



A LEVEL COURSE GUIDE 2021-22

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Welcome



Welcome to our two exciting, high performing sixth forms; Deeside Sixth and Yale Sixth. We are proud of our sector leading success and outstanding reputation for inspiring students to succeed, high quality of teaching and learning and excellent guidance and support.

In our latest Estyn report, inspectors rated the College as 'excellent', making Cambria one of the most successful colleges in the UK, and the highest performing college in Wales. We are delighted with this outcome and are extremely proud of our students and staff.

Our students are at the centre of everything we do and we are confident that you will receive individual care, support and encouragement to flourish and achieve your goals. Visitors to the College regularly comment on the special, happy and purposeful environment. The friendly, respectful teamwork between staff and students makes this happen and all of our sixth form students are valued as individuals and encouraged to exceed their potential.



Sue Price, Principal

Our sixth forms are vibrant, friendly places which offer excellent libraries and cutting edge IT facilities to support study and independent research. We help you to develop your skills beyond the curriculum to prepare you for life after college, whether you go on to study at university level, take an apprenticeship or start a great career.

We hope this guide about A Levels, together with the College's other guides, will give you a feel for what we offer and help you to make the decision to join one of our thriving sixth forms.

For more information visit our website, follow us on social media, or join us at our open events to find out more about our sixth forms.

We look forward to welcoming you.

Did You Know?

WE HAVE 2 EXCITING, HIGH PERFORMING LOCAL SIXTH FORMS FOR YOU TO CHOOSE FROM?



Deeside Sixth

Deeside Sixth is in Connah's Quay, situated in a ground-breaking £14million complex for the last 3 years.



Yale Sixth

Yale Sixth is based in Wrexham where a £20million redevelopment has been recently completed.

Boasting world-class facilities and the latest technology for learners to utilise, both sixth forms provide inspiring spaces for learners to succeed.

Our learners are at the centre of everything we do. Taught by subject specialists, they receive individual care, support and guidance to flourish and achieve their goals.

EXCELLENT A LEVEL RESULTS

Coleg Cambria maintained its position in 2020 as the number one college in Wales with an outstanding overall A Level pass rate.



Mark Holcroft

Physics	A*
Mathematics	A*
Further Mathematics	A*
Advanced Skills Challenge Certificate	A*

What next?

Lancaster to study Mathematics



Imaan Khan

Business	A*
English Language and Literature	A
Economics	B
Advanced Skills Challenge Certificate	A*

What next?

Studying Economics and Management Studies at Cardiff University



Abby Cooper

Biology	A*
Chemistry	A
Mathematics	A*
Further Mathematics	A*
Advanced Skills Challenge Certificate	A*

What next?

Cambridge to study Natural Sciences



Alexander Smith

Mathematics	A*
Further Mathematics	A
Physics	B
Advanced Skills Challenge Certificate	A*

What next?

The University of Sheffield to study General Engineering

Deeside Sixth Facilities

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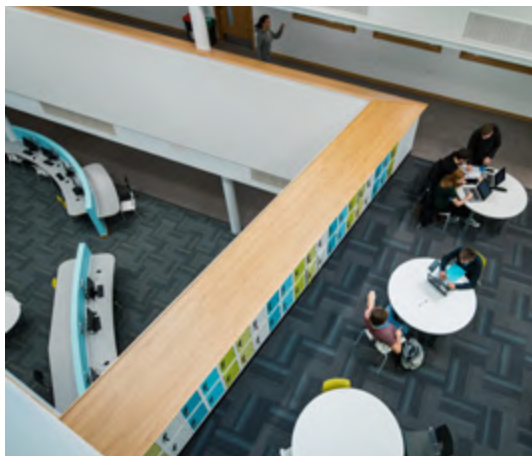


At Deeside Sixth all students are able to utilise the latest technology in our ICT, Computing and Mac suites, as well as Chromebooks in all teaching rooms.

There is an Art Studio with open air terrace, Product Design suite with 3D printer and laser cutter, Drama Studio, Music Centre and terrace and large Science laboratories. Students benefit from the excellent library facilities and the lecture theatres.



Deeside Sixth building



Atrium work spaces



Product Design Workshop



Music Studio

Yale Sixth Facilities

At Yale Sixth there are well-equipped Science laboratories, Performing Arts studios, computer suites and art studios. All students have access to IT facilities and equipment in teaching rooms to support learning such as Chromebooks and up-to-date apps.

Students have access to the university style library which has space over three floors to undertake private study and group tutorials and to access support for their skill development.

The Yale site has recently undergone a £20million redevelopment of new facilities including a three-storey complex equipped with the latest digital technology, a 200-seat conference hall, a cutting-edge study space, a revolutionary sports space and IT suites.



Yale Redevelopment



Media Studio



Performing Arts Studio



Regional Print Centre



Assessment and Support

Within each subject area there is a regular programme of assessment and support.

Whilst all subjects set interim tests there are formal mock exam weeks for both AS and A2 Level courses to provide a realistic exam experience.

Two reports are issued each year outlining student performance and progress following key assessment activities. There is also an opportunity for parents and students to attend Consultation Evenings following mock examinations to meet subject tutors and discuss their progress. All students are involved in planning their learning and setting targets for improvement through an Individual Learning Plan agreed and regularly reviewed with their tutor for each of their subjects.

Many subjects provide tutorial support in addition to timetabled lessons to assist exam preparation. Students requiring additional support with their learning are offered this in the library through our specialist ALN Team.

All our Modern Foreign Language A Levels ensure that students spend time with a specialist language speaking assistant every week, giving them essential practice in the language that they are learning.

Teaching Standards and Professionalism

Both sixth forms provide a friendly and vibrant learning community focused on high quality teaching and learning experiences in a caring and supportive environment.

We are proud of our committed, well qualified and hardworking staff, some of whom are national examiners in their subject disciplines.

Some staff support ESTYN on inspections of colleges in Wales and staff participate in national course developments with awarding bodies. All of our staff are involved in regular curriculum reviews and monitoring to ensure continuous quality improvement to benefit our learners.



Progress to University



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University Application Support

We have an extensive programme of support and very good links with many prestigious universities.

The College has a programme of talks and visits involving many universities, including Birmingham, Bangor, Cardiff Medical School, Cambridge, Oxford, Manchester, Leeds, Liverpool and the University of Law. Students are strongly encouraged to attend Open Days, Summer Schools, challenges and taster sessions at their chosen universities, which can be highly motivational and enhance the chance of receiving course offers.

Most students progress to the university of their choice. Some gain Oxbridge or Russell Group places. Students have progressed to universities throughout the UK and in some cases overseas.

Students are supported throughout the university application process (UCAS), receiving excellent guidance from specialist advisers and experienced progress coaches. Support is also available in preparation for university interviews and for seeking relevant vocational work experience.

Other Progression Routes

Students are also supported with their applications to employment, Higher/Degree Apprenticeships and gap year opportunities.

Many learners have gained employment with high profile employers, such as Airbus and Unilever. Students wishing to take a gap year can also be assisted with their planning and applications by our Student Services team.



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College life is likely to be different to what students have been used to at school, but we are here to offer support every step of the way.

Progress Coach

Students receive individual support from a progress coach from the first moment that they join the sixth form. They will help them settle into college, guide them through their courses, offer support through any difficult times, monitor progress closely and celebrate successes.

Support is always positive and in the second year the personal progress coach will work with your subject teachers to help with applications to university and other destinations such as careers or gap years.

Additional Support

Our Additional Support Team works with students with additional learning needs to ensure everyone has the opportunity to fulfil their potential.

An Additional Learning Plan is agreed to help students achieve their college goals and appropriate specialist equipment is provided to support students in their studies if required.

Regular tutorials are arranged and help is available in our well resourced base area.

Free Healthy Breakfast

Any student at any College site and on any day is entitled to collect a FREE healthy breakfast from any of the College's eating outlets, Monday - Friday 8am - 9.15am.

Student Welfare

Student welfare is our priority and we will help overcome any obstacles to success, achievement and progression. We can help with expert careers advice and guidance and university support, financial advice, arranging work experience or individual counselling if a student has personal difficulties.

Our dedicated Student Services team provides mental health support and can arrange individual counselling sessions for learners. There are also private spaces such as reflection rooms where students can take some time out.

Learn in Welsh

A number of subjects are available through the medium of Welsh.



These are:

- Advanced Skills Challenge Certificate
- Business Studies
- History
- Media Studies
- Music
- Psychology
- Sociology
- Welsh First Language

Gifted and Talented

This is a structured programme of support for students with exceptional GCSE results (mainly A*- A's) which caters for their needs and aspirations. These students will be aiming for the top universities in world rankings and some of the most competitive academic courses.

The programme aims to:

- Broaden students' horizons beyond their chosen subjects.
- Develop students' higher level thinking, reasoning and analytical skills.
- Provide academic research and writing skills through a major investigation into a topic of the student's choosing.
- Provide early advice on building a strong portfolio of relevant activities to support an application to the top universities.
- Provide targeted support for those students preparing for admissions tests such as UKCAT and the TSA.
- Provide specific support for those students preparing for interviews at Oxford, Cambridge, Russell Group and Sutton 30 universities and for Medical, Veterinary Science and Dentistry courses.

Students have weekly sessions with their progress coach and will be given specialist support by our teaching staff in preparing applications to competitive universities or apprenticeship programmes.

Students completing this programme have progressed to the most competitive universities in the country, and made the most academic progress.

Seren Network

Both Deeside Sixth and Yale Sixth are also active partners in the prestigious Seren Network which supports high achievers to reach their academic potential through a regular programme of super-curricular activities.

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NETWORK**

Excellent links have been made with Oxford and Cambridge universities and students can enjoy specialist one to one advice on the applications process as well as opportunities to visit one or possibly both universities.

Job Shop

The Cambria Job Shop is situated behind Costa at our Deeside site but can be used by students from all our sites. We hold pop up Job Shop events throughout the year at all sites. The Job Shop can help with apprenticeship vacancies, your CV, interview tips, work experience and more.

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For more information visit
www.cambria.ac.uk/job-shop
or call **0300 30 30 006** (option 2).

Enrichment and Extracurricular Activities

Students leave not just with their final qualifications, but with a wealth of rich experiences and life enhancing skills. Our extensive enrichment programme helps students to develop personally and professionally for their future. It includes cultural, musical, sporting, entrepreneurial and volunteering opportunities that extend students' horizons.

Deeside Sixth

At Deeside Sixth students have a wide range of clubs and societies that they can join, including: Jenkins Science Society, Theatre Appreciation Society, Literature Club, Debate Society, Mindfulness Group, Oxbridge Advice Group, STEP Maths Group, Engineering Education Scheme Wales (EESW) and a range of sports clubs.

Subject specific conferences take place including the Psychology Conference, there are opportunities for leadership in the 'Subject Ambassador Scheme' and weekly events such as the 'Culture Brunch' where students and staff meet over coffee and pastries to discuss current affairs.

Throughout the academic year, there are also many course trips and visits. The wide range includes: Science students attend lectures and practical workshops hosted by a number of universities; Geography students undertake fieldwork at Talacre beach; Biology students visit Wepre Park for pond dipping and Chester Zoo; History students enjoy trips to Liverpool and Aberystwyth University; English and Drama students are regular visitors to the theatre and the Politics groups visit Westminster.

There are strong links between Business Studies and a variety of businesses, and also between the Law Department and the University of Law at Chester.

Yale Sixth

At Yale Sixth students also have a wide range of clubs and societies that they can join, including: the college magazine - Student Word, Pennant Science Society, Theatre Appreciation Society, Literature Club, Debate Society, Oxbridge Advice Group, STEP Maths Group, Computer Club, Film Club, Christian Union, and a range of sports clubs.

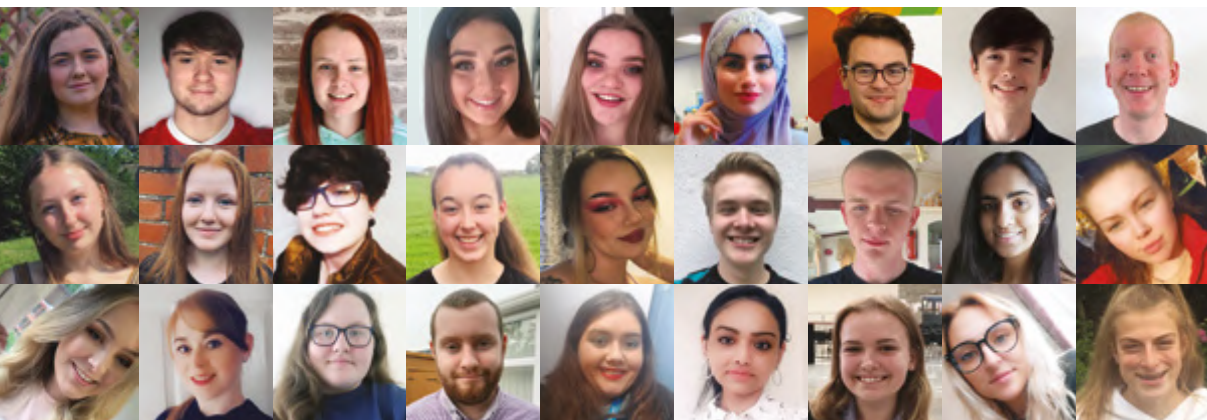
The wide range of course trips and visits can include: Science students attend lectures and practical workshops hosted by a number of universities; Biology students visit the Manchester Blood Bank, Erddig, and Chester Zoo. Chemistry students take part in the Royal Society of Chemistry competitions and events including the Chemistry Communicators Project with local schools. Geography students enjoy field trips to Snowdonia and Liverpool. Psychology students study "fear" at Alton Towers. English students are regular visitors to the theatre, including London's West End and visiting Bronte's Parsonage. Politics students visit the Welsh Assembly and European Parliament. Modern Language students enjoy opportunities to travel to Europe, and Religious Studies, Classics and Sociology students attend academic conferences. There are strong links between Business Studies and a variety of businesses, and also between the Law Department and the University of Law at Chester.

Visiting speakers include master classes from the Bank of England Agent and lectures from local politicians, a range of universities, student language ambassadors, as well as Airbus apprenticeship talks, speakers from Chester Zoo and the Blue Planet Aquarium.

Celebrating Success



We are keen to recognise our students' achievements and celebrate success, effort and endeavour. This is done constantly throughout the year with students being identified every week for their hard work, but particularly at the end of the final term when the most impressive students from every course are invited into college with a guest to attend the annual Endeavour Awards (Deeside Sixth). We also host our annual Cambria Student Awards Ceremony where we celebrate the success of our learners from across the college.



We are especially proud of those students who have left us for prestigious universities and careers and we have developed an active alumni association, Alumni Cambria, which involves these former students in helping the development of those currently studying at the College.

We have also enjoyed our own success in recent years, with teaching and learning developments across our A Level courses heavily contributing to all Wales awards that the college has won for Teaching and Learning, Literacy and the use of IT.

Showcasing Skills

At Deeside Sixth we offer opportunities for our students to showcase their skills and gain experience in a number of high profile competitions such as the Young Enterprise Challenge, BASE competitions, STEM Engineering Challenge, Physics Olympiad, Biology Olympiad, Debate Matters, Innovations Competition and Royal Society of Chemistry Young Analyst Competition.

At Yale Sixth, we offer opportunities for our students to showcase their skills and gain experience in a number of high profile competitions such as the Global Enterprise Challenge, Physics, Chemistry and Biology Olympiads, Journalism Prize, FE and Me photography competition, Physics Olympics and Royal Society of Chemistry Young Analyst Competition.

Note to Parents



We feel that parents/guardians play a vital role in ensuring students success at college and we are committed to establishing a successful and supportive relationship with them.

We regularly communicate with parents/guardians via letters, reports and consultation evenings to keep them informed of their child's progress (subject to GDPR permission).

Every full time student studying at Deeside Sixth or Yale Sixth has an Individual Learning Plan (ILP) which is regularly reviewed. It is used to view, record and track your child's progress and achievements.

Our Expectations

We have high expectations of all of our students, including excellent attendance and punctuality so that they have the chance to achieve their full potential.

Attendance and punctuality form part of the disciplined and reasonable behaviour we expect of all college members. We have a disciplinary process designed to ensure that the college environment is friendly, safe, civilised and focused on success.



Equality and Diversity

We're proud to have a college community that celebrates equality and diversity and ensures everyone is valued.



As students and staff at Coleg Cambria we:

- Reflect the diverse communities we serve
- Respect and celebrate the different backgrounds and cultures of all learners, staff and visitors
- Have zero tolerance of bullying and harassment
- Treat all learners and staff equally and fairly
- Ensure learning and college services are accessible to all
- Challenge prejudice



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Entry Requirements & How to Apply

Entry Requirements

A minimum of 5 full course GCSEs grade C/grade 4 or above, including a grade C/grade 4 or above in one of GCSE English or GCSE English Language/Welsh (1st Language) (GCSE English Literature is NOT a substitute).

All AS/A Level students will undertake at least 3 AS/A Level subjects together with the Advanced Skills Challenge Certificate.

Where GCSE Maths grade C/grade 4 or above is not a requirement of the individual AS subject, students with a D or lower are required to undertake GCSE Maths during their course to enable appropriate progression to Higher Education or employment.

All subjects have individual entry requirements.



How to Apply

Visit our website to find out more about our courses and apply online.



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You are also welcome to visit us at one of our Open Events. If you wish to discuss your options further our Student Services Department is here to help you so please contact us on

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A Summary of our A Level Courses

	Yale Sixth	Deeside Sixth
Art and Design (Art, Craft And Design, Fine Art, Textile Design, Three Dimensional Design)	●	●
Art and Design (Photography: Interactive Media & Digital Communication)	●	
Biology	●	●
Business Studies	●	●
Chemistry	●	●
Classical Civilisation	●	
Computer Science	●	●
Drama and Theatre Studies	●	●
Economics	●	●
English Language	●	●
English Language and Literature	●	
English Literature	●	●
Film Studies	●	●
French	●	●
Further Maths	●	●
Geography	●	●
Government and Politics	●	●
History	●	●
ICT	●	●
Law	●	●
Maths	●	●
Media	●	●
Music	●	●
Physical Education	●	●
Physics	●	●
Product Design		●
Psychology	●	●
Religious Studies	●	●
Sociology	●	●
Spanish	●	
Welsh (1st Language)	●	●
Welsh (2nd Language)	●	●

Advanced Skills Challenge Certificate

This Level 3 qualification is worth the equivalent of an A Level. It is graded A* - E and carries equivalent UCAS points. It is studied alongside AS and A Levels.



The course develops the important skills of Literacy; Numeracy; Digital Literacy; Personal Effectiveness; Planning and Organisation; Critical Thinking and Problem Solving; Creativity and Innovation.

As part of the qualification you will work on an individual research project, which will link to your main course and/or your career aspirations. You will learn how to research effectively, collect data, analyse your research in a critical and balanced way and present to others in an appropriate report form.

You will undertake a Community Challenge, a Global Citizenship Challenge and develop a portfolio of work about yourself which can be used at university and job interviews.



How you will gain the qualification

- 3 Controlled Assessments based on challenges, conducted and assessed in college and externally moderated.
- Individual Research Project on a subject related to the course/future courses or careers. The project is assessed in college and externally moderated.

Which qualifications you need

- Linked to the course requirements of the main course.
- This course is available through the medium of English or Welsh.



For more information, please contact:
skillschallengewbq@cambria.ac.uk



DEESIDE SIXTH

The course enables you to develop skills through a variety of activities and/or specialisms which could include textiles, drawing, painting, 3D and/or print making.

You will use a wide range of media, techniques and approaches to produce a portfolio of art, craft and design work. There will be opportunities to work with practising artists, designers and craftspeople. You will participate in cultural and contextual activities and educational visits to support your studies.



How you will gain the qualification

At AS Level there is one non-exam assessment unit - Personal Creative Enquiry. This is an extended, exploratory project/portfolio based on themes and subject matter which are personal and meaningful to you. Unit 1 is internally assessed and externally moderated.

At A2 Level there are two non-exam assessment units. Unit 2 - Personal Investigation, a major in-depth critical, practical and theoretical investigative project/portfolio and an extended written element of 1000 words minimum. Unit 3 - Externally Set Assignment set by the awarding body. Both Unit 2 and 3 are internally assessed and externally moderated.

Which qualifications you need

5 GCSEs at grades A* - C including English Language/Welsh (1st Language) and a grade A* - B in an Art & Design related subject.



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YALE SIXTH

The course enables you to develop knowledge and practical skills to help you develop as a creative practitioner. You will explore a range of specialisms from textiles, drawing, painting, 3D, to print making.

You will use a wide range of media, techniques and approaches to produce a portfolio of art, craft and design work.

You will work with traditional art materials and also have the opportunity to use the latest digital media, using industry standard iMac computers, Adobe software and CAD.

There will be opportunities to work with practising artists, designers and craftspeople.

You will participate in cultural and contextual activities and educational visits to support your studies.

How you will gain the qualification

At AS Level there is one non-exam assessment unit - Personal Creative Enquiry. This is an extended, exploratory project/portfolio based on themes and subject matter which are personal and meaningful to you. Unit 1 is internally assessed and externally moderated.

At A2 Level there are two non-exam assessment units. Unit 2 - Personal Investigation, a major in-depth critical, practical and theoretical investigative project/portfolio and an extended written element of 1000 words minimum. Unit 3 - Externally Set Assignment set by the awarding body. Both Unit 2 and 3 are internally assessed and externally moderated.

Which qualifications you need

5 GCSEs grade A*-C including English Language/Welsh (1st Language) and a grade A* - B in any Art & Design endorsement (such as Fine Art, Graphic Communication, Textile Design, Three Dimensional Design or Photography).

*Students cannot take more than 2 endorsements from the Art and Design options available.



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YALE SIXTH

The course enables you to develop knowledge and practical skills to help you develop as a creative practitioner.

You will use a wide range of media, techniques and approaches such as illustration, advertising, packaging design and communication and computer graphics to produce a portfolio of graphic communication work.

You can expect to work with traditional art materials and also the latest digital media using industry standard iMac computers, Adobe software and CAD.

There will be opportunities to work with practising artists, designers and craftspeople. You will participate in cultural and contextual activities and educational visits to support your studies.

**How you will gain the qualification**

At AS Level there is one non-exam assessment unit - Personal Creative Enquiry. This is an extended, exploratory project/portfolio based on themes and subject matter which are personal and meaningful to you. Unit 1 is internally assessed and externally moderated.

At A2 Level there are two non-exam assessment units. Unit 2 is a Personal Investigation, a major in-depth critical, practical and theoretical investigative project/portfolio and an extended written element of 1000 words minimum. Unit 3 - is an Externally Set Assignment set by the awarding body. Both Unit 2 and 3 are internally assessed and externally moderated.

Which qualifications you need

5 GCSEs grade A*-C including English Language/Welsh (1st Language) and an Art & Design endorsement (such as Fine Art, Graphic Communication, Textile Design, Three Dimensional Design or Photography).

*Students cannot take more than 2 endorsements from the Art and Design options available.

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DEESIDE SIXTH & YALE SIXTH

Biologists seek answers to questions about key global issues impacting on health and successful continuation of species.

In AS/A Level Biology you will cover a wide range of topics including human body systems, evolution and biodiversity. You will also look at population growth, photosynthesis, respiration, food production and genetic inheritance. You will gain good laboratory experience through which you will develop your practical and writing skills.

The AS Level areas of study include cell structure, nutrition, transport in plants and animals, reproductive strategies and circulation.

At A2 study extends to consider wider applications of Biology such as microbiology, homeostasis, genetics and gene therapy.

How you will gain the qualification

At AS Level Units 1 and 2 are assessed in two written exams at the end of the year which include short and long structured questions and one extended response question.

At A2 Level, Units 3 and 4 are two written papers which include short and long structured questions and one extended response question; the second paper also examines an option topic. Unit 5 is a practical exam including an experimental and a practical analysis task.

Which qualifications you need

5 GCSEs at Grade C or above, including GCSE English or English Language/Welsh (1st Language). Applicants will also need grades BB in GCSE Science and Additional Science, or grade B in GCSE Biology. A grade B in GCSE Maths is also required. All Science qualifications must be achieved on Higher Tier papers.



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DEESIDE SIXTH & YALE SIXTH

The course will focus on the ever changing nature of business and how it is affected by national and international issues.

Businesses in Wales, the UK and on an international platform are considered and students are required to keep up to date with current affairs as part of the course. Wherever possible, real life business examples will be investigated, analysed and evaluated.

At AS Level, students will study two modules. The first module will provide students with an introduction to the scope of Business Studies within the context of starting a new business. In the second module students will examine how to measure the effectiveness of larger businesses, including the study of marketing, finance, operations management and human resources.

At A2 Level, students will build on the theory introduced during the AS Level. In the first module students will construct and analyse a range of decision-making models used by businesses to decide on their strategy. In the second module learners will consider a wide range of external factors that affect the day-to-day activities, decision making and strategy of businesses operating in a global marketplace.

How you will gain the qualification

At AS Level Units 1 and 2 are assessed via two external exams which include short-answer, structured and data response questions.

At A2 Level Units 3 and 4 are also assessed by two external exams which will include data response questions, essays and reference to a published case study.

Which qualifications you need

5 GCSEs at grade C or above, including English Language/Welsh (1st Language). Students will also require a C grade in either GCSE Maths or GCSE Numeracy, at Intermediate or Higher Tier.

This course is available through the medium of Welsh or English. Please indicate on your application form which language is preferred.

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DEESIDE SIXTH & YALE SIXTH

Chemistry is concerned with the study of materials, their properties, reactions and uses.

Students enjoy learning through combined practical and theory work in which they experience working independently and as part of a group.

Students gain important team and communication skills and the ability to reason logically on this course. They also develop planning, investigative, research and practical skills in the laboratory. These skill sets are highly valued by employers.

How you will gain the qualification

At AS Level Units 1 and 2 are assessed in two written exams at the end of the year which include short and long structured questions and one extended response question.

At A2 Level, Units 3 and 4 are two written papers which include short and long structured questions and one extended response question. Unit 5 is a practical exam including an experimental and a practical analysis task.

Which qualifications you need

5 GCSEs at grade C or above, including GCSE English or English Language/Welsh (1st Language).

Applicants will also need grades BB in GCSE Science and Additional Science or grade B in GCSE Chemistry, and grade B in GCSE Maths or Maths Numeracy. All Science qualifications must be achieved on Higher Tier papers.



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YALE SIXTH

Classical Civilisation is the study of ancient Greece and Rome through the history, literature and myth of these two civilisations.

All students will study material from both Greece (year 1) and Rome (year 2) and their surrounding worlds, drawn from diverse time periods ranging from Archaic Greece to Imperial Rome. This study aims to give students a detailed understanding of this fascinating period in world history and an appreciation of its massive influence.

Many of the most famous people and events of Greece and Rome will be studied, including the Trojan War, Oedipus the King and Antony and Cleopatra. During their study, students are encouraged to sharpen critical thinking and analytical skills in making sense of these events and personalities. It is these skills that are valued by universities and employers.

How you will gain the qualification

The A Level is examined at the end of two years, which gives you time to develop and fully immerse yourself in the subject. This A Level exam will be a mix of short questions and essays.

Which qualifications you need

5 GCSEs at grade C or above, including GCSE English or English Language/Welsh (1st Language). No prior knowledge is necessary when choosing the subject at A Level.



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DEESIDE SIXTH & YALE SIXTH

This course, with its emphasis on data abstraction, general problem solving, algorithmic and mathematical reasoning, scientific and engineering based thinking, is a good foundation for understanding the future challenges in this increasingly technological age.

You will develop an understanding of, and the ability to apply, the fundamental principles and concepts of Computer Science, including abstraction, decomposition, logic, algorithms and data representation. You will gain the ability to analyse problems in computational terms through practical experience of solving such problems, including writing programs to do so.

Computer Science uses mathematics to express its computational laws and processes, e.g. Boolean algebra, comparison of complexity of algorithms, number representations and bases. You will develop the ability to articulate the individual (moral), social (ethical), legal and cultural opportunities and risks of digital technology.

How you will gain the qualification

At AS Level Units 1 and 2 are assessed via a written paper and a 2 hour on-screen exam. At A2 Level Units 3 and Unit 4 are assessed via a written exam and Unit 5 via coursework.

Which qualifications you need

5 GCSEs at grade C or above including English Language/Welsh (1st Language) and Mathematics or Maths Numeracy grade B or above.

Some experience of programming would be advantageous, but this is not essential. However, if Computer Science was taken at GCSE, a C or above is required.



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DEESIDE SIXTH & YALE SIXTH

AS and A2 Drama and Theatre Studies offers the opportunity to deepen and broaden an intellectual and practical understanding of the subject area and also develop confidence, communication and presentation skills.

At AS you will understand and analyse live performances, study a set text and perform a scripted piece.

At A2 you will study two texts, devise an original piece of drama and perform a scripted piece of theatre to a live audience.

You will be required to attend professional theatre performances regularly.



How you will gain the qualification

At AS Unit 1 - Theatre workshop is a practical non-exam assessment which is internally assessed, and externally moderated. Unit 2 - Text in Theatre is a written examination.

At A2 Unit 3 - Text in Action is a practical non-exam assessment which is externally assessed by a visiting examiner. Unit 4 - Text in Performance is a written examination.

Which qualifications you need

5 GCSEs at grades A*-C including English Language/Welsh (1st Language). English Literature at Grade B is essential.

Previous experience in performing is recommended although not mandatory. However, if Drama/Expressive Arts was taken at GCSE a grade C or above is required.



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During the two years of the programme students will cover topics including an introduction to economic principles and economics in action. These two elements make up the AS course and 40% of the total A Level.

Exploring economic behaviour, and evaluating economic models constitutes 60% of the whole course and comprises the two A2 topics. Delivery of the programme is varied and interesting, comprising of lectures, workshops, guest speakers, tutorials, trips and conferences designed specifically for A Level students.

Throughout the course, students' progress is assessed by their tutors in a variety of different ways including essays, case studies, reports, tests and exams. This allows students to check their progress as well as helping to identify and remedy any difficulties.

How you will gain the qualification

The two exams at AS contain a combination of multiple choice questions, short questions and essays. For A2 there are two more exams with the same combination, but there is more emphasis on evaluative essay writing.

Which qualifications you need

5 GCSEs at grade C or above, including English Language/Welsh (1st Language).

If Economics was taken at GCSE then a C or above is required. Students will also require a C grade in either GCSE Maths or GCSE Numeracy, at Intermediate or Higher Tier.



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English Combined Language & Literature

YALE SIXTH

English Combined Language and Literature is an enjoyable, challenging and highly successful course at the College.

As a student on this course you will learn to analyse and compare a wide variety of texts, from poetry, drama and novels to journalism and non-literary texts. You will acquire a detailed linguistic and literary vocabulary and knowledge of the contexts in which texts are written and received. The course also requires you to develop your writing skills: in fiction, in factual texts and in essays, so may be of particular interest to those with an interest in creative writing.

Overall, the language skills developed at A Level are suitable for a huge variety of degree courses such as English Literature, English Language, English studies, Creative Writing and combined courses. These skills are also widely applicable to further study in any of the humanities subjects, where writing skills are very important, and will be highly relevant to future careers including teaching, law, business and management, social work, journalism, marketing or other media-related work.

How you will gain the qualification

At AS, there are two examinations. Unit 1 involves study of an anthology of some of the great poems. You will also produce your own texts which will include short stories, novel openings, newspaper and magazine articles and spoken texts such as scripts. For Unit 2 you will study George Orwell's 'Down and Out in Paris and London' and a comedic film screenplay, 'Shakespeare in Love'.

At A2 you will look at dystopian texts, including Cormac McCarthy's 'The Road' and will write a coursework essay on your study. In addition you will submit your own piece of creative writing coursework linked to the dystopian texts, which could be a novel opening, a short story or a piece of journalistic writing, it's up to you. The two end-of-year examinations are on a Shakespeare play, a modern novel, and unseen extracts.

Which qualifications you need

5 GCSEs at grade C or above, including English Language/Welsh (1st Language) and English Literature.



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English Language is a fascinating and challenging course which will widen your knowledge and deepen your understanding of how English is used. You will develop a knowledge of English grammar and style and you will also study the theory behind language and gender, language and power and language acquisition.

This knowledge is applied to the analysis of a wide range of texts, spoken or written and from the present or the past. This will help you develop writing and speaking skills. These skills are useful and relevant to every type of career and degree, but especially law, teaching, journalism and marketing.

The skills you acquire will also enhance the communication skills you need to achieve success in your other A Levels.

How you will gain the qualification

There are 2 units at AS, both of which are assessed through exams. In the exams you analyse fiction or non-fiction texts from a range of sources (books, newspapers, magazines and websites). You will also explore and analyse data related to language and technology, so you will look at online communication including social media. In addition you will explore language and power, and another question paper will ask you to produce a piece of your own writing.

At A2 there are 2 further exam based units (language over time and spoken language/creative recasting). There is also a coursework component in which you will explore language and identity.

Which qualifications you need

5 GCSEs at grade C or above including English Language/Welsh (1st Language).



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DEESIDE SIXTH & YALE SIXTH

The study of A Level Literature increases understanding of how meaning is created in literary texts and develops the ability to respond to literary texts through discussion and written work.

The course is suited to students who enjoy reading a wide range of literary texts. It is also one of the A Levels that are preferred by top universities.

Students will study poetry, prose and drama from various periods. There will be an element of wider reading and students will acquire a sophisticated knowledge of the technical vocabulary of literature. Students will be expected to explore multiple interpretations of texts and gain an understanding of the contexts relevant to those texts.

The skills gained studying this subject are suitable for a wide variety of careers.

How you will gain the qualification

There are two units at AS, both exams with a mix of essays and extract questions. There are two further exam based units like this at A2, plus coursework which allows students freedom to choose an area of interest to them in literature.

Which qualifications you need

5 GCSEs at grade C or above, including English Language/Welsh (1st Language) and English Literature.



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**DEESIDE SIXTH & YALE SIXTH**

Film is one of the main cultural innovations of the 20th century and a major art form of the last hundred years. Those who study it characteristically experience a high degree of enthusiasm and excitement for what is a powerful and culturally significant medium, inspiring a range of responses from the emotional to the reflective.

Film Studies consequently makes an important contribution to the curriculum, offering the opportunity to investigate how film works both as a medium of representation and as an aesthetic medium.

How you will gain the qualification

Film Studies is a linear 2 year A Level Programme which is assessed at the end of the course through a formal written examination and coursework non-exam based assessment.

Which qualifications you need

5 GCSEs at grade C or above, including English Language/Welsh (1st Language).



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DEESIDE SIXTH & YALE SIXTH

This course is designed for students who have an interest and enthusiasm for learning a language, so important in the age of the global economy. French is also one of the A Level subjects that the top universities prefer.

The AS/A Level course provides a natural progression route for students who have studied the language at GCSE level. The four skills of listening, speaking, reading and writing are further developed and allow students to gain a deeper understanding of the French language.

We offer travel opportunities for our students and they are also advised on opportunities for independent travel to France, perhaps on work experience or similar activities. We are also keen to provide every opportunity for our students to put their language skills to practical use closer to home. Small groups work every week with a foreign language assistant here at college, as well as having many opportunities for discussion and conversation in their lessons.

How you will gain the qualification

At AS Level, students' speaking skills are assessed and they sit one written examination; listening, reading and translation and a critical response examination based on the study of a film.

At A Level, students' speaking skills are assessed and they also take two written examinations; listening, reading and translation as well as critical and analytical response based on the study of a literary work.

Which qualifications you need

5 GCSEs at grade C or above including English Language/Welsh (1st Language) and French.



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DEESIDE SIXTH & YALE SIXTH

In AS and A Level Further Maths you will build on the understanding gained in AS and A Level Maths, extend your range of mathematical skills and techniques and use them in more difficult, unstructured problems. You will apply mathematical logic and techniques across Pure Mathematics, Statistics and Mechanics. You will see there is progression in mathematics and how different areas of mathematics are related.

At AS there are three units covering Further Pure Mathematics, Further Statistics and Further Mechanics; at A2 there is a compulsory unit in Further Pure Mathematics and an optional unit covering either Further Statistics or Further Mechanics.

Further Maths is recommended for able Mathematicians and is increasingly a preferred option at many universities for those intending to study subjects such as Physics, Engineering or Chemistry.

How you will gain the qualification

In year one of the course, students will study for the full A Level in Maths (AS and A2 Mathematics - 4 units) and in year two students will study the full Further Maths course (AS and A2 Further Mathematics - 5 units).

At AS Level there are three papers of equal weighting in Further Pure Mathematics (Unit 1), Further Statistics (Unit 2) and Further Mechanics (Unit 3). At A2 Level there are two papers of equal weighting assessing Further Pure Mathematics (Unit 4) and the optional unit taken (Further Statistics - Unit 5 or Further Mechanics - Unit 6).

Which qualifications you need

5 GCSEs at grade C or above including GCSE English or English Language/ Welsh (1st Language) plus a grade A/A* in GCSE Maths and a grade A/A* in a related qualification eg. Physics or Science or Level 2 Certificate in Additional Maths.



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DEESIDE SIXTH & YALE SIXTH

A Level Geography is classed as a 'facilitating subject' - which means it is accepted as a recognised academic qualification for entrance to all higher education institutions, including Russell Group universities. Employers highly value candidates with Geography qualifications, owing to the versatile range of skills they bring.

Topics you will study include coastal landscapes, tectonics and changing places making links from GCSE topics and developing the concepts further; the contemporary strand of sustainability links all units. Global Governance and Global Systems are also included making core material current, relevant and exciting.

The introduction of the non-examined assessment (coursework) at A Level is an exciting opportunity for students to enquire and investigate an area of the specification which interests them. Students will be required to plan, data collect, analyse and evaluate data they collect in an independent manner. A number of guest speakers and lectures are arranged and suggested through the course for students to develop wider knowledge.

How you will gain the qualification

At AS Level Units 1 and 2 are assessed in two written exams which include data response and extended answer questions.

At A2 Level, Units 3 and 4 are two written papers which include short and essay questions. Unit 5 is coursework based on fieldwork.

Which qualifications you need

5 GCSEs at grade A*-C including Geography (or Humanities), and English Language/Welsh (1st Language). Students will also require a C grade in either GCSE Maths or GCSE Numeracy, at Intermediate or Higher Tier.



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DEESIDE SIXTH & YALE SIXTH

Politics is a prestigious A Level, and a very interesting and dynamic new subject to study, giving you a range of skills welcomed by universities and progression to a wide choice of future courses and careers.

During AS Level British politics is the main area of study and topics covered include elections, pressure groups, civil rights, parties, the Prime Minister, devolution and Europe.

The A2 year is an excellent study of American politics, the key topics covering a range of issues such as the Obama Presidency, the Clinton v Trump election, guns, religion, gay rights, race etc, and again questioning power, democracy and participation in the political system.

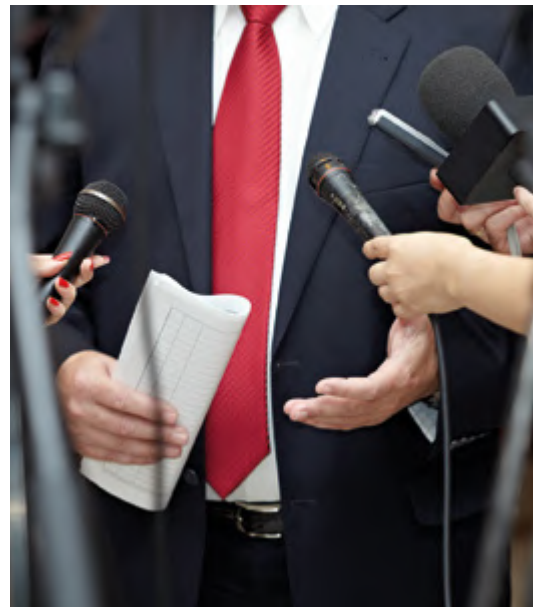
All students have the opportunity to develop their interests and prepare themselves for both university and careers. Activities include a mock election, coalition building activities, trips such as to conferences and London (Parliament) or the Welsh Assembly in Cardiff and visits from a range of guest speakers including MPs, MEPs and AMs.

How you will gain the qualification

The AS is assessed by two written examinations with a further two exams in A2. Exam questions are a mix of short questions and longer essays.

Which qualifications you need

5 GCSEs at grade C or above including English Language/Welsh (1st Language).



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DEESIDE SIXTH & YALE SIXTH

History is a challenging and stimulating A Level, and is therefore one of the A Level subjects that are preferred by top universities.

Deeside Sixth

At AS you will study The Government in England and Wales:1603- 1715. Looking at the rule of James I; the breakdown of rule under Charles I and the English Civil war; Oliver Cromwell & the Commonwealth and the restoration of the Monarchy under Charles II and the development of rule to 1715.

You will also study Weimar Germany, 1918-1933. The usual elements of Weimar will be examined and social, economic and political developments will be covered. The analysis will focus on how successful Weimar governments were in trying to stabilise politics and the economy. Related to Weimar's fortunes will be an investigation of the rise of Hitler and the Nazi Party. This will be looking at leadership, Nazi ideology, party organisation, propaganda, the SA and SS, and the nature of the electorate.

The A2 consists of three elements: the period study on The American Century (1890-1990) looking at USA Civil Rights and US foreign Policy; an extended coursework essay of c3000 words on USA history and an in depth study of Germany and the Third Reich, 1933-1945.

Yale Sixth

At AS you will study England and Wales during the period 1780-1880. This is a period of significant political, economic and social change. With the industrial revolution, more people are moving to the towns and cities and as a result working and living in terrible conditions. There are also many protests for change - to improve people's lives and also campaigning for the vote.

At the start of this period it is only upper class landowners that have the vote so this period sees calls for this to be changed. At this time some of our most famous Prime Ministers are in office such as Peel, Gladstone and Disraeli, we will study these individuals and look at how their actions led to the change in the country.

You will also study Weimar Germany, 1918-1933. This will involve analysing the challenges Germany faced following the defeat in World War One. We will consider how effective Stresemann was at solving some of those problems and the rise of the Nazi Party, the leadership of Hitler, the organisation of the party and how propaganda was used effectively.

The A2 consists of three elements: the period study on Russian History 1881 to 1989, an extended coursework essay of 3000 words and an indepth study of Germany and the Third Reich, 1933-1945.



How you will gain the qualification

There are two exams at the end of the first year and two again at the end of the second year. Questions vary, some being structured (different parts) whilst others are single essay based questions. There are also source based questions.

In addition there is a coursework element in the second year.

Which qualifications you need

5 GCSEs at grade A*-C including History and a grade B in English Language/Welsh (1st Language).

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DEESIDE SIXTH & YALE SIXTH

The course develops the capacity for thinking creatively, analytically, logically and critically as well as the skills to work collaboratively. You will learn to apply skills, knowledge and understanding of ICT in a range of contexts to solve problems and gain an understanding of emerging technologies and the consequences of using ICT on individuals, organisations and society as well as social, legal, ethical and other considerations on the use of ICT.

You will have the opportunity to work with a wide range of software and hardware to create solutions to business-related problems. There are also opportunities for acquiring skills needed in IT professions such as co-operative working and project management. These practical skills can be developed in areas of ICT that are of interest to you and can be an excellent springboard into other qualifications and working environments.

How you will gain the qualification

The AS consists of Units 1 and 2 and A2 consists of Units 3 and 4. Units 1 and 3 will be externally assessed by means of written papers under examination conditions. Units 2 and 4 will be assessed by the centre and moderated externally by WJEC.

Which qualifications you need

5 GCSEs at grade C or above including both Mathematics and English Language/ Welsh (1st Language).



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DEESIDE SIXTH & YALE SIXTH

The course looks at the workings of the legal system and considers its effectiveness. Students will discover the various sources of law, and explore the relationship between law and morality.

The course will increase your understanding of how law operates in practice, with a study of the civil and criminal court systems. You will also come across some interesting and surprising legal cases, and have the opportunity to take part in debates and mock trials.

In the second year, A Level students will critically examine the role of law enforcement and the police. Students will also study criminal law, the criminal trial process, sentencing and youth justice.

How you will gain the qualification

There are two exams at the end of the first year (AS) and this is followed by two further exams at the end of the second year (A2). The exams consist of essay style questions, stimulus response and case study scenarios.

Which qualifications you need

5 GCSEs at grade C or above including English Language/Welsh (1st Language).



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DEESIDE SIXTH & YALE SIXTH

AS and A Level Maths develops knowledge and skills across questions requiring use of mathematical argument, knowledge and proof, problem solving, modelling and use of data in statistics.

You will learn to recognise how a situation may be represented mathematically and understand the relationship between 'real world' problems and standard mathematical models. You will also develop an awareness of the relevance of mathematics to other fields of study, to the world of work and to society in general.

Maths is recommended for able Mathematicians and is increasingly a preferred option at many universities for those intending to study subjects such as Physics, Engineering or Chemistry.

How you will gain the qualification

At AS Level, Unit 1 is assessed through a written paper based on Pure Maths; Unit 2 tests Applied Maths and has a section based on Statistics and a section based on Mechanics.

At A2 Level, Units 3 and 4 are assessed by two written papers covering Pure Maths and Applied Maths (Statistics and Mechanics) respectively.

Which qualifications you need

5 GCSEs at grade C or above including English or English Language/Welsh (1st Language) plus a B grade in GCSE Mathematics Higher Tier paper.



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DEESIDE SIXTH & YALE SIXTH

Media learners will be introduced to the knowledge, understanding and skills required to analyse media products including television, video games, magazines, advertising, blogs, newspapers and radio.

Learners will explore and analyse how meanings and representations are constructed in media products through media language, as well as considering how they are influenced by social, cultural, historical and industry (including economic and political) contexts.

For practical coursework, students are expected to create a cross-media production in two forms, applying their knowledge and understanding of media language, representation, industry and audiences.

Students will have training in the use of cameras and editing software, and will also have an opportunity to work in the TV studio.

How you will gain the qualification

At AS Level assessment is via a formal written examination and a piece of coursework.

At A2 Level there is also a formal written examination and non-exam based assessment.

Which qualifications you need

5 GCSEs at grade C or above including English Language/Welsh (1st Language).

This course is available through the medium of Welsh or English. Please indicate on your application form which language is preferred.

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DEESIDE SIXTH & YALE SIXTH

The course enables you to develop skills through a variety of activities. Your coursework will consist of studies such as composition, appraisal, ensemble and/or solo performance. You will participate in cultural and contextual activities and educational visits to support your studies.



How you will gain the qualification

At AS Unit 1 is assessed through a performance exam and Unit 2 is assessed through composition coursework. Unit 3 is an appraising written paper.

At A2 Unit 4 is assessed through a performance exam and Unit 5 is assessed through composition coursework. Unit 6 is an appraising written paper.

Which qualifications you need

5 GCSEs at grade A* - C including English Language/Welsh (1st Language) and Music, or Grade 5 Theory and that you are able to read music notation and have a pass at Grade 4 practical in at least one instrument.

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DEESIDE SIXTH & YALE SIXTH

During this course you will study applied anatomy and physiology, exercise physiology, biomechanical movement, skill acquisition, sport psychology, sport and society and the role of technology in physical activity and sport.

In addition both the AS and A Level specifications in physical education will require students to demonstrate their ability to apply knowledge and understanding from the different areas outlined above to physical activity and sport and to use theories, concepts, principles and models to analyse and evaluate physical activity and performance.



How you will gain the qualification

At AS Unit 1 is assessed through a theory exam and Unit 2 is assessed using coursework and practical assessment of both performing and coaching/officiating.

At A2, Unit 3 is assessed through a theory exam and Unit 4 is assessed via a practical assessment and an investigative research piece.

Which qualifications you need

5 GCSEs at Grade C or above, including Science (Higher Tier) and English Language/Welsh (1st Language). Study of PE at GCSE is not essential, but if taken at least a grade B is required.

Owing to the emphasis on assessing performance and coaching in a particular sport, participation in at least one sporting activity at club level is essential.



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DEESIDE SIXTH & YALE SIXTH

You will study motion, energy and matter, this covers the topics of kinematics, dynamics, energy concepts, solids under stress, using radiation to investigate stars, particles and nuclear structure.

You will also study electricity and light, and oscillations and nuclei, including circular motion, vibrations, kinetic theory, thermal physics, nuclear decay and nuclear energy.

The fields and options unit covers the topics of capacitance, electrostatic and gravitational fields, orbits and the wider universe, magnetic fields and electromagnetic induction. There is also one option topic to be chosen from: alternating currents, medical physics, the physics of sports and energy and the environment. NOTE: The option unit chosen will depend upon availability of practical equipment and other resources.



How you will gain the qualification

At AS Level, Units 1 and 2 are assessed in two written exams at the end of the year which include short and long structured questions and one extended response question.

At A2 Level, Units 3 and 4 are two written papers which include short and long structured questions and comprehension questions; the second paper examines an option topic. Unit 5 is a practical exam consisting of an experimental task and a practical analysis task.

Which qualifications you need

5 GCSEs at grade C or above including English or English Language/Welsh (1st Language). Applicants will also need grade B in Maths or Maths Numeracy, grades BB in Science and Additional Science or grade B in GCSE Physics (all Maths and Science qualifications must be attained on the Higher Tier paper). Grade A is required in Maths at GCSE if AS Maths is not being followed.



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DEESIDE SIXTH

Product Design offers a unique opportunity in the curriculum for you to identify and solve real problems by designing and making products in a wide range of contexts. Product Design develops your interdisciplinary skills and your capacity for imaginative, innovative thinking, creativity and independence.

You will design and make products using a variety of skills and materials, this could involve solving a real problem which you identify, analyse and research. You will develop and model your ideas then manufacture a prototype which can be tested and evaluated on completion.

The design and manufacture of your products will entail using both hand and machine tools. CAD/CAM could be used to model and manufacture parts of your prototype.

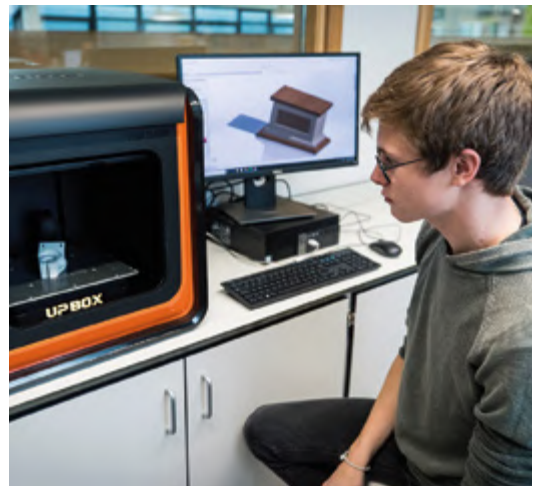
How you will gain the qualification

AS Level involves a theory exam and a design and make task which will satisfy the AS assessment criteria.

A Level comprises of a theory exam which will assess candidates' knowledge and understanding and a single substantial practical project.

Which qualifications you need

5 GCSEs grade A*-C including Design & Technology at grade B.



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DEESIDE SIXTH & YALE SIXTH

During AS Level you will study the following units; Psychology: Past to Present and Exploring and Investigating Behaviour.

At A2 Level you will look at the following units; Implications in the Real World which includes, The Study of Behaviours, such as autistic spectrum behaviours, addictive behaviours, bullying behaviours, criminal behaviours, schizophrenia and stress, as well as Controversies.

You will also study Applied Research Methods.



How you will gain the qualification

There are two exams at AS. These are a mixture of short answers and essays.

At A2 one paper is essay based and the other (Research Methods) is a mix of questions based on coursework research during the year.

Which qualifications you need

5 GCSEs at grade C or above including English Language/Welsh (1st Language) and Science. Students will also require a C grade in either GCSE Maths or GCSE Numeracy, at Intermediate or Higher Tier. Maths and Science GCSEs are required because elements of these two subjects are key components of A Level Psychology.

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DEESIDE SIXTH & YALE SIXTH

The course aims to develop understanding and knowledge of Christianity, Philosophy of Religion and Ethics and also to develop academic and communication skills that are useful for university study and the wider job market.

AS Level consists of an introduction to Christianity and an introduction to Philosophy of Religion and Ethics. These units provide an excellent foundation for the study of Christian doctrines and texts and the key ideas and debates in Philosophy and Ethics.

A2 Level consists of further study of Christianity, including the topics of religious figures and sacred texts, study of significant historical and social development in religious thought. It also includes further study of topics of arguments for the existence of God, religious experience and language in the Philosophy of Religion and topics of ethical language and contemporary ethical theory in Ethics.

How you will gain the qualification

The AS is assessed by two written examinations with a further three exams in A2. The exams use formal structured essays requiring knowledge and analysis of the material covered.

Which qualifications you need

5 GCSEs at grade C or above, including English Language/Welsh (1st Language). Students do not need to have studied Religious Studies at GCSE, but should have achieved a B grade if they have.



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DEESIDE SIXTH & YALE SIXTH

Sociology is a subject that many students see as relevant to their lives and can be a gateway to many professional careers.

Key topic areas are: socialisation, culture, identity, the family, education, research methods, social class, gender, ethnicity, age, crime and deviance.

No prior knowledge of the subject is required but an interest in, and awareness of current political and social issues are both key assets. Lessons include a range of teaching methods but the most popular are the debates the subject content can generate. Students are required to analyse, assess and evaluate sociological theories and research in oral and written formats, equipping them with a wide range of transferable skills. Independent learning is crucial, and all students are supported in taking an aspirational attitude to maximise their potential.

How you will gain the qualification

There are 4 exams, two at AS and two at A2. The questions are a mixture of long essays, shorter item based questions and some that require students to analyse tables of data and information. There is no coursework.

Which qualifications you need

5 GCSEs at grade C or above, including a grade C in English Language, English Literature or Welsh (1st Language).

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YALE SIXTH

This course is designed for students who have an interest and enthusiasm for language learning. Spanish is one of the most widely spoken languages in the world, and is a great qualification if you want to have career opportunities in the UK and abroad in the future. Spanish is also one of the A Level subjects that the top universities prefer, and studying a second language strongly increases memory function, creativity and critical thinking.

The course includes all 4 key skills for language learning (speaking & listening, reading & writing) and these are given equal weighting throughout the course. We also have a Spanish Language Assistant so students can practice their oral skills with a native speaker. There is a strong emphasis on grammar and Spanish culture, history, customs and traditions, as well as film and literature, so students develop their language skills and understand the Spanish speaking world.

You need to be committed to learning a language but there is also plenty of opportunity to enjoy yourselves with tapas evenings, film trips, conversation classes, guest speakers and a trip to Spain.

How you will gain the qualification

There will be an oral assessment and one written exam for AS, including listening and reading tasks and an essay on a Spanish film.

At A2 there is another mix of oral and written assessment.

Which qualifications you need

5 GCSEs at grade C or above including English Language/Welsh (1st Language) and Spanish.



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AS/A Level Welsh (1st Language)



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DEESIDE SIXTH & YALE SIXTH

Dewch i astudio Cymraeg! Come and learn Welsh - This course is available to full time learners who wish to study the AS and A Level in Welsh. It is an extremely valuable A Level for those who pursue careers within Wales.



The Welsh AS and A Level specification is designed to encourage students to communicate correctly and fluently, both orally and in writing, write creatively and factually for a range of purposes, analyse familiar and unfamiliar texts independently, listen and respond to the opinions of others when expressing a point of view, express an independent opinion, based on knowledge and understanding of literary and factual texts and respond in Welsh with clarity, in a relevant, confident and structured manner.

How you will gain the qualification

At AS there are two exams; one on grammar and poetry and the other a speaking exam on a Welsh film called Hedd Wyn and a choice of a Welsh play. The non-examination element will be an extended written piece in one of the specified formats, an essay or written speech.

At A2 there are two further written exams which include medieval poetry and the appreciation of Welsh literature. In addition, there is a speaking exam based on the study of a Welsh novel.

Which qualifications you need

5 GCSEs at grade C or above including Welsh 1st Language at grade B or above.



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DEESIDE SIXTH & YALE SIXTH

Dewch i astudio Cymraeg! Come and learn Welsh - this course is available to full time learners who wish to study the AS and A Level in Welsh as a Second Language. It is an extremely valuable A Level for those who pursue careers within Wales.

The Welsh Second Language AS and A Level specification is designed to encourage students to communicate correctly and fluently, both orally and in writing, write creatively and factually for a range of purposes, analyse familiar and unfamiliar texts independently, listen and respond to the opinions of others when expressing a point of view, express an independent opinion, based on knowledge and understanding of literary and factual texts and respond in Welsh with clarity, in a relevant, confident and structured manner.



How you will gain the qualification

At AS there are two exams; one on grammar and poetry and the other a speaking exam on a Welsh film called Patagonia in addition to a 5 minute discussion of your coursework topic. The coursework element will be a topic of the student's choice and consists of three pieces on a set theme.

At A2 there are two further written exams which include translation and short stories. In addition, there is a speaking exam based on the study of a Welsh drama. The year also consists of a unit called "Living through the Medium of Welsh" which allows you to embrace the culture more via trips, visiting speakers and working with other students to improve your fluency.

Which qualifications you need

5 GCSEs at grade C or above including English Language, English Literature and Welsh Second language.

Students who have taken either GCSE Welsh 1st Language or Welsh 1st Literature cannot take this course.



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At Coleg Cambria, we are passionate about providing opportunities for elite athletes to represent the College at local, regional and national level. We work in partnership with local and national organisations to provide the best possible experience for our students.



Our elite sport teams are made up of athletes studying a diverse range of subjects across college. Teams compete in Association of Colleges (AoC) Leagues and annual Welsh Colleges tournaments. There is also the opportunity for our individual athletes to compete in national college events.

Women's Netball

Our team is made up of learners from both Deeside and Yale sites. Each year, players from different clubs in North East Wales come together to compete for Coleg Cambria in the AoC North West League and Cup. We are the current reigning Welsh Colleges Champions. Some of our players have gone on to represent the Welsh Colleges team, and the AoC Squad and we boast a team with many Welsh Netball internationals. Our Curriculum Director for Sport, Sally Jones and Sports Lecturer, Danielle Coxey coach the team. Sally is a former Wales international herself and Danielle is an international umpire who also plays netball.

Individual Athletes

At Cambria we endeavour to support our individual athletes across all sports. We are proud of the achievements of our students and provide additional support to ensure their success in their chosen field. We currently have Welsh, English and British champions studying at Coleg Cambria and have also got students who have competed on the world stage in their chosen sport.

ILS Sports

We offer a range of inclusive physical activities to all of our Independent Living Skills (ILS) learners. Each group does fun and interactive sessions each week which are adapted to each student's capabilities. Students can also opt to take on their preferred styles of well-being activities in some lessons and lunch clubs. Some students can select a sports coaching option, where they will be trained to coach learners from other inclusive schools and colleges. Our sports team is called the Cambria Dragons and we offer activities like boccia (bowls), dance, football, golf, handball, indoor curling, netball, rounders, athletics, tennis, fitness, basketball and orienteering.

Coleg Cambria Sports Awards

We celebrate our elite sport students at the Coleg Cambria Sports Awards ceremony at the end of the year.

This is an exciting new chapter for Cambria as we are creating opportunities for students to be able to be part of a fully established academy.

Rygbi Gogledd Cymru (RGC) Partnership



The Academy partnership with RGC, the North Wales Development Region, ensures that the programme develops alongside RGC's structure and 'gameplay' ethos which aims to develop the next generation of players for the region. Uniquely, these opportunities are open to men and women. This programme gives students one of the very best opportunities to train and play at a high standard whilst also allowing students to fully focus on their studies.



Rugby Development

This programme will be led by our Rugby Hub Officer who will work across our sites. Academy members will have access to skill development, strength and conditioning and mentoring alongside regular fixtures.



Fixtures

Cambria Rugby Academy students play in the Association of Colleges Sport (AoC) North West League. In addition to this, the Academy plays competitively against schools and colleges in Wales and England which provides opportunities to play against a variety of teams.

Football Scholarships



Connah's Quay Nomads partnership

We are entering our sixth year in partnership with Connah's Quay Nomads FC, who are one of the top teams in Welsh domestic football. Coleg Cambria Deeside students are eligible for the Connah's Quay Nomads Football Scholarship.



The football side of the programme consists of four specific football training sessions per week as well as strength and conditioning sessions, recovery and match analysis sessions. All these take place before and after college teaching sessions to ensure no interference with academic work, as well as training professionally in the football game.

Wrexham FC (WFC) partnership

Full time WFC Under 19 players attend Coleg Cambria to complete their studies alongside their training. They play in the National League U19 Youth Alliance.

Cefn Druids partnership

We have recently developed a new partnership with Cefn Druids - one of the top teams in Welsh domestic football. Yale Sixth students are eligible for the Cambria Druids Football Scholarship if selected. The players represent Cambria Druids in the AoC North West league against other colleges.



Women's Football

The RCF have a successful female football pathway operating at the fantastic FAW Colliers Park facility with age groups from under 8, all the way up to the senior Wrexham AFC Women's team. Becoming an RCF/Wrexham AFC Women's player is open to all female Coleg Cambria students.

In addition to the female section, the RCF have a successful school and community programme. Incorporated into this is a volunteer coaching programme that is open to all students at Coleg Cambria (subject to minimum coaching qualifications). The Cambria women's football team is made up of students from our Yale and Deeside sites. They play in the AoC North West League and also enter the Welsh College's Championships.

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Open Events

We follow guidelines from the Welsh Government; these events will be held virtually if we are not able to hold them face-to-face.

We also hold Talk and Tour events throughout the year - keep an eye on our website for details.

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