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*a tradition of excellence...*

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# ***MISSION STATEMENT***

We strive for  
excellence in all  
aspects of school life.

## **THE LEADERSHIP GROUP**

The school Leadership Team is as follows:

Mrs E Thomas	Headteacher
Mrs L Picton	Deputy Headteacher
Mr M Batten	Assistant Headteacher
Mr L Jarvis	Assistant Headteacher
Miss V Lambe	Assistant Headteacher
Mr A Maxwell	Assistant Headteacher

## **THE GENERAL AIMS OF THE SCHOOL:**

The general aims of the school are that the school:

- will be a happy and caring community where there is encouragement and opportunity for all students to achieve their full potential, where they feel valued as individuals and learn to co-operate with one another;
- shall be an ordered and disciplined place, where the students know that they will find the guidance and support they need;
- recognises all the needs of the students - intellectual, spiritual, social and physical and endeavours to meet those needs in a manner suited to the individual;
- sees that they are recognised as individuals and are cared for as individuals;
- continues to strengthen the links which have been developed with the community which it serves, and of which its students are a part.

## **THE EDUCATIONAL AIMS OF THE SCHOOL:**

The educational aims of the school are to:

- help students to develop lively, enquiring minds, the ability to question and argue rationally, the ability to apply themselves to tasks, and the ability to develop physical skills;
- help students to acquire knowledge and skills relevant to adult life and employment in a fast changing world;
- help students to use language and number effectively;
- instil respect for religious and moral values and tolerance of other races, religions and ways of life;
- help students to understand the world in which they live, and the interdependence of individuals, groups and nations;
- help students to appreciate human achievements and aspirations;
- help students to achieve their potential through curriculum, teaching and learning strategies that are appropriately differentiated to cater for individual needs.

## **SCHOOL PRIORITIES 2010-2011**

- Further develop partnerships to deliver a wider range of courses at 14 – 19 as part of WAG Learning Pathways.
- Further develop Welsh Baccalaureate across Key Stages 4 and 5.
- Maintain and continue to improve the high standards achieved by pupils and students.
- Work with the relative authorities to improve the accommodation so that it is 'fit for purpose'.
- Promote the Well Being Agenda throughout the school.

## BASSALEG SCHOOL YSGOL BASALEG

The school is situated in attractive surroundings in the village of Bassaleg on the west side of Newport. It is within easy reach of the M4 motorway. Newport and Cardiff are some ten and twenty minutes away respectively, while Bristol can be reached in about three quarters of an hour.



The buildings form a natural campus, with playing fields, lawns and gardens. Although the school is not purpose-built, the general facilities are good. In addition to the normal classrooms, there are two assembly halls with separate dining rooms attached, three gymnasia, two libraries, ten science laboratories, seven workshops, a Business ICT suite, seven computer studies rooms and two sixth form common rooms, plus additional study areas. High quality Art classrooms and further Physical Education changing facilities have been built in recent years. A new building for Geography and AEN has been completed in October 2010.



The catchment area of the school is balanced, providing an appropriate academic and social range. On entry, all children are placed in tutorial groups of mixed ability; in year 7 the tutor groups are also the basic teaching groups. The timetable is so arranged, however, that there is provision for those children with additional learning difficulties. For the first three years, there is a basic curriculum with a choice of a third language provided at the end of the first year.

From year 10 upwards, the subject choice is extensive, with a definite structure to enable all pupils to receive a balanced curriculum. There is a large sixth form and a wide choice of subjects is offered at A2 and A/S level. In addition, there is a National Certificate in Business and the Welsh Baccalaureate Qualification.

The results at GCSE, Entry Level, and A level are outstanding and the majority of sixth form students go on to higher education, including a regular entry to Oxford and Cambridge.

Each year (7-11) has a Head of Year supported by an assistant and 9 or 10 tutors. Each Head of Year is responsible for the support and guidance given to each pupil as he/she progresses through the school. In years 12 and 13 there is a Head of Sixth Form who is supported by three assistants.

The atmosphere of the school may be described as formal but friendly, encouraging an innovative approach at all times. There is a proactive School Council which gives pupils direct access to the Headteacher and which discusses many whole school issues. Uniform is worn by all pupils of the school and good behaviour is expected and obtained. Home/school links are considered extremely important and there are regular meetings with parents to discuss the welfare and progress of their children. There is also a Parents' and Friend's Association. The average attendance record of pupils is constantly well above ninety percent.

A very successful whole school inspection was carried out by Estyn in March 2010. Bassaleg was described as “an outstanding school that achieves exceptionally high standards of achievement as a result of innovative and consistently high quality teaching and leadership”.



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