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RE: Year 11 Options Launch

Dear parent/carer,

A series of presentations and resources will be available on the school website from the 9th November onwards which run through the options and guidance process in place for our year 11 students. The presentations will run through the timeline of support to assist students with their decisions linked to their learning pathway beyond year 11. The options process will be launched in school with students during their assembly on the 9th of November, with follow up during their subsequent wellbeing lessons. We would encourage you to view the information, resources, and presentations in the following location on the school website:

https://www.whitchurchhs.wales/Curriculum/Y12and13SubjectInformation/

The timeline of support with key dates is summarised below:

- COMPLETION OF ILPP: September 2026 to April 2027
- YEAR 11 OPTIONS LAUNCH: Week beginning 9th November 2026
- UPDATED SUBJECT INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE: December 2026
- KEY STAGE 5 SUBJECT OPTION TALKS IN LESSONS AND ASSEMBLY: December 2026 onwards
- SIXTH FORM OPTIONS OPEN EVENING: 14th January 2027 5-7pm
- FREE CHOICE SURVEY: 15th January – 29th January 2027 – the decisions made by pupils at this stage will be used to help formulate the Sixth form option grid.
- OPTION GRID AVAILABLE: 16th February 2027
- INDIVIDUAL STUDENT INTERVIEWS: 2nd, 3rd and 4th March 2027
- SIXTH FORM APPLICATION DEADLINE: 9th March 2027.

We are looking forward to working with you and our students to support them with the key decisions that lie ahead. If you have any questions or we can support in any way, please contact us on 02920 629 700.

Your Sincerely,

Miss C Hollings – Assistant Headteacher 14-16

Mrs W Johnson – Year 11 Progress Leader

Mr J Miller – Year 11 Assistant Progress Leader

Miss B Acton – Yr 11 Pastoral Assistant