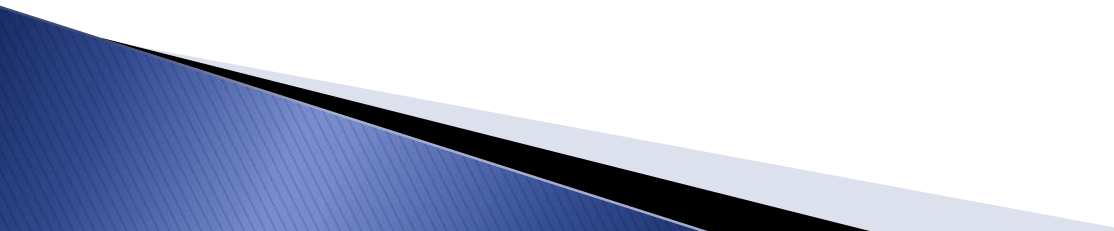




Decisions, Decisions, Decisions!

The Year 9 Options Process

Where am I now?

- ▶ Year 9 (Key Stage 3)
 - ▶ Moving on to Year 10 (Key Stage 4)
 - ▶ Important Decisions
 - ▶ A *Learning Pathway* to the future
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What Do I
Want To Be?











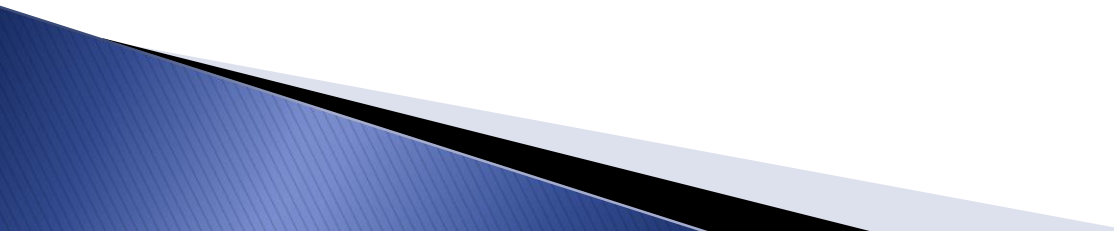




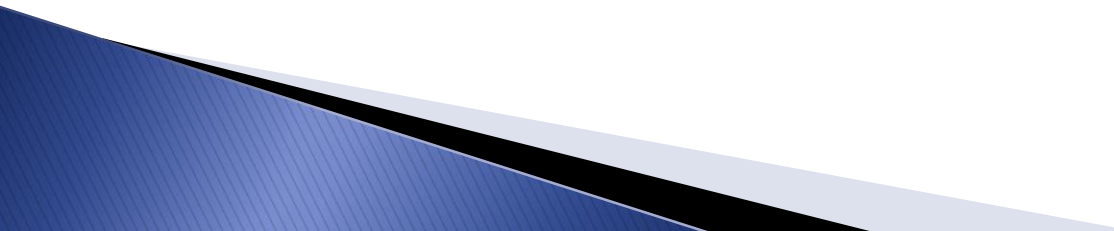




What Changes at Key Stage 4?

- Fewer subjects
 - A chance to choose some aspects of your curriculum
 - Thinking about the future
 - Seeking (and accepting) advice
 - A PERSONALISED CURRICULUM
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What do I HAVE to do?

- ◉ ENGLISH LANGUAGE & LITERATURE
 - ◉ MATHEMATICS – NUMERACY & MATHEMATICS
 - ◉ SCIENCE – Double Award
 - ◉ WELSH
 - ◉ WELSH BACCALAUREATE [Skills Challenge Certificate]
 - ◉ 7GCSEs & the Skills Challenge Certificate
 - ◉ PHYSICAL EDUCATION
 - ◉ PERSONAL & SOCIAL EDUCATION
 - ◉ RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (Short course GCSE for some)
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English and Mathematics

- ▶ are REALLY important!!
- ▶ Increased level of challenge
- ▶ Increased curriculum time allocation
- ▶ English Language
 - Greater focus on basic skills of SPG
 - No coursework
- ▶ English Literature
- ▶ Mathematics
 - 2 GCSEs
 - Numeracy and Mathematics

What about Science ?

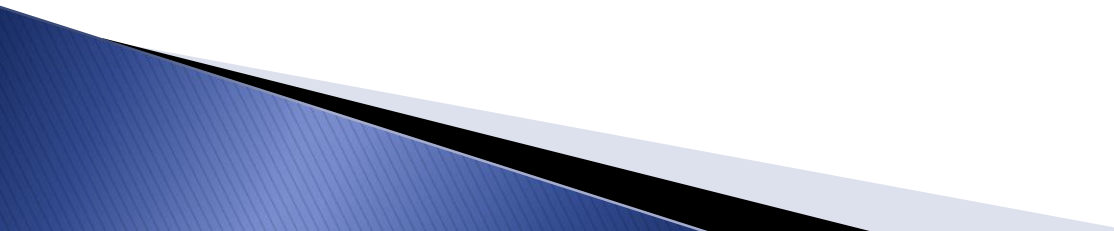
- ▶ Everyone has to follow a course in science
- ▶ Most follow a science course that leads to **TWO** GCSEs. This is perfectly adequate to go on and study A Level
- ▶ Some pupils will be able to follow a **TRIPLE** award science course, with separate biology, chemistry and physics.
- ▶ This will depend on your current level of Science.
- ▶ **This will count as one of your three option choices**

Welsh Baccalaureate

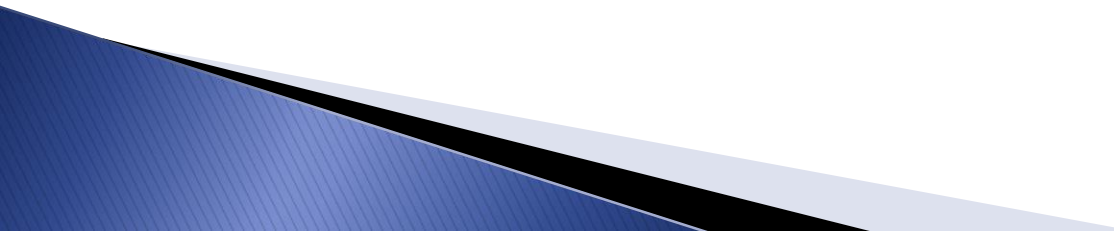


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What are Options?

- ▶ You will choose **THREE** subjects from a list of possible options offered by the school
 - ▶ Choose what you are **GOOD** at, what you **LIKE**, what you might **NEED** for future study in the sixth form or a possible career plan
 - ▶ **DON'T** choose something simply because your friend has chosen it! It's **YOUR** life!
 - ▶ The availability of some options will be determined by your **GLOBAL GRADE**
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What options Do I Have?

- ▶ **GCSE**
 - ▶ **Vocational Courses, eg BTEC (School based)**
 - ▶ **NVQ (Partly school/college based)**
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GCSEs

- History
- Geography
- Music
- Physical Education
- French
- Spanish
- Art & Design
- DT:Product Design
- Drama
- Religious Studies
- Computer Science
- Health & Social Care & Child Care
- Separate Sciences

What are Vocational Courses?

- ▶ An alternative to GCSE
 - ▶ Courses related to a job or type of employment
 - ▶ Learn the basic knowledge and skills for the job
 - ▶ NVQ and BTEC
 - ▶ Assessment is ongoing with fewer exams
 - ▶ Taught and awarded at Level 1 and level 2
 - ▶ Some are worth more than 1 GCSE
 - ▶ **Not easier, but different!!**
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The Qualifications Framework

WELSH BACC FOUNDATION LEVEL	LEVEL 1	GCSE D-G
WELSH BACC NATIONAL LEVEL	LEVEL 2	GCSE A*-C

What Vocational Courses are on Offer?

- ▶ BTEC Hospitality and Catering (Level 2)
- ▶ Engineering (Level 1 / 2)
- ▶ Tourism (Level 1 / 2)
- ▶ BTEC Public Services
- ▶ Haird & Beauty (VTCT Level 1 / 2)
- ▶ NVQ Vehicle Inspection (Level 1 / 2)
- ▶ IT User Skills in Open Systems & Enterprise (Level 2 Certificate)
- ▶ BTEC Business
- ▶ BTEC IT (Information & Creative Technology)
- ▶ BTEC Personal Growth & Wellbeing (Level 2)



HISTORY





BTEC Public Services



BTEC Public Services

Aims to help you understand the wide range of Public Services which support our everyday lives. These include the police, armed forces, health service, fire service, local councils and the voluntary sector.



Geography





Tourism





Health & Social Care & Child Care





Music





Drama







GCSE Physical Education



BTEC Business





BTEC IT



Process
Programming Control
Web
Network
Constraint
Stochastic
Machine
Modelling
Problems
Methods
Spaces
Computational
Techniques
Ontology
Resource
Complexity
New
Automated
Analysis
Software
Model
Algorithms
Engineering
Optimisation
Applications
Flow
Foundations
Logic
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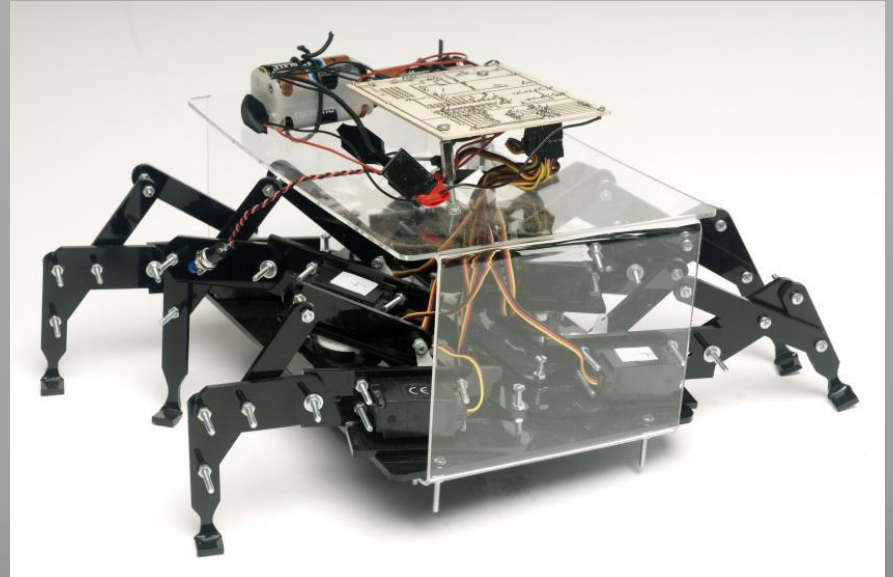
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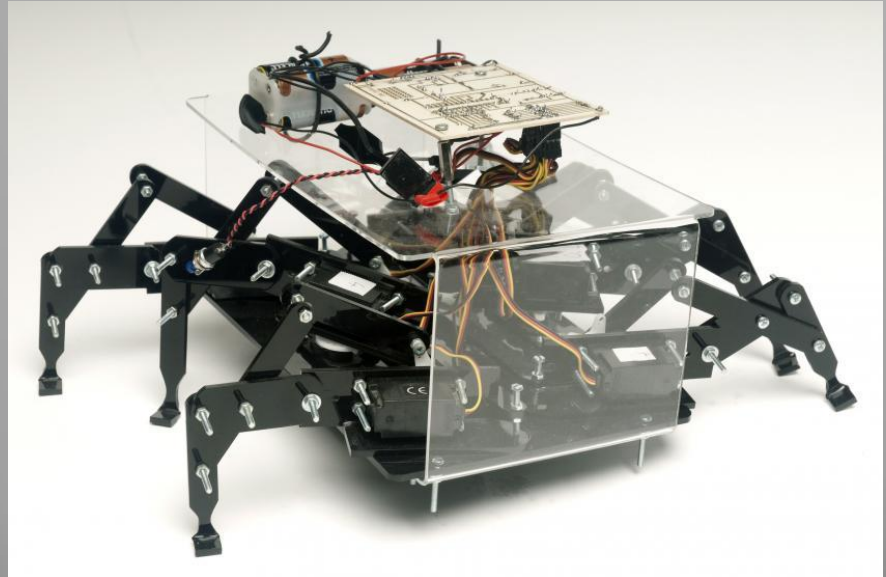


Hospitality and Catering





Product Design





Engineering





Art & Design





FRANCAIS



ESPAGNOL

Modern Foreign Languages



FRANCAIS



ESPAGNOL



CHRISTIANITY

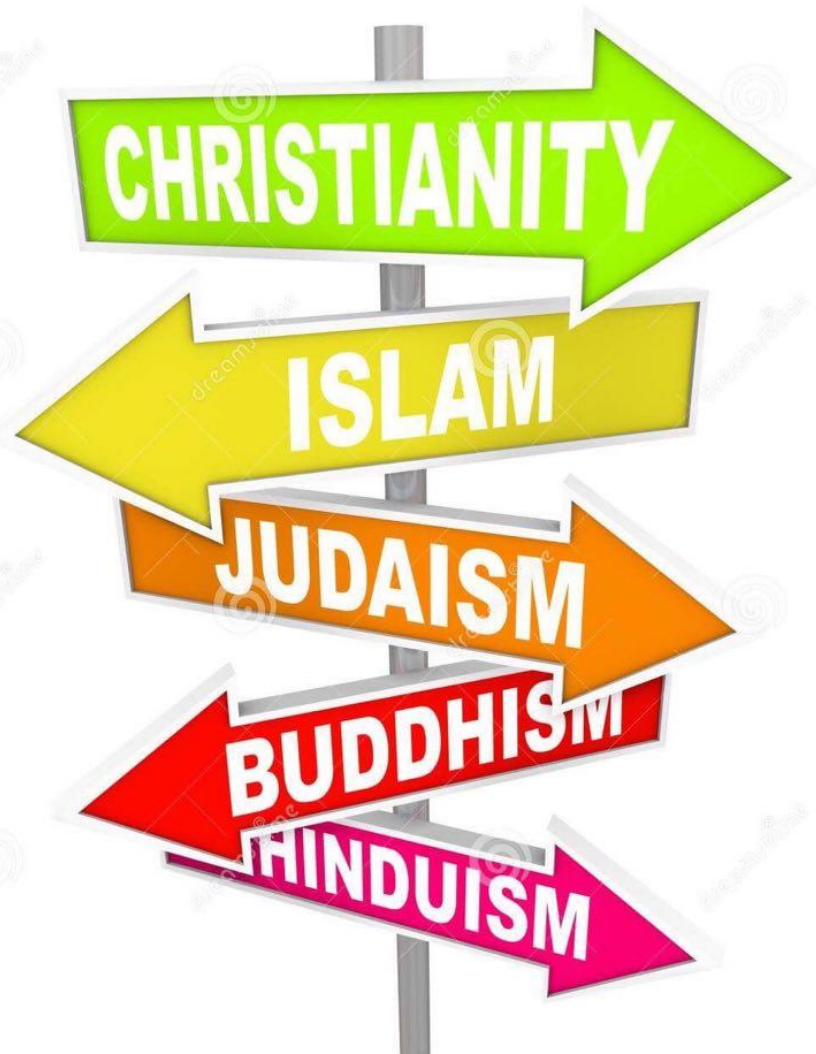
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BUDDHISM

HINDUISM

Religious Studies





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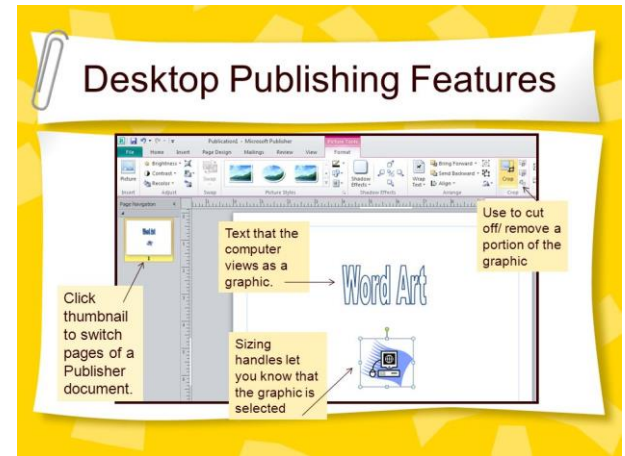
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IT User Skills in Open Systems & Enterprise



NVQ Level 2 courses

- These are VOCATIONAL, or work related courses
- You study out of school for two hours each week
- Available in:
 - Hairdressing
 - Motor Vehicle Inspection



Hair & Beauty – Our Salon





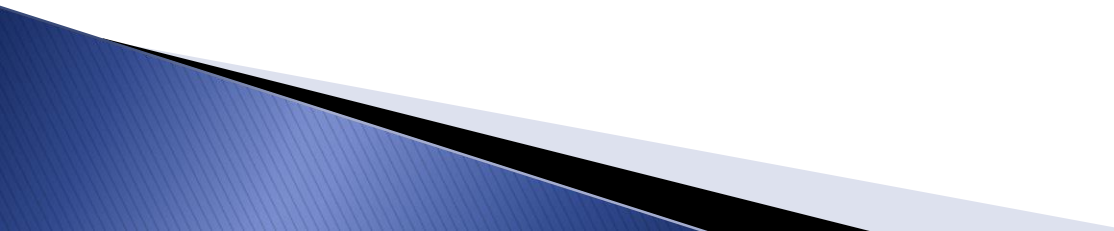
Vehicle Inspection



Personalisation of options for maximum achievement

Subject	Pupil Global Grade Range				
	A*-B	A-C	B-C	C-D	C-E
Triple Science					
Computer Science					
Geography					
History					
Business					
French					
Spanish					
Art					
DT Product Design					
BTEC IT					
Health and Social Care & Child Care					
Drama					
Music					
Physical Education					
NVQ Engineering					
BTEC Hospitality & Catering					
NVQ Vehicle Inspection					
NVQ Hairdressing & Beauty					
Tourism					
BTEC Public Services					
Religious Studies					
IT User Skills in Open Systems & Enterprise					
BTEC Personal Growth & Wellbeing					

Important Points to note

- ▶ Not all subjects will run – dependent on numbers
 - ▶ Some subjects limited by numbers
 - ▶ Some subjects will be prioritised to global grades
 - ▶ Option block clashes will make some combinations impossible – you must **PRIORITISE!**
 - ▶ Reserve choices are important
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What will my timetable look like?

English
Language
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Maths
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Science
9

Welsh
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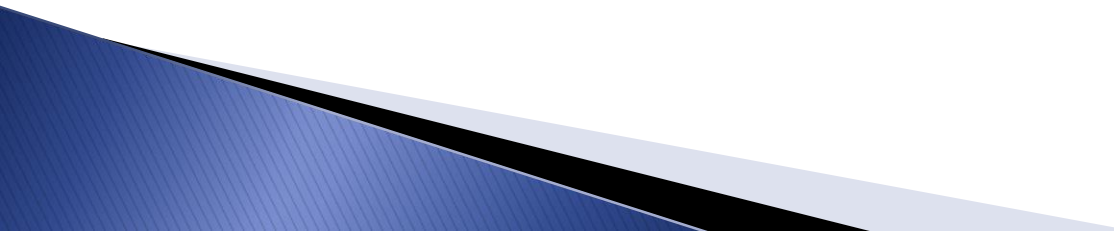
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Option
A
5

Option
B
5

Option
C
5

Advice and Guidance

- ▶ **Staff – Year 9 interviews**
 - ▶ **Teachers – Form teachers, subject teachers,
Head of Year**
 - ▶ **Careers staff – Mrs Christie Squires**
 - ▶ **Parents**
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What Next?

- ▶ **Select choices – A messenger form will be sent out following the Parents' Evening on January 27th to be completed by Friday 4th February.**
- ▶ **W/C January 10th Subject Presentations available on our website**
- ▶ **Parents' Evening January 27th**
- ▶ **Individual interviews and discussions**
- ▶ **Amendments and changes**
- ▶ **Confirmation of choices – May 2022**
- ▶ **Begin Courses – June 6 2022 (COVID permitting)**

Name Form

Your Global Grade Your English Set Your Maths Set

Your Science Set

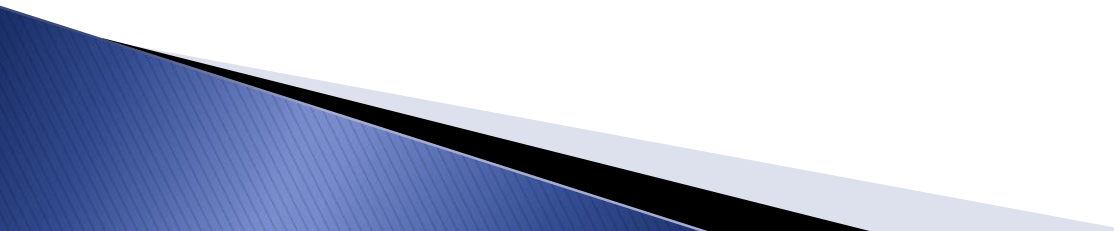
GCSE Subjects	Choice	Non GCSE Subjects	Choice
Art and Design		BTEC Business	
Computer Science		BTEC Hospitality and Catering	
Drama		BTEC IT	
French		BTEC Public Services	
Geography		BTEC Personal Growth & Wellbeing	
Health and Social Care and Child Care		Engineering (Level 2)	
History		Hair & Beauty Studies (Level 2)	
Music		IT User Skills in Open Systems & Enterprise (Level 2)	
Physical Education		Tourism (Level 2)	
Product Design		Vehicle Inspection (Level 2)	
Religious Studies (Full course)			
Spanish			
Triple Science			

Remember:

- You may not be able to take the exact three subjects you have chosen
- Some subjects may not eventually run if numbers choosing them are too low
- Read the options booklet carefully and do some of your own research on the subjects offered
- Please note that some options can only be taken by pupils at particular global grades

For 2022 this form will be replaced by an alternative one sent through 'Messenger'. Subjects should be selected from a drop down list in order of choice: 1st Choice, 2nd Choice, 3rd Choice and a Reserve.

A Few Notes

- ▶ Please make sure you choose your subjects **in order of importance** – including a reserve (4th) choice
 - ▶ It is likely that you will not be able to have the exact combination of subjects you want
 - ▶ Some subjects are limited by group size/global grade
 - ▶ Any changes to choices after the first stage will be allowed subject to group sizes
 - ▶ **No** changes allowed from first week in September
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