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## Year 9 Option and Parents' Evening KS4

Dear Parent / Carer,

I would like to invite you to our combined year 9 option and parents' evening on **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March between 4:00 - 6:30pm at the Alun School**. This evening will provide you with the opportunity to discuss your child's progress in their core subjects and to gain a further insight into the course requirements of option subjects at key stage 4.

**Option subjects:** Teachers will be based in rooms around the school for you to visit at your convenience during the evening. Our Careers Adviser from Careers Wales will also be available for guidance in L9.

**Core subjects:** You will be able to book appointments with core subject teachers. Bookings will open from 6:00pm on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March and close at 6pm on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March.

**To make appointments please go to:** <https://alun.schoolcloud.co.uk>

You will be required to enter your email address to log in. If you encounter any issues you can email [Parents.Evening@alunschool.cymru](mailto:Parents.Evening@alunschool.cymru) for further assistance.

## GCSE Option Process

Next term, year 9 pupils will choose their KS4 subject options. At the Alun School we are proud to offer a broad KS4 curriculum and pupils are encouraged to choose a range of subjects which suit their interests and abilities, benefit their educational development and prepare them successfully for their future pathway.

On the Alun School website there are subject information sheets and videos detailing the course content and assessment information: <http://www.alunschool.co.uk/pages/parentsandstudents/year10options/index.html>

To support and guide pupils with these important choices, we have spent time focussing on topics such as skills, qualities, decision making, careers and aspirations during tutor time. Pupils have also signed up to the Careers Wales website which has enabled them to develop their own profile to match their skills and interests to a range of professions. This website contains a wealth of information regarding subject options and careers which you may also find useful and I would encourage you to view this website with your child.

<https://careerswales.gov.wales/courses-and-training/year-8-and-9-subject-options>

## Timeline:

Subject teachers will showcase their subjects and lead Q&A sessions during the week beginning **11<sup>th</sup> March**. Option and parents' evening will take place on **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March**. Finally, on **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April** pupils will complete their final option choices electronically during tutor time.



Here is information about the KS4 subjects:

### **KS4 Curriculum**

#### **Core Curriculum (Compulsory)**

All students follow the core curriculum. The core curriculum includes:

- GCSE English Language
- GCSE English Literature
- GCSE Mathematics
- GCSE Numeracy
- GCSE Double Award Science or Separate Sciences
- GCSE Welsh
- GCSE Skills
- Physical Education – non-qualification. To achieve a GCSE, choose PE in option 2
- Personal, Social Education and Religious Education will be taught through a planned programme of activities

#### **Optional Subjects**

Pupils choose a first and second choice from each option block. They will be allocated only ONE subject from each option block. Every endeavour will be made to ensure pupils are allocated their first choice.

\* **Technology** - Pupils may only choose **one** subject from construction and product design.

<b><u>Option Block 1</u></b>	<b><u>Option Block 2</u></b>	<b><u>Option Block 3</u></b>
Art & Design – Fine Art or Graphics	Art & Design - Photography	Art & Design - Fine Art or Graphics
Digital Technology	Computer Science	Business
French	Food & Nutrition	French
German	History	Geography
History	Media (BTEC)	German
Media Studies	Performing Arts (BTEC)	Health & Social Care
Technology*	Physical Education	Music
(a) Construction	Religious Studies	Technology*
(b) Product Design		(a) Construction
		(b) Product Design

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

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#### **The Equal Opportunities Policy of the Alun School**

*In the Alun School all pupils are valued equally and are given equal opportunity to develop their talents. All pupils, irrespective of ability, gender, disability, cultural or ethnic background, have equal access to all benefits, facilities and services provided by the school. The Alun School encourages pupils to prepare for life in our multi-cultural society by raising their awareness and understanding of the cultural diversity within a community.*