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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





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Year 8 : GCSE Options

Natalie Baker – Careers Adviser

Tues to Fri

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What subjects do I have to take?

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



Do's for choosing subjects



- 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..



Hints and tips to help you decide.....

- Make a **Pros** and **Cons** list for each subject and/or job
- 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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Who can help you decide?

Subject Teachers

Careers Adviser

Form Tutors

Careers Wales.gov.wales

Parents/Guardians

Employers

Head of Year

Youth Worker

Family / Friends

gyrfacymru.llyw.cymru | careerswales.gov.wales

Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

Where can I find the information, I need?

maestegschool.co.uk Parents & Students: Year 8 Options



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Scroll down and you will see the GCSE Options booklet.

WELCOME TO YOUR FUTURE!

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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WELCOME TO YOUR FUTURE! 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).



YOUR CURRICULUM IN YEAR 10 AND YEAR 11

CORE CURRICULUM	OPTIONS CURRICULUM
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.G • Welsh (G.C.S.E.) PG.H <p>As well as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Core Games • Health & Wellbeing • P.S.E./SWEET 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art & Design (G.C.S.E.) PG.1 • Business Studies (G.C.S.E.) PG.2 • Food & Nutrition (G.C.S.E.) PG.3 • Computer Science (G.C.S.E.) PG.4 • Construction (BTEC) PG.5 • 3D Product Design (G.C.S.E.) PG.6 • 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.) PG.10 • Geography (G.C.S.E.) PG.11 • Health & Social Care (BTEC) PG.12 • History (G.C.S.E.) PG.13 • Digital Technology (G.C.S.E.) PG.14 • 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.23 • Creative Media (PEARSON) PG.24 • Business Enterprise (BTEC) PG.25 • Leadership Through Sport (BTEC) PG.26 • 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 natalie.baker@careerswales.gov.uk 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 NBQ 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.

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

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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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