



**Update from DHT – Mr M. Maughan**

**Google Classroom Bridging Codes for Year 11**

Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope that everyone is managing to stay well and safe. I also hope that pupils have found the work being posted to them via Google Classroom to be helpful, and hopefully perhaps it has helped pupils in their considerations about what they would like their next step in education to be.

We know that many pupils will be looking at the idea of Sixth Form or college to continue their studies in some way; we also know that while many pupils will have clear ideas of what subjects they want to consider, other will have only vague ideas at this stage.

To help pupils make decisions, and to ensure that pupils are ready for the next stage of their education we have been putting together Bridging modules on Google Classroom. These are aimed at anyone wishing to consider a level 3 course next year. They contain vital information about each course along with examples of the type of work that pupils would be doing if the selected that subject.

To this point we have guided pupils as much as possible to follow their timetables, regardless of the fact that exams have been cancelled. As you know, the reason for this is that the grade awarded for any subject implies that a student has full coverage and understanding of the course material, so it is important that pupils finish their courses. When GCSE courses finish, teachers will be posting messages on Google Classroom to say that all course content has been covered. At this stage we would encourage pupils to start looking at the Bridging Classrooms and engaging with the material and work on them. There are a few things to consider:

- Pupils can access any Bridging Classroom, not just ones they have studied at GCSE;
- The material on Bridging Classrooms will be similar but not the same as A Level material, therefore if a pupil starts an A Level course without having had the chance to access a Bridging Classroom, they will not be disadvantaged;
- Not all of the subjects for which there is a Bridging Classroom will necessarily be offered by Bassaleg as part of the Newport Sixth Form collaboration, but we felt it would be useful for our young people to offer as much choice as possible as pupils prepare for the next stage in their education.

- Accessing a Bridging Classroom for a course will give pupils a good grounding for studying a subject at A Level, but it will not guarantee their acceptance on a course. This will follow our usual Sixth Form admissions process;
- The initial material on the Bridging Classrooms will be introductions to subjects, as the weeks pass however that material will start to get slightly more specialized;
- There is an additional Critical Thinking Bridging Classroom which is aimed at all students. The material on here is designed to challenge pupils to think and work at a standard required for A Level study, and will be useful for everyone regardless of what they plan to take.

**The Bridging Classroom codes are as follows:**

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Classroom Code</b>
Art	7gtanhe
Business	Pjsa6ib
Biology	eeec55u
Chemistry	z2jj3w6
Computer Science	tstb4zd
Critical Thinking Classroom	ublbtbhe
English Literature	fmwefpc
English Lang / Lit	yh3mw6m
Forensic Science	p3pfo2z
History	z65qmmi
ICT	ynysuqr
Law	5k2ppkt
Maths	qbrsqpv
Media Studies	xsatwo5
Medical Science	65gdpl7
Music	wimwvry

PE	sehezi3
Performing Arts	tvjihcr
Psychology	Wxzjasp
Physics	pl74ged
RMP	v3speap
Spanish	mhsikgk
Sociology	tb3ergz
Theatre Studies	hwsxhry
Welsh	ps7kegb

We very much hope that this newly-created material will be of huge benefit your child in the coming weeks to continue to engage them in purposeful learning but also help to prepare them for post-16 studies should this be the path on which they have decided.

Cofion cynnes

Mr M Maughan

Deputy Head Teacher

Bassaleg School