

Year 11 Options Evening Event Room Plan Key

In the Library

Presentation by
Mr H. Ellis Williams
Head of 6th Form
Times 5.00, 6.00

Yn y Llyfrgell

Cyflwyniad gan
Mr H. Ellis-Williams
Pennaeth 6ed Dosbarth
5.00, 6.00

In the Hall

Applied Business
Applied Science
Art and Design
Biology
English Language
French
Geography
Government & Politics
Health and Social Care
History
Mathematics
Performing Arts
Physics
Product Design
Religious Studies
Sport
Welsh 2nd Language

Yn y Neuadd

Busnes Gymhwysol
Gwyddoniaeth Gymhwysol
Celf a Dylunio
Bywydeg
Saesneg Iaith
Ffrangeg
Daearyddiaeth
Llywodraeth a Gwleidyddiaeth
Iechyd a Gofal Cymdeithasol
Hanes
Mathemateg
Celfyddydau Perfformio
Ffiseg
Dylunio Cynnyrch
Astudiaethau Crefyddol
Chwaraeon
Cymraeg Ail Iaith

Hefyd...Also
Ysgol Brynhyfryd
Ysgol Glan Clwyd
St. Brigid's School
Coleg Llandrillo Dinbych
Coleg Cambria Llysfasi
Gyrfa Cymru—Careers Wales

Yn ogystal â ... As well as
Lluniaeth Refreshments
Llyfrgell

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers,

Denbigh High School is a unique, popular, friendly school where every individual can and does succeed. We are proud of our school, which aims to be a centre of excellence where high expectations lead to the highest standards of achievement and learning. Denbigh High School aims to make a difference in the lives of young people in our care. We encourage aspiration and achievement of all kinds.

The school's motto is 'Succeeding together-Progressing with pride' and, together, we aim to provide a first class education for our children in a secure, calm, enjoyable and stimulating atmosphere, where all are challenged to respond positively, to go the extra mile and to achieve their true potential. We work in partnership with parents to help pupils become self motivated, confident, independent learners who are prepared for all aspects of life. We have a positive learning atmosphere created by our code of conduct, the commitment to it from staff and pupils and the simple fact that you have done a magnificent job of bringing up your children.

We also have to pay tribute to all the schools that our pupils come from, locally and also from across and beyond the county. The fact that people make the choice to send their children to our school makes us feel proud and endorses our achievements.

Teaching and learning are rightly at the heart of our activities. There is a focus not simply on what to learn but how to learn. Learners evaluate their own progress and enjoyment of learning. They also learn how to improve and to move onwards and upwards. In the Sixth form we combine with five other institutions in the Dyffryn Clwyd Consortium. This enables us to offer post 16 pupils an extensive range of courses and opportunities.

The school has a well-developed Welsh dimension. We see ourselves as an English medium school which is Welsh friendly, including studying Welsh as a first language, and we are proud to celebrate our identity as a modern, forward-looking school in Wales.

We offer care and stability but also excitement and innovation. We have real ambitions for our young people. We are committed to ensuring that our pupils are valued and to providing them with the skills, knowledge, understanding and qualifications which will enable them to carve out a future for themselves, to lead lives of fulfilment and purpose, and to play an active part as good citizens in their communities.

We have also invested heavily in new technologies to ensure that the school is fit for the 21st century, not just in terms of the hardware, but in terms of how it is best used to enhance the learning experience. If you combine this with the large number of trips, extra curricula activities such as music, drama, sport and clubs that take place it makes it a very exciting time to be at Denbigh High School.

As a school, we encourage you to come and talk to us, to meet our wonderful young people and dedicated staff and to see our good work in action.

S. Massey





Vision

Cyd-weithio - cydlwyddo - â balchder

Succeeding Together - Progressing with Pride

for Excellence in Learning

Aims

- To be leaders or learning excellence in a true Learning Community.
- To Ensure that the ethos of our Learning Community is one which relishes change and innovation for excellence.
- To deliver an innovative, skills-based, flexible curriculum and qualifications, using the highest quality resources.
- To insist that our Learning Community values and respects all the people in it as individuals and as part of the team.
- To deliver the highest possible aspirations for all.

Curriculum and Organisation

We strive to make our curriculum appropriate to pupils' and students' needs with teaching styles that develop positive attitudes to learning, the understanding of concepts and the acquisition of knowledge and skills

The curriculum reflects the school's purpose and in order to fulfill this, the school's objectives are:

- To emphasise teaching and learning as a core function
- To foster high expectations of all students and to refuse to accept under-achievement
- To ensure that each student is known as an individual and to maintain a support structure so that each student achieves his or her potential academically, physically and socially
- To endeavour to produce the best possible examination results for students at all levels
- To teach a curriculum which will have relevance to the world of work and to give vocational guidance and experience of work to help in careers preparation
- To develop programmes for pupils and students with special education needs, including provision for those who are More Able & Talented.
- To promote close and effective links with feeder primary schools in order to facilitate the smooth transition of students from Year 6 into Year 7.
- To ensure that all students have an equal access to their entitlement under the National Curriculum with a positive regard for those children in vulnerable categories such as SEN and Looked After Children.



Learning Pathways

Level	Qualification	What do I do next?
6	Honours degree level, BTEC Advanced Professional	University Workplace
5	Foundation Degree or Dip HE, BTEC, HND or HNC	Higher Education University Workplace
4	Cert HE BTEC Professional Diploma, Certificate or Award	Higher Education University Workplace
3	GCE 'A' levels BTEC National Diploma, or Subsidiary Diploma, OCR National Diploma or Certificate, level 3	Higher Education University Workplace
2	GCSE grade A*-C, BTEC First Diploma, Certificate or Award, OCR National Diploma or Certificate, level 2	Sixth Form Further Education Workplace
1	GCSE grade D-G BTEC Introductory Diploma, Certificate or Award. OCR National Diploma or Certificate, level 1.	Sixth Form Further Education Workplace
Entry	Entry level Certificate	Improved job prospects Skills development



Sixth Form Prefects

Since 2006, we have been operating a prefect system. Applications are invited from students who wish to contribute to the life of our community here at Denbigh High School and further afield. Students are interviewed and successful candidates are called upon to act as ambassadors for the school during their time in the 6th form.

The prefects are led by the **Head Boy and Head Girl**. These positions are also applied for and shortlisted candidates are interviewed. These are viewed as extremely important roles here at Denbigh High School and both roles carry a lot of responsibility.



Sixth form Council

The Sixth Form Council is the elected body, which represents students in Year 12 and 13. Its role is to promote the social life of the Sixth Form and to discuss and negotiate with the Head of 6th Form and other staff over a range of academic and pastoral matters which affect students. The council raises funds for its own activities.

Year 13 students elect the Chair and Vice Chair of the council. Other members of the Council are elected by Sixth Form students. Two representatives from the Sixth Form Council sit on the whole School Council.

John Bennet Parry Trust

The Trust exists to support young people who go on to Higher Education studies. Only students at Denbigh High School, Ysgol Glan Clwyd and a handful of other students living in particular specified parishes, can benefit from this fund. Each student who applies is eligible for £500 per year of study, for up to four years. Some extra funding is also available for those students whom the trustees deem to be in need of extra support. Over the past 6 years many DHS students have benefitted from this fantastic support. On their behalf I would like to thank the trustees for their diligent management of the fund. Students who benefit from this fund have a duty to share their experiences at university and how the fund has benefitted them. A fine example of our school motto " *Succeeding Together - Progressing with Pride* ".



Countdown to Year 12

November 10th

Prospectus available, subject details and curriculum pattern published

November

Options Events in Dyffryn Clwyd Schools and Colleges .
An opportunity to discuss your interests and needs with Sixth Form staff, subject teachers, Learning Coaches and Careers Wales.

By February 9th

Fill in Dyffryn Clwyd application form.
Indicate the subject choices you wish to follow.

Before April 30th

Individual interviews. Discuss your Learning Pathway and choice of subjects with a member of staff.

May/June

GCSE examinations.

Thursday, August 25th

GCSE Results Day. Discuss your choices after you have received your results.

Friday, August 26th

Sixth form Enrolment Day and make your final choices of Sixth Form courses.

September

Return to school.

School Uniform and PE Kit

	KS5 School Uniform	KS 5 PE Kit
Females	<p>Black skirt (below mid thigh in length) Black tailored, straight legged trousers, not fashion trousers e.g. hipsters Official school Polo Shirt with badge Plain black jumper or cardigan, no logos Suitable black or brown shoes, no trainers or trainer type Discrete jewellery and makeup. No facial piercing with jewellery Natural hair colour only</p>	<p>Students will be advised according to subject areas All students will be required to have equipment suitable for their areas of study Student Planner (issued by school)</p>
Males	<p>Black tailored trousers, not fashion trousers e.g. jeans/combat style Official school Polo Shirt with badge Plain black jumper or cardigan, no logos Suitable black or brown shoes no trainers, trainer type Discrete jewellery and makeup No facial piercing with jewellery Natural hair colour only</p>	

Further Information

The following information is made available to all pupils to take home to their parents/carers

Governors annual report to parents/carers
School newsletter
Pupil progress reviews
Home School Agreement

Statutory instruments and circulars sent to the school by WAG, policy statements (including those on charging and remissions and special needs), Schemes of Learning and syllabuses are available from the school on request. The school prospectus is also available on the school website:
www.denbighhighschool.co.uk

The information given in this prospectus was correct at the time of printing and will be reviewed on an annual basis. However, some of the content may become outdated in detail owing to changes of school practice.

Parents/Carers may request copies of their child's file at any time. A standard fee of £5 will be charged and a minimum of 48hrs notice must be given. The charge covers photocopying and administrative charges.

Access to the School building is restricted to pupils, staff and other authorised personnel only. Access for all others can only be gained through Main Reception where a fully operational magnetic lock system is in use.



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