



Coleg Gŵyr Abertawe
Gower College Swansea

SCHOOL ACTIVITY PLANNER

2019/20



HELLO AND WELCOME



At Gower College Swansea we offer a range of school liaison activities designed to give pupils a taste of additional academic and vocational options that are available and that can complement the courses they have chosen to take at school.

This planner gives you an overview of the activities that your pupils can take part in, including taster classes, assemblies, introductory talks and College tours.

We try to ensure these activities are as flexible as possible so we can tailor our programmes to best meet the specific needs of you and your pupils.

If you are interested in any of these or have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Mark Jones
Principal, Gower College Swansea

OUR RESULTS

We are **sector leading** for our A Level provision in Welsh Government's most recent learner outcome report.

Our 2019 A Level results **significantly outperformed** the Welsh national average by 8%[†] at A*-A grades.

Our 2018 A Level results **significantly outperformed** the average of the City and County of Swansea's sixth form schools by 11% at A*-C grades.

[†] Wales national average 27%.

100%
Vocational pass rate
57%
Distinctions

99%
A Level pass rate
35% A* - A
82% A* - C

1,000+
Progressing
to university

200+
Heading to
Russell Group
universities

11
Oxbridge
entrants

GET IN TOUCH

Contact our **School Liaison Coordinator, Sian Jones** with any questions or to book an activity. We look forward to hearing from you.

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OPEN EVENINGS

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

Gorseinon Campus: 5.30-7.30pm

This campus accommodates more than 2,000 full time students who have access to almost 40 A Level subjects and a wide range of vocational courses.

Monday 11 November 2019

Monday 13 January 2020

Monday 9 March 2020

Belgrave Road
Gorseinon
Swansea
SA4 6RD

Tycoch Campus: 5.30-7.30pm

Tycoch is a bustling and vibrant base for students on a wide variety of vocational, access, higher education and apprenticeship courses.

Monday 18 November 2019

Monday 20 January 2020

Monday 16 March 2020

Tycoch Road
Sketty
Swansea
SA2 9EB

Llwyn y Bryn Campus: 5.30-7.30pm

Students can explore a diverse range of areas including art and design, fashion, fine art, graphics, media, photography and music.

Tuesday 19 November 2019

Tuesday 21 January 2020

Tuesday 17 March 2020

77 Walter Road
Uplands
Swansea
SA1 4QA

Jubilee Court: 5.30-7.30pm

Jubilee Court is home to apprenticeships and construction courses such as painting and decorating, brickwork, carpentry and plastering.

Wednesday 13 November 2019

Wednesday 11 March 2020

1-2 Jubilee Court
Fforestfach
Swansea
SA5 4HB

CHOOSE YOUR ACTIVITIES

TRANSITION TALK

This presentation gives an insight into life at the College and the courses and opportunities available including enrichment activities, funding and support.

Venue: **School assembly**

Suitable for Year: **10** + **11**

Time: **10-15 minutes**

Suitable time of year:
September (Year 11)
May to July (Year 10)

Equipment required:
Computer with projector

ADVICE AND GUIDANCE APPLICATION WORKSHOPS

The student advisor team is able to hold one hour application workshops in schools.

The session will include:

- Impartial advice and guidance on courses and opportunities (which includes full time and apprenticeships)
- Help completing an online application form. (**New process** - now UCAS Progress has ended, we are offering support to complete the **College online application form**).

Venue: **School***

Suitable for Year: **11** only

Time: **One hour**

Suitable time of year:
November to January

Equipment required:
IT room with interactive white board

* We aim to have one member of staff for every Year 11 form class. Staff are available for up to one hour and this activity normally takes place during a PSE session.

TRANSITION TALK AND ACTIVITY

This presentation gives an insight into life at the College and the courses and opportunities available including enrichment activities, funding and support.

Pupils will have the chance to look through the prospectus, ask questions about the College and the courses that interest them, as well as take part in a quiz.

Venue: **School - classroom activity**

Suitable for Year: **10** + **11**

Time: **One hour**

Suitable time of year:
October to November (Year 11)
May to July (Year 10)

Equipment required:
Computer with projector

MINI TASTER TOURS

The pupils will be given the opportunity to have a tour of the College and its facilities. They will also take part in three subject specific **taster sessions** where they will **try out** the different courses we have available. You can request a specific area of interest and we will try our best to meet your needs.

We can usually take up to 80 pupils per event. If you have a larger year group, we can arrange for it to be split in two and the second group can attend at a later date.

A drink and snack will be provided at break time.

Venue: **Tycoch, Gorseinon or Llwyn y Bryn Campus**

Suitable for Year: **9** + **10** + **11**

Time: **Arrive at the College at 9.30am and leave in time for the school lunch hour**

Suitable time of year:
Anytime (Year 9 and 10)
November to January (Year 11)

INTRODUCTION TO THE COLLEGE

These sessions are a chance for pupils who have completed an application form to:

- Change their choice of course and receive further guidance and support (if need be)
- Find out what happens next
- Have help preparing for their course interview with a subject specialist
- Find out about funding and their first week in College (induction)
- Ask as many questions as they want about the interview process and life at the College.

Venue: **School***

Suitable for Year: **11 only**

Time: **Pupils will be seen in groups of 12-15 for 30 minutes**

Suitable time of year:
February

*The advice and guidance team will require one classroom for the day (depending on number of applications).

COURSE INTERVIEWS

Subject specialists from the College will come to the school to interview pupils who have submitted an application form.

This takes place in our partner schools only. Pupils from our non partner schools will be sent a letter inviting them into the College for their interview.

Venue: **School***

Suitable for Year: **11 only**

Time: **The pupils will be taken out of their class for around 15 minutes**

Suitable time of year:
January to April

*Large classroom or library space, usually for the whole day.

CAREERS FAIRS AND EVENTS

If your school is organising a careers fair or other events and would like the College to attend, please let us know.

We can bring staff from the different learning areas to offer interactive sessions and advice on courses.



WHAT NEXT?

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CHOOSE THE RIGHT COURSE

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

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

For more detailed course information visit gcs.ac.uk

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SPEAK TO US

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

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

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APPLY NOW

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

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

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

Once we've received your application, all further communication will be via email, so please use your personal email address not your school one.

Don't panic if you don't have email, we can contact you by post.

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YOUR INTERVIEW

We want to make sure that you choose the right course for you, so you'll need to attend an interview at your school or at the College.

The interview will give you an opportunity to ask us questions about the course and the College, and for us to get to know you. You'll find out if the course involves work placements, educational visits or additional costs such as uniforms or equipment.

We'll be able to tell you at your interview if you've been successful and we'll give you a course offer booklet.

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ENROL

You'll need to come into the College and enrol on the date given in your course offer booklet. You can also sort out any funding or transport requirements.

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

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START YOUR JOURNEY

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

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