



The St. Joseph's Honours Programme

What is the Honours Programme?

The St Joseph's Honours Programme is closely linked to the Seren Academy developed by the Welsh Government. The aim of the programme is to enhance students' post sixth form aspirations and opportunities. It aims to do this by providing a programme of additional study, a range of extra curricular and supra curricular activities, tailored destination support and fast track academic pathways.

What is included?

There are a variety of opportunities available as part of the Honours Programme and Seren Academy, These include:

- fast track Advanced Skills Challenge Certificate completion
- links with teachers and senior leaders for university/apprenticeship preparation and discussion
- university subject sessions delivered by lecturers and students
- visits to Oxbridge and other Russell Group universities
- online and in-person subject seminars
- subject masterclasses
- tailored application support for Oxford and Cambridge applications
- admissions tests seminars
- Oxbridge interview techniques and advice including mock interviews and buddys



Fast Track Advanced Skills Challenge Certificate (Advanced Welsh Baccalaureate)

St Joseph's recognises the importance of the Advanced Skills Challenge Certificate in terms of developing the skills of your Sixth Form students and as another A-Level qualification that becomes vital when applying to universities. However, we also know that some students who have been eligible for the Seren Academy in the past opt to take 4 other A-Level subjects.

Therefore, we are introducing this year, for Honours Programme students, the ability to study for the two-year Advanced Skills Challenge Certificate A-Level in one-year and complete all elements in Year 12. This will allow students to concentrate on their subject based qualifications in Year 13 whilst retaining the chance to obtain the skills and qualification as part of the Advanced Welsh Baccalaureate. More details will be available at enrolment.



How can I apply?

This programme will be suited to some students more than others and there will always be opportunities for all students to take part many of the aspects included as part of their sixth form life. The Honours Programme is particularly suited for those applying to competitive universities and with a high GCSE profile. The entry requirements for the programme is the same as the Seren Academy. This is, either: 6 A*grades at GCSE or 19 points from the top 8 GCSE grades. There is also a task to complete over the summer to start the Advanced Skills Challenge Certificate that needs to be completed. Application forms will be available at enrolment.