



24th February 2026

Dear Parent/Guardian

RE: YEAR 9 OPTIONS EVENING – THURSDAY 26TH MARCH 2026

Shortly, our pupils in Year 9 will be asked to nominate the subjects that they hope to study in Years 10 and 11. Their choice needs to reflect their strengths and interests, but also their career aspiration too. It is such an important time in their progression.

To further aid this process, Year 9 pupils and their parents are invited to attend an **Options Evening on Thursday, 26th March 2026.**

In those subjects that are part of the options system, teachers will be available to outline the nature of the courses and their expectations too. They will be available from 4.30pm. Visits may be made to as many subjects as pupils and parents choose. Prior to visiting subject departments, **an opportunity will exist at 4.00pm** in the Senior Hall for parents to receive an overview of the range of courses available for study in years 10 and 11 and I urge you to take full advantage of this opportunity.

The options form will be completed online (link will be shared shortly) and should only be completed once pupils have finalised their option choices. Online Option forms must be completed and submitted by Friday 17th April 2026.

The school has carefully planned the evening to maximise pupil and parental understanding in order that an informed choice can be made. You are warmly invited to attend, and I look forward to meeting you again during the evening.

Yours sincerely

Mr Beard
Deputy Headteacher



Brief Outline of Options Process

1. In years 10 and 11 all pupils have to follow the CORE curriculum of:
 - ◆ Mathematics
 - ◆ English
 - ◆ Science
 - ◆ Welsh
 - ◆ PSE
 - ◆ WBQ (Skills Challenge Certificate)
 - ◆ Games
 - ◆ RSE
 - ◆ The CORE curriculum offers up to 8 Qualifications
2. The OPTIONS are the subjects that students can then choose in addition. Students will be able to choose up to THREE subjects that you wish to study in years 10 and 11. The options are set out in option blocks and students need to pick one subject from each block.
3. Students should look to keep options as broad as possible! Their choice needs to reflect their strengths and interests, but also their potential future aspiration too.
4. Students cannot pick the same subject multiple times! e.g. Art in options A and B
5. Whilst every effort has been made to maximise and satisfy the expectations and wishes of pupils with the arrangement of option choices, there is a limit to the resources that the school can provide.
6. Entry to any course will be decided on merit and availability of resources. It may be necessary and advisable for some pupils to be directed into an appropriate course of study.
7. The proposed arrangements may be amended in the light of changing circumstances. If pupil uptake for a particular course is insufficient then it is unlikely to run. In the event of this happening pupils receive guidance and advice as to the best possible alternative.

