



WALES HIGH SCHOOL

YEAR 9 OPTIONS

All Year 9 Pupils

“IT’S YOUR CHOICES NOW!!”

As a Year 9 student, for the first time in your school life, you get the chance to choose which subjects you study. This is a very important choice which will affect your future **Job Choices, Education Choices and Life Choices**.

This brochure contains lots of important information about the subjects you can study. Please read the information carefully, it will help you when it comes to deciding your Options.

Some information for Parents

In Years 10 and 11 the school makes every effort to offer a wide range of courses to meet the differing needs of our students. We encourage all students to follow a broad and balanced curriculum. This brochure describes the courses which are offered at Wales High School.



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Compulsory Subjects

All students will study the following subjects

English

ICT

Mathematics

Personal, Social and Health Education

Physical Education

Science

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Optional Subjects

You can choose your Options from the following subject list

Art
Business (OCR)
Business and Economics (GCSE)
CACHE Childcare
Dance
Design & Technology –Electronics
Design & Technology – Engineering
Design & Technology - Graphic Products
Design & Technology - Resistant Materials
Expressive Arts
Food and Nutrition
French
Geography
Health & Social Care
History
Home Cooking Skills
Leisure & Tourism
Lifeskills (ASDAN)
Music
Photography
Religious Studies
Sociology
Spanish
Sport Studies
Textiles

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Further Optional Subjects

The following courses involve spending time out of school

Construction Skills

Engineering Skills

Hairdressing (Salon Services)

Motor Vehicle Maintenance

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CHOICES!

How many choices do you get?

All students will participate in the compulsory subjects listed in the table on page 2. Where a choice of qualifications is available, your teacher will choose the course most suitable to you.

Each student will have an interview with a senior member of staff where guidance and advice will be given on suitable courses. Students will be given the choice of 2 or 3 Options.

REMEMBER

- * Talk to the appropriate teachers before making your choice.
- * Avoid choices that are very similar, e.g. all technology subjects.
- * Talk to the Careers Service.
- * Choose options for the right reasons, NOT because:
 - (a) Your friend has chosen a certain subject (you may not share the same class)
 - (b) You like your present teacher (he/she may not teach you next year)
 - (c) You have been told that the subject is easy (by older students perhaps)

THINK CAREFULLY ABOUT YOUR CHOICES!

Who can you ask for help?

You can see:

Mr. Varey - Options Manager and Head of Careers

Mr. Ibbotson - Associate Headteacher

Mr. Shore - Director of Work Related Learning

Miss Race - Head of Year

or your tutor for general advice about the Options process.

More specific advice on subjects from the teachers listed in the 'Who to talk to' section on the subject sheets.