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Sixth form admissions policy 2023

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1. Introduction

The Governing body of Community schools are responsible for the determination of admissions arrangements into sixth forms.

This document describes the policy that Llantwit Major School uses in selecting its sixth form pupils, in accordance with the requirements of the Welsh Government School Admissions Code.

2. Admission and Progression Requirements

Our intentions in setting admission requirements are:

- To ensure that as many pupils succeed as possible.
- To ensure that pupils for whom AS Level, A Level, BTECs and equivalencies are likely to be inappropriate do not start on programmes that would almost certainly lead to failure and a year.

Here at Llantwit Major School, we do our very best to offer courses appropriate to pupils of all abilities. Clearly, we want everyone to succeed, and we will advise all pupils on what is the best course of study for them and make sure they have reached the required level to progress onto a specific course.

To enrol in Year 12, pupils are required to have:

A minimum of 5 GCSEs at grade C or above. Only GCSEs, BTECs and WBQ will be considered as part of our entry requirements. Qualifications such as SWEET, Agored, Finance and Prince's Trust will not be considered in applications for sixth form.

We offer a selection of A level equivalencies at Level 3 in the sixth form, some of which are a progression from the Level 2 ones taken at KS4 e.g. L3 OCR IT, L3 Applied Science, Sport, Public Services and Criminology.

Entry requirements vary by subject, but the minimum entry requirement for any subject will be at least a C at GCSE in that subject. These appear as 'essential' requirements in each subject's information in the sixth form options booklet.

Some departments will allow pupils to enrol at AS Level without having taken it at GCSE, but will require evidence of ability in a similar subject e.g. for Sociology you need a grade C in English or a Humanities subject. Please check the sixth form options booklet for subject-specific information.

Some departments have other requirements e.g. to study Biology, Chemistry or Physics at AS Level there is a minimum requirement of at least BB grades at Higher Level Science and to study Mathematics at AS Level pupils must have an A grade at GCSE after studying the Higher Tier course. Pupils are selected for the Further Mathematics route due to the independent study demands of the course.

It is compulsory for any pupil that has not achieved at least a C in English and/or or Maths at GCSE to resit in Year 12 and resit lessons will be provided.

3. Number of subjects studied

All Year 12 pupils must begin their 6th form study with **4 AS level or equivalent qualifications**.

To continue with a subject into Year 13, a minimum of an E grade is required at AS Level.

To continue into Year 13, pupils must study a **minimum of 3 A level or equivalent qualifications**.

4. Curriculum and Further Information

Llantwit Major School aims to provide a broad range of subject choices. Full information is provided in the sixth form options booklet and the sixth form area of our school website. Here you can find the arrangements for applying to join the Sixth Form and information on the support given to pupils to monitor their progress and assist them in making choices about higher education or employment.

5. Section 4 Students with ALN (Additional Learning Needs)

Pupils applying to enter the Sixth Form who have an ALN statement, whether at Llantwit Major School or another school, will have their applications individually assessed by the Director of 6th Form and ALNCO to determine their suitability to study at Level 3, the number of subjects to be studied in cases where they do not have the exact entry qualifications and the additional support they may need.

Pupils for whom English or Welsh is not their first language and therefore do not have the necessary C Grade in English at GCSE will be individually assessed by the Director of 6th Form to determine their suitability to enter the Sixth Form.

6. Communicating decisions

Numbers of applicants for 6th form places and numbers of pupils admitted each year are regularly reviewed. In the event of an application being refused the reason for this will be recorded and the reasons communicated to the applicant.

7. Related Policies

This policy should be read in conjunction with:

- Curriculum Policy
- Equality Policy

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