



# Activities and Events 2018-19

Enhance your College experience and develop your skills for the future.

Universities and employers are looking for students with a wider range of skills and experiences. Enhance your CV by choosing an activity or event to suit you.



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Gower College Swansea





# Freshers' Fayre

Gorseinon Campus

Tuesday 4 September

11am-2pm

Tycoch Campus

Wednesday 5 September

10am-1pm

Showcasing the student events and activities programme, this is an opportunity for you to get involved. You will find out more from students who have been involved in the previous year's activities and talk to local partners who can support you during your time at College.

**Contact:**

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## Tycoch Sport Centre

# GCS Student Membership



**£30**  
a year

As a member you will be entitled to the following during term time\*:

- **Use of gym facilities**
- **Discounted squash court hire at £4.00 per court** (including racket hire)
- **Discounted fitness testing** - including a personal training programme
- **Discounted exercise classes**

All Gower College Swansea students are welcome, all you need to do is bring your membership fee, student ID card and a photo to your induction which you will need to book at our reception desk.

*\*Term time includes: Monday - Friday 7am - 4.15pm (excluding holidays)*



**Tycoch Sports Centre** ☎ **01792 284088**

[sportscentre@gcs.ac.uk](mailto:sportscentre@gcs.ac.uk)

[www.gcs.ac.uk/sports-centre](http://www.gcs.ac.uk/sports-centre)



# Group Activities and Trips

There are a number of team building/outdoor/sports activities and visits to local sporting events and attractions that can be organised for student groups through group tutors.

They include:

- **Surfing, indoor and outdoor** (Llangennith)
- **Rock climbing, indoor and outdoor**
- **Orienteering** (Pembrey Country Park)
- **Sports activities** (5 aside football, multisports)
- **Centre for Alternative Technology**
- **Perriswood Archery**
- **Caving**
- **Gorge walking**
- **Millenium Stadium Tour**

Costs will vary depending on the number of students and type of activity. Please request these activities well in advance (a minimum of two months would be advisable) as permissions need to be gained, health and safety paperwork completed and instructors booked in plenty of time.

**Contact: Tom Snelgrove** tom.snelgrove@gcs.ac.uk



Various trips and activities will be arranged throughout the year for all learners to take part in. A number of the following activities will be available bilingually (in Welsh and English). If you would like to know more or have any ideas about any group activities and trips through the medium of Welsh please contact:

**Anna Davies**

Bilingual Champion

01792 284278

anna.davies@gcs.ac.uk

## Examples of group activities include:

### Go Karting Supakart Newport



Students from electrical installation and engineering travelled to Newport to take part in a full Go Kart Grand Prix at the Supakart Karting Centre. This session included three hours of karting in 200cc professional Go Karts capable of 45mph.

"All students had a fabulous time at the Newport Karting Centre and they supported each other throughout the various rounds. There was a lot of excitement for the final, with lots of cheering in support of their fellow colleagues." Jimmy Grinter, Course Tutor.

### Indoor Surfing LC Swansea



Catering students had a blast on the indoor BOARDRIDER at the LC Swansea. These sessions involved a mixture of body boarding and surfing with all equipment provided.

"The feedback that I received from the students was that the surfing was an excellent activity and that, as an enrichment activity, it definitely added to their experiences at Gower College Swansea." Ioan Lodwig, Course Tutor.



## Kayaking

### North Dock Llanelli

A group of complete beginners from IT had a great day out at the North Dock Water Sports Centre in Llanelli. They spent the day learning basic kayaking and canoeing skills and enjoying some team building activities. Staff and students managed to spend some time in the kayaks in between falling in the water.

"The kayaking was offered to IT students as an opportunity to collect evidence for their Welsh Baccalaureate course. It was a lovely way to end the first year of the course as it provided them with a chance to work together. The activity was out of their comfort zone but it did encourage the group to try something different." Bev Morgan, Course Tutor.

## Beach Activities

### 360 Centre Swansea

Fancy giving kayaking, stand-up paddle boarding or beach volley ball a go? 360 Beach and Watersports has the facilities and instructors to ensure you maximise your experience and enjoy your activity, whether you are a beginner or have some previous experience.



## Go Ape Margam

Provides students with the opportunity to stretch their limits with Tarzan swings and zip slides. The feedback we have received from students is that they felt it was a great experience, built their confidence and they got a great buzz from the activity.



## Ten Pin Bowling

### Swansea

The chance for students to show off their strokes to their peers. A fun team building event, students have said how much they enjoyed the session.

## Ice Skating

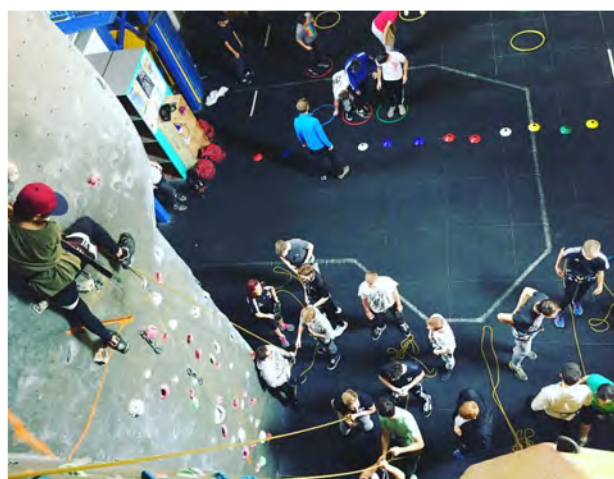
You have the option of attending an indoor rink in Cardiff or Swansea Winter Wonderland to enjoy an exhilarating and fun experience. Feedback from students has been great, including "what fun and what a great team building idea".



## Rock Climbing

### Dynamic Rock Adventures

### Swansea's Indoor Climbing Centre, Clydach



Dynamic Rock pride themselves on having a friendly, supportive and efficient team who all have something different to offer and who create a social atmosphere where you can share experiences, chat and pass on skills and tips.



# Environment

Since 2003, the official College charity have been building links between our students and those at Madungu Primary School in Western Kenya. The fantastic fundraising efforts of our students year after year mean that these underprivileged young people have opportunities to learn, gain qualifications and ultimately enjoy a brighter future. Money raised feeds more than 130 of the poorest pupils at the school as well as paying the salaries of three teachers and the school cook and building and filling a new library.

Some of our students have even had the chance to travel to Kenya to experience first-hand just how important every penny raised is to the school and how lives are being transformed by students' hard work and generosity. There are a number of fundraising activities over the year and we are always open to new ideas. If you wish to get involved use the contact details below or keep an eye out for announcements via eILP.



**Contact:**

Matt Rogerson 01792 890739  
Matthew.Rogerson@gcs.ac.uk



# Personal Development

## Student Council

Become a Class Rep and sit on the Student Council!

You can:

- Improve student life by representing your class
- Bid for up to £500 to improve a service across the College or improve your curriculum area
- Improve your skills and CV and
- Make new friends, meet like-minded people over three free lunches!

**Contact:**

studentcouncil@gcs.ac.uk

If you would like more advice on volunteering in the Swansea area please contact Swansea Council for Voluntary Service (SCVS). All students involved in voluntary work can work towards the Millennium Volunteers Award.



**Contact:**

**Shelley Williams**

Youth Volunteer Development Officer  
01792 544000



## Cymdeithas Gymraeg/

### Welsh Society

Through the Welsh Society we will be organising a variety of group activities, trips and events and volunteering opportunities, whether you are a Welsh speaker or not – we all live in Wales! Run by students, for the students – you choose what we do! It will be a good opportunity for you to put something worthwhile on your CV, make friends and develop the Welsh feel and ethos at the College!

**Contact:**

**Anna Davies**

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**Neris Morris**

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neris.morris@gcs.ac.uk

## Oxbridge Preparation Programme

A significant number of our students progress to Oxford and Cambridge each year.

Our Oxbridge Preparation Programme provides individual support for those who wish to apply for leading universities throughout the UK, including Russell Group universities, as well as international institutions.

In year one, individual guidance is provided through the early stages of application. Visits to Oxford and Cambridge and visits by Oxbridge undergraduates and liaison staff are essential elements of the programme. In year two, interview techniques and mock interviews are key elements.

**Contact:**

**Neris Morris**

neris.morris@gcs.ac.uk

## Become a Student Enterprise Champion

Wanted! Student Enterprise Champions to organise College Enterprise Events! An opportunity to mentor young people in Enterprise education across Swansea.

Rewards include: fun, friendship, networking and a variety of trips.

**To apply for this position please contact:**

**Suzanne Parry Jones**

Enterprise Champion

Suzanne.parryjones@gcs.ac.uk

07787123732 / 078244551628

**Sue Poole**

Enterprise Manager

Sue.poole@gcs.ac.uk

07917420085 or 01792 284164



**SWANSEA SEED FUND**

Are you aged **16-25** with an outstanding business idea?

**BLOG CHAT # NETWORK**

## Could you be the Entrepreneurs of tomorrow?

Would £500 help turn your ideas into reality?

The Swansea (SEED) Fund has been set up to nurture young people aged 16-25 from Swansea as they develop business ideas from the early stages right through to potentially successful business startups.

Students in College can apply for up to £500 to help them reach their potential, as well as the opportunity to receive mentoring support from staff from local organizations who will also be providing mentoring to support students take their ideas forward.

The main aims of the SEED Fund are to improve the prospects of local young people and to give them the confidence to go for it!

For more information on how to apply please see the website <http://swanseaseedfund.com/>

Come and talk to the Enterprise Team at Freshers' Fayre on September 4 (Gorseinon) and September 5 (Tycoch) because we can explain to you how to develop your enterprise and employability skills whilst at College. We can help you improve your teamwork, communication, and problem solving skills so you can get the future of your dreams!

Look out for our enterprising activities in Global Enterprise Week November (13-17) where we will be arranging loads of fun, interactive, valuable workshops and trips that will help you to think about how to develop your business idea and become your own boss.

**Contact:**

**Suzanne Parry Jones**

Enterprise Champion

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**Sue Poole**

Enterprise Manager

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# College Events Programme

## September

### Freshers' Fayres

**Tuesday 4 and Wednesday 5**

See advert on page 2

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### Class Reps

**Friday 28**

Democracy in action! Now you have had the opportunity to get to know each other, you can vote for class reps to represent your views about your course and the College facilities available. This week is also an opportunity for you to tell us about your first impressions of the College through the students talking questionnaire.

**Contact:** StudentCouncil@gcs.ac.uk

**Tom Snelgrove:** tom.snelgrove@gcs.ac.uk or 01792 284112

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### Spotlight on Support Services – who are we?

**Monday 24 and Tuesday 25**

Tycoch, Jubilee Court, Llwyn y Bryn and Gorseinon. Find out about what we can offer you in College.

## October

### Class Rep training

**Wednesday 17**

Tycoch, Main Hall 9-12pm and Gorseinon, D4 12.45-4pm

Training on what your role is in representing your fellow learners.

**Contact:** StudentCouncil@gcs.ac.uk or tom.snelgrove@gcs.ac.uk

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### Diversity Week

Gorseinon and Tycoch

**Monday 22 - Friday 26**

**Contact:** Jane John (Tycoch) 01792 284228 or jane.john@gcs.ac.uk

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### Diversity Fayre

**Tycoch Tuesday 23**

**Gorseinon Thursday 25**

Each year around 1,000 people attend this event which celebrates the diversity of our College and local community. Students, staff and community groups organise a vibrant array of displays, activities and performances for the fayre.

**Contact:** Jane John (Tycoch) 01792 284228 or jane.john@gcs.ac.uk

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### Coleg Cymraeg Caendleathol

**Date:** TBC

Information sessions on courses and scholarships available to study in Welsh at university in preparation for your UCAS application.

**Contact:** Anna Davies (Bilingual Champion) 01792 284278 or anna.davies@gcs.ac.uk

### Nursing and Midwifery taster day

**Date:** TBC

Opportunity to learn about the job in a practical way and the benefits of the Welsh language in the care sector.

**Contact:** Anna Davies (Bilingual Champion) 01792 284278 or anna.davies@gcs.ac.uk

### Spotlight – careers/progression

**Monday 22 and Tuesday 23**

Tycoch, Jubilee Court, Llwyn y Bryn and Gorseinon. Find out what else is available for your next steps.

## November

### The MR X Appeal collection

The countdown to Christmas is now well underway, staff and learners across all campuses can work together to ensure that no child in our region will go without a present on Christmas Day.

Tutor groups bring and prepare gifts for children of the region. With over 4500 children identified, we hope to keep this great work going.

**Contact:** Tom Snelgrove tom.snelgrove@gcs.ac.uk

### Student Council meeting

#### Wednesday 21

Tycoch in the Main Hall 9-12pm and Gorseinon in D4 12.45-4pm

The first opportunity for class reps to represent their curriculum area and you get lunch in the bargain.

**Contact:** info@gcs.ac.uk or tom.snelgrove@gcs.ac.uk

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### Spotlight on drugs and alcohol

#### Monday 26 and Tuesday 27

Your very own Health Advisors / Student Support Officers and associated agencies will provide workshops, information and fun activities on alcohol and drug awareness.

## December

### Mr X APPEAL - final collection

#### Monday 3

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**Contact:** Tom Snelgrove tom.snelgrove@gcs.ac.uk

### Spotlight on mental health awareness

#### Monday 10 and Tuesday 11

Your very own Health Advisors / Student Support Officers and associated agencies will provide workshops, information and fun activities on mental health awareness.

## January

### Safer driving event

#### Thursday 17 at 11am

Tycoch in the Main Hall

**Contact:** StudentCouncil@gcs.ac.uk or tom.snelgrove@gcs.ac.uk

### Safer driving event

#### Monday 21 at 11am and Monday 28 at 10am

Gorseinon in D4

**Contact:** StudentCouncil@gcs.ac.uk or tom.snelgrove@gcs.ac.uk

### Student conference

#### Friday 25

Sketty Hall - Patti Suite

Classroom 1 Glynn Vivian, Classroom 2 Langland, Classroom 3 Caswell

The event enables you to give your feedback on all aspects of College life. There is cash up for grabs too, with opportunities to bid for up to £1500 from the Student Feedback Fund.

**Contact:** StudentCouncil@gcs.ac.uk or tom.snelgrove@gcs.ac.uk

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## January continued

### Spotlight on healthy eating and drinking

**Monday 28 and Tuesday 29**

Tycoch, Jubilee Court, Llwyn y Bryn and Gorseinon.

Your very own Health Advisors / Student Support Officers and catering teams will provide workshops, information and fun activities on healthy eating and drinking.

### Student progression to the next level

Students who are on vocational and AS courses can apply to progress onto the next level of their course from January. Information on how to apply will be given nearer the time. Students who are unsure about their next step can visit student services for course advice and guidance.

**Contact: Beth Hughes** (Tycoch) 01792 284177 or [bethan.hughes@gcs.ac.uk](mailto:bethan.hughes@gcs.ac.uk)

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## February

### Safer driving event

**Monday 4 at 2pm and Monday 11 at 2pm** - Gorseinon in D4

**Contact:** [StudentCouncil@gcs.ac.uk](mailto:StudentCouncil@gcs.ac.uk) or [tom.snelgrove@gcs.ac.uk](mailto:tom.snelgrove@gcs.ac.uk)

### Safer driving event

**Wednesday 6 at 10am and Wednesday 13 at 11am** - Tycoch in the Main Hall

**Contact:** [StudentCouncil@gcs.ac.uk](mailto:StudentCouncil@gcs.ac.uk) or Tom Snelgrove: [tom.snelgrove@gcs.ac.uk](mailto:tom.snelgrove@gcs.ac.uk)

### Spotlight on exam stress

**Date: TBC**

Tycoch, Jubilee Court, Llwyn y Bryn and Gorseinon.

Your very own Health Advisors / Student Support Officers will provide workshops, information and fun activities on techniques and resources on how to avoid exam stress.

**Contact:** [StudentCouncil@gcs.ac.uk](mailto:StudentCouncil@gcs.ac.uk) or [tom.snelgrove@gcs.ac.uk](mailto:tom.snelgrove@gcs.ac.uk)

## March

### Student Council meeting

**Wednesday 20** - Tycoch 9-12pm in the Main Hall

**Wednesday 21** - Gorseinon 12.45-4pm in D4

The last Student Council meeting of the year but perhaps the most important. There will be an update on the bid activity undertaken at the Student Conference and the Class Reps feedback on their experience this year.

**Contact:** [StudentCouncil@gcs.ac.uk](mailto:StudentCouncil@gcs.ac.uk) or [tom.snelgrove@gcs.ac.uk](mailto:tom.snelgrove@gcs.ac.uk)

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### Spotlight on homelessness

**Date: TBC**

Tycoch, Jubilee Court, Llwyn y Bryn and Gorseinon.

Your very own Health Advisors / Student Support Officers will provide workshops, information and activities on homelessness in the region and what we can do to help and support.



## April

### Spotlight on transgender awareness

**Date: TBC**

Tycoch, Jubilee Court, Llwyn y Bryn and Gorseinon.

Your very own Health Advisors / Student Support Officers will provide workshops, information and activities on transgender awareness and what we can do to help and support.

## May

### Spotlight on young carers

**Date: TBC**

Tycoch, Jubilee Court, Llwyn y Bryn and Gorseinon.

Your very own Health Advisors / Student Support Officers will provide workshops, information to raise awareness and give support to young carers.

## June

### Spotlight on finance matters

**Date: TBC**

Tycoch, Jubilee Court, Llwyn y Bryn and Gorseinon.

Your very own Health Advisors / Student Support Officers will provide workshops, information to raise awareness and give support on financial matters.

### Progression enrolment - vocational courses

**Contact: Beth Hughes** (Tycoch) 01792 284177

[bethan.hughes@gcs.ac.uk](mailto:bethan.hughes@gcs.ac.uk)

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## Kenya Community Education Project Endurance Challenge

### Get involved

- Climb Snowdon (3 day and 2 nights)
  - Walrus Dip in Caswell
  - Cannock Chase 40 mile walk (3 day and 2 nights)
- £100 entry fee (including travel and food) plus fundraising.

### Contact:

Matt Rogerson 01792 890739

[Matthew.Rogerson@gcs.ac.uk](mailto:Matthew.Rogerson@gcs.ac.uk)





# Tutorial Sessions

This high quality programme of tutorial sessions will give our learners the opportunity to get the most out of their college experience. They also tie into the themes of the Welsh Government Framework for tutorial.

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## As a Tutor:

You can work with your group to select the tutorial session(s) that you think will be beneficial, then email or telephone the contact person to arrange a date and time. All we ask is that you support the activity by staying with your group during the session.

## As a student:

During your tutorial session, you can discuss and agree with your Personal Tutor and peers which sessions you would find particularly useful.

## Welsh in the College

**Contact:** Anna Davies Bilingualism Champion 01792 284278 [anna.davies@gcs.ac.uk](mailto:anna.davies@gcs.ac.uk)

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### Language awareness session

These interactive sessions last 45-60 minutes, and are designed to raise the awareness of Welsh ethos, culture, language and identity amongst students and staff. These are delivered through a variety of strategies from group work to quizzes and videos. The following will be discussed:

- Stereotypes and attitudes towards Welshness
- Wales' place in the wider world
- Welsh identity and importance
- Formal and informal use of Welsh language.

This is a session that can be delivered by Menter Iaith Abertawe, by the Bilingual Champion or by tutors themselves as the resources are freely available from the Bilingual Champion.

### World of work

To promote Welsh as an employability skill, there is an annual Welsh Skills in Business workshop arranged between the regional FE colleges.

Opportunity to meet new people, discover new ideas, meet potential employers and see how **maintaining a skill in Welsh can help you secure a job!**

## Sustainability

**Contact:** Paul Lloyd 01792 284104 or 890761 [paul.lloyd@gcs.ac.uk](mailto:paul.lloyd@gcs.ac.uk)

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### Work experience and voluntary work

The session will cover:

- Organising the work experience placement and the College process in place
- Legal requirements – health and safety in the work place
- The role and responsibilities of the employer, the College and the student
- Young people at work
- Risk assessment, safe working procedures and prohibitions
- Reporting of hazards, accidents and incidents.

#### Contact:

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[brian.pettiford@gcs.ac.uk](mailto:brian.pettiford@gcs.ac.uk)

### The environment

This tutorial will cover how we undertake the environmental issues we are faced with as a College:

- How students and staff can help reduce energy use
- What waste streams we produce and how we deal with them
- What we do to minimise our environmental foot print
- Energy - what it costs and how we use it
- Recycling within the College.



# Health and Emotional Wellbeing

**Contact:** Tom Snelgrove tom.snelgrove@gcs.ac.uk

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## Sexual health

At the end of this session learners will be able to:

- List the different STIs, signs and symptoms
- Identify if the STI is treatable
- State what GUM clinic stands for and what they do
- Understand the implications of not practising safe sex.

**Sessions delivered at Gorseinon also include:**

- A DVD on GUM clinics
- A discussion on the effects of alcohol and sex,
- A jigsaw quiz to consolidate the learning process.

## PSE sessions

Drug Aid are able to offer the following PSE sessions for young adults (+16), sessions can also be customised to your students needs.

Dedicated NPS (legal Highs) effects, psychology and marketing behind choice, broader effects and decision making

- **Substance use and sex:** addressing the impact of substance use on consent, STIs and contraception.
- **Substance use and emotional health:** exploring 'good/bad' emotions, thoughts, feelings and behaviours, the impact of substance use and alternative ways to relax.
- **Steroids and imaging enhancing drugs**  
Session 1: introductory awareness, Session 2-3: motivations of use (esp body image), risk and complications, Session 4: harm minimisation.

**Contact:** toni.ohara@drugaidcymru.com  
01792 472002 or 07539 320287

## Contraception\*

At the end of this session learners will be able to:

- Identify all forms of contraception
- Understand how each form of contraception works and where they are available from.

**Sessions delivered at Gorseinon also include:**

- Sexuality
- Orientation and behaviour
- Healthy relationships
- A quiz to consolidate the learning process.

*\* Female learners are required for this session to be effective. Male only classes will be covered under sexual health.*

## Healthy lifestyles

At the end of this session learners will be able to identify:

- What is 'actually' in a can of Coke
- How many teaspoons of sugar are in a Mars bar
- How much fat is in a standard bag of crisps
- Simple diet changes that could make a big difference to their lives
- The benefits of getting active in a fun way.

There will be an (optional) interactive exercise to look at 'how old their lungs are' and what is in a cigarette.

**Sessions delivered at Gorseinon also include:**

- A sugar quiz on a range of food products
- Dealing with the effects of stress
- Relaxation techniques.

## SYSHP PSE

SYSHP are able to deliver sessions, of approximately one hour on:

- Perceptions of young people and homeless young people
- Accommodation costs (renting, home sharing etc)
- Budgeting.

**Contact:** Anna Evans - a.evans@syshp.org

## PSE/sexual health

The Terrence Higgins Trust Swansea offers information about HIV and hepatitis. Discussion will be encouraged throughout the sessions and information will be provided on local centres for sexual health advice and treatment.

Topics include HIV (transmission, testing, treatment, myths and the law etc) and hepatitis (transmission, testing, treatment etc.)

**Contact:**

**John Bair** 01792 477540 john.bair@ttht.org.uk



# Active Citizenship

## Moral and Spiritual Development:

**Contact:** Jane John 01792 284034 jane.john@gcs.ac.uk

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Equality and diversity workshops are available on request as part of tutorial or course delivery. Workshops are suitable for full or part time learners at different levels and take approximately one hour, but can be longer or shorter as necessary. Sessions are very interactive, using quizzes, games, scenarios, video clips and the learners' experiences to explore issues and promote awareness.

### Additional workshops and events

Equality workshops on race, disability, gender, sexual orientation and age are also available as part of tutorial. In addition there are cross-College events, celebrating equality issues including:

- Diversity Fayre (October)
- Black History Month (October)
- Holocaust Memorial Day (27 January)
- LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender) History Month (February)
- International Women's Day (8 March)
- Refugee Week (June).

### Equality and diversity workshops

These sessions engage learners in a range of activities exploring their own attitudes and beliefs and promoting awareness and understanding of equality and diversity issues, including:

- Prejudice, stereotyping and labelling
- Bullying, harassment and discrimination
- Language and terminology
- Equality legislation - rights and responsibilities
- Diversity in the UK
- Cultural awareness
- Different religions and beliefs
- Equality issues affecting different groups e.g. disabled people, women, men, LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender), young people, asylum seekers etc.

### Religion and beliefs workshop

This session engages learners in a range of activities to explore their own attitudes and beliefs and promote awareness and understanding of different religions and beliefs, including:

- Key practices and beliefs of different religious groups
- Major festivals and celebrations
- Rules for diet
- Dress codes
- Differences and similarities between different religions
- Experiences of people of different faiths in the UK.



# Life Skills Workshops:

**Contact:** Natalie Roberts 02920 780057 or 07718 534072  
natalie.roberts@bitc.org.uk

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## Finding employment

- Activity 1: Sell yourself (60 minutes)
- Activity 2: What skills do I need? (20 minutes)
- Activity 3: Using my skills (20 minutes)
- Activity 4: Using your CV (30 minutes)
- Activity 5: How can you find opportunities (60 minutes)

## VocalEyes training – 1 hour

VocalEyes is a tool for students to suggest, rate and debate ideas to improve their experience at Gower College Swansea and in the local community. It will create a culture of positivity and shared endeavour, therefore improving motivation and communication across all campuses.

When students rate and debate each other's ideas, a clear set of priorities will be produced which will be fed back to the relevant departments for consideration. Any actions taken are then added onto the system to keep everyone informed of the progress that is being made.

By the end of the session students will:

- Know what VocalEyes is and how it can be used
- Know how to access VocalEyes via the intranet and participate in the process
- Gain basis knowledge in digital etiquette and digital citizenship
- Know where and how to seek help and support.

**Contact:** Tom Snelgrove tom.snelgrove@gcs.ac.uk

## Digital Citizenship – internet and email skills

- Activity 1: Email (30 minutes)
- Activity 2: Using the internet at work (20 minutes)
- Activity 3: Mobile technology (20 minutes)
- Activity 4: Work patterns (30 minutes)

## Building confidence and resilience

- Activity 1: Overcoming challenges (50 minutes)
- Activity 2: Facing challenges (60 minutes)
- Activity 3: Building resilience (30 minutes)
- Activity 4: Assertive behaviour (30 minutes)

## Personal impact

- Activity 1: Thinking about communication (60 minutes)
- Activity 2: Impact of non-verbal communication (30 minutes)
- Activity 3: Organisational values and workplace behaviour (30 minutes).



# Careers and World of Work

The careers advisers based in the College are available to give one to one impartial advice and guidance to students on career routes, courses and other opportunities. They also offer a range of workshops/tutorial sessions which includes, introduction to careers, CV writing, applying to HE and interview preparation.



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For further details please contact the advisers below.

## Tycoch:

Carly Havard 01792 284136

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Carly.havard@careerswales.com

## Gorseinon:

Anna Hill

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