

Year 8 Options 2023

Making the right choices



Welcome

This presentation will aim to answer your questions on:

- Options Process
- Core Subjects
- Welsh Baccalaureate Skills Challenge
- Option Subjects
- Questions



Read the booklet

- You will receive an email with the Option Booklet. This booklet is also available on the school website.
- Consider all the options on offer.
- Think about your strengths and how the subjects on offer will match these.



Discuss with your parents

- Look at your Year 8 report. Identify the subjects you are doing well in, the subjects that you enjoy and your future interests.
- If you have any questions please email the Director of Learning for the subject. All contact details are in the Options 2023 Booklet.



Parents' Consultation Day

On Thursday 16th March we are holding our Parents' Consultation Evening.

Appointments are available at alternative times with Mrs Hand and other members of the Leadership Team if required.



Core Subjects

Under the Welsh Qualification Framework all students are required to study the following core subjects to GCSE.

- English Language
- English Literature
- Mathematics
- Mathematics – Numeracy
- Double Science (Students can opt to extend this to Triple Science)
- Welsh
- Welsh Baccalaureate Skills Challenge Certificate

In addition to this students will study Health and Wellbeing (including aspects of PE short course) and Religion, Philosophy and Ethics (including RS short or full course)



Welsh Baccalaureate Skills Challenge Certificate

The Welsh Baccalaureate Skills Challenge Certificate is a Level 2 qualification equivalent to 1 GCSE and like GCSEs it is graded from A*-G.

There are four aspects to this course

- Global
- Community
- Enterprise and Employability
- Independent Project

All aspects are designed to draw on and develop cross-curricula skills relevant to students' future **academic study and employment.**



Option Subject Choices

Students may choose **three** subjects from the non-core list featured in the option booklet in addition to the statutory element.

The link to the option booklet is
<https://chs.wales/Y8Options>



Optional Subject Choices



Art and Design	German
Business Studies	Global Communications in French
Computer Science	Health & Social Care and Childcare
Design Technology	History
Digital Technology	Latin
Drama	Mandarin
Film Studies	Media Studies
Food and Nutrition	Music
French	Physical Education
Geography	Triple Science

*** Courses will run where there is enough interest.**

Complete the Options Form

- The initial trawl for options will be sent to you immediately after the Parents' Evening.
- List the 3 option subjects that you would like to study if possible, in order of preference.
- Complete this by midday Wednesday 22nd March 2023 at the latest.
- The link to the form is <https://forms.office.com/e/1mLVszsAVR>



Option Blocks

- From the initial trawl the school will form 3 option blocks which will aim to maximise student satisfaction.
- Subjects will only run if there are sufficient numbers.
- Immediately after Easter, students will be presented with the options blocks. They will then have until Friday 28th April 2023 to select their main choice from each block.



The school will process option forms

- The school will then consider your child's preferences and may wish to discuss these with them if necessary.
- Your choices will be circulated to subject staff to confirm that the chosen pathway is appropriate.



Options communicated

- We will send your child a letter showing their finalised options
- This will be communicated to students in early June.



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If you have any questions please email us :-

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