



Dear Parent/Guardian,

Year 8 Options information evening Thursday February 9th 2023 15:45 – 18:30

You are invited to attend our year 8 options information evening. Throughout this evening you will have the opportunity to visit all the options subjects that Ysgol Cwm Brombil offers to students as they progress into year 9. We offer a wide range of subjects for a wide range of students so there is something for everyone.

Every student at Ysgol Cwm Brombil will choose 3 “option” subjects that they will study alongside the core subjects (English, Maths, Science, Welsh, Welsh Bacc, Ethics, PSE & Core PE).

There is an options booklet available online on the school website with more information on each subject. There is a careers day for the year 8 pupils at the beginning of the options process to get the students to start thinking about future career pathways in order to help them with their subject choices. Your child’s form tutor will be on hand to support and advise throughout the process and will check in with them regularly.

We endeavour to allow students to take their first three choices. However, due to timetabling constraints, this is not always possible we therefore ask students to choose 2 reserve subjects as well. These subjects will be used if the combination of options chosen will not fit in the options columns. If this happens a conversation will be had with both parents and students before the reserve subject is added to the student’s options.

It is important that students think carefully about their options as once the deadline is met the options locked-in so that next year’s timetable can be built. While choosing their options, students need to consider 3 key questions:

- Will this subject help me with my future career path(s)?
- Will I be able to attain a suitable qualification level in the subject?
- Do I enjoy the subject? (The most important question!)

If a student does need to change options this will have to be done before the summer and a meeting will need to be arranged with the student, parents and Mr E Thomas. There is no guarantee that the desired option will be possible once the system is locked.



Option Process - Key Dates:

7th February 2023	Careers Fayre event in school for pupils with an options assembly launching the process.
9th February 2023	Options Evening – Students and Parents have the opportunity to visit up to 6 option presentations at school. Advice from staff members and careers advisors will be available on the night.
13th – 17th February 2023	Students enrolled onto the options selection system during form time.
3rd March 2023	Deadline for students to enter their optional subjects and reserve subjects.
6th – 17th March 2023	Parents contacted through Online School Cloud system to approve students' choices.
March – April 2023	Any issues with student choices discussed with student and parents.
May 2023	Letters and emails to students and parents confirming students' choices.

The options booklet can be found on the school website:

<https://ysgolcwmbrombil.npted.org/options.html>

Kind regards,

E. Thomas

(Deputy Headteacher)

