



GRŴP COLEGAU **NPTC** GROUP OF COLLEGES

Academi 6ed Dosbarth
6th Form Academy

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GIFTED AND TALENTED EXCELLENCE PROGRAMME

Application to competitive universities is about more than excellent grades. You must make an informed choice regarding the subjects you want to pursue, understand the competitive selection process and systems, submit a polished application and excel at interview.

As a member of the Sixth Form Academy, you may be eligible to apply for our Gifted and Talented Excellence Programme. This is a structured specialist programme of support for those learners with exceptional GCSE results.

Those applying to competitive universities, particularly those in the Russell Group, Oxford and Cambridge, will then receive personalised support through our GATE programme.

In 2017/18 our students achieved the following.

NPTC Group	Grade	National
17.7%	A*	8.7%
53.4%	A* - A	26%

WHAT DOES THE PROGRAMME CONSIST OF?

SPECIALIST TUTORIAL PROGRAMME

If you have a GCSE profile consisting of three A* and many A grades, you may be eligible to apply to the GATE programme which will cater to your needs and aspirations. The aim is to broaden your horizons beyond your chosen subjects and to promote analytical reasoning and discussion.

This is invaluable preparation for university interviews. Some of the areas covered during tutorial, will include:

- Political processes and goals
- Beliefs, values and moral reasoning
- The ethical and environmental implications of scientific development.

THE EXTENDED PROJECT QUALIFICATION

Experience writing a dissertation and gain extra UCAS points! This additional qualification will provide you with excellent preparation for completing your university entrance application form and for your future career.

It will provide you with the opportunity to extend your abilities beyond the A Level syllabus.



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- Become more critical, reflective and independent in your learning
- Develop and apply decision-making and problem-solving skills
- Increase your planning, research, analysis, synthesis, evaluation and presentation skills
- Learn to apply new technologies confidently
- Demonstrate creativity, initiative and enterprise.
- Peer mentoring of first year Oxbridge students by our students already in place
- Opportunity to attend presentations delivered by guest speakers, e.g. Royal Society of Chemistry, Cardiff Medical School, Oxbridge Admissions tutors.

ENRICHMENT PROGRAMME

The Gifted and Talented Excellence Programme will also give you access to our enrichment activities. These include:

- Cambridge Pre-U qualification: This aims to equip you with the skills required to make a success of your subsequent studies at university, involving not only a solid grounding in the specialist area, but also the ability to undertake independent and self-directed learning and to think laterally, critically and creatively
- Opportunity to compete in national competitions such as the Biology and Chemistry Olympiads
- Tailored support when applying to competitive universities such as the Russell Group and Oxbridge universities
- Specialised interview workshops
- Specific Oxbridge visits for Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary Science

HOW DO I JOIN THE GIFTED AND TALENTED EXCELLENCE PROGRAMME?

Applications are welcome from any student with three A*'s and mainly A grade GCSEs. Other students can apply and will be admitted depending on the quality of their application and interview. In addition, students should be committed to achieving their personal best and be willing to undertake a wide range of activities designed to help them perform at the highest levels.

WHAT WILL THE GIFTED AND TALENTED EXCELLENCE PROGRAMME COST?

Our GATE Programme is free but there are costs associated with residential trips and some speakers. If you have difficulty in meeting these costs, financial help may be available. Students should not see cost as a barrier to participation.

SEREN NETWORK: SUPPORTING WALES' BRIGHTEST STUDENTS

NPTC Group of Colleges is a part of the Seren Network. A programme to support Wales' brightest students so that they achieve their academic potential and gain access to Russell Group, Oxford and Cambridge Universities.

As part of the hub, students will have access to:

- Enrichment activities to enhance and promote academic excellence
- A peer group of high achieving students
- Links to university students and recent graduates from similar backgrounds.

"Through Seren I have made new friends who share the same interests as me. Seren has made me more confident about my ideas and opinions."

"Seren has made me realise my possibilities for the future."

"Seren provides several opportunities for pupils that aspire to reach higher levels of education. It has been extremely useful for me."

"Seren has extended my understanding on topics that I'm interested in."

"Seren has enabled me to believe that I can reach full potential while offering many opportunities to learn about future academic aspirations."

"Seren has given me the opportunity to explore my interests and meet other passionate and motivated students who are at my level. I have received a lot of information about applying for Oxbridge from Seren so I feel confident now."

HOW HAVE THEY DONE?

EVE VINCENT

A*, French; A, English; A, History. Going to study French and Russian at Cambridge University.

ABIGAIL OWEN

A, Drama and Theatre Studies; A, Music; B, Maths; B, English Lit. Abigail is going to study Music at Jesus College, Oxford.

FINLAY POWELL-JONES

A*, Maths; A*, Biology; A* Chemistry. A previous Cwmtawe Comprehensive pupil going to Birmingham University to study Medicine. "Fantastic time in College – the support was great and that shows in my results today!".

STEPHEN JOHN

A*, Chemistry; B, Physics; B, Music. Going to study Veterinary Medicine at Surrey University.

SAM MORRIS

A, Maths; B, Chemistry; B, Biology. Former Llangatwg Comprehensive pupil, now off to study Pharmacy at Cardiff University.

ALEX MORRIS

A, Biology B, Chemistry; B, PE. "Relieved it's all over", the former Dwr-y-Felin pupil said. He is now looking forward to studying Medical Sciences at Exeter University.

JORDAN WHAPHAM

A, Maths; A, Physics; B, Biology. Going to Cardiff University to study Astrophysics.

INDIA NEEDS

A* Law; A* Religious Studies; A Psychology. Former Dyffryn pupil going to study Law and European Studies at Southampton University.

CAMRON GRIFFITHS

A, Law; A, Sociology; B, History; A Welsh Baccalaureate. Former Birchgrove pupil off to Cardiff University to study Law and Politics.

CAITLIN JOHN

A*, Biology; A, Maths: B, Chemistry. Former Llangatwg pupil off to Cardiff University to study Radiotherapy and Oncology.



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