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Sixth Form

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Welcome to **Gowerton School Sixth Form**

From the Headteacher

We are delighted that you are considering joining our Sixth Form community and discovering what makes our Sixth Form such a special place to learn and grow. Whether you're a current student looking to continue your journey with us or joining from another school, we hope this prospectus gives you a clear sense of our values, our achievements, and the opportunities that await you here.

At Gowerton School, our Sixth Form represents a culmination of academic excellence, personal growth, and community spirit. With a proud tradition spanning generations, our Sixth Form has consistently delivered outstanding outcomes for students, preparing them for success in higher education and beyond.

We are immensely proud of our alumni; Gowertonians continue to make their mark across a wide range of fields, from medicine and law to the arts, sciences, and public service. Their achievements reflect the strength of our Sixth Form and the values we instil in every student who walks through our doors. Our vibrant Gowertonian Society keeps this legacy alive, fostering lifelong connections and celebrating the achievements of past students who continue to inspire our current cohort.

Our academic results speak for themselves. Last year, all our Sixth Form students who applied to university secured a place, with 98% gaining entry to their first-choice institution—a testament to the quality of teaching, support, and ambition that defines our Sixth Form. Our A-Level outcomes consistently exceed both Wales and Swansea averages, reflecting our commitment to high standards and personalised learning.

At the heart of our success is our school motto: “Mi Ddylwn, Mi Allaf, Mi Fynnaf.” (I should, I can, I shall.) These words are more than a phrase—they are a mindset. We encourage our students to be responsible (“I should”), believe in their ability (“I can”), and be ambitious (“I shall”). This ethos runs through everything we do, empowering students to take ownership of their futures with confidence and determination.

Choosing Gowerton Sixth Form means joining a community that values excellence, nurtures ambition and supports every individual to thrive. We look forward to welcoming you and helping you shape a future filled with opportunity and success.

K. Lawlor

Kathleen Lawlor

Introducing **Head of Sixth**

Miss C. Smitham

Welcome to Gowerton Sixth Form—a dynamic and supportive environment where our students are encouraged to grow academically, personally, and socially.

Our Sixth Form is built on the belief that every student has the potential to succeed, and we are here to help unlock that potential. Guided by our school motto "Mi Ddylwn, Mi Allaf, Mi Fynnaf." (I should, I can, I shall.) —We foster a culture of aspiration, resilience, and responsibility. Our Sixth Form students are encouraged to set ambitious goals, believe in their ability to achieve them, and take confident steps towards their future.

Pastoral care is central to our approach. Every student is supported by a personal mentor, who provides regular guidance on academic progress, wellbeing, and future planning. This individualised support ensures that students feel known, valued, and equipped to navigate the challenges and opportunities of Sixth Form life.

Our careers and UCAS guidance is comprehensive and tailored. From one-to-one advice sessions to workshops and guest speakers, we ensure students are well-informed about their options and confident in their choices. Whether aiming for university, apprenticeships, or employment, our students benefit from expert support that helps them take the next step with clarity and purpose.

We also believe that our Sixth Form students should be active contributors to the wider life of the school. Our students are expected to take on leadership roles, support younger peers, and participate fully in our rich extra-curricular programme, which includes sport, music, drama, volunteering, and more. These experiences help develop confidence, character, and a sense of belonging.

Gowerton Sixth Form is a place where our students are challenged to be their best, supported every step of the way, and celebrated for who they are. The Sixth Form team and all at Gowerton look forward to helping you shape your future with purpose and pride.

Why choose **Gowerton Sixth?**

Sixth Form at Gowerton School offers many advantages for students and families seeking a supportive and academically focused environment. We provide a strong sense of community and continuity, helping our students feel comfortable and confident as they move into post-16 education.

With smaller class sizes and dedicated teachers, students receive more individual attention and guidance, ensuring they stay on track with their studies and future goals.

Gowerton places great emphasis on academic achievement and university preparation, offering structured timetables, pastoral care, and mentoring to help students reach their full potential. For parents and carers, this means peace of mind knowing their child is in a nurturing, well-organised setting that balances independence with the right level of support.

We focus on the skills that matter – organisation, time management, and independent learning – so that you leave Gowerton School as a confident capable individual ready to thrive in whatever comes next.

What you can expect

Enhanced Support and Guidance

Gowerton school prides itself on its well-being of pupils. In Sixth Form there is a dedicated support team in addition to the whole school pastoral centre.

Tailored Academic Guidance

Teachers at Gowerton are experienced in providing consistent support throughout A-level studies, helping you stay on track academically.

Individual Mentorship

Direct access to tutors who provide continuous feedback and support, something less common in a college setting.

Why choose **Gowerton Sixth?**

Five reasons why...

1 Academic Excellence and Support

- Small class sizes provide personalised support from teachers who will get to know you
- Proven track record of student success

2 Seamless Transition

- Supportive and welcoming community
- Familiar school setting, reducing transition stress
- Smooth start to A-level studies

3 Variety of Courses

- Variety of subjects tailored to different career paths
- Expertise in sciences, humanities, arts, and social sciences
- Flexible course options

4 Facilities and enrichment opportunities

- Dedicated study spaces and resources
- Leadership roles and extracurricular activities
- Opportunities for personal growth (mentoring, charity work, school events)

5 Support your future

- University and career guidance programmes
- Personal statement workshops and interview prep
- Work experience opportunities and Gowertonian connections

Our
School Community

Gowerton School is a positive, supportive environment where every student feels valued, safe, and motivated to succeed. When teachers, students, parents, and staff work together with mutual respect and shared goals, it strengthens relationships and promotes a sense of belonging.

This collaborative atmosphere encourages students to take pride in their school, engage more actively in learning, and develop important social and emotional skills. Our school community also helps to build resilience, inclusion, and confidence, ensuring that everyone is supported both academically and personally. Ultimately, our school community lays the foundation for lifelong learning, kindness, and success beyond the classroom.

Mentor Time

The school places great importance on building strong, supportive relationships—starting with the mentoring system.
Mentors in the Sixth Form take time to understand each student, offering care and ongoing support throughout their educational journey.
Through this connection, students receive personalised guidance, develop trust, and become part of a close-knit community that values both who they are and who they are becoming.

Whether it's through volunteering with local organisations or leading community initiatives, students are supported in developing valuable life skills, expanding their perspectives, and forming meaningful connections with the wider community.
Opportunities such as the Student Council, ambassador roles, and many other initiatives allow students to contribute in ways that leave a lasting impact.

Post-16 Community

Students are respected as individuals preparing for their future and receive tailored support to help them make informed and confident decisions about their next steps.
Year 12 students take part in university conventions, taster sessions, and open days, while both Year 12 and Year 13 benefit from expert advice on course selection, personal statement writing, and completing UCAS applications.

The **Gowertonian Society**

What is a Gowertonian?

A Gowertonian is someone that attended Gowerton School as a pupil or taught at the school.

In our 130-year history we have many famous Gowertonians from sportspeople and musicians to those involved in the world of medicine, law or business.

Sixth formers can benefit from the knowledge and experience of Gowertonians. We have regular presentations, unique opportunities and Awards given by our alumni.

A career in Law?

Gowerton Sixth formers interested in a career in law get the unique opportunity to visit Swansea Law courts and speak with Judge Paul Thomas (also Chair of the Gowertonian Society). This experience for the pupils is an insight into a career in law.

Three Gowertonians that have made Law their career also present to pupils at school in a fascinating insight into the life of a Solicitor, Barrister and Judge. Thanks to Stuart John, Alycia Carpannini and Judge Paul Thomas.

A career in Medicine?

Gowerton School has many past pupils who have dedicated their lives to the world of Medicine. One of these is Professor Peter Littlejohn, Emeritus Professor of Public Health at King's College, London. Professor Littlejohn annually presents awards, one in memory of his father, to encourage students wishing to pursue a career in medicine. He also gives a presentation to encourage students. Further information and past winners of the award can be found at https://www.cjlittlejohnsmedicalprize.com/

A career in Music?

For pupils hoping to follow a career in music the school has a long history of outstanding musicians. Sir Karl Jenkins has supported the school over the last 20 years by attending concerts or giving presentations. Mr Anthony Small taught at the school for over 40 years and his influence on music, especially brass playing in the community was legendary. His son Gareth Small, also a Gowertonian is Principal Trumpet with the Hallé Orchestra in Manchester. Other famous composers include Alun Hoddinott, Eric Jones, Mark Thomas, to name but a few.

Extracurricular **Activities**

Learning at Gowerton Sixth Form extends well beyond the classroom. It flourishes through the teams students join, the performances they take part in, and the causes they support.
The wide-ranging extracurricular programme—from sports and the performing arts to volunteering and leadership roles—is designed to spark interests, challenge perspectives, and reveal new talents. These experiences not only enrich academic life but also play a key role in shaping each student's personal journey and future aspirations.

Gowerton School is fortunate to be able to provide a wide selection of Extra Curricular Activities and Sixth Form students actively play important roles with these activities. Here are a selection of some of the opportunities available.

North Gower Partnership Music Festival

Every two years the school with its partner primary schools presents a music concert at the prestigious Brangwyn Hall. 6th formers participate in the various choirs including Male Voice Choir, supported by Dunvant Male Voice, Senior girls' choir, orchestra, windband, brass band. There are also soloists or vocal ensembles from Sixth form. This is a unique event in which pupils from 3 years old to members of Dunvant Male Voice at 93 years old work together in harmony.

Annual Service of Remembrance

Every year the Sixth form participate in the Annual Service of Remembrance. Gowertonians and visitors from our local community take part in a beautiful service to remember Gowertonians that gave their lives in both World Wars. The Senior prefects read and lay wreaths in the service.

Visit to Ypres

Annually the Senior Prefect team visit Ypres to lay a wreath on behalf of the fallen of Gowerton School. This visit is part sponsored by the Gowertonian Society.

Musical Theatre Production

Every two years the school performs a Music Theatre production. Sixth formers can take part as performers on stage or by supporting in the many roles back-stage, ranging from make-up to lighting and sound. The most recent productions included 'The Addams Family' and 'Joseph and the amazing technicolour dream coat'

Extracurricular **Activities**

Sporting Opportunities

Gowerton School has a long list of Sporting Alumni in its history.
In recent years Anne Ellis OBE (President of Hockey Wales, Welsh Hockey captain and coach), Dan Biggar and Liam Williams (Both Wales and Lions Rugby) Sam Davies and Keelan Giles (Wales Rugby).
You could be the next Gowertonian to be added to the list!

Here are some of the sporting opportunities available at Gowerton School currently:
Senior Football
Senior Netball
We hope to be able to have other Senior Teams depending on the number in sixth form.

Sports Tours- Next Tour will be to Barcelona in October 2026
Sport and Biology A Level PE Trip to Berlin to 'Body works'.

There are regular visits to local Universities to enable students to use the sporting facilities e.g. the A Level PE trip to Cardiff Met to use the fitness testing labs.

Sixth form students have the unique opportunity to work with younger pupils, to coach, umpire and help with our extra curricular programme at school.
There are other opportunities to get qualifications and become a School Sports Ambassadors or become a Sport Ambassadors linked with Sport Wales and Swansea Council (Gold).

Duke of Edinburgh Award

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award (DofE) is a youth achievement program for pupils aged 14-24. It challenges young people to complete four or five sections: Volunteering, Physical, Skills, and Expedition, with an additional Residential section required for the Gold award.

Participants at Gowerton can earn the Bronze award in KS4 or the Gold Award in sixth form. The activities help to develop skills, build confidence, and have adventures outside of the classroom. The program is non-competitive and aims to develop universal skills valuable for employment and life.

UCAS Applications

Gowerton Sixth Form provides students with thorough, personalised support as they prepare for university.

From initial exploration to final decisions during the clearing process, students are guided every step of the way with advice tailored to their individual goals.

Our Sixth Form team collaborates with form tutors to deliver up-to-date expertise on everything from course selection to UCAS applications. Students receive help crafting strong personal statements, preparing for interviews, and navigating entrance exams with confidence.

Each student has access to their own UCAS account and benefits from one-to-one mentoring. For those applying to highly competitive universities—including Oxford and Cambridge—the HE+ programme offers advanced academic enrichment, admissions support, and focused mentoring to help them excel.

100%

Of students that applied to University secured a place.

98%

Of students that applied to University secured their first-choice placement.

The Educational Maintenance Allowance

EMA is an income assessed weekly allowance of £40. This helps students with the cost of post-16 life.

Please see Miss C. Smitham or any other member of the Sixth Form team regarding the Educational Maintenance Allowance (EMA)

Further details on EMA can be found at: studentfinancewales.co.uk/EMA

Choosing the **Right Pathway**

Choosing the right courses at A level is a crucial decision that can shape your future education and career opportunities. The subjects you select determine not only what you will study over the next two years, but also which university courses, apprenticeships, or career paths will be available to you later. By carefully considering your interests, strengths, and long-term goals, you can choose subjects that keep your options open and help you to stay motivated and engaged.

Pathways available:

1 **2 A Levels & Wbac**
Minimum requirement: 'best 9' GCSE score 360 or better (9 grades, mostly C)

2 **3 A Levels**
Minimum requirement: 'best 9' GCSE score 400 or better (9 grades, mostly B)

3 **4 A Levels**
Minimum requirement: 'best 9' GCSE score 435 or better (9 grades, mostly A/A)*

Courses

A Level

- Art & Design
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- Electronics
- English Literature
- French
- Geography
- History
- Mathematics
- Music
- Physical Education
- Photography
- Physics
- Psychology
- Philosophy, Religion & Ethics
- Product Design
- Sociology
- Spanish
- Welsh
- Advanced Skills Baccalaureate

Vocational

- Business - Level 3 Applied/Extended Certificate
- Criminology - Level 3 Applied Certificate/Diploma
- Information Technology – Level 3 Diploma

Course Information

Please follow the QR code to view more information on the courses that we offer at Gowerton Sixth.

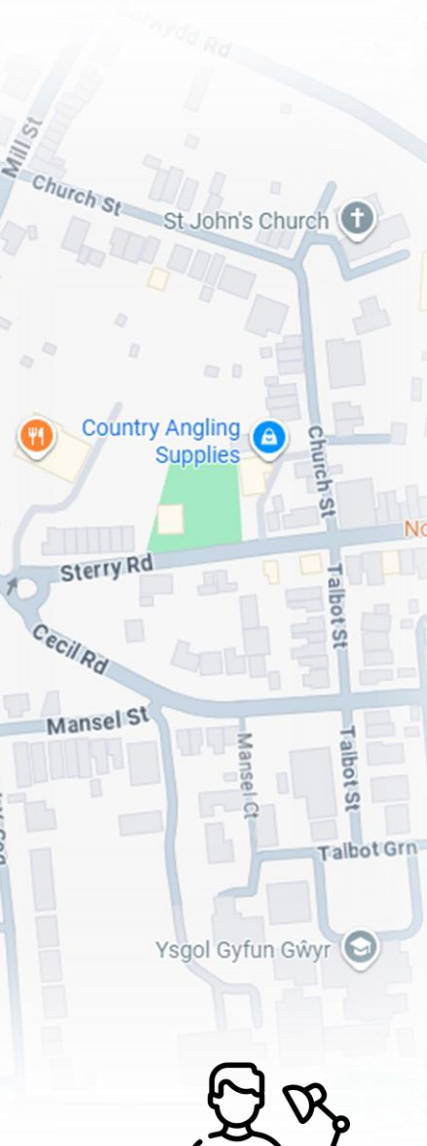
Sixth Form
Expectations

Our Sixth Form have their own uniform. This consists of:

- Black Gowerton Sixth Polo Shirt
- Black Gowerton Sixth Hooded top
- Bottom garment and shoes of your choice suitable to the school environment.

Sixth Form pupils are expected to arrive promptly for all lessons, attend weekly assemblies and meet regularly with their mentor.

When not in lessons Sixth formers can use the study room, the common room, or take a walk to the village.



Embark on your next academic chapter with us!

Our range of courses is thoughtfully curated to match your unique interests, talents, and future aspirations. We believe in flexibility, building our subject options around your preferences. Share your desired subjects, and we'll create a timetable that truly reflects student demand. We'll work diligently to make your ideal combination a reality, however, please note course availability is subject to sufficient student interest.

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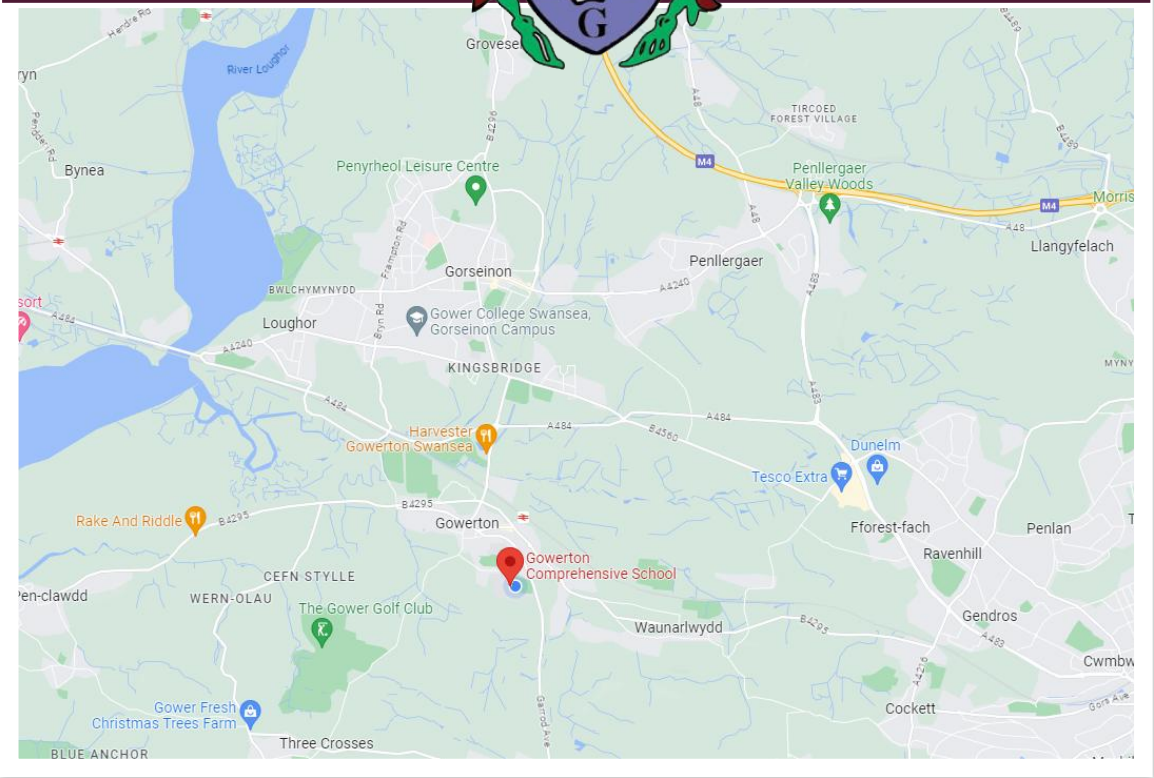

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