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SIXTH FORM



# YOUR FUTURE STARTS HERE

Welcome to the Sixth Form at Wales High School, where you will be strongly supported in your ambitions to succeed.

The majority of students at Wales High School choose to continue their studies in our Sixth Form, and we also welcome students from schools across the wider community. As part of a popular and highly successful school with Academy status, our emphasis on traditional values will give you the opportunity to build on your achievements at GCSE and to excel in a stimulating and supportive environment.

We aim to set aspirational but realistic targets, which will enable you both to extend your skills and to enhance your qualifications. In addition to high quality learning opportunities and to a strong emphasis on academic achievement, effective monitoring and tracking systems will also promote your personal development and wellbeing.

We have the highest expectations of all our students who, as well as working hard, are expected to lead by example. In addition to exemplary behaviour, our business dress code enables students in the Sixth Form to maintain consistently high standards of appearance and to act as role models for younger pupils.

Our students' learning experience is also enhanced by our bespoke Sixth Form facilities, which include separate study areas, state-of-the-art IT resources and a Sixth Form Common Room, where they can unwind and socialise during break and lunchtimes.



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*Wales invested in me a love of learning, which I carry with me to this day. The school set high standards for staff and students alike, and married these to a curriculum of unreserved support and encouragement.*

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Dr Matthew Hall  
Senior Lecturer in Law and Criminal Justice, University of Sheffield





# A HIGHLY REWARDING LEARNING JOURNEY



*The staff at Wales are beyond compare. Without their help, I definitely wouldn't be studying Medicine today. It really is a very special place.*



Abby Whiteley  
Studying Medicine and Surgery  
University of Liverpool Medical School

Before you enter the Sixth Form, we interview every student so that we can tailor subject choices to meet your individual needs, interests and abilities. Our personalised and inclusive curriculum includes in excess of 40 AS and A2 courses in both traditional and Applied/Vocational A-level subjects, ranging from Business, Computing and English Literature to Media Studies, Physics and Spanish. In addition, you can take extra GCSE courses, one-year vocational qualifications and an Extended Project Qualification.

When you first enter our Sixth Form, you will be assigned to a Tutor Group, which is composed of students studying both academic and vocational subjects. The transition from Year 11 to the Sixth Form can be challenging as well as exciting, and

your Sixth Form Tutor will be on hand to offer both academic and personal advice. They will also monitor your progress and send regular reports home throughout the year. In addition, 'Sixth Form Lights' quickly identify any student who may need additional mentoring or support.

A varied programme of enrichment and social activities will give you the opportunity to acquire valuable skills and to enjoy rewarding experiences. Working both independently and as part of a team, these include Young Enterprise groups, outdoor pursuits, the Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme, international exchange programmes to countries such as Romania and France, fundraising for charity, school excursions and camps. The list is endless!





# SPRINGBOARD TO *SUCCESS*

For many of our students, the Sixth Form gives them their first opportunity to think and act more independently, and to take on more responsibility. At Wales High School, you will be given the chance to participate in many opportunities, which include mentoring Year 7 students, acting as a reading partner, helping out at school events, or becoming a School Prefect. A rigorous interviewing process sees some of our students progress to senior positions on the Sixth Form Committee and to serve as Head Boy or Head Girl. This enables our students to voice their opinions, to enhance their communication skills and to improve their learning experience at Wales High School.

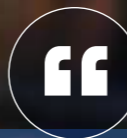
In addition to advice given by our Careers Department, individual

counselling will help you to make informed choices about the options open to you when you leave school. Work experience placements and mock interviews will also increase your self-confidence and give you valuable hands-on experience.

As a result of the support offered by trained UCAS guidance counsellors, many students go on to obtain places at the university of their choice, including Oxford and Cambridge. Others choose to take up further training opportunities or to go straight into paid employment.

Whatever your ambitions, we will aim to stimulate an interest in learning for life, and to help you acquire the skills, qualifications and confidence to achieve your dreams.

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*I always felt encouraged to work hard and try to better myself, which led me to become Head Boy. Since setting up my own business, I continue to follow the work ethic instilled in me at school.*

Andrew Pickersgill  
Managing Director of an International Recruitment Company

