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Working together to provide excellent learning experiences

SIXTH FORM PROSPECTUS

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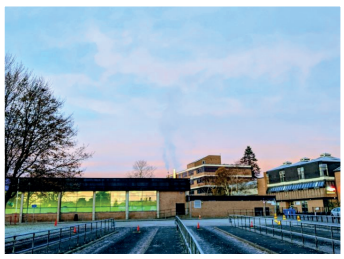
DEAR STUDENT,

Please find enclosed the Alun School Prospectus for 2024-2025.
We hope it provides you with a comprehensive guide to the many ways we enhance the education of our sixth form students by providing a wide range of educational opportunity.
A high proportion of our own students continue into our Sixth Form; they are joined by many students from other schools and colleges, together comprising one of the largest Sixth Forms in Wales.
We offer an extensive choice of nearly 40 courses including Advanced Levels, BTEC and Level 3 Diplomas which is amongst the widest choice available anywhere in North Wales.
In order to support students in fulfilling their academic potential, we offer a high quality of pastoral care that is organised by the sixth form team led by Mrs Lynne Williams. Her knowledge and experience of making successful applications to university is second to none, and the range of extra-curricular opportunities that we offer, including performance, music, sporting and charity events, play a large part in our students being able to develop a strong personal profile.

I look forward to working with you in the future.

J Jane Cooper

Mrs J Cooper - Headteacher



OUR PLACE IN YOUR FUTURE

SPECIALIST A-LEVEL CENTRE

The Alun Sixth Form is a Specialist Advanced Level Centre

All subject departments are on an easily accessible single site at the Alun School in Mold. We have an extensive range of subjects to choose from, with highly qualified teachers and well resourced departments. We consistently have excellent results in all subject areas. We include at least five hours of teaching per week in most subject areas and provide personalised support from a range of specialist tutors. In addition, we have well-established links with all the top universities.

The Alun Sixth Form is amongst one of the largest and most successful in Wales with up to 350 students on roll with a wide-ranging choice of Advanced Level courses.

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COURSES AVAILABLE

(Click on the links below for more subject information)

- Art & Design: Fine Art
- Art & Design: Graphic Communication
- Art & Design: Photography
- Biology
- Business
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- Level 3 Diploma Criminology
- Digital Technology
- DT: Product Design
- Economics
- English Language
- English Literature
- Film Studies
- French
- Geography
- Geology
- German
- Level 3 Extended Diploma Health & Social Care
- Health & Social Care, and Childcare
- History
- BTEC Human Biology
- Law
- Mathematics
- Maths & Further Maths
- Media Studies
- Music
- PE
- BTEC Performing Arts
- Physics
- Politics
- Psychology
- Religious Studies
- Sociology
- BTEC Sport
- Welsh
- Level 3 Award Advanced Skills Baccalaureate Wales

Your course choices will be influenced by a number of factors:

What is your career aim? Which subjects do you enjoy? Which style of learning suits you best?

You may also wish to study a subject not offered at GCSE; we offer a wide range of courses for you to choose from. Remember that subjects change substantially between Year 11 and Sixth Form. It can be a good idea to consider new subjects in the Sixth Form.

THE APPLICATION PROCESS

Before entering the sixth form there are choices to be considered and decisions to be made. We can support you with this on an individual basis; we also have a programme of events designed to help you move smoothly on to the next stage of your education.

Post-16 Open Evening

On Tuesday 14th November 2023, we will be hosting a traditional Open Evening, where parents and students are invited to the school to see at first-hand what each department has to offer in the sixth form. There will also be talks from the sixth form team offering general advice, especially regarding the application process.
Additionally, on Thursday 8th February 2024, we will hold a post-16 subject information evening, where parents and students will be invited to attend more formal sessions to receive specific subject details from sixth form teachers.
More details will be made available nearer the time.
Any questions please email: joinsixth@alunschool.cymru

Submitting an Application

All applications are submitted online via a link on the Alun School website, open for applications from 11th December 2023 - see the Home Page for details.
We accept applications right through until September 2024, but where courses are restricted by numbers of students priority is given to applications that arrive by:

Friday 22nd March 2024.

Induction days

Induction days for external and internal applicants will be arranged for late June, subject to confirmation.

ENROLMENT DAY

Enrolment day: date to be confirmed

Having received your GCSE results, you will need to formally enrol on your chosen courses. This is the day when you make your final choice of courses. Enrolment will normally take approximately thirty minutes. The information supplied on the enrolment day allows us to have an individual timetable ready for every student on the first day of term. Late enrolment sessions will be advertised on our website for students unable to attend enrolment day. We will allocate you a tutor group according to your friendship group and course choices.

Start of Term

Join us in the common room at 8.50am on the first day.
After a brief welcome and introduction you will join your personal tutor until formal lessons begin.

A LEVEL RESULTS DAY

BEING IN THE ALUN SIXTH FORM

Some sixth forms are too much like school. Some colleges are too impersonal.

The Alun Sixth Form offers the best of both worlds.

Students have the freedom to express themselves as young adults, whilst still receiving all the support and guidance they were used to up to the age of 16.

Students have their own sixth form study centre equipped with wifi access for use with mobile devices.

Students have their own common room that includes its own fully-staffed snack bar and personal lockers.

Students in the Alun Sixth Form are not required to wear a uniform.

Students are allocated a personal tutor. Tutors build up a relationship with them over their time in the sixth form and support their careers advice or university application.

There is a sixth form council that meets to discuss issues, activities and events.

Sixth form students can take part in a wide range of sport, music, drama and other performance-related activities.

ACHIEVE YOUR POTENTIAL

The Alun Sixth Form provides an extensive range of enrichment activities to support all our student to achieve their potential. This includes:

Specialist university application support

Early applicant tutorials

Mock interviews and MMIs

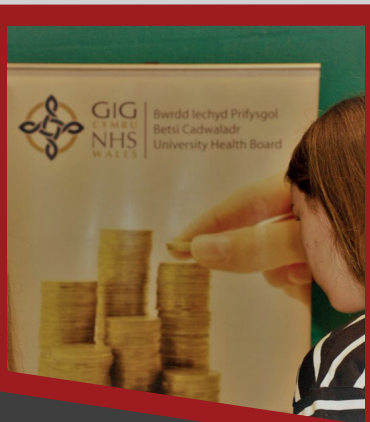
Sutton Trust summer schools

Engineering Education Scheme

University and Apprenticeship fair

Work experience support

Careers Wales advice



UNIVERSITY AND APPRENTICESHIP FAIR

In June all Year 12 students have the opportunity to attend a careers fair at the Alun School where they are able to talk to representatives from many universities including the universities of Oxford, Liverpool and Cardiff, as well as more local universities such as Bangor, Chester and Glyndwr. Workshops are offered to support students applying for the more prestigious universities.

The fair is also attended by over 30 local employers providing information about their employment options and apprenticeship schemes. This is an ideal opportunity for Year 12 students to explore the different pathways available to them when they leave the sixth form.

LEADERSHIP AND VOLUNTEERING

Opportunities for Leadership

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AMBASSADOR

Our sixth form students are given opportunities to develop their leadership skills. We have a number of Sixth Form Ambassadors who assist with Year 6 Induction Days, Year 6 tours of the school and Open Days. This provides valuable experience for a student's personal statement for UCAS.

Choose from a wide range of enrichment activities:

- Sixth Form Council
- Sixth form ambassadors
- Public Speaking Society
- LGBTQ+ society
- Well-being group
- Charity commitee
- Breathing Space support group
- Bunsen Buddies
- Sum Buddies
- Paired Reading
- Year 7 Buddy Scheme
- Sports coaching/officiating
- Leavers' Ball committee

We also have external links with Flintshire Voluntary Council and Claire House

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FLVC Flintshire Local Voluntary Council Cyngor Gwirfoddol Lleol Sir Fflint

Claire House CHILDREN'S HOSPICE

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Curricular Enrichment and Extra Curricular Activities:

- Gym membership
- Sports teams
- Senior Choir
- Orchestra
- Acting Club
- Dance Club
- Musical Theatre Club
- Technical Theatre Club
- Chess Club
- Warhammer Club
- University Open Days
- Educational visits
- Foreign trips
- Ski trip
- Visiting speakers
- Quiz competition

TRIPS

Sixth form students have multiple opportunities to take their learning outside of the classroom. A wide range of visits provide a wealth of experience for our sixth form students and greatly assist with their studies.

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The Seren Network

The Alun School is a member of The Seren Network which supports high achieving sixth formers to reach their potential, through a programme of extra-curricular activities. As members of the local Seren Hub, which comprises of teachers from schools and colleges across the area, we offer advice and guidance on how to make a competitive application to leading universities.

To qualify, students must have achieved 6 A*s or equivalent in their GCSE examinations.

For more information on the Seren Network and your local hub, visit the Seren Network website: www.gov.wales/seren

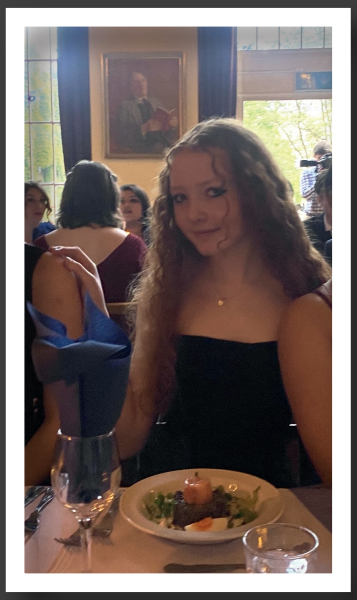
Leavers' Ball

Students in the Alun School Sixth Form have a strong sense of unity and form a strong bond of friendship. The Sixth Form Ball takes place at the end of Year 13. It is a formal occasion which allows staff and students the chance to celebrate their individual and group successes.

PROGRESSION FROM SIXTH FORM

Lucy Taker

"Attending Mold Alun Sixth Form gave me the confidence I needed to apply to Oxford University, as well as giving me the amazing assistance I needed to secure my place. Now, I am in my first year studying Theology and Religion at Oxford, and cannot thank the sixth form enough for providing me with all the skills I needed to get here!"



Kieron Jones

"My time at the Alun Sixth Form was a truly transformative experience and has shaped me into the person and academic that I am today. The Alun opened many doors for me; encouraging me to pursue any opportunities that came my way – leading to my current study of Law at Durham."

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SIXTH FORM STUDENTS

be active
be giving
be involved
be creative
be prepared

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Working together to provide excellent learning experiences

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