



# Darland High School

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### Year 9 Pathways (Options) Process.

Dear Parent,

This letter is a reminder that on the evening of Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2017, at 6.30pm, we will be holding a 'Pathways Evening' for Year 9. It is crucial that you attend this evening in order to learn more about the choices your son / daughter will be making over the next few weeks, which will shape the curriculum they will have in Years 10 and 11. The purpose of this letter is to share with you a plan of the evening and to let you know some important information about the Options process.

The evening will start with a presentation in the school hall on the shape of the curriculum we have designed for Years 10 and 11. The leaders of our core subjects (Maths, English, Welsh and Science) together with our Skills Coordinator, will also make short presentations. Mr Roberts (Assistant Headteacher Curriculum) will then explain the rationale behind the grouping of Options subjects in 'Choices Blocks'. Mr Roberts is in charge of the entire options process and will explain how the students make their choices on line.

Parents and students are then free to visit stalls set up by subject leaders in and around the hall, to find out more about the options subjects on offer.

The timescale following the evening, looks like this:

- Deadline for choices being made on CareersWalesOnline ; Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February
- Parents informed of details of interviews at the college: Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March
- Provisional decision on Option allocation sent to parents: Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March
- Interviews for College courses: Monday & Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> March
- Parents evening for Year 9: Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March
- Parents and students informed of the final decision regarding their Options choices: Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April.

We want to share with you the Option Choices Blocks that we have constructed. The rationale behind this construction will be explained on the night, but we think that having prior knowledge of the blocks will help inform your child's thinking. Ultimately, every student will need to choose ONE subject from each block. (NB, the 14-19 courses are courses taken at Coleg Cambria on Tuesday afternoon). **For parents of pupils interested in taking a college course next year, please remember that there is an Open Evening at the Grove Park campus on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January and at the Bersham Rd campus on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January.** All Year 9s have been given this information this week.

Yours sincerely

**P Agnew Headteacher**

Option A
Art
Music
History
ICT
History
Textiles
French
Catering

Option B
14-19 (2 classes)
14-19 (2 classes)
RM
Geography
Sep Science
RS (new course)
Media Studies
Photography

Option C
ICT
Drama
Geography
History
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Art