



Weekly Newsletter January 21st 2022

Hello again everyone. I hope that you are all well and looking forward to the weekend.

Rather than fill the newsletter with information which is contained in the previous few newsletters, I have decided today to limit myself to new information and updates. If you need to double check anything related to covid please refer to the newsletters issued on January 7th and January 14th or to the website.

Year 11 options and guidance process

Year 11 students are currently in the middle of the free choice survey window, with a deadline of the 31st January. Instructions have been emailed to students explaining how to complete the survey at www.sims-options.co.uk, form tutors have also explained the process during wellbeing sessions. The final option grid which will be constructed based on the free choice figures, will be issued to students during their individual interviews on the 8th, 9th or 10th February and will be added to the sixth form application form on the 7th February.

Year 9 options and guidance process

A reminder that the year 10 and 11 virtual open evening for year 9 students can still be viewed on the school website:

<https://www.whitchurchhs.wales/Curriculum/Y10and11SubjectInformation/OpenEvening/index.html>

Year 9 students will be completing their free choice survey over the next fortnight with a deadline of the 7th February. Instructions for completion of the survey at www.sims-options.co.uk have been emailed to students and will be explained by form tutors during Monday's wellbeing session. Although the subject choices made in the free choice survey are not final, it is important that they are as accurate as possible, as the totals and priorities of student choices will be used to formulate the final option grid. This ensures that the final option grid provides the highest possible match to student choices to ensure that as many students as possible can follow the courses they have selected in year 10. The year 10 option grid will be available from 14th February onwards.

General

- Please help support us by ensuring that your children arrive at school with a face mask. We are still issuing hundreds every week.
- Information has been sent to parents regarding the Year 10 on-line parents evening. The deadline for booking appointments is 26th January.
- The Year 9 on-line parents evening will take place on February 9th. Please look out for further information regarding booking appointments.

Kind regards and have a lovely weekend.



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