

Welcome to Upper School

Year 9 open evening 2026





Meet the Progress Team



Miss A Howells
Assistant Progress Leader



Miss C Evans
Progress Leader



Mrs L Jones
Progress Assistant



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Mr Duncan
Transition Co-ordinator



Mrs Robson
Assistant Headteacher
Years 7-9



Mrs Morgan
ALNCo



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Miss C Hollings
Assistant Headteacher
Years 10 & 11

Mr Scott Gwynne – Careers
Advisor – Careers Wales



Miss L Armstrong
Wellbeing and Transition Officer
Years 10 – 13



Miss B Acton
Progress Assistant



Miss K Armitage
KS4 Progress Assistant for
targeted students



Timeline: Year 9 Options Process

- COMPLETION OF ILPP: September 2025 to June 2026
- YEAR 9 OPTIONS LAUNCH: 18th November 2025
- UPDATED OPTION SUBJECT INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE: December 2025
- KEY STAGE 4 SUBJECT OPTION TALKS IN LESSONS AND ASSEMBLY: December 2025 and January 2026
- **KEY STAGE 4 OPTIONS OPEN EVENING: 22nd January 2026, 5-7pm**
- **FREE CHOICE SURVEY: 26th January – 9th February 2026** – the decisions made by pupils at this stage are used to help formulate the Key Stage 4 option grid.
- **OPTION GRID AVAILABLE: 2nd March 2026**
- **INDIVIDUAL PUPIL INTERVIEWS & CAREERS WALES WORKSHOP: 3rd, 4th, and 5th March 2026**
- **OPTION FORMS SUBMITTED: 16th March 2026**



Subject Areas not studied in Years 7 - 9

- Art Photography
- Business Studies
- Health and Social Care and Childcare
- Geology
- Philosophy and Ethics
- Social Studies

- Sport and Coaching Principles
- Skills Challenge
- SWEET – Succeeding with Employment, Education & Training
- Wales, Europe and the World (WEW)
- Work Related Education (WRE)

Level 1 is equivalent to GCSE D, E, F, G

Level 2 is equivalent to GCSE A* to C



Attendance – Every Day Matters

Above 97%	Less than 6 days absence over the year: excellent attendance. Students with this attendance should achieve the best grades they can leading to better prospects for work, college or university.
95%	School target for all students. Less than 10 days absence in a year. Students with this attendance are likely to achieve their target grades and have good opportunities for work, college and university.
90%	19 days absence over the year. Students with this attendance are missing a month of school per year and may drop an exam grade ; it will be difficult for them to achieve their best.



Key Questions: Making Informed Decisions

- **What topics are on the specification?**
- **How is the course structured: what percentage of the grade will be an exam?**
- **Will there be NEA (Non-Exam Assessment), if so, how will this contribute to the overall grade?**
- **Will there be any external examinations in Year 10?**
- **Will I be able to achieve a good GCSE grade?**



Key Questions: Making Informed Decisions

- Consider subjects that pupils find enjoyable.
- The motivation and rationale behind selecting an option is important:
 - Ensure that subjects are not taken because of friendship groups as there are no guarantees that students will be in the same class.
 - Ensure that subjects are not taken because students like a particular teacher.



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Whitchurch High School

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ADMISSIONS

Derbyniadau

CURRICULUM

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Assessment

Curriculum Overview

ILPP/CWRE

Exam Information

Year 10 and 11 Subject Information

Year 12 and 13 Subject Information

Year 10 & 11 Subject Information

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Core Curriculum

Option Subjects

Our year 10 and 11 curriculum is designed to meet the needs of individual students, allowing them to maximise their progress in core subjects and have flexibility in



WHS Website: key links

Year 9 options launch presentations they can be found at the following location on the school website:

<https://www.whitchurchhs.wales/Curriculum/Y10and11SubjectInformation/>

Subject specific information is also available on the school website at the following location:

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

Video presentations of each subject area can be found at the following location:

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

GCSE Prospectus – All details of option choices.

[GCSE Prospectus](#)



Upper School Map

