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Annwyl Rhieni a Gofalwyr,

Year 9 Options

Today is the launch of our options process with Year 9 pupils where they will choose the subjects they will study in Years 10 and 11.

Pupils have spent time looking at the Learning Pathway brochure and finding out about the subjects on offer. Pupils have a paper copy of the brochure and it can also be accessed by clicking [here](#).

The next step is for pupils to complete the Early Options Form. This will allow your child to identify the options they would like to study. This will then enable us to create the option blocks which best fit the majority of pupils.

All pupils will have to take a number of compulsory subjects. These subjects are: English, Maths, Science, Physical Education, Religion and Values Education, Cymraeg, and Welsh Baccalaureate.

The purpose of the early options form is to give an opportunity for your child to identify the three other subjects they would ideally like to study alongside the above compulsory subjects.

When identifying these subjects please make sure your child:

- ✓ Identifies **five subjects**. This will enable us to think about what else your child could study if their **three main choices** were not available once the option blocks are constructed
- ✓ Places these choices in rank order. This will enable the construction of the final option blocks according to the best fit.

To support you through this process we will:

- Offer your child guidance to make sure they select the most appropriate options;
- Advise your child to ensure they consider a balanced curriculum which includes a modern foreign language, a humanities subject, and a creative or technology subject. This subject makeup is optional.
- Interview your child to make sure they are happy with their choices.

Option Subjects

Creative/Technical		Humanities	
Business Studies	IVET	History	GCSE
Engineering	IVET	Geography	GCSE
Performing Engineering Operations (Construction)	IVET	Social Studies	GCSE
ICT (Level 1/2)	IVET	Religious Studies	GCSE
Public Services	IVET		
Home Cooking (Level 1/2)	IVET		
ASDAN (Level 1/2)	IVET		



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Sport (Level 1/2)	IVET	Languages	
Art and Design	GCSE	French	GCSE
Product Design	GCSE	<i>IVET - Initial Vocational Education or Training, these could include a range of BTEC, ASDAN and L1/2 Award courses</i>	
Drama	GCSE		
Food and Nutrition	GCSE		
Music	GCSE		
PE	GCSE		
Health and Social Care	GCSE		

[Please click here to complete the Early Options Form.](#)

Please be aware of the following key dates:

- Year 9 Parents Evening: **Thursday 12th February**
- Deadline for completion of Early Options Form: **Friday 6th March**
- Individual Interviews towards the end of the Spring Term and start of the Summer Term
- Final choices confirmed by May half term

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions.

Thank you for your positivity and support.

Yn gywir,

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