



Coleg Gŵyr Abertawe  
Gower College Swansea



**SCHOOL  
ACTIVITY  
PLANNER**  
**2018/19**

# 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 recent learner outcome report.

Our 2018 A Level results **significantly outperformed** the Welsh national average by 7% at A\*-C grades.

Our 2017 A Level results **significantly outperformed** the average of the City and County of Swansea's sixth form schools by 9% at A\*-C grades.

## GET IN TOUCH

CONTACT OUR SCHOOL LIAISON COORDINATOR, **ANNA KENNY** FOR ANY QUERIES OR TO BOOK AN ACTIVITY.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU.

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## OUR CAMPUSES

### Gorseinon Campus

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.

Belgrave Road  
Gorseinon  
Swansea  
SA4 6RD

### Tycoch Campus

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

Tycoch Road  
Sketty  
Swansea  
SA2 9EB

### Llwyn y Bryn Campus

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

77 Walter Road  
Uplands  
Swansea  
SA1 4QA

### Jubilee Court

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

1-2 Jubilee Court  
Fforestfach  
Swansea  
SA5 4HB

## OPEN EVENINGS

Open evenings are the best way to discover what College life is like.

Pupils can find out more about the courses they are interested in, as well as the student support available.

### Gorseinon Campus: 5.30-7.30pm

Monday 12 November 2018

Monday 14 January 2019

Monday 11 March 2019

### Tycoch Campus: 5.30-7.30pm

Monday 19 November 2018

Monday 21 January 2019

Monday 18 March 2019

### Llwyn y Bryn Campus: 5-7pm

Tuesday 4 December 2018

Tuesday 12 March 2019

### Jubilee Court: 5-7pm

Wednesday 14 November 2018



# 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**

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## 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.

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

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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**

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## 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: **Tychoch, 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 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).

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# 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**

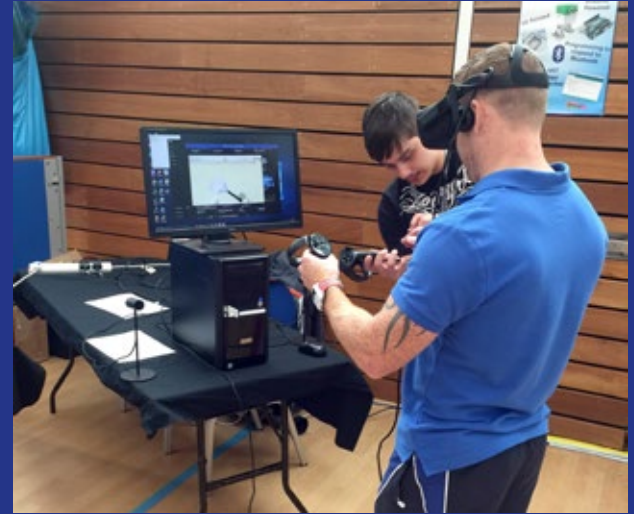
Suitable time of year:  
**February to April**

\* 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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## CHOOSING THE RIGHT COURSE

**Pupils need to think about the subjects they are best at and what they enjoy studying.**

Some subjects are assessed by exams, others combine coursework and exams, remind them to check the course entry requirements.

For more detailed course information visit [www.gcs.ac.uk](http://www.gcs.ac.uk)

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## SPEAK TO US

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

Dates and times are on page 2. Our student advisors visit lots of schools around the area, so pupils can have a chat with them or talk to their school's careers advisor.

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## APPLY NOW

**The earlier pupils apply, the more chance they have of securing a place on their first choice course.**

Pupils who go to school in the City and County of Swansea, must apply online at [www.ucasprogress.com](http://www.ucasprogress.com). Once we've acknowledged the application on this site, all communication from then on will be through email, so please encourage your pupils to use their personal email address not their school one.

All other students and non-school leavers need to apply via the College website [www.gcs.ac.uk](http://www.gcs.ac.uk)

*If pupils don't have email, we can contact them by post.*

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## INTERVIEW

**We want to make sure that pupils choose the right course for them, so they will need to attend an interview at school or at the College.**

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

We'll be able to tell them at their interview if they have been successful and we'll give them a course offer booklet.

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## ENROLMENT

**Pupils will need to come into the College and enrol on the date given in their course offer booklet. Pupils can also sort out any funding or transport requirements.**

They do not need to worry if their GCSE results weren't what they expected or needed to get on the course – they should keep their appointment and we can talk through the options. There is a course for everyone.

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## STARTING THEIR JOURNEY

**Becoming a student starts with lots of activities to help them settle into College and make new friends, including the Freshers' Fair.**

They will also meet their tutor, get their timetable and everything else they need to ensure their student journey starts smoothly!