

Options Menu

Each student is encouraged to choose courses that will benefit her/his educational development and future career prospects. Below are the core subjects which all students must follow and the choices in the three option blocks.

Core Curriculum- (Compulsory)

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

- GCSE English Language
- GCSE English Literature
- GCSE Mathematics
- GCSE Double Award Science or Separate Sciences
- GCSE Short Course Religious Ethics (to achieve full course - choose Sociology & RE in option 1)
- GCSE Short Course Welsh (to achieve full course – choose Welsh in option 3)
- Physical Education (non qualification) to achieve GCSE – choose PE in option 3.
- Welsh Baccalaureate Diploma
- Personal and Social Education – taught through a planned programme of activity

Option Block 1

French
German
Graphic Products
History
Media Studies
Product Design
Psychology
Sociology & Religious Ethics
Textiles

Option Block 2

Art & Design
Construction
Computing
Engineering
Food & Nutrition
Geography
History
ICT
Mandarin (Weds pm-Argoed HS)
Performing Arts (BTEC)
Public Services (BTEC)

Option Block 3

Art & Design
Business
Business (*Certificate in Enterprise*)
French
German
Health & Social Care
Media (BTEC)
Music
Outdoor Education
Physical Education
Welsh

Date	Action
February/March	Research and ask questions about the different courses and subjects available
Tuesday 23 rd February 6.30pm	Attend the Information Evening in school to meet subject teachers and find out more about the courses (You will find it useful to bring your option block information with you)
Wednesday 24 th February to Friday 11 th March	Gain further advice from your subject teachers, group tutors, head of house, learning coach or careers advisor
Friday 11 th March	Deadline to indicate your choice of options on the Careers Wales website
Thursday 24 th March	Confirmation of option choices

The Equal Opportunities Policy of the Alun School

In the Alun School all students are valued equally and are given equal opportunity to develop their talents. All students, 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 students to prepare for life in our multi-cultural society by raising their awareness and understanding of the cultural diversity within a community.