



King Henry VIII School  
Ysgol Brenin Harri'r VIII

# Welcome to Post 16 Information Evening

“King Henry VIII School Community will work together to create an inclusive, safe and happy learning environment in which all are challenged and supported to achieve their potential. Everyone is committed to learning today for a fulfilling life tomorrow.”



# Outline for this evening



- Introduction  
Mrs E Lewis, Headteacher
- Why choose King Henry VIII School post 16?  
Mr R Gilson, Post 16 MAT and destination leader
- Post 16 Organisation and Destination planning activities in year 11.  
Mr C Davis, Assistant Head and Post 16 Leader





# Why choose KHS post 16?



## Continuity

- Students have built working relationships with subject teachers and know who they can trust to talk with about well-being issues

## Local choice

- KHS prides itself on being **the** local comprehensive post 16
- We offer level 3 provision for a range of abilities and possible destinations



# Why choose KHS post 16?



## Support and guidance

- We have a highly effective guidance programme that works with individual students to offer them support with their post 16 studies and destination planning
- We also look after the well-being of students where necessary offering help for those with specific health or learning needs as well as those who lack motivation or direction



# Why choose KHS post 16?



## Support for More Able and Talented students

- High achieving students participate in the Seren programme, accessing interview practice and masterclasses
- Students are encouraged to take on extra-curricular courses to support their university applications and make them more 'saleable' in competitive interviews

Extra-curricular activities, in which post 16 students act as role models to younger students, such as

- School musicals
- Sports coaching
- Peer mentoring





# Why choose KHS post 16?



## Favourable class size

- Average class size in year 12 of 12 students
- Maximum class size 22 students in current year 12

## Quality assurance

- Post 16 teaching is included in our sector leading Peer Enquiry Cycle programme

## Destination planning

- All students who applied to university through UCAS were successful
- Students also apply successfully for apprenticeships and Network 75 programmes



# Why choose KHS post 16?



## Foundation Governors Awards

- As a school with origins dating back to 1542, our school has Foundation Governors who are trustees for investments made in the past
- The Foundation Governors use the interest on these investments to support the school, and provide awards to help with post 18 education of former pupils
- Invitations to apply for awards are sent out with year 13 exam results



# Other post 16 choices



## Other Level 3 Providers

- Some students choose to go elsewhere for various reasons, often to study something not available at KHS, such as Extended Diploma Level 3 Vocational courses at Coleg Gwent

## Level 2 and 1 Vocational courses at Coleg Gwent

- Some students study vocational subjects such as Carpentry, Hair and Beauty, Construction

## Employment and apprenticeships

- Some students go straight into jobs or work based training





# Levels



## Overview

- Externally certificated qualifications of all types are grouped in levels
- Level 1 includes GCSE grades G-D, Level 1 Pass and Pass\* in the Skills Challenge Certificate and Level 1 Pass in BTEC courses
- Level 2 includes GCSE Grades C-A\*, BTEC Grades, Level 2 Pass, Merit, Distinction and Distinction \*
- Level 3 includes GCE A-level grades E-A\* and BTEC Grades Level 3 Pass, Merit, Distinction and Distinction\*



# Level 3 UCAS Points



In year 12 at KHS students take AS and BTEC Certificate qualifications

In year 13 they take A2 and BTEC Subsidiary Diploma qualifications

AS	A2	UCAS points	Sub Dip	Cert
	A*	56	Dist*	
	A	48	Dist	
	B	40		
	C	32	Merit	
		28		Dist*
	D	24		Dist
A		20		
		18		
B	E	16	Pass	Merit
C		12		
D		8		Pass
E		4		



# Post 16 Pastoral team



- Mr Davis – Assistant Head and Post 16 Leader, in charge of overall academic, pastoral, attendance, etc
- Mr Gilson – Post 16 Destinations in charge of advice and guidance towards your chosen destination path
- Mrs Williams – pastoral support, attendance, EMA
- Mrs Davies – PALS co-ordinator
- Academic mentor – First point of contact for all of the above







# Academic Mentors



To support your child we have an system in school of academic mentors. Students will have fortnightly appointment to help them

- Settle in to year 12
- Manage their time develop their organisation skills
- Monitor their progress against their targets
- Begin destination planning



# Assembly and communication



**Students will still have an assembly** year 12 and 13 will be in Upper School Hall at 08:40 on Wednesday of each week

Assemblies are designed to

- Encourage students think about wider social and ethical issues
- Provide opportunities for visiting speakers to talk about possible post-school destinations

Generally students will receive routine information in email newsletters, rather than in assembly



# Exams and coursework



## For students following A-level courses:

- AS exams run in the two week period before the Whitsun half-term holiday
- A2 courses begin immediately after Whitsun half-term holiday on Monday 1 June
- Students should **not** plan holidays in the second half of the summer term. There is **no** slack time, and we will use this time to help through the content of the A2 course by Easter 2021

## For BTEC Students

- Certificate courses finish at the end of June
- Subsidiary Diploma work then begins





# Outline of first taster session



- Assembly with Mr Davis and Mr Gilson to introduce Post 16 Study at KHS
- The opportunity to attend 7 sessions of 30 minutes, each about a different subject
- 2 sessions where students can attend the Sixth Form Common Room or Resource Area
- 1 session where students complete a Health and Wellbeing Survey
- Separate programme for some students with ALN



# Year 11 Destination planning timeline



- **Friday November 15<sup>th</sup>** Short taster session during the school day
- **December** Issued with early option forms which will be used to design the programme for January 14<sup>th</sup> and to inform our curriculum planning
- **December and January** Individual interviews with senior staff for all year 11 pupils about their post 16 destinations
- **Wednesday January 15<sup>th</sup>** Long taster sessions during the school day
- **Thursday January 16<sup>th</sup>** KS5 Learning Pathways open evening