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Year 9 Options Launch

Dear parent/carer,

A series of presentations and resources will be available on the school website from today onwards which will run through the options and guidance process in place for our year 9 students. The presentations will run through the timeline of support to assist students with their decisions on which courses to follow in year 10 and beyond. The options process will be launched in school with students during their assembly today, 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/Y10and11SubjectInformation/

The timeline of support with key dates is summarised below:

- COMPLETION OF ILPP: September 2026 to June 2027
- YEAR 9 OPTIONS LAUNCH: Week beginning 16th November 2026
- UPDATED OPTION SUBJECT INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE: December 2026
- KEY STAGE 4 SUBJECT OPTION TALKS IN LESSONS AND ASSEMBLY: December 2026 onwards
- KEY STAGE 4 OPTIONS OPEN EVENING / PARENTAL ENGAGEMENT EVENING: 21st January 2027 (5-7pm)
- FREE CHOICE SURVEY: 22nd January – 5th February 2027 – the decisions made by pupils at this stage are used to help formulate the Key Stage 4 option grid.
- OPTION GRID AVAILABLE: 23rd February 2027
- INDIVIDUAL PUPIL INTERVIEWS: 9th, 10th and 11th March 2027
- OPTION FORMS SUBMITTED: 16th 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 02920629700

Your Sincerely,

Mrs C Robson – Assistant Headteacher 11-14
Miss L Polly – Year 9 Progress Leader
Mr N Potter - Assistant Progress Leader
Mr D Duncan – KS3 Transition Officer
Miss C Beynon – Yr9 Progress Assistant