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Monday 5th February 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

## **Re: Consideration of Post 16 options for Year 11 Learners**

**Post 16 options evening with Teamleaders and providers: Thursday 22nd February 2024 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.**

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.

If your child is considering returning to our CCYD 6th Form we need them to think about the subjects they will study. 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 in the options table at the bottom of this letter. 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. These subjects still need to be confirmed by the LA schools. 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. In addition to the optional courses they will also study the Welsh Baccalaureate/ Skills Challenge Advanced. This is delivered as per Welsh Government policy 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. Please ask them to complete this by Friday 23rd February. We need every learner in year 11 to complete the survey so we have a clear overview of pathways.

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. During the week beginning 5th February the Team Leaders will be presenting subject assemblies to give an insight into the A Level courses. We also have a Careers Advisor, Rachel Short, who is full time at CCYD and can also be contacted via email: [rachel.short@ccyd.org.uk](mailto:rachel.short@ccyd.org.uk)

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 choose something else or 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 google form.

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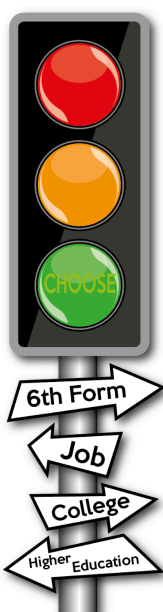
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We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming Post 16 options evening on Thursday 22nd February between 3:30pm and 5:30pm. You will have the opportunity to chat to the A Level staff, Careers Advisors, Bridgend College and other providers during the event. The evening will be a marketplace style event with no appointments. It will be an opportunity for you and your child to chat to the relevant staff about options and opportunities for next year.

Please contact myself or Mrs Powell Head of 6th Form if you have any further queries on the email contact addresses here: [justine.james@ccyd.org.uk](mailto:justine.james@ccyd.org.uk)  
 Head of 6th Form - Mrs Powell : [charlotte.royal@ccyd.org.uk](mailto:charlotte.royal@ccyd.org.uk)

Here are our 6th Form options columns

| Option columns for September 2024 - Post 16 |                              |                      |  |
|---|------------------------------|----------------------|--|
| A (X)                                       | B                            | C                    | D (Y)  |
| Business Studies                            | Art                          | Biology              | Chemistry  |
| Criminology L3                              | Maths                        | History              | English Literature                                     |
| Psychology                                  | Religion Philosophy & Ethics | Engineering BTEC L3  | Computer Science                                       |
| Physics                                     | Music BTEC L3                | Health & Social Care | Design & Technology Product Design                     |
|   | Applied Science L3           |                      | Public Services BTEC L3                                |
| Collaborations to be confirmed              | Day time collaborations (X)  |                      | Day time collaborations (Y)<br>Welsh (Online learning) |



## Post 16 Options Fair

ALL WELCOME

Thursday 22nd February 2024 **3:30 to 5:30**  
**Location: CCYD - Main Hall**

- Chat to your subject teachers about your options in the 6th Form
- Informal setting to speak to representatives from Bridgend College, Universities, apprenticeship providers and Careers Wales

*If you are staying on in the 6th form in CCYD you will need to decide which subjects you wish to study so it is important you attend.*

**We look forward to seeing you!**



*James*

Yours sincerely

**Justine James** Assistant Headteacher