

The Alun School Prospectus

“The school provides outstanding care, support and guidance to pupils and this has a highly significant impact on their learning.”

“Pupils receive high quality advice when choosing options at Year 11 and the Sixth Form. This supports pupils effectively and contributes considerably to ensuring that pupils progress successfully to their chosen future pathways.”

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OUR PLACE IN YOUR FUTURE

Dear student,

Please find enclosed the Alun School Prospectus for 2017-2018. 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 opportunities.

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 Advanced Levels and BTEC courses 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 Dr. Erasmus, Assistant Headteacher. His 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.

Our Post-16 Open Evening takes place on Thursday 20th October between 18:30 and 20:30. For further information, please contact Dr. Erasmus.

I look forward to working with you in the future.



Mrs J Cooper - Headteacher



The best you can be

The Alun Sixth Form provides an extensive range of enrichment activities to support all our students to achieve their potential.

This includes:

Early applicant tutorial support

Work placement

Science scholarships with local industries including Hanson Cement, Nicepak and Qioptiq

Sutton Trust University placements

UKMT and Physics Olympiad

Engineering Education Scheme

Headstart University placements

Friday forum - debating society



Students awarded scholarships by Hanson Cement



Students receiving their British Physics Olympiad AS Challenge certificates

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.

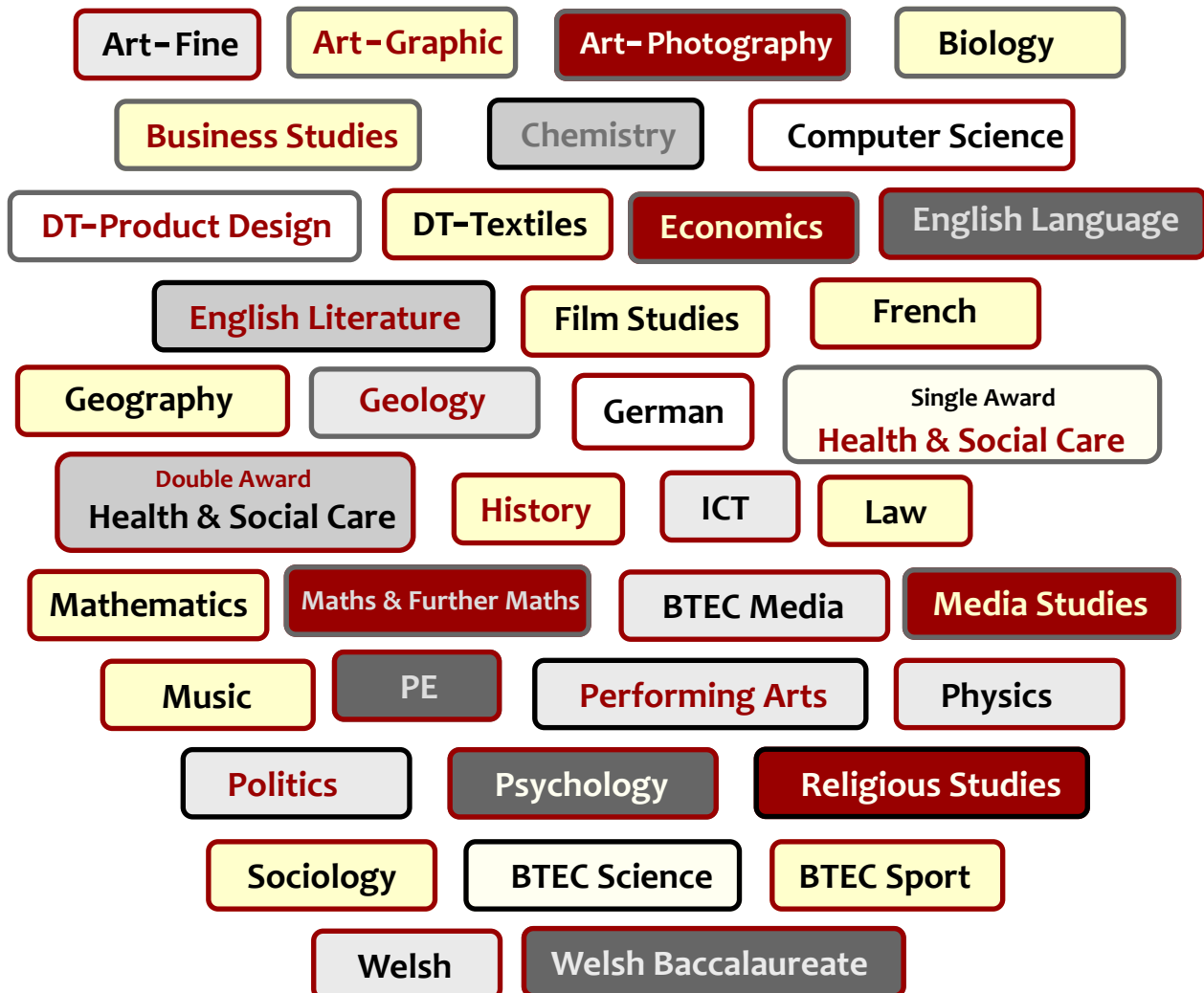
As members of the local Seren Hub, which comprises of teachers from schools and colleges across the area, we offer advice and guidance on how to make a competitive application to leading universities.

To qualify, students must have achieved 5A* 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

Courses available

(Click on the links below for more subject information)



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.

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 each subject area 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 almost 500 students on roll and a choice of over 40 Advanced Level courses.

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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.

Below are the main features of our schedule for this year.

Post-16 Open Evening : Thursday 20th October 2016

This is the chance to gain detailed information on the courses available. All departments are open from **18:30 to 20:30**. Teachers and students will be on hand to answer all of your questions. There will also be advisors available to provide individualised guidance.

Submitting an Application

We accept applications right through until **September 2017**, but where courses are restricted by numbers of students priority is given to applications that arrive by **Thursday 6th April 2017**.

Induction Day - External Applicants only: Monday 10th July

A full day of activities designed to allow applicants from other schools and colleges to meet each other and get to know the Sixth Form. An individual invite will be issued in advance.

Induction Day - All Applicants: Tuesday 11th July 2017

This is a full day of activities designed to allow all applicants, including those who attended the Alun School in Year 11, to experience sessions for each course they may go on to study. You will meet the subject teachers and they will set the scene for the start of term.

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Enrolment days

Enrolment Days : Thursday 24th and Friday 25th August

Having received your GCSE results, you will need to formally enrol on your chosen courses. Two days are set aside for enrolment and you can come and enrol on either day. This is the day when you make your final choice of courses. 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 days. We will allocate you a tutor group according to your friendship group and course choices.

Start of term : Wednesday 6th September 2017

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 11.15am. At 11.30am the timetabled courses begin.



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, TV 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 activities and events.

*Sixth Form students can take part in a wide range
of music, drama and other performance-related activities.
There are also Sixth Form teams in a wide range of sports
which compete at local and national level.*



Enrichment

Curriculum Enrichment and Extra Curricular Activities

Charity work

Sixth Form students have many opportunities to work within the wider community to raise money for local charities and learn skills in planning and co-ordination. Strong team work and perseverance has raised substantial amounts of money for the school's chosen charities.



Trips

Sixth Form students have multiple opportunities to take their learning outside of the classroom. The wide range of visits including various city trips, art galleries and foreign exchanges provide a wealth of experience for our Sixth Form students and greatly assist with their studies.

Our place in your future

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.

Opportunities for Leadership

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 and Year 6 tours of the school. This provides valuable experience for a student's personal statement for UCAS.

Students have the opportunity to participate in the Engineering Education Scheme as well as undertake work placements with local industries.





Sixth Form Application Form 2017

Personal Details

SURNAME:

FIRST NAMES:

DATE OF BIRTH:

Preferred name if not known by first name

HOME ADDRESS:

HOME POST CODE:

HOME TELEPHONE:

PERSONAL MOBILE NO:

PARENTAL CONTACT:

SCHOOL/COLLEGE YOU ARE ATTENDING IN 2016-2017:

Choosing your Courses

You should choose either 3 or 4 subjects.
Students opting for 3 subjects will also study the Welsh Baccalaureate Diploma.

Overleaf, tick the courses that you would like to study, remembering that you can choose only one course from each block. We understand your ideas may change by September, particularly after your GCSE results, and so you will only make your firm choice of courses at enrolment in the summer.

Applications should be returned by **Thursday 6th April 2017**.
However, we will accept applications right through until the start of term in September.

Applications should be returned to:

Alun School, Sixth Form Application, Wrexham Road, Mold, Flintshire, CH7 1EP

**Below are the Option Blocks for September 2017.
Please tick to indicate the course combination you are interested in.**

You should select a minimum of three and a maximum of five courses,
ticking only one course from each block.
All courses are A level qualifications unless otherwise stated

Option Block A

- Economics
- English Language
- English Literature
- Geology
- History
- Mathematics
- Maths and Further Maths (Double Award) *
- Media Studies
- Psychology
- Religious studies
- Applied Science (BTEC)
- Welsh Baccaulaureate

Option Block B

- Biology
- Chemistry
- Film Studies
- French
- History
- ICT
- Psychology
- Sociology
- Sport (BTEC)
- Welsh Baccaulaureate

Option Block C

- Art - Fine
- Art - Graphics
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- English Language
- Geography
- Performing Arts (BTEC)
- Physics
- Politics
- Psychology
- Welsh
- Welsh Baccaulaureate

Option Block D

- Business Studies
- Chemistry
- Design Technology - Textiles
- Design Technology - Product
- German
- Health & Social Care (single award)
- Law
- Music
- PE
- Physics
- Welsh Baccaulaureate

Option Block E

- Art - Photography
- Biology
- Business Studies
- English Literature
- Health & Social Care (Double Award) +
- Mathematics
- Maths & Further Maths *
- Media (BTEC)
- Psychology
- Welsh Baccaulaureate

Double Subjects taught across two Option Blocks

* **Maths & Further Mathematics (Double Award)**
must be chosen in both Option A and Option E

+ **Health and Social Care (Double Award)**
as a single subject select Option D;
for a double award select both Options D and E

BTEC qualifications are awarded only after a full two-year course.

AS levels can be either a stand alone qualification or contribute up to 50% to the full A level.

A Level results 2014 - 2016

Subject	Entries	A*	A	B	C	D	E	A*-A%	A*-B%	A*-C%	A-E%
Art - Fine	12	2	3	2	5	0	0	42	58	100	100
Art – Graphic	25	3	1	11	6	3	1	16	60	84	100
Art – Photography	33	11	6	11	4	1	0	52	85	97	100
Biology	101	5	12	21	27	23	11	17	38	64	98
Business Studies	75	0	8	23	35	8	1	11	41	88	100
Chemistry	126	16	29	31	26	20	3	36	60	81	99
Computing	18	0	0	2	6	6	3	0	11	44	94
D & T - Food	7	1	0	2	2	2	0	14	43	71	100
D & T – Product	27	2	3	5	9	5	2	19	37	70	96
D & T – Textiles	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	100
Economics	22	1	3	2	6	9	1	18	27	55	100
English Language	78	4	17	37	18	2	0	27	74	97	100
English Literature	61	1	11	27	20	2	0	20	64	97	100
Film Studies	23	1	1	6	10	4	1	9	35	78	100
French	15	1	2	4	5	2	1	20	47	80	100
Geography	36	2	7	8	13	5	1	25	47	83	100
Geology	6	0	1	2	1	0	2	17	50	67	100
German	9	0	1	2	3	2	1	11	33	67	100
Health & Social Care (Single Award)	30	0	5	11	6	6	1	17	53	73	97
Health & Social Care (Double Award)	42	0	11	10	8	12	1	26	50	69	100
History	103	1	14	54	31	3	0	15	67	97	100
ICT	29	0	6	4	11	5	3	21	34	72	100
Law	25	2	6	6	8	1	2	32	56	88	100
Mathematics	123	17	25	32	26	17	6	34	60	81	100
Maths & Further Maths	21	3	3	7	3	2	2	29	62	76	95
Media (BTEC)	6	2	0	0	1	0	3	33	33	50	100
Media Studies	40	1	9	8	13	8	1	25	45	78	100
Music	14	0	3	4	5	2	0	21	50	86	100
PE	30	0	3	5	7	9	4	10	27	50	93
Performing Arts (BTEC)	38	13	8	0	9	0	8	55	55	79	100
Physics	90	8	16	24	25	11	6	27	53	81	100
Politics	26	0	5	11	9	1	0	19	62	96	100
Psychology	153	11	22	37	49	22	7	22	46	78	97
Religious Studies	37	3	9	15	7	2	1	32	73	92	100
Sociology	16	0	6	2	7	1	0	38	50	94	100
Science (BTEC)	18	2	0	0	4	0	12	11	11	33	100
Sport & Performance (BTEC)	25	3	5	0	6	0	11	32	32	56	100
Welsh	11	1	1	3	3	2	1	18	45	73	100
Welsh Baccalaureate Diploma	48	0	38	0	3	0	7	79	79	85	100
Overall Totals	1600	117	300	429	437	199	104	26%	53%	80%	99%

3 Year Cycle: A Level Entries 2014: 2015: 2016

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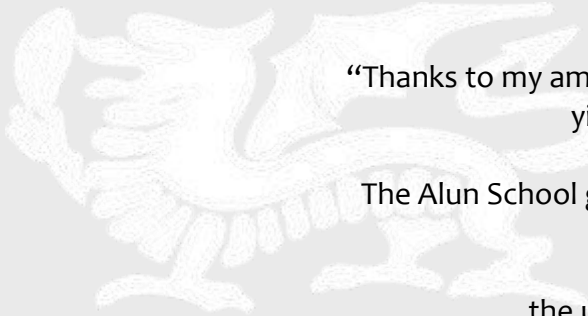
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Progression from Sixth Form

Charlotte Roberts

“After studying Photography, Graphics and Film Studies at the Alun Sixth Form I am now at The Glasgow School of Art reading Fine Art and Photography, BA(HONS). My teachers at the Alun School helped me to produce a portfolio of work and developed the technical skills that are crucial for my career path.”

Elliot Davies



“Thanks to my amazing teachers I am currently studying Physics at Princeton University, one of America’s top universities. The Alun School gave me the academic background I needed to secure a place, and supported me fully through the unfamiliar and challenging process. I can’t thank the school and my teachers enough - they were behind me every step of the way.”

