

22nd February 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Consideration of Post 16 options for Year 11 Learners

Your Son/Daughter will already be considering pathways for next year. They may choose to stay at school to study in Year 12/13 or to leave and embark on a college course, apprenticeship or career.

At the bottom of this letter is an option sheet so that they can make their choices for study next year. We have already asked every learner in year 11 to indicate their preferred subjects as a 'free choice'. We now need them to select within timetabled option columns. You will notice that there are 5 columns in total. Columns A to D are daytime courses and the end column (option T) is for twilight / evening courses which are studied at Bridgend College. A/X and D/Y are collaboration columns, which means some of these subjects can be studied at other schools or at CCYD depending on numbers and staffing. We organise the transport for any pupils who study at our collaboration schools and transport is provided by the College for Twilight lessons.

We would like them to choose **3** subjects with only **ONE** option within a column. They will do this via the Google Form survey in their google classroom (Also the link is here: [6th Form options survey link](#)) This needs to be completed by Friday 5th March. In addition to the optional courses they will also study the Welsh Baccalaureate/ Skills Challenge Advanced. This is a compulsory requirement of the Welsh Government and is graded in the same way as an A Level. Our advice for our students is that they study a maximum of **3 A level/level 3** equivalent courses with the Welsh Baccalaureate. All courses will require some self-study outside of the lessons. If they are not staying on in 6th form they still need to complete the survey and indicate college/employment.

In order for your child to make an informed choice about our 6th Form options we have created a document which has a range of subject information videos for each 6th form subject. Where there is a subject not studied at CCYD I have put a link to the information page in the Bridgend Pathways website. This will give an outline of courses and the skills and expectations of the course. We have a Careers Advisor called Rachel who can be contacted via email: rachel.short@ccyd.org.uk You will also have the opportunity to discuss the suitability of the Post 16 courses with your child's subject teachers during our upcoming virtual year 11 Parents afternoon/evening on Tuesday March 2nd.

We will strive to accommodate your child's option choices but if numbers are too low in a particular subject or if there are issues with staffing availability then we may not be able to run it. There will be the option to study a course within our collaboration if this is the case. We will contact your child individually to chat about other alternatives if this happens. Please could you ask them to indicate anything they want to tell me about option clashes or subjects they would like to take at the bottom of the form.

Please refer to the options information videos and our 6th form prospectus for further information and I would also urge you to explore the online prospectus which gives an outline of each subject, possible pathways and university and career information. The link is below:

<https://www.bridgendpathways.co.uk>

Please contact myself or Mrs Humphreys Head of 6th Form if you have any further queries on the email contact addresses here: justine.james@ccyd.org.uk

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Yours sincerely



Justine James

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Here is the 6th Form options form: Learners will select their options through the google form survey. (Link provided in the Year group Google classroom)

Option structure year 12 (September 2021)				
A/X Collaboration	B	C	D/Y Collaboration	Twilight 4.00-6.00 Tues/Thurs
Business Studies	Maths	History	Chemistry	
Sport and Fitness - BTEC National (Coursework only)	Health & Social Care	Biology	English Literature	
Geography	Religion Philosophy and Ethics	Medical Science	D&T Product Design	
Physics	Art & Design	Engineering - BTEC	Public Services BTEC	
Psychology	Music - BTEC	ICT BTEC	Computer Science	
		Sociology	Sports - BTEC Ext Cert (Coursework & Exam)	
			<i>Physics (Bryntyrion)</i>	Criminology
<i>Economics (Brynteg)</i>			<i>Welsh (Bryntyrion)</i>	Law
<i>French (Bryntyrion)</i>			<i>Health & Social Care (Cynffig)</i>	Performing Arts (Dance)
<i>Physics (Brynteg)</i>			<i>Music (Brynteg/Porthcawl)</i>	Film Studies
<i>Computer Science (Bryntyrion)</i>			<i>Drama (Pencoed)</i>	E Sports
<i>Drama (Porthcawl)</i>			<i>Textiles (Porthcawl)</i>	
<i>Electronics (Porthcawl)</i>				Information on above - Bridgend College website
<i>PE (Porthcawl)</i>				Twilight at Bridgend College
<i>Further Maths (Porthcawl)</i>				
	*All BTEC's are Level 3	*All other subjects are AS & A Level-Level 3 - (2 year courses)		
1 subject per column. Learners will chose 3 subjects. Grey subjects are studied at other Bridgend schools whilst studying at CCYD (transport arranged)				