

Year 8 Options - Frequently Asked Questions

Here are some possible questions that support what is provided in the information booklet.

By when do I need to make a decision?

Wednesday May 21st is the latest date to submit your subject choices.

What if I want to change my mind after choosing a subject?

It is possible to change your mind before September and until October half term, if there are places still available in the new subject (s) you want to choose. After this, it will only be possible to change a subject in exceptional cases.

I want to choose a subject that is not offered at KS3, e.g. Sociology. How do I do this?

No problem. The additional subjects and the Year 10 option columns will be offered during the Spring term. It will be possible to drop a subject and choose the “new” subject from September.

Why do I have to choose one of the Humanities and one of the Expressive Arts?

We want to ensure that the Year 9 curriculum is balanced with the new Curriculum Areas of Learning and Experience. Therefore, at least one of the subjects in these areas must be followed until the end of Year 9.

How likely will it be that I can study my 5 chosen subjects?

We ask everyone to choose two subjects (1st and 2nd choice) from each column. We aim to ensure 1st choice every time but there may be a 2nd choice in some cases. We will try to ensure that the three subjects you want to progress to GCSE are part of your choices. Remember that you will drop two of these subjects at the end of Year 9 and maybe drop more if you choose one of the subjects that are only being introduced at KS4.

Do I have to follow Maths / Science / Welsh / English?

Yes. These are core subjects which are statutory, not only in this school but in all schools up to the age of 16 years.

What will be the content of the Dysgwr Cyflawn (Complete Learner) lessons?

We will continue to use these lessons to develop wider skills (working with others, problem solving, researching, etc) including further development of the literacy, numeracy and digital competencies frameworks. In addition to this we will continue to provide a PSE program through the lessons and through specific days.

