

**January 2026****Dear Parent/Carer**

We are writing to further update you on the options and guidance process that our year 11 students are following as they make important individual learning pathways decisions over the coming months. If you have not yet viewed the year 11 options launch presentations, they can be found at the following location on the school website along with the Sixth Form prospectus:

[Year 12 and 13 Subject Information - Whitchurch High School](#)

This is an overview of the whole options process and what is coming next:

- COMPLETION OF ILPP: September 2025 to April 2026
- YEAR 11 OPTIONS LAUNCH: Week beginning 10th November 2025
- OPTION SUBJECT INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE: December 2025
- KEY STAGE 5 SUBJECT OPTION TALKS IN LESSONS AND ASSEMBLY: December 2025 onwards
- SIXTH FORM OPTIONS OPEN EVENING: 15th January 2026 5-7pm
- **FREE CHOICE SURVEY: 19th January – 2nd February 2026 – the decisions made by pupils at this stage are used to help formulate the Sixth form option grid.**
- OPTION GRID AVAILABLE: 13th February 2026
- INDIVIDUAL STUDENT INTERVIEWS: 24th, 25th and 26th February 2026
- SIXTH FORM APPLICATION DEADLINE: 9th March 2026.

We were pleased to welcome so many of you to our Sixth Form Open evening and we now look forward to launching the free choice survey / post 16 pathway options to all our students on Monday 19th January. As we have mentioned in previous communications it is important for all students to complete the survey, even if they do not intend returning to study here, so we are able to tailor the advice and guidance we give to them over the coming months.

On the 19th Each student will be sent a link via their school e-mail address to a Microsoft form. The form will ask them about their intentions for next year, whether they are returning or not to Whitchurch High School's Sixth form and which subjects they would like to study if they are. If they are not intending to return, it will ask them to say where they intend to apply to and whether they require further help and advice from Careers Wales.

Once all students have completed the survey, the final KS5 option grid will be produced offering as many students as possible their first-choice options. Those not intending to return to Sixth Form will receive alternative advice and guidance.

For students to apply to Sixth Form they will need to apply through a link on our website called Applicaa. This will be available on the admissions page from the 13th February. More details about this will follow.

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Whilst students will be able to change their mind following the free choice survey and after application forms are submitted until the deadline date, it is important that the decisions that they make over the coming months are as informed and as accurate as possible to avoid disappointment. With this in mind, we would encourage you to discuss these decisions carefully with your child.

Can we take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support in this important time for your child

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us on 02920 629700

Yours sincerely,

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