



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



What Do I
Want To Be?











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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



What do I HAVE to do?

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



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

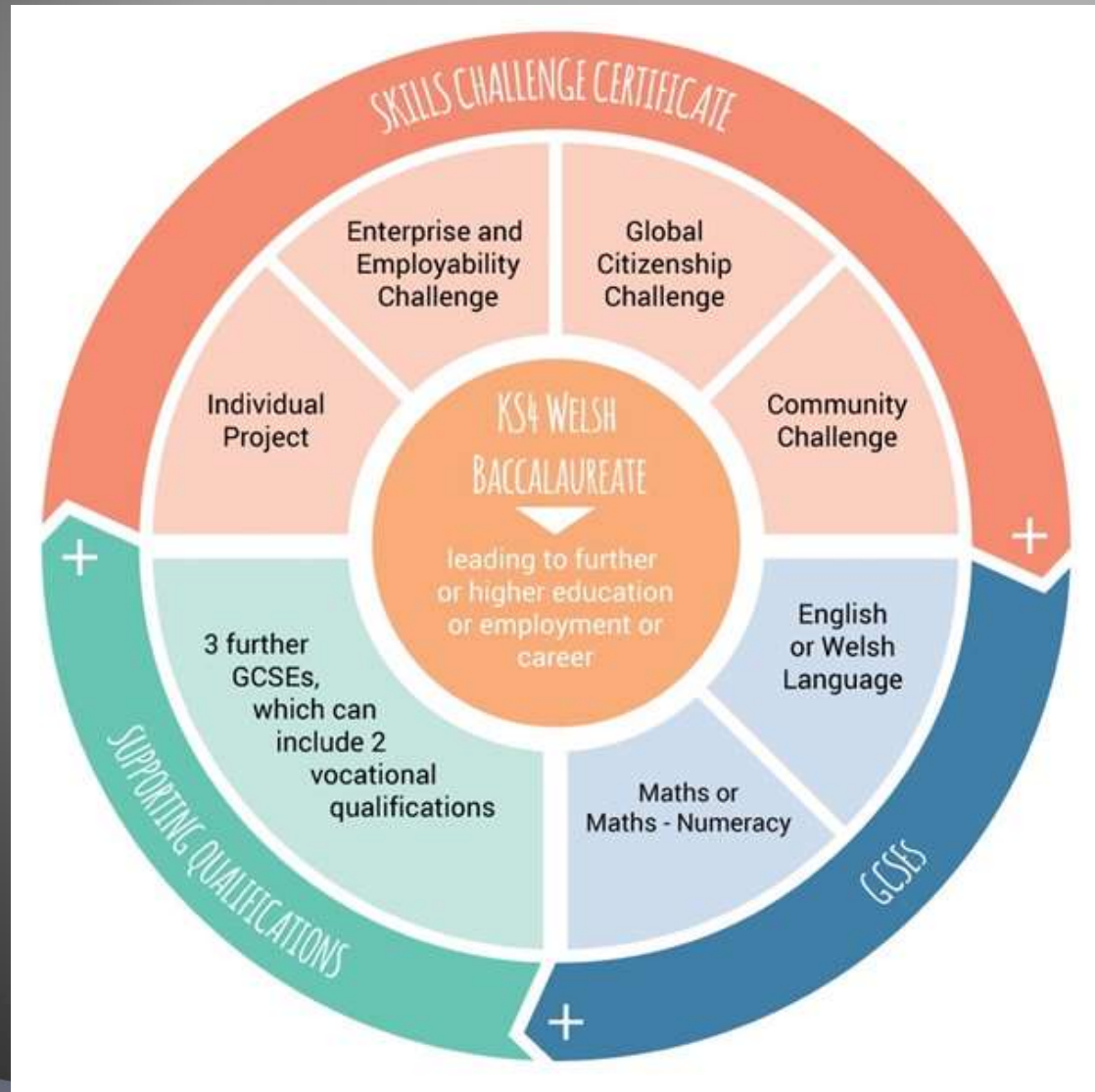


What about Science ?

- ▶ 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 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



What options Do I Have?

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



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!!




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 Preparation for Public Services
 - ▶ Hair & Beauty (VTCT Level 1 / 2)
 - ▶ NVQ Vehicle Component Fitting (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)
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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





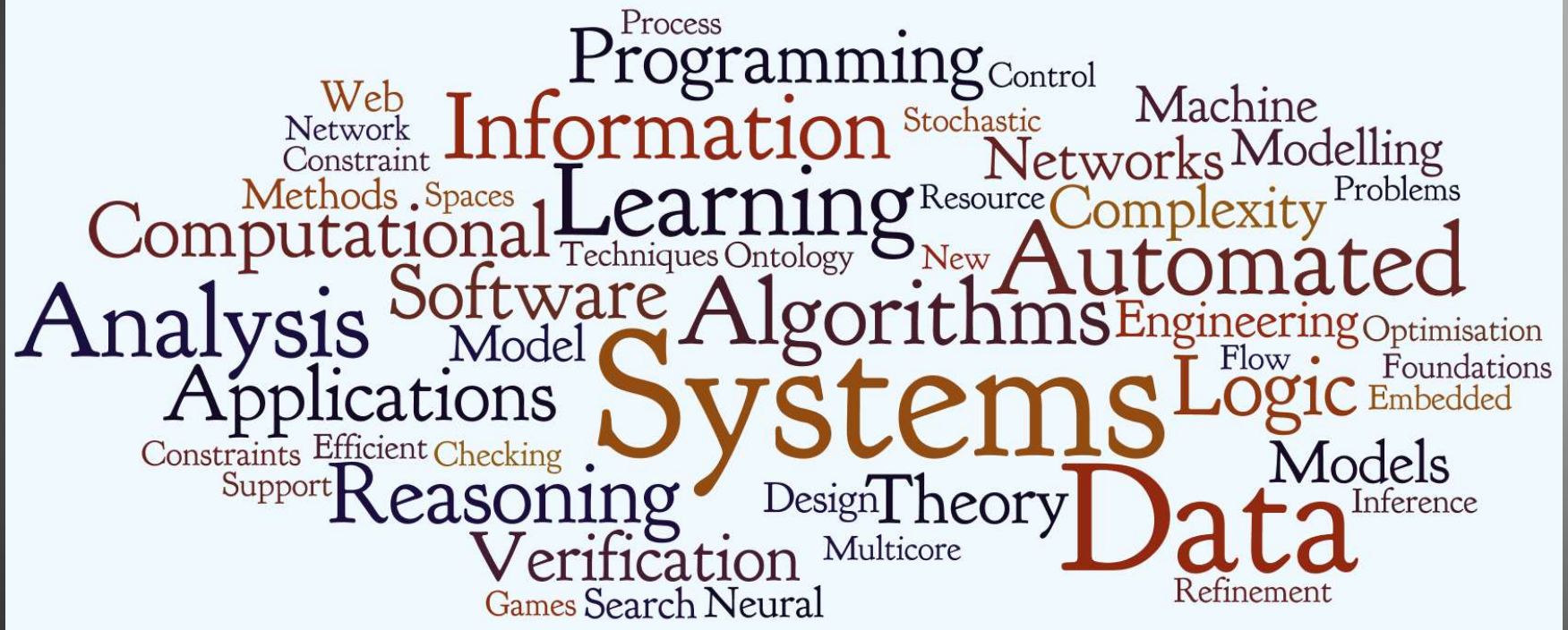
BTEC Business





BTEC IT





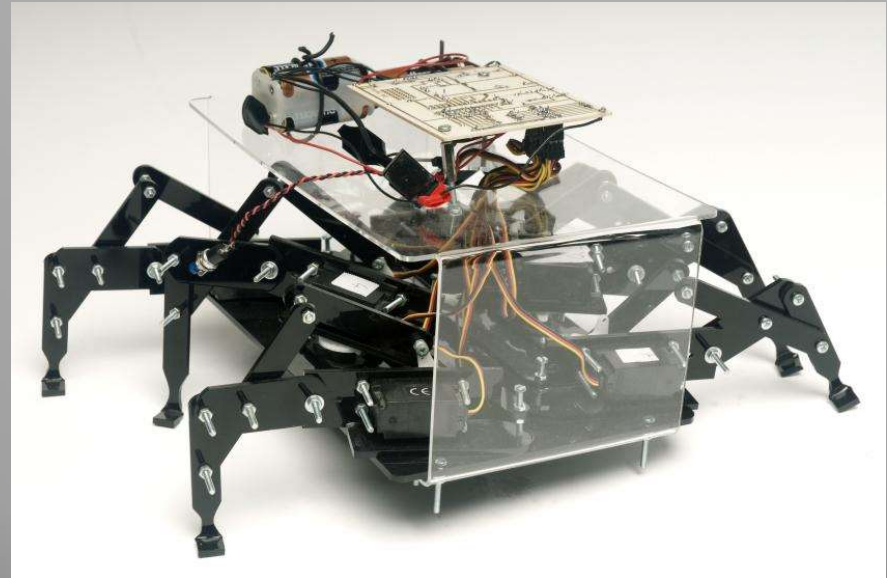
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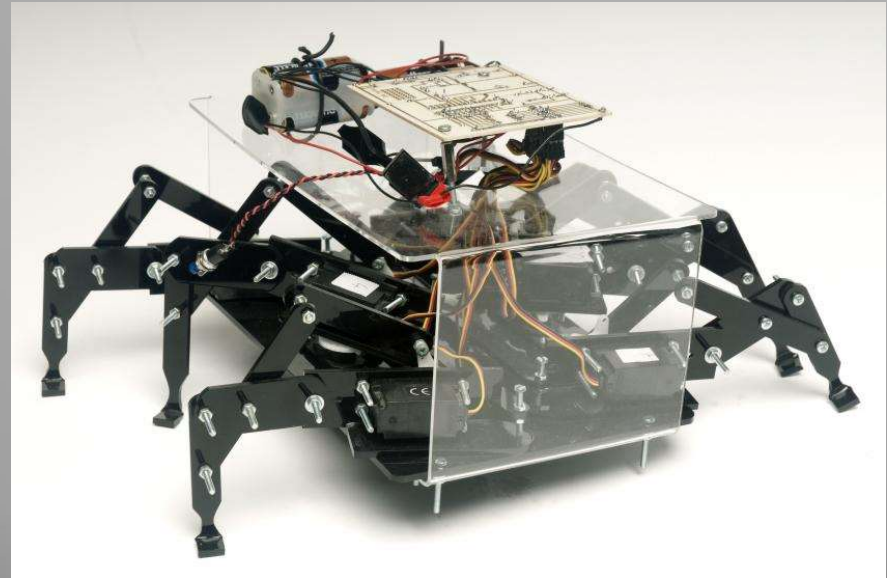


Hospitality and Catering





Product Design





Engineering





Art & Design





FRANCAIS



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Modern Foreign Languages



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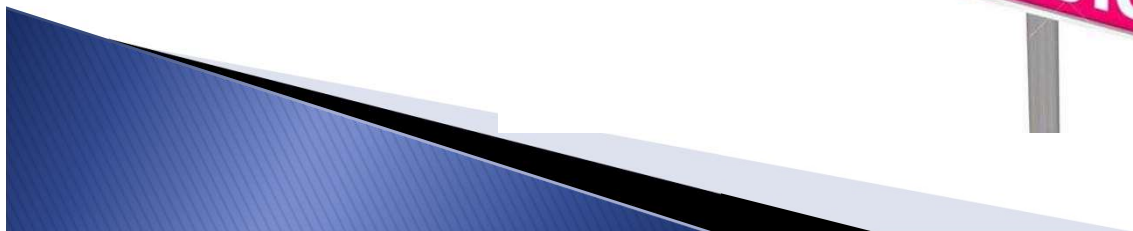
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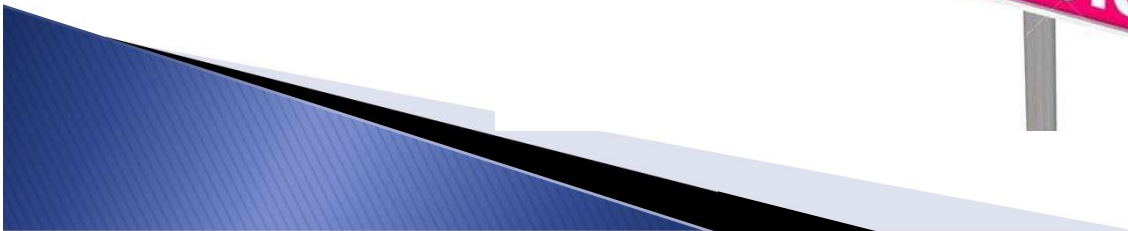
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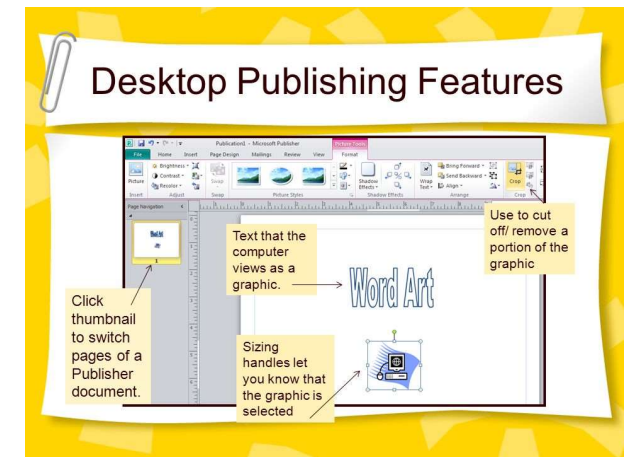
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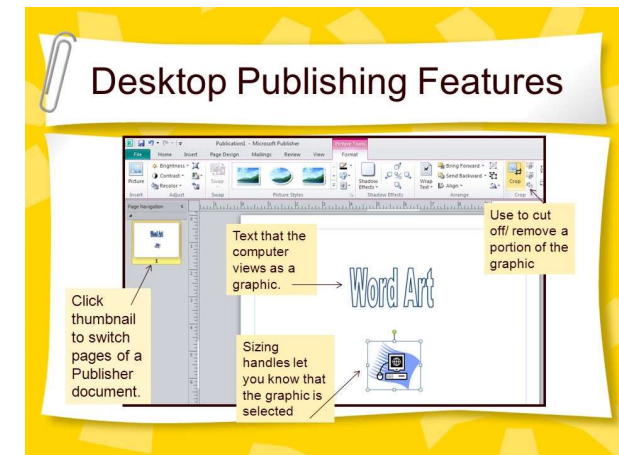


Religious Studies





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
 - Vehicle Component Fitting





Hair & Beauty – Our Salon





Vehicle Component Fitting



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 Component Fitting					
NVQ Hair & Beauty					
Tourism					
BTEC Preparation for 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



What will my timetable look like?

English
Language
7

Maths
8

Science
9

Welsh
5

SCC (2)
RE (2)
PE (2)
6

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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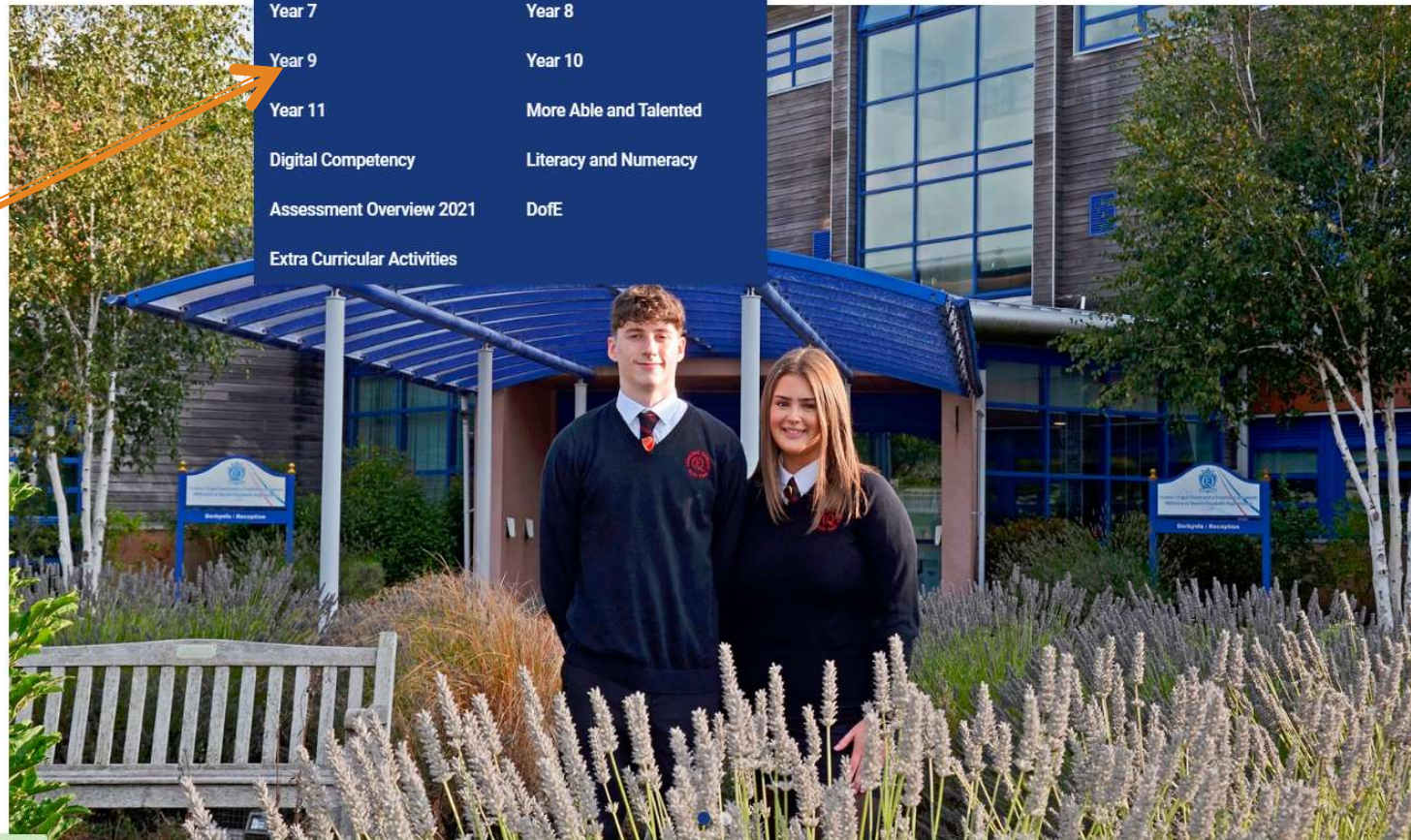
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- Literacy and Numeracy
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Year 9 Options

Whole School Extracurricular Timetable 2021/22



Information Flyer 



Earth Day

QUEEN ELIZABETH HIGH SCHOOL
ARE CELEBRATING

**CHILDREN'S MENTAL
HEALTH WEEK
VIRTUAL ASSEMBLY**

Year 9 Options

Please watch all the video presentations and read the Options Booklet.

A form will be sent to Parents/Carers following the online Year 9 Parents'/Carers Evening on January 26th.

Please complete the form with your chosen subjects in order of preference along with a Reserve option by February 3rd.



Year 9 Options Talk 2023
Presentation Slides

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Year 9 Options Presentation

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Year 9 Options Booklet - January
2023

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Public Services Year 9 Presentation

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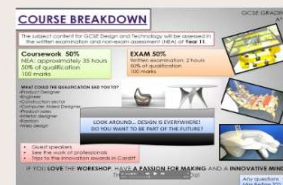
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Changes to the Welsh Baccalaureate
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Subjects within Technology Area of
Learning

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Tourism Presentation

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Personal Growth & Wellbeing
presentation

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Computer Science Presentation

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Resources from Careers Wales

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What Next?

- ▶ Select choices – A messenger form will be sent out following the Parents' Evening on January 26th to be completed by Friday 3rd February.
- ▶ W/C January 16th Subject Presentations
- ▶ Parents' Evening January 26th
- ▶ Individual interviews and discussions
- ▶ Amendments and changes
- ▶ Confirmation of choices – May 2023
- ▶ Begin Courses – June 5 2023 or Sept 4 2023



Year 9 Options Form 2023-25



Queen Elizabeth High School at Forms

To:  G Roberts (Queen Elizabeth High School)

Dear Example Student,

Please find below the link to complete the Year 9 Options, we ask that you complete this form by the initial options deadline of 3rd February 2023.

[Open Form](#)

Kind Regards,



Assistant Head
Curriculum, Assessment & Examinations



Form from: Queen Elizabeth High School

Queen Elizabeth High School Year 9 Options 2023

Dear Example and Example Student,

You will be asked to choose some of the subjects you will study in years 10 and 11.
Please note that you have to take the following subjects:

English Science Religious Education Skills Challenge
Certificate
Maths Welsh Physical Education

In the box below, please indicate the three subjects that you would most like to follow, in order of preference. Then select a reserve choice in case any of your first three choices are not possible. Think carefully about your reserve because you may end up having to take it.

Please make sure you fill in the details below and have it signed by your parent / carer.

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

First Choice?

* -- please select --

Second Choice?

* -- please select --

Third Choice?

* -- please select --

Reserve Option:

* -- please select --

Please sign below



Signature box

please use your mouse or finger to sign above

Submit

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



Help and Advice

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