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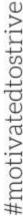
Welcome!

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Why are Year 8 choosing GCSE Options now?

- Pupils will spend more time studying subjects which they enjoy and are interested in
- Pupils will have longer to prepare for the demands of GCSE



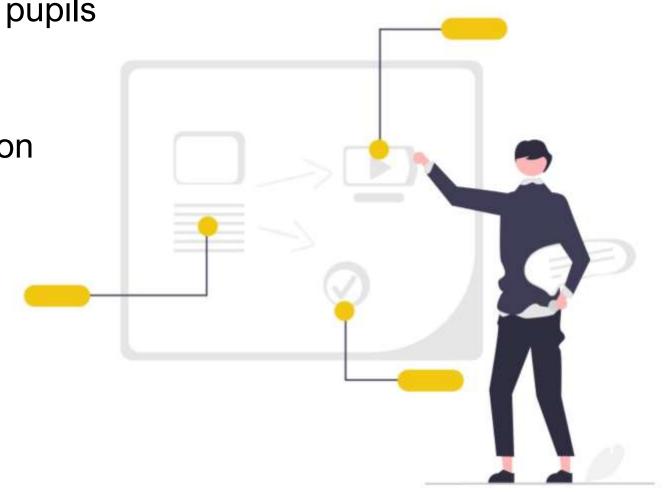
Where are we in the GCSE Option process?



Options process explained to pupils

 Assembly delivered by our Careers Advisor Natalie Baker on how to make the right choices

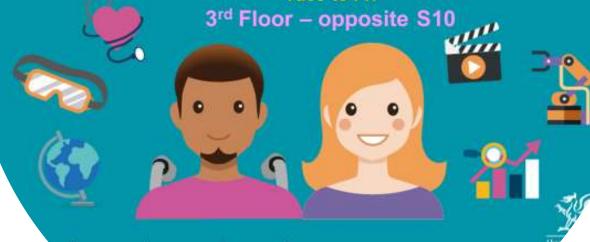
 Form tutors sharing subject overviews and videos in registration sessions

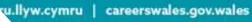




Year 8: GCSE Options

Natalie Baker – Careers Adviser Tues to Fri 3rd Floor – opposite S10











What subjects do I have to take?

- Maths / Numeracy
- English language & literature
- Single Science
- Welsh
- RE, Equality & Diversity
- Welsh Baccalaureate
- Games
- Health & Wellbeing
- PSE

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Do's for choosing subjects



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- · You are good at it
- You enjoy doing it
- Needed for a future career
- Develop new skills by doing it
- Make a balanced choice to keep your options open
- Like the method of assessment and teaching
 e.g coursework / exams/ practical
- It's your decision!!!







Do Not's for choosing subjects



- · Your friend is taking it
- You think it's 'for girls' or 'for boys'
- You like or dislike a teacher you've got now
- You think it will be easy
- Choose a new subject without finding out more about it
- Make a decision at the last minute

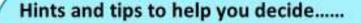




Deciding which subjects to choose is a big decision and can feel confusing and worrying but don't worry..







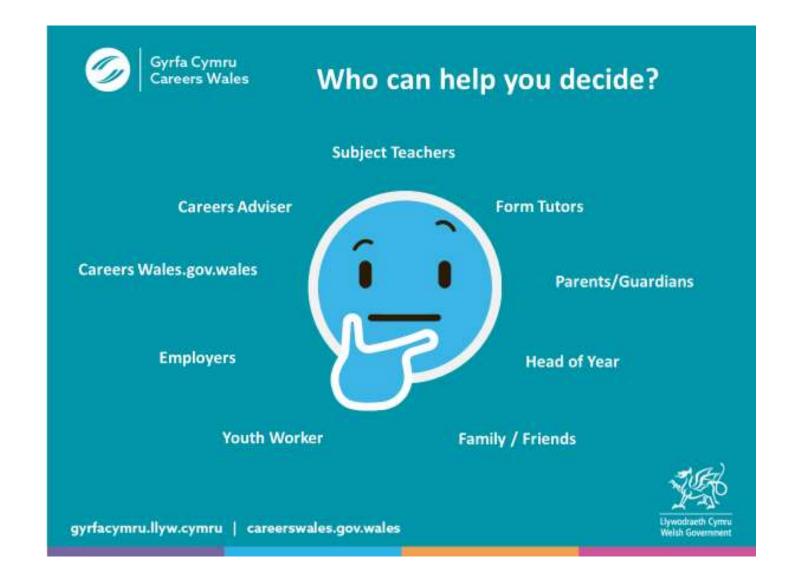


- · Get all the information you need before deciding
- Think about what you are good at (and not so good at)
- Think about how you like to learn do you prefer lots of coursework or doing exams?
- Remember the things you enjoy doing in your subjects
- Don't decide something because your friends are we are all good at different things
- . If you do have a job idea, research it! Some jobs need certain GCSEs.
- If you don't have a job idea use the Buzz Quiz or/and Job Matching
 Quiz on careerswales.gov.wales to give you some ideas based on
 your personality, interests and skills.
- · Talk to the people you trust around you
- Make your own decision your subjects, your choice!





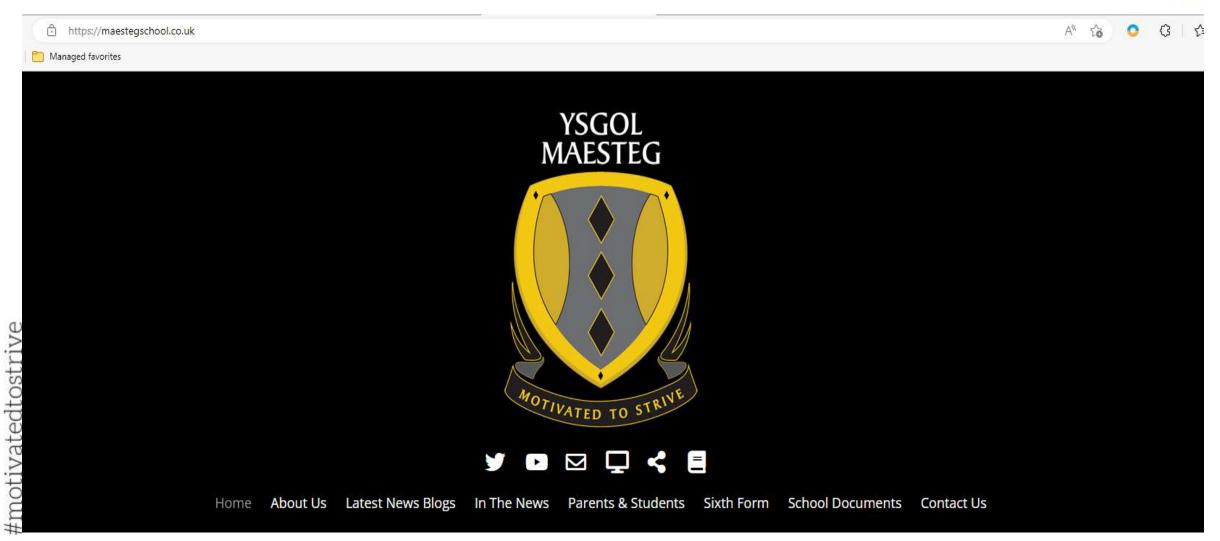




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Where can I find the information, I need? maestegschool.co.uk Parents & Students: Year 8 Options





Scroll down and you will see the GCSE Options booklet.

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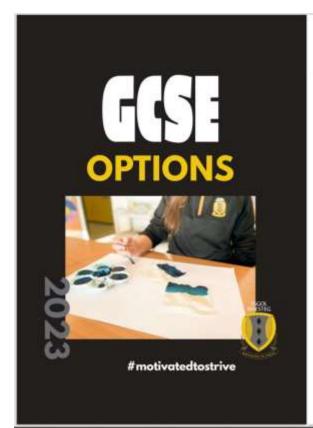
Tap or click on the GCSE Options image to view a PDF of our options booklet. There is further information on each subject on our YouTube channel which you can find at the link below:

EXPLORE MORE

Click here to get transferred to a YouTube web page with videos introducing each subject.

Click on the booklet cover to get an electronic pdf of the booklet





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OVERVIEW:

Choosing the subjects you want to follow in Year 10 and Year 11 is a really important process. This document is designed to be the first step in this process, giving you the information, you need to make the right decisions for you and your programme of study over the next two years.

You will find in the booklet information on both the subjects you have to study (the 'Core' Curriculum) and those subjects you can choose from (the 'Option' Curriculum).



There is a wealth of information on every subject you can choose within the booklet!



YOUR CURRICULUM IN YEAR 10 AND YEAR 11

English Language (G.C.S.E.) PG.A

- · English Literature (G.C.S.E.) PG.B
- . Maths (G.C.S.E.) PG.C · Maths - Numeracy
- (G.C.S.E.) PG.D
- · RE Equality & Diversity PG.E
- · Single Science (G.C.S.E.) PG.F
- · Welsh Baccalaureate (National) PG.6
- Welsh (G.C.S.E.) PG.H

As well as:

- · Core Games
- · Health & Wellbeing
- · P.S.E./SWEET

- Art & Design (G.C.S.E.) PG.1 Business Studies (G.C.S.E.)
- . Food & Nutrition (G.C.S.E.) . Computer Science (G.C.S.E.)
- . Construction (BTEC) PG.5
- 3D Product Design (G.C.5.f.)
- Drama (G.C.S.E.) PG.7 . Engineering (BTEC) PG.8
- · French (G.C.S.E.) PG.9
- . Spanish (G.C.S.E) PG.9
- (for pupils who have studied the language in year 9) . Religious Studies (G.C.S.E.)
- Geography (G.C.S.E.) PG.11 . Health & Social Care (BTEC)
- · History (G.C.S.E.) PG.13 • Digital Technology (G.C.5.E.)
- . Media Studies (G.C.S.E.) PG.15
- Music (G.C.S.E.) PG.16
- . P.E. (GCSE) PG.17
- Photography (G.C.S.E.) PG.18
- Textiles (G.C.S.E.) PG.19
- · Tourism (BTEC) PG.20
- · Biology PG. 21 Chemistry PG.22
- · Physics PG.21
- · Creative Media (PEARSON) PG.24 Business Enterprise (BTEC)
- . Leadership Through Sport (BTEC)
- . Sociology (G.C.S.E.) PG.27 · Public Services (BTEC) PG.28
- . Prince's Trust PG.29

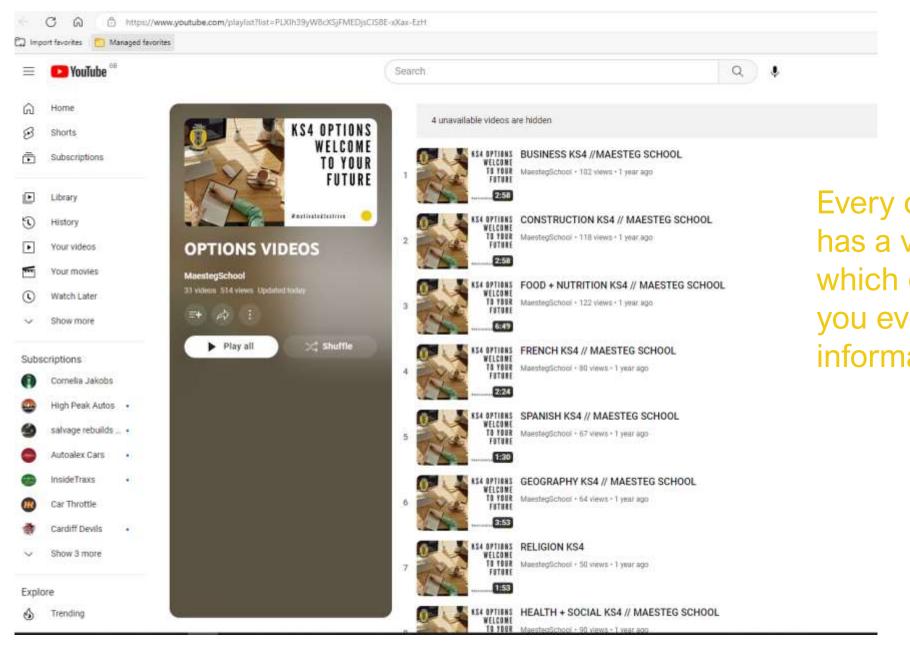
GUIDANCE:

CHOOSING YOUR OPTIONS.

You will be spending 15 hours a fortnight on subjects which you decide to choose, so it is important that you think carefully about them and have good reasons for these choices. To do this:

- 1. Read this booklet carefully, even if you think you already know the subjects you are interested in.
- 2. You will be assigned a Mentor from the senior leadership team who will meet with you to offer help and support.
- 3. You will also have received a careers booklet that will help you but if you need more advice please contact nutally bakers accorposales gov. of who again will be able to offer you advice.
- 4. There are lots of places where you can get impartial advice and guidance for your choices on the internet such as the 'Careers Wales Website' which is a really good start. You should also have been looking at potential careers in your WBO lessons over the past couple of weeks.
- 5. Take it seriously. This is an important choice and worth spending the time thinking about.
- 6. If you are not sure which teacher to contact, although initially it is a good idea to contact your own teachers, then get in touch with the Head of Faculty for each subject and they will ensure a suitable teacher gets back to you for a chat. Their email addresses and the subjects they oversee can be found on the next page.







Every course has a video which gives you even more information.



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Options Timeline:

- Options launch 15th February
- Senior Mentor Interviews Monday 27th February - Friday 10th March
- Submission of online Option Choices Form Friday 17th March
- School looks at choices, class sizes and suitability and inform students of any necessary amendments – Friday 24th March.
- Option choices finalised Friday 31st March 2023.

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Next steps:

- After reading through the Options booklet, we recommend discussing possible option choices with your child
- For further information on specific subjects, contact the Head of Faculty- email addresses can be found in the Options booklet
- For additional careers based advice log on to: www.careerswales.gov..wales
- Your child in Years 7, 8 and 9 | Careers
 Wales (gov.wales)

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