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Year 9 Pathways (Options) Process.

Dear Parent,

This letter is a reminder that on the evening of Tuesday 30th January 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.

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 for options selection following the options evening is as follows:

- Deadline for choices being made on CareersWalesOnline ; Friday 23rd February
- Parents informed of details of interviews at the college: Monday 12th March
- Provisional decision on Option allocation sent to parents: Friday 16th March
- Interviews for College courses: Monday & Tuesday 19th and 20th March
- Parents and students informed of the final decision regarding their Options choices: Friday 14th 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 Tuesday 23rd January and at the Bersham Rd campus on Wednesday 24th January.** All Year 9s have been given this information this week.

Option A	Option B	Option C
Art	14 - 19 (2 classes)	Art
Catering	14 - 19 (2 classes)	Drama
French	Geography	Geography
History	Resistant Materials	History
History	Media Studies	ICT
ICT	Photography	PE
Music	Separate Science	PE
Textiles	Sociology	RE

Yours sincerely

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