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1<sup>st</sup> February 2021

Dear Parent / Guardians,

## Option Choices 2021-22

I am sure you will agree that this is an exciting time in your son / daughter's education, where he / she is in the process of completing their KS3 (year 7 to 9) education and preparing for the start of their GCSE courses in years 10 and 11.

As part of this preparation, your son / daughter will be required to choose their option choices. This involves choosing three subjects that they will study at GCSE level during years 10 and 11.

Over the next few weeks, your son / daughter will receive plenty of advice and guidance to ensure that this option process is as smooth as possible and culminates in them choosing their preferred subjects to study in the next phase of their education.

To assist you with these choices, please be aware of and access the Options Booklet and Options Presentations on the school website.

Please visit <https://www.ysgolbrynalyn.co.uk> then access **Curriculum > Options Process 2021**. You will find the following information / presentations:

- 1. Introduction**  
outlining the option process, key dates, and appropriate advice
- 2. English Faculty**  
a course summary for English Language & English Literature
- 3. Mathematics Faculty**  
a course summary for Mathematics, Numeracy and Financial Education
- 4. Science & Technology Faculty**  
a course summary for Double Science, Triple Science, Business Studies, Digital Technology and Product Design
- 5. Expressive Arts**  
a course summary for Art, Dance, Drama, Media & Music
- 6. Health & Wellbeing Faculty**  
a course summary for PE, Prince's Trust & SWEET
- 7. Humanities Faculty**  
a course summary for Geography, History, RE & Skills Challenge
- 8. Languages**  
a course summary for Welsh & Spanish



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In addition to the option choice information on the school website, the school's **Careers Officer, Mrs Jackie Catterall** is available to answer any questions or queries. Please see Mrs Catterall's contact details below if you would like to make an appointment.

## Electronic Option Choice Form

To enable your son / daughter to choose their 3 option choices and 3 reserve choices, on the **12<sup>th</sup> February 2021**, each parent / guardian / carer will receive a text with a link to their child's individual electronic option choice form. Please submit this completed form by no later than the **22<sup>nd</sup> February 2021\***.

## Individual Option Pathways

Not all pathways are suitable for each pupil to achieve their potential. As such, the school has recommended specific Option Pathways for each individual pupil. These pathways have been produced taking into consideration a variety of factors such as previous attainment, attitude within subject areas, projected targets and assessment methods.

## Key Dates

- 11<sup>th</sup> February 2021** – Virtual Parent / Option Evening (information on how to book an appointment with your son / daughter's Form Tutor will be provided in due course)
- 12<sup>th</sup> February 2021** – Individual Electronic Option Form issued
- 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2021** – Electronic Option Form hand-in deadline

## Useful Contact Details

- Mr Cris Hughes, Head of Year 9** - [HughesC16@hwbcymru.net](mailto:HughesC16@hwbcymru.net)
  - Mrs Jackie Catterall, Careers Officer** - [jackie.catterall@careerswales.gov.wales](mailto:jackie.catterall@careerswales.gov.wales)
- Phone / text: 07552258797

If you require any additional information regarding any part of the options process then please do not hesitate to contact Mr Cris Hughes, Head of Year 9, in the first instance.

Yours sincerely

Rob Ransome  
Assistant Headteacher

*\* Please ensure that the 22<sup>nd</sup> February deadline is adhered to as a late submission may place a pupil at risk of not gaining their preferred choices.*