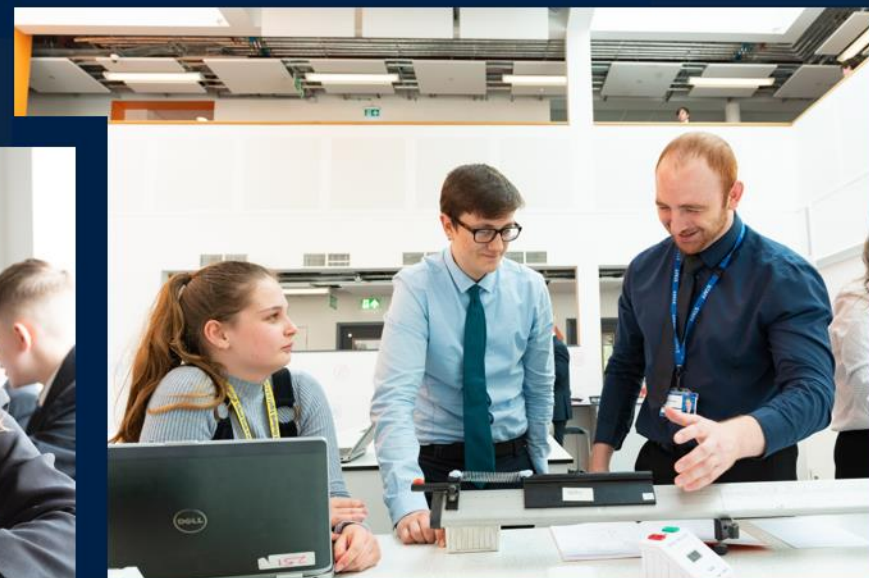




# Caldicot School

## Ysgol Cil-y-Coed



# School Prospectus



**Thank you for visiting our website. I am delighted to introduce our school to you.**

Caldicot is an 11-18 co-education school with over 1300 students in Monmouthshire. We are located between Chepstow and Newport and the school is easily accessible via the M4 corridor and on the northern side of the Severn Estuary.

We seek to ensure every child in our care achieves their full potential academically; develops the skills necessary to be successful in our ever-changing world; and understands a sense of morality guided by our principles of honesty; tolerance; respect; and responsibility. We are committed to providing all students with high quality learning experiences. Our approach is underpinned by a strong pastoral system and a commitment to delivering excellence in all areas. We also provide an extensive range of sporting, cultural, physical and extra-curricular activities to help students develop their talents fully.

Caldicot is a school with infinite potential. Our students, as you will see yourself should you visit us, are on the whole happy, hard-working and positive about the school. In addition, we have a committed team of staff who are enthusiastic and passionate about supporting the young people in our care.

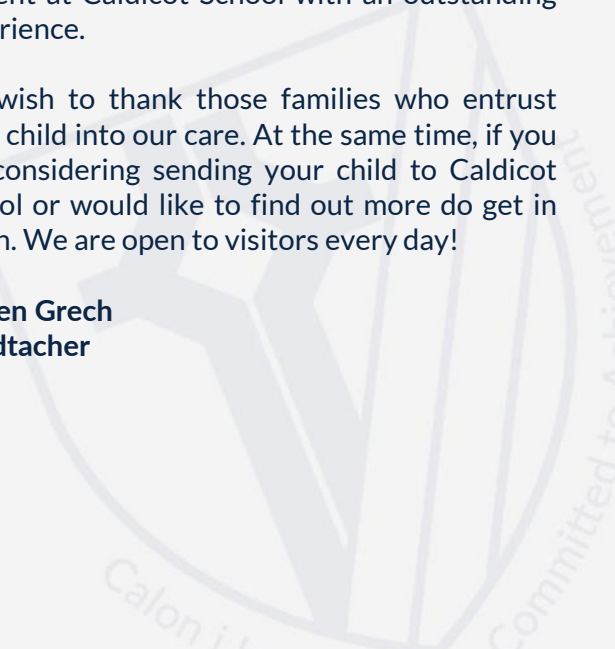
# Welcome

Educating children is a great privilege and be assured that, here at Caldicot School, you we will seek to have the highest expectations of and for our students. We place great importance on working together in partnership with students, staff and parents to deliver our ambitions. Children have one chance at their education and we will leave no stone unturned in our pursuit of providing each student at Caldicot School with an outstanding experience.



We wish to thank those families who entrust their child into our care. At the same time, if you are considering sending your child to Caldicot School or would like to find out more do get in touch. We are open to visitors every day!

**Steven Grech**  
**Headteacher**



# About Us

Caldicot School serves families across the town and beyond. In 2017, the school moved into new buildings, which are now amongst the finest in the country.

We seek to promote a positive attitude to learning where students believe they *can* reach their full potential. This can only be achieved in an ordered and settled environment. We insist on the highest standards of conduct and courtesy, behaviour and appearance. We believe this attention to detail helps promote a purposeful atmosphere.

Ultimately, we want our students to be happy and successful. Equally, we want each child to have fun during their time with us and look back on their school days with pride and fond memories.

We cannot achieve these aims without working closely with families. The school's partnership with parents is key to achieving success and happiness for your child in our pursuit to challenge all of our students to be the best they can possibly be.

**Outcomes for students in  
key stage 4 compare  
favourably with those of  
similar schools in many  
performance indicators**  
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# Learning

**Learning at Caldicot is an exciting journey of discovery, brought to life with innovative teaching and imaginative use of resources.**

The standard of learning at the school is very high and we seek to recognise and celebrate achievement in addition to acknowledging our students' many talents. We expect all of our students to work hard and perform to the best of their abilities. This ensures they are active learners and makes being in lessons a rewarding experience. As a school we monitor progress each term and act upon it so that no child 'slips through the net'.

A broad, balanced and relevant curriculum ensures that every child is well catered for. In Years 7 and 8 (key stage 3) students study the National Curriculum which includes English; mathematics; science; religious education; Welsh; geography; history; ICT; modern languages; technology; art; PE; and PSE.

In Years 9 - 11 (key stage 4) our curriculum is well balanced and includes a large range of academic and vocational courses to suit every student's needs and aspirations. All students study English Language and English Literature; mathematics: numeracy and mathematic procedure; science; religious studies; Welsh as a second language and a number of optional courses.

Students with additional learning needs and those identified as more able and talented are supported throughout the curriculum by all of our staff. This ensures they make progress relative to their individual starting point.



# Beyond the Classroom

As well as the focus on academic achievement, we place great emphasis on the need for students to enjoy their time at school and play a more active role in the life of the school.

Students are encouraged to further develop their talents and social skills by taking part in as many activities as possible, available through the curriculum and as part of out of hours activities.

We provide students with the opportunity to take part in a wide variety of sports and exercise. This promotes the benefits of staying fit and living a healthy lifestyle. We have a number of teams across all sports and the school frequently enjoys success at a range of tournaments.

A large number of students have represented the county, while many have gone to international level honours.

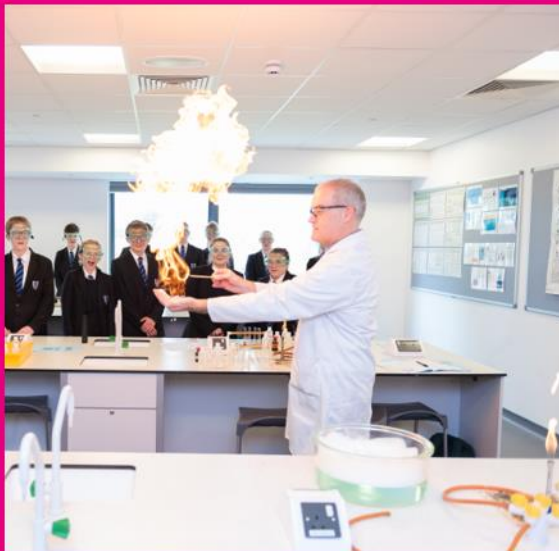
Music and drama thrive with students gaining pleasure and success from taking part in numerous shows and festivals. In addition to timetabled music lessons, peripatetic teachers provide individual sessions for students who wish to develop their musical talents in a range of instruments.

The school ensemble is very impressive and plays a large part in the life of the school. There are dozens of trips and visits to enrich the experience of school life. There is definitely something for everyone.

***The school provides a wide range of extra-curricular activities. This includes a global awareness club, a junior orchestra, 'Clwb Cymraeg' and a variety of sporting activities***

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***I receive excellent support from staff. They have helped guide me through the university application process and I have offers to my chosen destinations***  
Year 13 student

# Sixth Form

Caldicot School has a successful sixth form with a track record of strong performance. All students who join our sixth form are expected to have the highest standards in their attitude and work.

A good number of students in Year 11 opt to remain at Caldicot to study in the sixth form. Students can be sure of receiving a rounded experience which will prepare and challenge them for their lives in the future.

We offer a wide range of courses for students, including academic and vocational A-levels designed to cater for all abilities.

The Sixth Form has its own strong identity but the students have a unique role as leaders and models for the rest of the school. Many of our sixth form students support younger students in the school, acting as mentors to help with mathematics, reading and other subjects.

We ensure all students are prepared well for university, further education and/or the world of work. They receive high quality teaching and their tutors provide them with effective academic guidance and pastoral support.

A separate sixth form prospectus and course guide is available at school and can also be downloaded from the school website.



# Find out more...

**If you are interested in our school then feel free to pay us a visit.**

We have an annual Open Evening at the start of October so please look out for our dates on our school website and twitter feed @Caldicot\_Sch





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