertation or an artefact.

What our students like the most about the AdvSBW

"Presenting our final Global Community project to a live panel helped me develop confidence and communication skills that I later used in my Cambridge interview. It felt like I already had experience answering challenging questions."

Sophie

"Completing the Individual Project gave me the chance to research an area linked to my Engineering degree. I explored renewable energy developments in Wales, which I mentioned in my UCAS personal statement and I genuinely believe it helped me secure an offer from the University of Bristol."

Rhys

"The ASBW qualification wasn't just about getting UCAS points, it actually prepared me for the workplace. I developed digital presentation skills, led team meetings, and managed a project timeline."

Elin

Advance into FE



Our Advance into Further Education courses are aimed at school leavers who are unsure of which vocational course they wish to take. Students are able to try a range of subjects including business, catering, childcare, forensic science and sport.

We offer the course at three levels, all offered at our Tycoch Campus.



Entry Level

Learners will follow the BTEC Entry into Vocational Study qualification, allowing to develop your skills across a range of curriculum areas.

Individualised targets for learners will also be set for Independent Living Skills, Well-being, Community, and Employability.

There are no specific entry requirements for this level but all learners will have an interview and undertake basic skills screening in literacy and numeracy.

Level 1 - two pathways

Learners will follow the BTEC Introductory into Vocational Studies qualification. You will have the opportunity to try out a range of subjects* including:

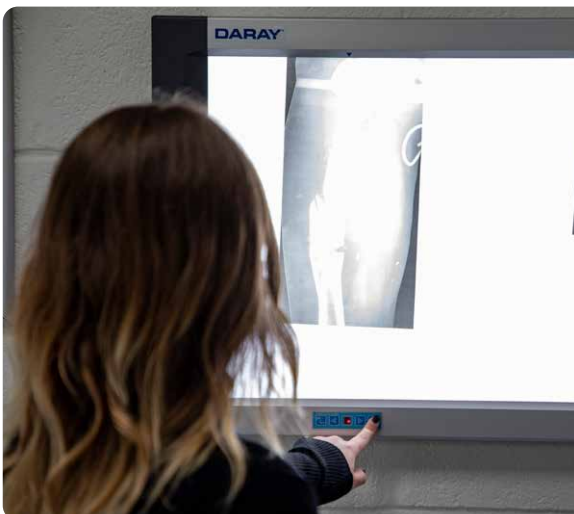
Pathway one (highly practical)

- Assisting sports activities
- Growing plants
- Investigating crime scene evidence
- Planning and navigating a route
- Preparing and cooking food and many more*

Pathway two (practical/ classroom based)

- Creating a mood board
- Growing plants
- Making healthy snacks when caring for people and many more*

*subject to change.



Level 2

Learners will follow the Agored Level 2 Skills for Further Study qualification plus BTEC Level 2 in Work Skills. This course offers an opportunity to try a range of different subjects* including:

- Digital marketing
- Digital photography
- Engineering
- Human body systems
- Information literacy
- Scientific investigation
- Sociology of crime and deviance and many more*

Minimum entry requirements for Level 2 are four GCSEs at Grade D or above or a Level 1 Merit.

*subject to change.

Speak to us today
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Need to resit GCSE English or Maths? We've got you covered!

If you haven't achieved a Grade C (or Grade 4) or above in GCSE Mathematics, Numeracy, English Language, or Welsh Language, don't worry. You will resit one or both alongside your main course at College. We're here to help you succeed with plenty of support and encouragement along the way.

Reset, Restart and Succeed!



Studying for your GCSE at College comes with a range of advantages:

- Smaller class sizes means more attention, more support
- Attendance rewards where we celebrate your commitment
- No pressure, no judgment, just encouragement and 1-2-1 support
- Expert teachers, helping you grow confidence and ease anxiety
- Flexible timetabled GCSE sessions are scheduled around your main course.

Which programme will you follow?

There are two possible pathways depending on the grade you've already achieved.

One Year Programme

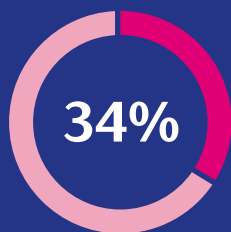
If you have a Grade D, you'll be enrolled onto a one-year resit programme. In some cases, there may be the opportunity to resit in November, which will be discussed with the subject team during enrolment.

Two Year Programme

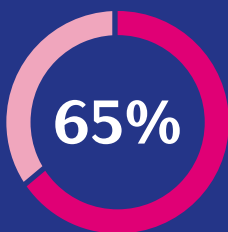
If you have a Grade E or below, you'll follow a two-year programme. At the end of Year 1, you'll complete a supportive assessment to help build your confidence and prepare you for Year 2.



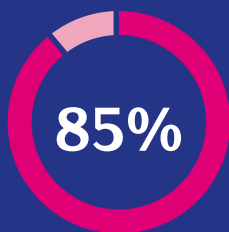
A Level 2025 Results



A*-A grades*



A*-B grades



A*-C grades*



pass rate*



See our website
for results per
subject

*Higher than the Welsh national average.



Based at the **Gorseinon Campus**, we have an outstanding reputation for our A Level delivery and learners consistently achieve excellent pass rates. As the largest provider of A Levels in Wales, we offer over 40 A Level/equivalent subjects.

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

Make sure you ask about linear delivery at your interview. Linear delivery means that you might not have the option of taking an AS exam at the end of your first year.

Progress Coach Support

All new A Level learners are allocated a Progress Coach who can support their pastoral and personal needs. They will formally meet once per week in a tutorial group, and regularly throughout the year for one-to-one sessions. Progress Coaches offer drop-in times so learners can talk through any issues they may have and are also a point of contact for parents.



100% A Level pass rate as Gower College Swansea marks another year of academic excellence

Students and staff at Gower College Swansea are celebrating a fantastic year of academic achievement, as envelopes were opened to reveal another impressive set of A Level results for 2025.

This year the College has seen a rise in its overall A Level pass rate, which stands at a remarkable 100% (the Wales national average is 97.5%), with 1250 individual exam entries.

Among these, 12% achieved the highest grade of A* (up from 9% in 2024 and higher than the Wales national average of 10.5%), 34% are at A*-A (Wales national average is 29.5%), 65% are at A*-B, and there is a continued improvement in our A*-C grades which stand at 85%, reflecting the high standards of achievement at the College.

The overall pass rate at AS Level is very strong and stands at 94% (Wales national average is 90.9%), with 73% of grades awarded at A-C and 54% being awarded at grades A-B. 30% of grades were awarded an A (in comparison to the Wales national average of 22.7%). There were 2127 separate exam entries for AS.

"We know how much hard work has gone into these results so we are absolutely delighted to share in the success and celebrations of our students," says Chief Executive Officer, Kelly Fountain.



Foundation A Level Programme

The Foundation A Level Programme is your opportunity to improve your GCSE grades in English and Maths while studying other core subjects.

Successful completion of the Foundation A Level course can lead to a range of progression opportunities. Students will be well-prepared to pursue A Level courses in various disciplines, including Sciences, Humanities, and Arts.



A Levels

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.



Gower College Swansea's talented A Level art students recently held an exhibition of their work at the Gorseinon Campus.

The show involved students from fine art, photography, textiles and graphic design (communication).

Career paths

- Graphic designer
- Photographer
- Filmmaker
- VFX artist
- Digital content creator
- Advertising
- Fashion designer
- Interior designer

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.

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



See full course descriptions and apply online

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
Film Studies (linear delivery - see page 19)	A Level	Two years	Gorseinon

You will have the opportunity to both study a wide range of films and create your own. Throughout the course, you'll explore an exciting variety of films from around the world, spanning both classic and contemporary cinema. You'll gain a deeper understanding of how the film form is made, as well as the meaning and impact on audiences both as an audio-visual art form and as a representation of their cultural contexts. **Additional entry requirements:** Grade B or above in GCSE English Language and/or Literature and/or grade B or above in a GCSE humanities subject (e.g. History, Religious Studies, Media Studies, etc.).

Subject	Qualification	Course length	Campus
Fine Art	A Level	Two years	Gorseinon

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. **Additional entry requirements:** An art based GCSE at grade C or a portfolio of artwork.

Subject	Qualification	Course length	Campus
Graphic Design (Communication)	A Level	Two years	Gorseinon

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. **Additional entry requirements:** 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.

Subject	Qualification	Course length	Campus
Media Studies	A Level	Two years	Gorseinon

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

Subject	Qualification	Course length	Campus
Photography	A Level	Two years	Gorseinon

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. **Additional entry requirements:** An art based GCSE at grade C is recommended but not essential.

Subject	Qualification	Course length	Campus
Textile Design - Fashion/Interior Design	A Level	Two years	Gorseinon

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.

Additional entry requirements: Seven GCSEs at grade C or above, including English Language. An art-based GCSE at grade C is desirable but not essential. A genuine interest and passion for textile and design is required.



Artwork credit: Sophie Hawkins, Fine Art A Level Student



Career paths

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

A Levels

Built Environment

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

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

Gower College Swansea are proud to have hosted this years Super Trowel, Wales regional heats.

Super Trowel is the ultimate bricklaying competition, where the UK's fastest and most skilled bricklayers come together to showcase their talents.



Your future guaranteed

We have the following progression opportunities within the College:

- Higher National Certificate in Construction Management

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



See full course descriptions and apply online

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
Built Environment	A Level	Two years	Gorseinon

This qualification will advance your 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.



A Levels

Business and Accountancy

Explore how organisations operate, make decisions, and manage finances, whilst developing valuable analytical and strategic skills for the modern economy.

With these A Levels, you'll be ready to step into exciting opportunities across the fast-growing business and finance sector.



Career paths

- Business development
- Investment banker
- Data analyst
- Chartered accountant
- Entrepreneur
- Project manager

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.
- **Higher National Diploma/BA (Hons) in Business Management**
- **AAT accounting qualifications Levels 2-4**
- **ACCA accounting qualifications Levels 4-7**

Alternatively, you could progress on to university 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).



See full course descriptions and apply online

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
Accounting (Linear delivery - see page 19) 	A Level	Two years	Gorseinon

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).

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

Business Studies 	A Level	Two years	Gorseinon
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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. You will develop strategic thinking and analytical skills through real-world business scenarios, exploring finance, globalisation and business strategy. **Additional entry requirements:** Grade C in GCSE Mathematics and English Language is essential.

Economics	A Level	Two years	Gorseinon
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On this course you will focus on both microeconomics and macroeconomics. Key topics include Supply and Demand, International Trade, Unemployment, Inflation and Development Economics. **Additional entry requirements:** Minimum grade B in GCSE Mathematics and English Language.



Alumni: Heledd Hunt

Former Gower College Swansea Business student Heledd Hunt, started her business Hels Bakes Cakes, in September 2022.

Whilst at the College, Heledd was a Welsh Ambassador, and did the catering for the Welsh Week events across the campus, where 250 of her delicious cupcakes were on the menu.

“I’ve had a love of baking from a young age,” says Heledd. “But it was while working in a café that I began to realise how much people really love cakes and this encouraged me to turn my passion for baking into a business. What can be better than earning money doing something I love?”

“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.”



Career paths

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

A Levels

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 environment.



A teaching team from Gower College Swansea has been recognised with a Silver Award for Further Education Team of the Year in this year's Pearson National Teaching Awards.

Chosen from thousands of nominees, the College's Esports team will now be in with the chance of winning the highly desired Gold Award, which will be announced later this year.

Your future guaranteed

We have the following progression opportunities within the College:

- Higher National Diploma in Applied Computing
- Professional qualifications Level 4 and above

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



See full course descriptions and apply online

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
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Computer Science	A Level	Two years	Gorseinon
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You will be given the opportunity to develop programming skills together with the knowledge of both hardware and software. **Additional entry requirements:** Grade B in GCSE Mathematics and English Language. A GCSE in Computer Science/ICT is advantageous.

Digital Technology	A Level	Two years	Gorseinon
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This course will advance your understanding of the digital technologies used by individuals and organisations, looking at how they develop and evolve. **Additional entry requirements:** Grade C in GCSE Mathematics is essential.



Career paths

- Chemical
- Civil
- Electrical/Electronic
- Mechanical

A Levels

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.



A group of first year A Level Electronics students have won an Engineering Education Scheme Wales (EESW) award for their use of coding and IT.

Your future guaranteed

We have the following progression opportunities within the College:

Higher National Certificate or Diploma in:

- Electrical and Electronic Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering
- Construction Management

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



See full course descriptions and apply online

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
Electronics (Linear delivery - see page 19)	A Level	Two years	Gorseinon

On this course, you will learn the fundamentals of electronic circuitry and the practical applications of those electronic devices. Electronics is a very practical subject, and you will learn how to use solderless breadboards to produce working circuits. The course has an NEA element where you will produce two projects of your own design. **Additional course entry requirements:** B in GCSE Mathematics and a C in GCSE Science.



Career paths

- Nursery assistant
- Playworker
- Social work
- Occupational therapy
- Nursing
- Midwifery
- Youth work
- Counselling
- Play therapy
- Learning support assistant

A Levels

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 sector provides a lot of jobs, accounting for over 17% of all employment.*

Childcare is also growing, with a projected increase of 3.6% between 2023 and 2030 in Wales.*

*Labour market intelligence

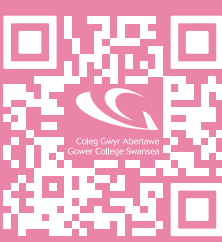
Your future guaranteed

We have the following progression opportunities within the College:

- Foundation Degree in Childhood Development Practice
- Higher Apprenticeship in Leadership for Children’s Care Learning and Development (Level 4)

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

Childcare students from the Gorseinon campus enjoyed a wellbeing trip to Dan Yr Ogof Showcaves – getting out and about and thoroughly enjoying one of Wales’ most spectacular attractions.



See full course descriptions and apply online

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



Career paths

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

A Levels

Humanities and Languages

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



Regan D, who is studying A Levels in English, Media Studies and Sociology, is looking ahead to a summer with a difference in 2025.

He has secured one of only four highly sought-after spots on a residential programme at the University of Florida.

Your future guaranteed


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



See full course descriptions and apply online

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
Ancient History (linear delivery - see page 19)	A Level	Two years	Gorseinon
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. Additional entry requirements: Grade B in GCSE English Language or History.			
Classical Civilisation (linear delivery - see page 19)	A Level	Two years	Gorseinon
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 are very much connected to cultural identity. Additional entry requirements: Grade B in GCSE English Language.			
Criminology	Level 3 Diploma	Two years	Gorseinon
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. Entry requirements: Minimum grade B in GCSE English Language.			

Subject	Qualification	Course length	Campus
English Language	A Level	Two years	Gorseinon
This course takes a forensic approach to analysing spoken, print and online language. You will develop an analytical tool kit of grammatical terminology and linguistic theories that will enable you to dissect any text. Additional entry requirements: Grade B in GCSE English Literature and English Language.			
English Language and Literature	A Level	Two years	Gorseinon
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. Additional entry requirements: Grade B in GCSE English Literature and English Language.			
English Literature	A Level	Two years	Gorseinon
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. Additional entry requirements: Grade B in GCSE English Literature and English Language.			
French	A Level	Two years	Gorseinon
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. Additional entry requirements: Grade B in GCSE French and English Language is recommended.			
Geography	A Level	Two years	Gorseinon
In the modern, globalised and ever-changing world, studying geography is more important than ever in helping us tackle the challenges we face. Additional entry requirements: Grade C in GCSE Geography, but students without this will be considered on their overall GCSE profile.			
Government and Politics	A Level	Two years	Gorseinon
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. Additional entry requirements: Grade B in GCSE English Language, plus either grade B in GCSE English Literature or another humanities-related subject.			
History	A Level	Two years	Gorseinon
This A Level involves the ability to research, analyse, argue, use historical sources and write well. It teaches concepts such as cause and consequence, continuity and change. Additional entry requirements: Grade B in GCSE History (or grade B in English Language if History is not taken).			
Law	A Level	Two years	Gorseinon
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. Additional entry requirements: Grade B in GCSE English Language, plus either grade B in GCSE English Literature or another humanities-related subject.			
Religious Studies - Philosophy and Ethics	A Level	Two years	Gorseinon
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. Additional entry requirements: Grade B in GCSE English Language and Literature is desirable.			
Spanish	A Level	Two years	Gorseinon
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. Additional entry requirements: Grade B in GCSE Spanish and English Language is recommended.			
Welsh - Second Language 	A Level	Two years	Gorseinon
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. Additional entry requirements: Grade C in GCSE Welsh (full course, second language).			



Career paths

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

A Levels

Maths, Science and Social Science

From Maths to Psychology, discover a wide range of career paths and gain excellent preparation for further study. Our courses in Maths, Science, and Social Sciences will help you build the skills and knowledge you need to succeed.



18 students from Gower College Swansea are holding offers to study medicine or veterinary science at university this September. The College's Medics, Dentists and Vets (MDV) tutorial support provision - which is part of the wider GCS Honours programme - gives students the opportunity to gain the skills and experience needed to apply to their chosen university.

Your future guaranteed

We have the following progression opportunities within the College:

- Higher National Certificate in Applied Science

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




See full course descriptions and apply online

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
Applied Psychology	Level 3 Extended Certificate	Two years	Gorseinon

Designed to be taken alongside A Levels. By studying psychological explanations for behaviour in real-life scenarios and carrying out your own research projects, you will develop a deep understanding of the factors that shape human behaviour. This course offers learning based on the practical applications of psychology (such as health and crime) and would suit those who prefer to complete extended assignments alongside traditional exams.

Entry requirements: Grade C in GCSE English Language, Mathematics and Science.

Subject	Qualification	Course length	Campus
Biology 	A Level	Two years	Gorseinon
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. Additional entry requirements: Grade B in GCSE English Language, Mathematics (higher tier) and Science.			
Chemistry	A Level	Two years	Gorseinon
Students will study fundamental concepts of chemistry, including atomic structure, bonding, chemical kinetics, spectroscopy and organic chemistry. Practical experiments are an integral part of the course. Additional entry requirements: Grade B in GCSE English Language, Mathematics (higher tier) and Science.			
Electronics	A Level	Two years	Gorseinon
You will learn the fundamentals of electronic circuitry and the practical applications of those electronic devices. Electronics is a very practical subject, and you will learn how to use solderless breadboards to produce working circuits. The course has an NEA element where you will produce two projects of your own design. Additional course entry requirements: B in GCSE Mathematics and a C in GCSE Science.			
Geology (linear delivery - see page 19)	A Level	Two years	Gorseinon
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. Additional entry requirements: Grade B in GCSE Mathematics and grade C in GCSE Science.			
Further Mathematics	A Level	Two years	Gorseinon
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. Additional entry requirements: Grade A* in GCSE Mathematics is required (a grade A may also be considered).			
Mathematics	A Level	Two years	Gorseinon
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. Additional entry requirements: Grade A in GCSE Mathematics from the higher tier (grade B from the higher tier may be considered).			
Medical Science	Level 3 Diploma	Two years	Gorseinon
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. Additional entry requirements: Grade B in GCSE English Language and grade C in GCSE Mathematics and Science.			
Physics	A Level	Two years	Gorseinon
Students will study fundamental principles of physics, including mechanics, electromagnetism, waves, and particle physics, as well as astrophysics. Practical work is an essential component of the course. Additional entry requirements: Grade B in GCSE English Language, Mathematics (higher tier) and Science.			
Psychology	A Level	Two years	Gorseinon
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 modified. You will also discuss the main debates and controversies in psychology. Additional entry requirements: Grade B in English Language (essential), Mathematics and Science (desirable)(preferably biology).			
Sociology	A Level	Two years	Gorseinon
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. Additional entry requirements: 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.			

A Levels

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.



Creative Arts Student of the Year 2025 – Carys Morgan

Carys is studying A Level Music, Welsh, and English Literature.

She has proudly represented the College in international groups, including the Welsh national brass bands, and has performed on stage with the musical theatre.

Her talent shone at the Urdd Eisteddfod, winning prizes for both composition and performances as a singer and brass soloist.

Carys has an exciting future ahead, in September, she's going to Oxford University to study Music.



Career paths

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

Your future guaranteed

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



See full course descriptions and apply online



A Levels

Sport

We offer a range of general sport courses as well as options for those wishing to focus on football, rugby or exercise science. Turn your passion for sports into a rewarding career!



It was a night of celebration and pride as students from Gower College Swansea's Sports Academies gathered at the Village Hotel for their annual Sports Awards. The evening honoured the hard work, dedication, and outstanding achievements of student-athletes across a range of sports.

In attendance were teams from men's rugby and football, as well as women's football and netball, with a variety of awards presented to recognise individual and team successes throughout the year.

Career paths


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

Your future guaranteed

We have the following progression opportunities within the College:

- Sports Development and Management BA (Hons)
- Sports Massage Therapy - Level 4 Certificate

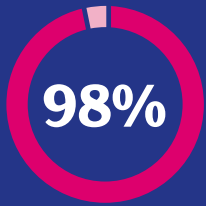
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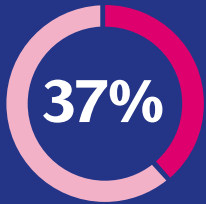
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Subject	Qualification	Course length	Campus
Physical Education	A Level	Two years	Gorseinon
<p>This course will enable you to develop a broad understanding of a range of sport-related concepts including how physiological and psychological states affect 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), GCSE PE grade B (C in exam) is desirable. Play at least one sport to club level standard.</p>			

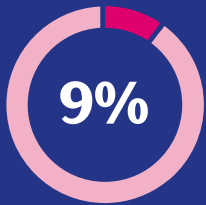
Vocational Level 3 Results 2025



pass rate



achieved at
least one
Distinction



attained the
top Distinction*
grade



Gower College Swansea is proud to announce another year of outstanding achievement, with students celebrating impressive vocational Level 3 results for 2025.

The College's vocational results are also very strong again this year, with an impressive 98% pass rate across those learners completing their two-year

Level 3 programmes. Among these high achievers, 37% of students achieved at least one Distinction and 9% attained a top Distinction* grade.

These results underscore the College's commitment to providing high quality vocational education, ensuring our learners achieve high standards and success.

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.

Don't forget, our Advance into Further Education courses are aimed at school leavers who are unsure of the vocational route they wish to take.



Vocational

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.

Career paths

- Graphic designer
- Photographer
- Filmmaker
- VFX artist
- Digital content creator
- Advertising
- Fashion designer
- Interior designer

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.

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



Students on a range of art and design courses at Gower College Swansea had a fantastic opportunity to meet with employers and artists during the third annual 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 is designed to inspire learners, boost employability skills and raise awareness of the educational and career pathways available within the creative industries.



See full course descriptions and apply online

Colleg Gwyr Abertawe
Gower College Swansea

Course	Qualification	Course length	Campus
Art and Design	Level 1 Diploma	One year	Llwyn y Bryn
You will create 2D/3D art plus photography, and digital time-based projects to build upon personal, creative and technical skills. Entry requirements: A number of GCSEs at grade D-G. Subject to interview and examples of work.			
Art and Design	Level 2 Diploma	One year	Llwyn y Bryn
An introduction to a range of practical disciplines within art and design such as drawing, painting, ceramics, sculpture, textiles, graphics, photography and contextual references. Entry requirements: Four GCSEs at grade D. Grade A*-C in GCSE Art and Design is extremely desirable as standards need to be evidenced. Subject to interview and examples of work.			
Art and Design 🗣️	Level 3 Extended Diploma	Two years	Llwyn y Bryn
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. Entry requirements: Five GCSEs at grades A-C including Art and Design. Subject to interview and examples of work.			
Creative Media Production and Technology	Level 2 Diploma	One year	Gorseinon
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. Entry requirements: One GCSE at grade C supported by a number at grade D-E.			
Film and Digital Production (UAL Creative Media) 🗣️	Level 3 Extended Diploma	Two years	Gorseinon
You'll dive into creative production from initial idea generation and scene creation, to capturing stunning product cinematography and powerful digital storytelling. Through hands-on projects that mirror real-world challenges, you'll collaborate with peers, refine your filming and editing skills, and build a professional portfolio to effectively engage audiences. Entry requirements: A minimum of five GCSEs at grade C or above, including English Language.			
Photography	Level 2 Diploma	One year	Llwyn y Bryn
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. Entry requirements: Four GCSEs at grade D. Subject to interview and examples of work.			
Photography	Level 3 Extended Diploma	Two years	Llwyn y Bryn
You will study photographic techniques, creative processes and concepts of other photographers, completing units on themes such as responding to a brief, realising ideas and image manipulation, experimenting with 2D, 3D and time-based techniques. Entry requirements: Four GCSEs at grade D. Subject to interview and examples of work.			





Career paths

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

Vocational

Built Environment

With a variety of trades to choose from 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.

Gower College Swansea student Kian Lewis-Edwards has recently completed a four day work experience assignment with Kier that provided him with the kinds of practical, hands-on insight into the construction industry that cannot be taught in a classroom.



Your future guaranteed

We have the following progression opportunities within the College:

- **Higher National Certificate in Construction Management**

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



See full course descriptions and apply online

Course	Qualification	Course length	Campus
Building Services Studies - Plumbing and Electrical	Level 1 Diploma	One year	Tycoch

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.

Construction Skills - Multi Skills	Level 1 Diploma	One year	Jubilee Court
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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.



Vocational

Business and Accountancy

After completing your qualifications you could use your transferable skills to find a job in the growing business and finance sector.



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



Business Student of the Year 2025 – Brendon Thomas

Brendon has made excellent progress during his three years at the College. He has just completed the first year of his Level 3 Business Diploma, where he has achieved Distinctions.

In September, Brendon will move onto the second year of his course, where he'll gain enough UCAS points to go to university and make a success of himself and his ideas.

As a dedicated class representative, Brendon has raised money for several charities and events for the College.

Career paths

- Business development
- Investment banker
- Data analyst
- Chartered accountant
- Entrepreneur
- Project manager

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.
- **Higher National Diploma/BA (Hons) in Business Management**
- **AAT accounting qualifications Levels 2-4**
- **ACCA accounting qualifications Levels 4-7**

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



See full course descriptions and apply online

Course	Qualification	Course length	Campus
Business and Administration	Level 2 Certificate	One year	Tycoch
This hybrid 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. Entry requirements: One GCSE at grade C and three GCSEs at grade D, or a pass on a Level 1 course in a related subject.			
Business	Level 3 Diploma with CIM	Two years	Tycoch
This course is ideal for learners who wish to study marketing, financial services and business management. It includes the professional Chartered Institute of Marketing Foundation Certificate at Level 3 and allows learners to explore the fundamentals of marketing in greater focus. Entry requirements: 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.			
Business 🍷	Level 3 Extended Diploma	Two years	Gorseinon
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. Entry requirements: 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.			



Alumni: William Evans

William studied Business at Gower College Swansea whilst running his own business *Will's Petting Zoo*.

He often shares his knowledge and experience with Gower College Swansea students. He has spoken to A Level students about entrepreneurship, and worked with veterinary students.

He's also provided volunteering opportunities on his petting farm for Advanced Skills Baccalaureate Wales students.

The passion he brings and the knowledge he shares is truly inspiring. William is a shining example of what can be achieved when you put your heart and soul into your passion, and the College is proud to support and celebrate his success.

William was awarded Higher Education Student of the Year at the College's Student Awards 2025. He's also received highly commended in the prestigious Young Business Person of the Year category at the 2025 Swansea Bay Business Awards, and has been on *BBC's Dragon's Den*.



Career paths

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

Vocational

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.

Gower College Swansea and The Secret Hospitality Group are proud to announce the launch of a brand-new partnership: **The Secret Hospitality Group x Gower College Swansea Academy**, a dynamic initiative designed to inspire, develop and nurture emerging talent within the hospitality industry.



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 progress on to university or gain employment within the industry.



See full course descriptions and apply online

Course	Qualification	Course length	Campus
Introduction to Hospitality and Catering	Entry Level 3	One year	Tycoch
Gain an introduction to the catering and hospitality industry through the preparation and cooking of dishes, along with food and beverage service in our training restaurant, the Vanilla Pod. You will also complete theory-based assignments and develop your literacy and numeracy skills as part of the course. Entry requirements: No formal qualifications are required. You will be required to attend an interview and a taster session prior to being offered a place.			
Professional Cookery and Catering	Level 1 Diploma	One year	Tycoch
Gain the knowledge and practical skills necessary to achieve an industry recognised qualification and begin a career in food preparation, cooking, and food service. All learners will prepare and serve food to customers in the Vanilla Pod training restaurant. Entry requirements: Three GCSEs at grades E or above. Applicants will also be considered based on interview. Literacy and numeracy are embedded into the timetable.			



Career paths

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

Your future guaranteed

Go to page 26 to see the progression opportunities within the College.

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

Vocational

Computing and Technology

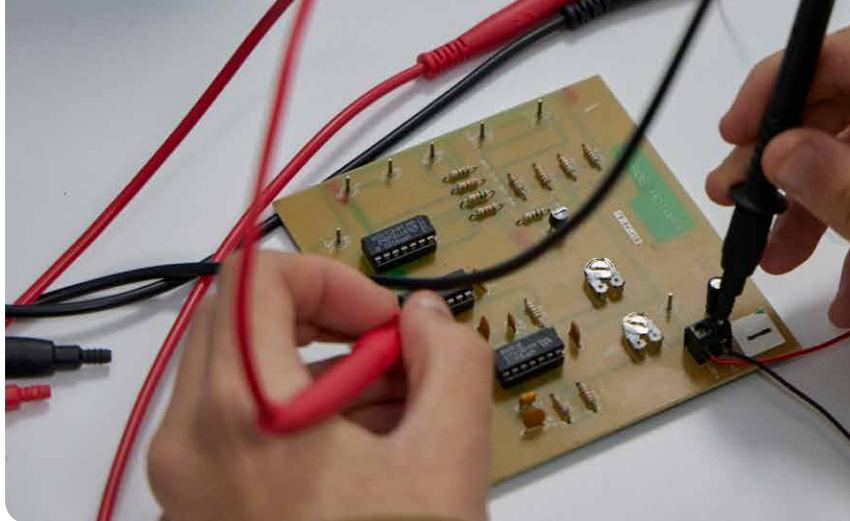
We live in an increasingly digital world where IT skills are always in demand. Stay ahead of AI and discover limitless opportunities in a tech-driven environment.

Gower College Swansea's Esports team, GCS Owls, took centre stage at Bett 2025, not only claiming victory in the Rocket League tournament but also engaging with industry leaders and showcasing their passion for competitive gaming.



See full course descriptions and apply online

Course	Qualification	Course length	Campus
Information Technology 🎧 This course is an introduction to the roles that exist within the IT industry. Entry requirements: Four GCSEs at grade E plus an interview.	Level 1 Diploma	One year	Tycoch
Information and Creative Technology This course provides specialist knowledge, understanding and skills that will prepare you for employment in the industry. Entry requirements: Two GCSEs at grade C or the Level 1 Diploma in Information Technology.	Level 2 First Diploma	One year	Tycoch
Computing 🎧 You will gain a broad understanding of ICT and study areas in more depth such as computer networks and website production. Entry requirements: Five GCSEs at grade C or the Level 2 First Diploma.	Level 3 Extended Diploma	Two years	Tycoch or Gorseinon
Esports 🎧 You'll explore the diverse and dynamic career paths that esports has to offer, whilst developing skills to succeed in this ever-evolving landscape. Entry requirements: A minimum of four GCSEs at grades D or above.	Level 2 Diploma	One year	Tycoch
Esports - Events and Media 🎧 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. Entry requirements: Five GCSEs at grade C.	Level 3 Extended Diploma	Two years	Tycoch



Career paths

- Chemical
- Civil
- Electrical/Electronic
- Mechanical

Your future guaranteed

We have the following progression opportunities within the College:

Higher National Certificate or Diploma in:

- **Electrical and Electronic Engineering**
- **Mechanical Engineering**
- **Construction Management**

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

Vocational

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.

Kane Morcom, who is studying Level 3 Electronic Engineering at Gower College Swansea, excelled in WorldSkills UK competitions. He has now joined an intensive 18-month training programme, and hopes to be selected for the team that will represent the UK at WorldSkills Shanghai in September 2026.



See full course descriptions and apply online

Electrical/Electronic Engineering

Course	Qualification	Course length	Campus
Electronic Engineering Technologies	Level 2 Diploma	One year	Tycoch
On this course you will explore the very latest technological advances in electronic engineering. Entry requirements: Four GCSEs at grade D or above.			

Electronic Engineering Technician Enhanced Engineering Program	Level 3 Diploma	One year	Tycoch
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. Entry requirements: Four GCSEs at grades A-C including Mathematics and English Language or a Level 2 electronics qualification.			

Electrical/Electronic Engineering

Course	Qualification	Course length	Campus
Advanced Electronic Engineering Technician	Level 3 Extended Diploma	Two years	Tycoch

This course (equivalent to two A Levels) is designed to help you achieve a university place in a digital technology or electronics discipline. **Entry requirements:** Four GCSEs at grades A-C including Mathematics and English Language or a Level 2 electronics qualification.

Mechanical Engineering

Course	Qualification	Course length	Campus
Practical Mechanical Engineering	Level 2 Diploma	One year	Tycoch

This course provides you with a solid foundation in engineering principles and practical skills. You will gain hands on experience and theoretical knowledge in areas such as mechanical engineering, electrical engineering and manufacturing processes. **Entry requirements:** Five GCSEs at grade D plus a C in either English Language or Mathematics.

Advanced Manufacture Engineering - Motorsport	Level 3 Diploma	Two years	Gorseinon
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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. **Entry requirements:** 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.

Advanced Manufacturing Engineering	Level 3 Extended Diploma	Two years	Gorseinon
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This course (equivalent to three A Levels) has been designed to give you the knowledge and skills needed to meet the needs of modern mechanical and electrical engineering industries. **Entry requirements:** Minimum seven GCSEs, preferably with a B in Mathematics.

Engineering Technologies	Level 1 Diploma	Two years	Tycoch
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A hands-on course exploring real-world engineering, including welding, 3D printing, electronics and robotics. **Entry requirements:** Four GCSEs at grade D or above.

Engineering Technologies	Level 3 Technical Extended Diploma	Two years	Tycoch
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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. **Entry requirements:** Five GCSEs at grade C or above including intermediate Mathematics and Science.

Enhanced Engineering Programme Pre-Apprenticeship	Level 3 Diploma	One year	Tycoch
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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 opportunity to study whilst in the workplace, which means you get paid to continue your education, whilst gaining invaluable work experience.

Entry requirements: 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

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.



At the Student Awards 2025, the College's Theatrical Special Effects, Hair and Media Make-Up students treated guests to a special Animals showcase.

Career paths

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

Your future guaranteed

We have the following progression opportunities within the College:

- **Part-time Level 3 courses** (see website for details)
- **Level 4 Certificate in Sports Massage Therapy** (studied part-time)

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



See full course descriptions and apply online



College Gwyf Albion
Gower College Swansea

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



Vocational

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 sector provides a lot of jobs, accounting for over 17% of all employment.*

Childcare is also growing, with a projected increase of 3.6% between 2023 and 2030 in Wales.*

*Labour market intelligence

Career paths

- Nursery assistant
- Playworker
- Social work
- Occupational therapy
- Nursing
- Midwifery
- Youth work
- Counselling
- Play therapy
- Learning support assistant

Your future guaranteed

We have the following progression opportunities within the College:

- **Foundation Degree in Childhood Development Practice**
- **Higher Apprenticeship in Leadership for Children’s Care Learning and Development (Level 4)**

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



Health, Social Care and Childcare Student of the Year 2025 and Inspirational Student of the Year 2025 – Sarah James

Sarah has performed exceptionally well across the Level 3 Children’s Care, Play, Learning and Development - Practice and Theory.

She gives 100% all the time, both in College and in placement, and approaches her work with a mature and professional attitude.

During her school placement, the head teacher said he’s never seen so much potential in a student so young.



See full course descriptions and apply online

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



Our Level 3 Childcare students have been learning how to change nappies and handle babies safely in their preparation for a Skills Competition Wales event.

The competition raises the profile of learners' skills in Wales, offering them a chance to challenge themselves, and benchmark and improve their skills by competing with other students.

Independent judges will look at how our learners support children's holistic development, as well as their knowledge of child development and the importance of learning through play.



Vocational

Landscape and Horticulture

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

Career paths

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

Your future guaranteed

Gain employment within the industry or start your own business.



Landscaping and Horticulture students at Gower College Swansea have benefited from a unique working partnership with Swansea University over recent months.

The learners have been working alongside the Grounds Maintenance team at the Singleton Campus to carry out a range of practical jobs such as turf laying, weeding, flower bed preparation, watering and planting containers for a seasonal display.



See full course descriptions and apply online

Colleg Gŵyr Abertawe
Gower College Swansea

Course	Qualification	Course length	Campus
Landscape Construction and Gardening	Level 1 Diploma	One year	Tycoch
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. Penlleger Primary School, Swansea University, Singleton Park. Entry requirements: No formal qualifications needed. An enthusiasm for horticulture, working outside and a basic level of physical fitness are required for this course.			
Practical Horticulture Skills	Level 2 Diploma	One year	Tycoch
This qualification enables you to experience a wide range of practical subjects such as constructing a paved area, building walls and pillars, and maintaining a pond. You will work alongside professionals gaining real life work experience at Cae Tan, where you will learn about food production and Swansea University where you will assist in maintaining the grounds as well as designing gardens using the latest in AI technology. Entry requirements: One GCSE at grade C or a related Level 1 qualification. An enthusiasm for horticulture and working physically outdoors is required.			



Vocational

Motor Vehicle

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



Our Level 3 BTEC AME Motorsport students attended a track day in collaboration with the UWTSD Motorsport team at Pembrey Racing Circuit.

This was a real-world experience for the learners where they were responsible for pre-event vehicle inspection, maintenance, and the running of the temporary workshop environment where they were assessed on their ability to manage health and safety.

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.



See full course descriptions and apply online

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



Career paths

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

Vocational

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.

Your future guaranteed

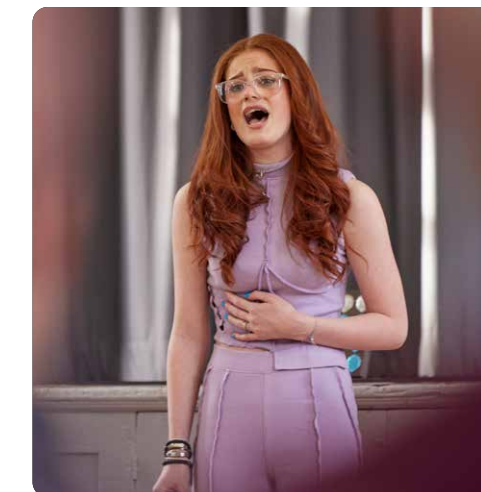
We have the following progression opportunities within the College:

- **Performance (Acting and Musical Strands) Level 4 Professional Diploma**

Alternatively, you could gain employment within the industry.



See full course descriptions and apply online



Course	Qualification	Course length	Campus
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Music Performance and Production	Level 2 Diploma	One year	Llwyn y Bryn
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This course is designed to develop your knowledge and practical skills in music performance and production. With students having access to fully equipped rehearsal studios and performance spaces. **Entry requirements:** Four GCSEs at grade D or equivalent qualifications accepted. Subject to interview and audition, you must either sing or play an instrument.

Music Performance and Production	Level 3 Extended Diploma	Two years	Llwyn y Bryn
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This course is designed to be as practical as possible giving you a foundation in all aspects of music performance and production. With students having access to fully equipped rehearsal studios, recording studios and performance spaces. **Entry requirements:** 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.

Theatre and Live Events Production	Level 3 Extended Diploma	Two years	Gorseion
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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. **Entry requirements:** 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.

Performing Arts	Level 2 Diploma	One year	Gorseion
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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. **Entry requirements:** 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.

Performing Arts 🎭	Level 3 Extended Diploma	Two years	Gorseion
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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. **Entry requirements:** 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.



Gower College Swansea is celebrating after 11 students from its Level 4 Professional Diploma in Performance course were accepted at specialist drama schools across the UK.

"This is a fantastic result for our Level 4 students," says Curriculum Leader Wyn Richards. "To have so many firm offers and recalls within one cohort is fantastic news and we are all so proud."



Vocational

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.

Career paths

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

Your future guaranteed

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



Our Protective Services learners took part in a mock missing persons / murder investigation in Singleton Park, where they were tasked with bagging evidence for examination back at College.

They were also given witness reports, CCTV images and forensic analyses to help them solve the case.

The day helped to reinforce their previous learning on topics such as rules and regulations, discipline, teamwork and leadership.

See full course descriptions and apply online

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



Vocational

Science

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



Career paths

- Forensic scientist
- Lab technician
- Medical genetics
- Criminology
- Biology

Your future guaranteed

We have the following progression opportunities within the College:

- **Higher National Certificate in Applied Science**

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



See full course descriptions and apply online

Colleg Gwyn Aberystwyth
Gower College Swansea

Course	Qualification	Course length	Campus
Applied Science	Level 2 First Diploma	One year	Tychoch
This course enables learners to acquire knowledge in natural and social science i.e. chemistry, energy, biology and the living body. Entry requirements: Preferably four GCSEs at grade D but must include Mathematics and English Language or Level 1 Vocational Studies with a Distinction/Merit profile.			
Applied Science - Analytical and Forensic or Biomedical Science	Level 3 Extended Diploma	Two years	Tychoch
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. Entry requirements: 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.			

Applied Science

Level 2 First Diploma

One year

Tychoch

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Applied Science - Analytical and Forensic or Biomedical Science

Level 3 Extended Diploma

Two years

Tychoch

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. **Entry requirements:** 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.



Vocational

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!



Sport and Public Services Student of the Year 2025 - Ophelia Furbank

Ophelia has excelled in the Level 3 Diploma in Sport.

Ophelia is engaged fully in everything to do with her studies, she is also part of the Netball Academy.

She's exploring her career options at the moment, but there is a focus on something to do with sports therapy.

She will succeed excellently doing this career path, her caring nature will come across really well when she's dealing with clients, and we wish all the best in that future career path.

Career paths

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

Your future guaranteed

We have the following progression opportunities within the College:

- Sports Development and Management BA (Hons)
- Sports Massage Therapy - Level 4 Certificate

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



See full course descriptions and apply online

Course	Qualification	Course length	Campus
Sport 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.	Level 2 Diploma	One year	Tycoch
Sport 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.	Level 3 Extended Diploma	Two years	Gorseinon or Tycoch
Sport - Football Coaching and Performance (Pro:Direct) This course offers elite training, coaching techniques, and performance analysis skills. Learn from industry professionals, enhance your tactical knowledge, and gain valuable work experience. Our strong partnerships with local clubs and schools provide an ideal environment to develop your skill set. 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.	Level 3 Diploma	Two years	Tycoch
Sporting Excellence and Performance – Rugby 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.	Level 3 Extended Diploma	Two years	Gorseinon
Sport and Exercise Science 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.	Level 3 Extended Diploma	Two years	Gorseinon



Our Pro:Direct Academy players get to train full-time like a pro, with UEFA and FAL Licensed coaches, weekly competitive fixtures and pro-level fitness and recovery programmes. Our strong partnerships with local clubs and schools provide an ideal environment to develop your skill set. Recently, we’ve had guest coaching by Swansea City Football Club.



Former Gower College Swansea student Caleb Demery has signed a one-year contract with Swansea City Football Club.

Caleb was previously on the books at Swansea City’s Academy before leaving at under-13s’ level. Now, after two seasons in Briton Ferry’s senior set-up, he rejoins the club following a successful trial towards the end of last season.

Caleb joined the College in 2022 when he enrolled on a Level 3 Diploma in Sport (Football specialism) before progressing to the first year of the BA (Hons) Sport, Coaching and Performance, which is delivered in partnership with Swansea University.

In addition to his studies, Caleb played a key role in the College’s Pro:Direct Academy team.



Vocational

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.

- ### Career paths
- Cabin Crew
 - Airline/cruise ship crew
 - Airport ground staff
 - Tour guide
 - Travel agent
 - Events management
 - Customer services
 - Hotel management
 - Travel blogger



Hospitality, Travel and Tourism Student of the Year 2025 – Lucy Green

Lucy is a student that does everything correctly. She has 100% attendance. She's determined, enthusiastic, and she loves a challenge.

Lucy has grown into those challenges as the year has gone by.

We think she's a great nomination, and thoroughly deserves this award.

- Andrew Williams, Lecturer.

Your future guaranteed

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

See full course descriptions and apply online

Course	Qualification	Course length	Campus
Travel and Tourism <p>This course will give you the relevant skills, qualities and knowledge required for employment in the travel and tourism industry. Entry requirements: Two GCSE at grade D or a Merit profile in a BTEC Level 1 or equivalent qualification.</p>	Level 2 Diploma	One year	Tychoch
Advanced Tourism <p>This course will prepare you for employment within the travel and tourism industry or higher education. The course features educational visits and meeting industry experts. Entry requirements: 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).</p>	Level 3 Diploma	Two years	Tychoch

Apprenticeships

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

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)**.



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Welsh Government

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



Gower College Swansea secured two prestigious wins and received a **Highly Commended recognition** at InsideOut awards 2024.



Many people have seen success following apprenticeships, including Scott Tovey, a former pupil at Morryston Comprehensive School.

During his time at school, Scott started to spend time with the site manager during sanctioned periods, and began helping the estates team with odd jobs, before then volunteering out of school hours.

Scott then stayed on as an apprentice after his schooling, completing Level 2 and 3 apprenticeships in facilities management, and even winning the College's Apprentice of the Year award at the Apprenticeship Awards in 2022.

Following his apprenticeship, Scott began a full-time position at the school.

"The qualification helped to understand and develop knowledge of systems in the workplace. It gave me confidence in my work and when speaking to people, which allowed me to enjoy the process of learning and gaining understanding in new areas. There were times during the qualification where I was unsure, but I was very grateful for the support of my trainer, Alan."

"The Level 2 qualification introduced me to the understanding of facilities management, as well as workplace policies and procedures, whilst the Level 3 has given me more confidence in the subject, particularly important areas such as health and safety. I would definitely recommend the qualifications to others."

Apprenticeships

We offer a range of apprenticeships, discover more below:

Art, Design and Media

Route	Qualification
Fashion and Textiles	Level 2/3
Creative Media Production and Technology Level 4	Level 4

Built Environment

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

Business and Accountancy

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

Computing and Technology

Route	Qualification
IT, Software and Telecoms	Level 2/3

Engineering

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

Health, Social Care and Childcare

Route

Supporting Teaching and Learning in Schools
Childcare

| Qualification

Level 3
Level 2/3

Motor Vehicle

Route

Vehicle Maintenance and Repair

| Qualification

Level 2/3

Science

Route

Laboratory and Science Technicians

| Qualification

Level 3/4

The apprenticeship routes listed above are delivered by the faculty. Starting in September and running alongside the academic year, usually with one day per week at the College.

We also offer additional apprenticeships, which can be started at any time. For a more flexible or tailored approach, scan the QR code to explore our full range of options.



Apprenticeship Week Wales is an annual celebration that shines a spotlight on the vital role apprenticeships play in shaping the future workforce, empowering learners and driving business success.

In February 2025, Gower College Swansea commemorated the campaign with a week of activities including a recruitment fair, an awards ceremony, and a suite of information sessions for individuals and employers alike.

Around 900 people attended the Apprenticeship and Recruitment Fair at the Tycoch Campus, where they were able to talk with College staff about how to access apprenticeships. Also in attendance to promote their apprenticeship opportunities were over 50 local organisations with close links with the College including Swansea Bay University Health Board, Swansea Council, Ecolab, DVSA and Great Western Railway.

A special apprenticeship awards ceremony was held at Swansea.com Stadium which honoured the outstanding commitment and dedication of the College's apprentices, staff and employer partners from across Wales and England. The event, which saw over 40 awards handed out to worthy winners, was hosted by presenter/broadcaster Ross Harries with apprenticeship advocate and senior policy advisor at HMRC, Joseph Lennox, as guest speaker.