



# KS3 to KS4 Transition

September 2022



# Year of Change

- ▶ Teacher Assessments to External Grading
- ▶ Some control over what you study
- ▶ Welsh Baccalaureate

# KS4 Core Curriculum

Subject	Qualifications	Teaching Time
English	GCSE English Language GCSE English Literature	7 hours
Mathematics	GCSE Mathematics GCSE Numeracy	7 hours
Science	GCSE Double Award Science	9 hours
Welsh	GCSE Welsh	4 hours
Religious Studies	GCSE RS	3 hours
PE		2 hours
Welsh Baccalaureate	Skills Challenge Certificate	3 hours
		<b>35 hours</b>



# KS4 Options

A choice of three further courses (x 5 hours each) from a wide range of learning areas

▶ **Sciences**

- ▶ Triple Science – Biology, Chemistry & Physics

▶ **Modern Foreign Languages**

- ▶ French

▶ **Humanities**

- ▶ History
- ▶ Geography

▶ **Technology & Computing**

- ▶ Fashion & Textiles
- ▶ Construction
- ▶ Engineering
- ▶ Hospitality & Catering
- ▶ Computer Science
- ▶ Digital Technology
- ▶ ICT

▶ **Creative Arts**

- ▶ Art & Design
- ▶ Music
- ▶ Performing Arts

▶ **Health, Wellbeing, Sport & Leisure**

- ▶ Physical Education
- ▶ Sport and Coaching Principles
- ▶ Health & Social Care with Child Development
- ▶ Tourism
- ▶ Military Preparation School
- ▶ Personal Growth & Wellbeing (SWEET)



# Collaborative Courses

- ▶ There is one course that is being offered collaboratively across Pembrokeshire which will be based at Pembrokeshire College.
- ▶ Military Preparation School
- ▶ This will involve study at Pembrokeshire College on Thursdays

# Option Blocks

- These 'option' subjects have to be arranged in 3 blocks for timetabling

Block P	Block Q	Block R
Digital Technology	Art	Computer Science
Drama	Digital Technology	Construction
Geography	French	Geography
History	Geography	History
Product Design	Health, Social and Child Care	Hospitality & Catering
Textiles	History	Junior Engineering Apprenticeship
Triple Science	PE and Sports Coaching	Military Preparation School
		Music
		Tourism

- In order to ensure the blocks meet the needs of our learners we are asking you to complete an expression of interest form on which you will indicate which subjects appeal to you most.



# Next Steps

- ▶ Our options brochure will be emailed to your Hwb account and our linked email for your parent or guardian today.
- ▶ This contains information on each course on offer for September 2022 as well as for the core subjects.
- ▶ Read about the subjects that interest you, follow the links to the exam board detail, talk to your parents, talk to your teachers.
- ▶ Access the online 'Expressions of Interest' form and choose your top 4 subjects in order of priority.
- ▶ Mr Jones will then use these returns to construct the option blocks that you will use to apply for places on courses in March.
- ▶ Not every combination of subject will be possible. Please be aware that the combination you express interest in may not be available when the final option blocks are shared with you.



# Next Steps

- 17<sup>th</sup> Feb
  - Options Assembly and Options Brochure published for pupils and parents/guardians.
  - Expression of Interest form accessible online
  - [www.tinyurl.com/YGSY9ExpInt2022](http://www.tinyurl.com/YGSY9ExpInt2022)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> March
  - Online Expression of Interest form closes @ 18:00
- 11<sup>th</sup> March
  - Option Blocks for Y10 Sept 2022 published and emailed to pupils and parent/guardians
- 14<sup>th</sup> March
  - Options Open Evening event in school 18:00 to 20:00
- 17<sup>th</sup> March
  - Appointments to meet with Senior Staff to discuss choices
- 25<sup>th</sup> March
  - Closing date for option applications