

**University of
South Wales**
Prifysgol
De Cymru

A Guide to our Schools and Colleges Liaison Service

www.southwales.ac.uk/schools



About the University of South Wales

The University of South Wales is one of the UK's most exciting new universities and a major player in Higher Education (HE).

We are one of the largest universities in the UK and the largest in Wales. With over 33,000 students we attract a cosmopolitan mix of students from 122 countries and all backgrounds. Our University is based across five locations with campuses in Cardiff, Newport and Pontypridd, offering a variety of locations for students to choose from.

We offer a range of qualifications, from foundation degrees to PhD, spanning subjects from all STEM courses from aerospace

engineering to computing and surveying. The University is a significant player in the arts and an experienced provider of teacher training.

Employability and simulated learning ensure our students prepare and develop confidence and skills in realistic hands-on environments. Our simulated facilities include an aircraft hangar, moot courtroom, hospital wards, TV studios, stock exchange trading room and 'scenes of crime' house. This successful approach is reflected in the high employment rate of graduates with 92% in employment or further study within six months of graduating*. The University leads on careers because of its partnerships with industry leaders and employers from British Airways to the NHS.

*HESA 2011/12



Our Schools and Colleges Liaison Team

Our team of dedicated staff based in Wales and the south west of England are highly experienced in providing impartial advice and guidance on HE choices. We build strong relationships with schools and colleges, and deliver a range of activities, talks and subject-specific tasters.

This brochure highlights services we offer through our Schools and Colleges Liaison Team. If there are other activities or services you're interested in, please contact us. We are happy to offer assistance wherever possible.

Higher Education Awareness Sessions

We offer a range of HE sessions designed to support your students through the university application process, either delivered in your school/college or as part of a visit to the University. All of these sessions have the flexibility to fit with your individual school/college needs.

Why Higher Education?

This interactive talk is aimed at Year 12 students and answers three questions: Is University Worthwhile? Is University Achievable? Is University Affordable?

Making the Right Choices: How to choose a course and a university

This interactive talk highlights different approaches to researching and discovering the right university and course, preparing your students to make those all-important choices. The session looks at how students can get the most out of Open Days and HE Conventions, and helps to explore non-traditional degree courses.

The UCAS Trail

This talk takes students through the UCAS process and offers advice on how to make a successful UCAS application.

First Impressions Count – How to write your personal statement

This talk can range from a 30 minute practical guide on successfully completing the Personal Statement to an hour-long workshop. All sessions will help students understand what universities are looking for and how to sell themselves.

First Impressions Count – How to impress in an interview

Interview skills are needed at some stage in life and this talk aims to prepare students for HE interviews. We use role play and examples to illustrate how to successfully prepare for an interview.

Student Life – Don't leave home without it!

For many students university can be daunting. This session aims to take them through the journey of university life providing them with invaluable survival tips.

Money to Study: Student finance

This talk allows students to identify how much support they could receive. The session also provides an opportunity for students and parents to address any financial concerns they may have.

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UCAS Apply Online Workshop

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Head of Sixth Form, Wales

Subject-Specific Events

We offer a range of activities and events such as taster days, sample lectures and master classes, designed to give students a taste for studying a particular subject at university.

The University hosts a number of free AS/A-Level conferences throughout the year. These sessions consist of talks and activities designed to complement your students' studies.

In addition to these, many of our lecturers are available to visit schools to deliver subject-specific sessions, and attend careers events or parents evenings.

Further details on subject-specific activity will be sent to the Heads of relevant

departments in your school/college via our newsletters. You can e-mail schools@southwales.ac.uk to request information, or look online for the latest opportunities:

www.southwales.ac.uk/schools

"It was a very interesting and challenging day. My students enjoyed it very much and definitely benefitted from attending. The organisation and variety of activities was excellent."

Head of Sixth Form, England

UCAS HE Conventions



Our Schools and Colleges Liaison Team attend more than 25 UCAS HE conventions running from March to July. These events are aimed at Year 12 students and provide an ideal opportunity for your pupils to find out more about HE courses and institutions. We can deliver sessions with your students before a UCAS HE conventions to help them make the most of their visit.

To find out more about events visit www.ucas.com. The UCAS events we will be attending can be found on our Schools and Colleges website:

www.southwales.ac.uk/schools

Why not come along to visit us and say hello at the next UCAS convention.

Open Days and Applicant Days

Open days are the best way to find out more about University of South Wales. Your students can learn more about courses, the campuses and see our fantastic facilities and student accommodation. We hold Open Days between July and October each year, and welcome school and college groups to our Open Days. If you would like to bring groups of students along please contact us at: schools@southwales.ac.uk

While Open Days are for students interested in courses at the university, Applicant Days and Interview Days are specifically for students who have already applied to the University of South Wales. At these events, students will have the opportunity to meet the course lecturers, chat to current students, ask questions, try out facilities, attend hands on lectures and explore the campus. To find out more about our Open Days and Applicant Days, please visit: www.southwales.ac.uk/opendays

Teachers' and Advisers' Conference

Our annual conference in January, specifically for teachers and advisers, offers opportunities for continuing professional development and networking.

The conference delivers a programme of practical workshops and presentations led by high-profile speakers and experienced practitioners. Through an engaging programme teachers and advisers explore a variety of issues surrounding university admissions and best practice for advising students on HE choices. If you would like to attend next year's conference, e-mail us at: schools@southwales.ac.uk.

"The conference provided an excellent opportunity to network with colleagues from different schools and institutions. The quality of the seminars was exceptional and the event has influenced the advice and support we give to our students."

Conference delegate 2013



Gwefan y Tîm Cyswilt Ysgolion a Cholegau

Mae ein gwefan, www.decymru.ac.uk/schools, yn cynnwys y wybodaeth ddiweddaraf a allai fod o gymorth i chi a'ch cydweithwyr wrth baratoi eich myfyrwyr ar gyfer ymchwil a dewisiadau AU.

Gallwch ddarllen profffiliau aelodau'r tîm, darllen ein cylchlythyron, trefnu sgwrs, a chael gwybodaeth am weithgareddau pwnc-benodol i ysgolion a cholegau. Cewch hefyd y wybodaeth ddiweddaraf am ein digwyddiadau, gan gynnwys y Gynhadledd i Athrawon a Chynghorwyr.

USW Insight

Mae USW Insight yn rhoi cyfle i ddarpar fyfyrwyr gael blas go iawn ar fywyd myfyriwr, mae ein myfyrwyr Insight yn rhannu eu profiadau mewn blogiau wythnosol a thrwy siarad â darpar fyfyrwyr am fywyd prifysgol ar Facebook a Twitter.

Os hoffai eich myfyrwyr gael blas go iawn ar fywyd myfyriwr, gallwch eu hannog i ddilyn ein myfyrwyr USW Insight ar Twitter,

Facebook a thrwy eu blogiau. Ceir mwy o fanylion ar:

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Additional Support

We are happy to assist your school/college by attending events such as:

Careers and HE events

We can provide a stand and offer advice to students and parents about university and career choices. We can also offer HE awareness talks tailored to parents.

ParentSpace

We produce a magazine for parents called ParentSpace. The magazine contains articles by and for parents about their experiences of preparing their children for HE, provides tips on the application process and highlights key issues relating to UCAS and HE. If you would like to order copies of ParentSpace, e-mail: schools@southwales.ac.uk



Contact us

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Please note that while we will endeavour to meet demand for activity where possible, we may not be able to accommodate all requests.

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Gwybodaeth am Brifysgol De Cymru

Mae Prifysgol De Cymru yn un o brifysgolion newydd mwyaf cyffrous y DU, ac mae'n sefydliad o bwys ym maes addysg uwch.

Ni yw un o'r prifysgolion mwyaf y DU, a'r brifysgol fwyaf yng Nghymru. Gyda mwy na 33,000 o fyfyrwyr, rydym yn denu cymysgedd cosmopolitan o fyfyrwyr o 122 gwlad ac o bob cefndir. Mae'r Brifysgol yn gweithredu ar draws pum lleoliad, gyda champysau yng Nghaerdydd, Casnewydd a Phontypridd, sy'n roi nifer o leoliadau i fyfyrwyr ddewis o'u plith.

Rydym yn cynnig amrywiaeth o gymwysterau, o raddau sylfaen i raddau PhD, gan gynnwys pob math o bynciau STEM o beirianneg awyrofod i

gyfrifiadureg a thirfesur. Mae'r Brifysgol hefyd yn sefydliad o bwys ym maes y celfyddydau ac yn ddarparwr hyfforddiant athrawon profiadol.

Mae cyflogadwyedd a dysgu drwy efelychu yn sicrhau bod myfyrwyr yn paratoi ar gyfer y byd gwaith ac yn datblygu hyder a sgiliau mewn amgylcheddau ymarferol realistig, gan gynnwys awyrennau, llys barn ffug, wardiau ysbyty, stiwdios teledu, ystafell fasnachu cyfnewidfa stoc a thŷ safle trosedd. Mae llwyddiant y dull yma i'w weld yng nghyfraddau cyflogaeth uchel ein gradddedigion, gyda 92% mewn gwaith neu astudiaeth bellach chwe mis ar ôl graddio.* Mae'r Brifysgol yn arwain o ran gyrfaoedd oherwydd ei phartneriaethau gydag arweinydd diwydiant a chyflogwyr o British Airways i'r Gwasanaeth Iechyd Gwladol.

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Ein Tîm Cyswllt Ysgolion a Cholegau

Mae ein tîm o staff ymroddgar sy'n gweithio ledled Cymru a de-orllewin Lloegr yn brofiadol iawn yn cynnig arweiniad a chynghor diduedd am ddewisiadau addysg uwch, gan adeiladu perthnasau cryf gydag ysgolion a cholegau, ac yn cynnig amrywiaeth o weithgareddau, sgysiau a sesiynau blasu pwnc-benodol.

Mae'r daflen yma yn tynnu sylw at y gwasanaethau rydym yn eu cynnig drwy ein Tîm Cyswllt Ysgolion a Cholegau. Os oes gennych chi ddiddordeb mewn gweithgareddau neu wasanaethau eraill, cysylltwch â ni. Rydym yn hapus iawn i gynnig cymorth lle bynnag y gallwn.

Sesiynau Gwybodaeth Addysg Uwch

Rydym yn cynnig ystod o sesiynau AU i gefnogi eich myfyrwyr trwy'r broses ymgeisio. Gellir cynnal y sesiynau hyn yn eich ysgol/coleg, neu fel rhan o ymweliad i'r Brifysgol. Gallwn amrywio cynnwys ac arddull ein sesiynau i gwrdd ag anghenion unigol eich ysgol/coleg.

Pam Addysg Uwch?

Mae'r sesiwn ryngweithiol hon wedi'i hanelu at fyfyrwyr Blwyddyn 12 ac mae'n rhoi atebion i dri chwestiwn sylfaenol: A yw Prifysgol yn Werth Chweil? A yw Prifysgol yn Gyraeddadwy? A yw Prifysgol yn Fforddiadwy?

Gwneud y Dewisiadau Cywir: Sut i ddewis cwrs a phrifysgol

Mae'r sesiwn hon yn amlygu'r gwahanol ddulliau o ymchwilio a chanfod y brifysgol a'r cwrs cywir, i baratoi eich myfyrwyr i wneud y dewisiadau hollbwysig hynny. Gall y sgwrs hon hefyd drafod sut y gall myfyrwyr wneud y gorau o Ddiwrnodau Agored a chonfensiynau AU, ac archwilio cyrsiau gradd anhraddodiadol.

Blas ar UCAS

Mae'r sesiwn hon yn rhoi arweiniad i fyfyrwyr drwy'r broses UCAS ac yn cynnig cyngor ar sut i wneud y gorau o'u cais UCAS.

Yr Argraff Gyntaf sy'n Cyfrif – Sut i ysgrifennu datganiad personol

Gall y sesiwn hon amrywio o arweiniad 30 munud syml ac ymarferol ar gwblhau Datganiad Personol yn llwyddiannus, i weithdy ymarferol sy'n awr o hyd. Bydd pob sesiwn yn helpu'r myfyrwyr i ddeall beth sydd o ddiddordeb i brifysgolion, a sut i gyflwyno eu hunain yn y ffordd orau.

Yr Argraff Gyntaf sy'n Cyfrif – Sut i greu argraff dda mewn cyfweiliad

Bydd angen sgiliau cyfweiliad ar bawb rhywbryd yn eu bywyd a nod y sesiwn hon yw paratoi myfyrwyr ar gyfer cyfweiliadau AU. Mae'r sgwrs hon yn defnyddio chwarae rôl ac enghreifftiau er mwyn dangos sut i baratoi ar gyfer cyfweiliad llwyddiannus.

Bywyd Myfyriwr – Paid gadael cartref hebdo!

I nifer o fyfyrwyr, gall fynd i'r brifysgol fod yn gam mawr. Nod y sesiwn hon yw mynd â nhw drwy daith bywyd myfyriwr a rhoi iddyn nhw nifer o gynghorion amhrisiadwy ar sut i ymdopi.

Arian i Astudio: Cyllid myfyrwyr

Drwy amlygu'r mathau a'r symiau o gyllid sydd ar gael, mae'r sesiwn hon yn galluogi myfyrwyr i ganfod faint o gymorth y gallan nhw gael. Mae'r sesiwn hefyd yn rhoi cyfle i fyfyrwyr drafod unrhyw bryderon ariannol sydd ganddyn nhw.

Drosodd

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Gweithgareddau Pwnc-Benodol

Rydym yn cynnig amrywiaeth o weithgareddau a digwyddiadau, megis sesiynau blas, darlithoedd sampl a dosbarthiadau meistr, sydd wedi'u dylunio i roi blas i'r myfyrwyr ar astudio pwnc penodol ar lefel gradd.

Mae'r Brifysgol hefyd yn cynnal nifer o gynadleddau Uwch Gyfrannol/Safon Uwch am ddim drwy gydol y flwyddyn. Mae'r sesiynau hyn yn cynnwys sgysiau a gweithgareddau sydd wedi'u dylunio i gefnogi astudiaethau eich myfyrwyr.

Yn ychwanegol at hyn, mae llawer o'n darlithwyr ar gael i ymweld ag ysgolion i gynnal sesiynau pwnc-benodol, yn ogystal â mynd i ddigwyddiadau neu nosweithiau gyrfaoedd.

Anfonir manylion pellach am weithgareddau pwnc-benodol i Benaethiaid yr adrannau perthnasol yn eich ysgol drwy ein cylchlythyron. Gallwch anfon e-bost at ysgolion@decymru.ac.uk i ofyn am y wybodaeth, berthnasol neu edrych ar ein gwefan:

www.decymru.ac.uk/schools

"Roedd yn ddiwrnod diddorol a heriol iawn. Fe fwynheuodd y myfyrwyr yn fawr ac fe gawson nhw fudd o fod yno. Roedd trefn ac amrywiaeth y gweithgareddau yn rhagorol."

Pennaeth y Chweched, Lloegr

Cynadleddau UCAS



Mae ein Tîm Cyswllt Ysgolion a Cholegau yn mynd i fwy na 25 o gynadleddau UCAS a gynhelir rhwng mis Mawrth a mis Gorffennaf. Mae'r digwyddiadau hyn yn cael eu hanelu at fyfyrwyr Blwyddyn 12 ac yn rhoi cyfle i fyfyrwyr i gael gwybod mwy am gyrsiau AU a phrifysgolion cyn iddyn nhw wneud cais. Gallwn gynnal sesiwn gyda'ch myfyrwyr cyn iddyn nhw fynd i gynhadledd UCAS i'w helpu gwneud y mwyaf o'u hymweliad.

I gael rhagor o wybodaeth am y digwyddiadau hyn, ewch i www.ucas.com. Gallwch weld rhestr o'r cynadleddau UCAS rydym yn mynd iddyn nhw ar wefan y Tîm Cyswllt Ysgolion a Cholegau: www.decymru.ac.uk/schools

Dewch draw i gyflwyno eich hun i ni yn un o gonfensiynau UCAS.

Diwrnodau Agored a Diwrnodau Ymgeiswyr

Dod i Ddiwrnod Agored yw'r ffordd orau o gael mwy o wybodaeth am Brifysgol De Cymru. Gall eich myfyrwyr ddysgu mwy am gyrsiau, y campysau a gweld ein cyfleusterau rhagorol a'n llety myfyrwyr. Rydym yn cynnal diwrnodau agored rhwng mis Gorffennaf a mis Hydref bob blwyddyn. Os hoffech ddod â grŵp o fyfyrwyr, e-bostiwch: ysgolion@decymru.ac.uk

Mae Diwrnodau Agored wedi'u hanelu at fyfyrwyr sydd â diddordeb mewn cyrsiau yn y Brifysgol, ond mae Diwrnodau Ymgeiswyr

yn benodol ar gyfer myfyrwyr sydd eisoes wedi ymgeisio am le ym Mhrifysgol De Cymru. Ar Ddiwrnodau Ymgeiswyr, caiff myfyrwyr gyfle i gwrrd â thiworiaid y cwrs, sgwrsio â myfyrwyr sydd wrthi'n astudio'r cyrsiau y maen nhw wedi ymgeisio amdanynt, gofyn cwestiynau manwl, rhoi cynnig ar gyfleusterau'r cwrs, mynd i ddarlithoedd rhyngweithiol ymarferol, a chael cip o amgylch y campws. I gael rhagor o wybodaeth am ein Diwrnodau Agored a'n Diwrnodau Ymgeiswyr, ewch i: www.decymru.ac.uk/diwrnodauagored

Digwyddiadau Athrawon a Chynghorwyr

Mae ein Cynhadledd flynyddol sy'n benodol ar gyfer athrawon a chynghorwyr ym mis Ionawr yn cynnig cyfleoedd ar gyfer datblygu proffesiynol parhaus a rhwydweithio. Bydd rhaglen o gyflwyniadau a gweithdai ymarferol o dan arweiniad siaradwyr proffil uchel ac ymarferwyr profiadol yn caniatáu i athrawon a chynghorwyr edrych ar amrywiaeth o faterion sy'n ymwneud â derbyn myfyrwyr i'r brifysgol, ac arferion gorau o ran cyngori myfyrwyr ynghylch eu dewisiadau addysg uwch. Os hoffech chi ddatgan diddordeb mewn dod i'r gynhadledd y flwyddyn nesaf, anfonwch e-bost atom: ysgolion@decymru.ac.uk

"Roedd y gynhadledd yma yn gyfle ardderchog i rwydweithio gyda chydweithwyr o wahanol ysgolion a sefydliadau. Roedd ansawdd y seminarau yn eithriadol, ac mae'r digwyddiad wedi dylanwadu ar y cyngor a'r cymorth rydyn ni'n ei roi i'n myfyrwyr."

Adborth o'r gynhadledd



Gwefan y Tîm Cyswilt Ysgolion a Cholegau

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USW Insight

Mae USW Insight yn rhoi cyfle i ddarpar fyfyrwyr gael blas go iawn ar fywyd myfyriwr, mae ein myfyrwyr Insight yn rhannu eu profiadau mewn blogiau wythnosol a thrwy siarad â darpar fyfyrwyr am fywyd prifysgol ar Facebook a Twitter.

Os hoffai eich myfyrwyr gael blas go iawn ar fywyd myfyriwr, gallwch eu hannog i ddilyn ein myfyrwyr USW Insight ar Twitter,

Facebook a thrwy eu blogiau. Ceir mwy o fanylion ar:

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Cymorth Ychwanegol

Rydym yn hapus i gynorthwyo eich ysgol drwy ddod i ddiwyddiadau megis:

Digwyddiadau Gyrfaoedd ac AU

Gallwn ddarparu stondin yn y digwyddiadau hyn a chynnig cyngor i fyfyrwyr a rhieni ynghylch dewisiadau prifysgol a gyrfa. Gallwn hefyd gyflwyno sesiwn ymwybyddiaeth, ond wedi'i theilwra ar gyfer cynulleidfa o rieni.

Rhieni'n Rhannu

Rydym yn cynhyrchu cylchgrawn i rieni o'r enw Rhieni'n Rhannu. Mae'r cylchgrawn yn cynnwys erthyglau gan rieni ac ar gyfer rhieni, sy'n sôn am eu profiadau o baratoi eu plant ar gyfer AU. Mae'n cynnig cyngor ar y broses ymgeisio, ac yn amlygu materion allweddol yn ymwneud ag UCAS ac AU. Os hoffech archebu copiâu o Rhieni'n Rhannu neu ParentSpace, anfonwch e-bost at: ysgolion@decymru.ac.uk



Cysylltwch â ni

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Noder er y byddwn yn ceisio ein gorau i ateb y galw am weithgaredd pan fydd hynny'n bosibl, mae'n bosibl na allwn ddarparu ar gyfer pob cais.