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Year 9 Options Information evening - Thursday 2nd October 2025

Date - 15th September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are hosting a Parent, Carers and Learners Options information evening on Thursday 2nd October for Year 9 Learners. The evening will start at 3:45pm and end at 5:45pm.

In order to facilitate our Information evening we ask that you arrive at the school between 3:45 and 4:00 and proceed directly to the main hall. You will be having a short introduction and information presentation and you will then be placed into 5 groups to carousel around each of our 5 curriculum blocks as shown in the table on the next page.

We will have 6th Form guides to take you around each block in your groups and once you arrive in the block the Curriculum Subject Leads will introduce you to their qualifications and you will have the chance to look around, view work and ask questions.

The GCSE specifications in Wales are changing. Wave 1 started this September for the current Year 10 and Wave 1 & 2 will be in place for September 2026. During the Autumn term we will ask year 9 learners to make a choice based on the list shown in the table in a 'Free choice' survey. To help them make their selections they will have plenty of information during the Information evening, assembly option talks by subject leads and access to the specifications. Please note learners in year 10/11 also study 'Core' lessons in subjects in Maths, English, Science, Welsh, PE and the Skills Challenge.

It is really important that learners have information about every optional subject on offer in order to make an informed decision and choose a subject that will engage them and they will thrive in.

In the spring term we collate the Free Choices into 3 options columns where learners are then asked to select a subject per column for studying from September 2026. Once we have this information we can then plan our timetables and staffing in readiness for learners to start their courses.

Our usual parents evenings allow for a flexible arrival time but it is imperative that we start promptly at 4:00 for this Information style evening in order to allow the carousel system to work around the blocks. Should you arrive later please look for a member of staff in the atrium and they will show you where to go.

For learners in our MLD provision please proceed directly into GB1 (main Atrium) at 4:00 for a talk and information session with Mrs Ellis and Mrs Humphreys. You do not need to go into the main hall. Your session will be around an hour in duration.

There will be a follow up year 9 parents and carers consultation evening on Thursday February 26th to discuss your child's academic progress with individual subject teachers.

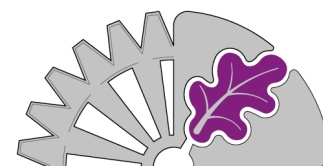
We look forward to seeing you on the 2nd October and urge all parents and carers to bring along their child so that you can discuss their choices together.

Kind regards

Mrs Justine James



Assistant Headteacher



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Block	Subjects within each block
A	Art GCSE Photography GCSE Food and Nutrition GCSE Hospitality and Catering BTEC Health and Social Care & Child Care GCSE Engineering BTEC/Skill start Design and Technology GCSE
B	Geography GCSE Social Studies GCSE History GCSE Religious Studies GCSE Business GCSE
C	Music GCSE Music BTEC Drama GCSE Public Services BTEC
D	Computer Science GCSE Digital Technology GCSE Electronics GCSE
E	Digital Media and Film GCSE Physical Education and Health GCSE Sports BTEC French GCSE

Year 9 Options calendar 25-26

Date	Activity
2nd October	Options information evening - Market place activity in the atrium Subjects Leads promoting option subjects
17th November	Year 9 Assembly week & free choice survey launch
28th November	Year 9 deadline for completion of the Free choice survey
11th February	Year 9 Options assembly & options column launch
26th February	Year 9 Parent evening
27th February	Last day to select options (Google form survey)