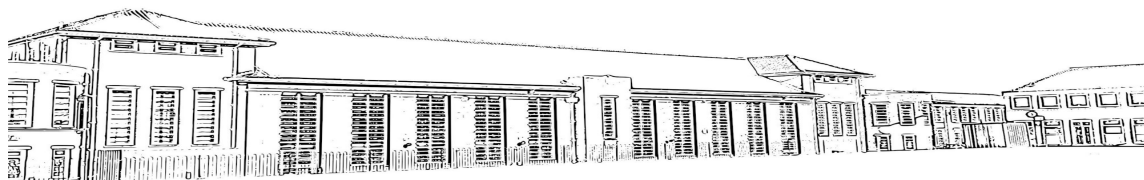


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Year 9 Assemblies, December 23

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Welcome to the Launch of Options 2024

- Launch assembly today
- Online assembly Monday 11th Dec.
- Booklets and videos (via website) for students
Tuesday 12th December
- Allocation of Pathways Advisor (TBC)
- Careers Fayre, Tues. 16th January
- Pathways Evening Thursday 25th January
- Final choices by Friday 2nd February
- May - options confirmed

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The Pathways Booklet

- There are two booklets - Level 1 and Level 2
- They tell you everything about each course
- You need to take them home and go through them carefully
- Read through them yourself and then discuss them with your parents/carers
- Check the desirable entry criteria to ensure you can access the course

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Compulsory subjects (all have to do)

- GCSE English Language and GCSE Literature
- GCSE Mathematics and GCSE Numeracy
- GCSE Science (double award)
- GCSE Cymraeg
- **PDCS** (not a qualification)
- **PE** (not a qualification)

Option Subjects (you can choose)

- See the list in your booklet
- Some are GCSEs and some are BTECs
- Some subjects you know and some are new to you

Read each one carefully and think if you are interested in it and would be good studying it.

Option Subjects (you can choose)

GCSEs

Art and Design

Drama

French

Geography

Health and Social Care

History

PE

Photography

Religious Studies

Sociology

BTECs

Business Studies

Construction

Hospitality

IT: Information Creative

Technology

Media

Performing Arts

Product Design

Skills Challenge Certificate

Workskills

Option Subjects (you can choose)

- To help you further there are **clips on the school website** made by each option subject that tell you what the subject is all about
 - You will watch these in form and you can also watch them at home with your parents/carers
- Website >> School Life >> Year 9 Options (Pathways)
- You can also ask teachers for information about the course
- Look at the Careers Wales website too

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Option Subjects (you can choose)

You will spend two years (Years 10 and 11) studying the compulsory and options subjects

- Students will **study three option subjects**. However, you need to **choose five** as we can't guarantee that everyone will be able to do their first three choices
- Option 1 should be the one you want to do the most, then option 2 and 3. Option 4 and 5 will be back-ups if for some reason you aren't able to do option 1, 2 or 3.

Level 2 Desirable Entry Requirements

- In the booklet the Heads of Department have written what ideally you need to do the subject
- They have years of experience and want you to do well in the subject. They know what it takes to succeed
- **Read the requirements carefully and be honest with yourselves about whether you meet them**
- To help you there is a full report coming to you and your parents/carers before Christmas

Think...

- ***What am I interested in and what do I enjoy?***
- ***What do I want to do in the future as my career?***
(but remember you might change your mind so perhaps don't specialise in similar subjects too early)
- ***What are my strengths are e.g. are am I good at exams and will I revise?*** Consider - are you better with more of a coursework based subject (BTEC)? Do you like writing or not?

And don't think about...

- *What are my friends doing? Shall I just do the same as them?*
- *I really like my Geography teacher - I'll definitely pick that subject so I can stay with them for two years.*
- *I don't know what Zoology* is about but I just pick it as I can't think of anything else.*
- *I love watching programs about Zoology* on television, I'll just go with that even though I know there is loads of writing and I hate that.*

* Zoology is not a real course!

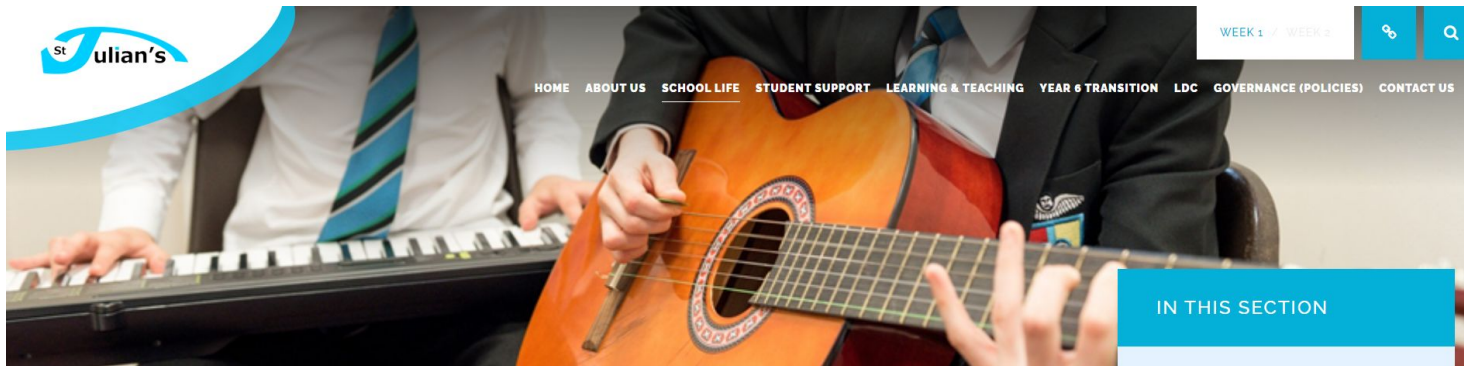
Final Info and Advice (for now)...

- We do not want you to make the wrong decision
- We need you to take responsibility and read and watch the resources that have been provided for you
- Your form tutor will dedicate time this week to the booklet and the video clips
- In January 2024 your advisor will briefly meet up with you to check you have read the booklet and have a good idea what your 5 choices are (in order of 1 to 5)
- Thursday January 25th 2023 Pathway Evening where you and your parent(s)/carers will meet the advisor and make your choices.

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Don't forget all information is on our website



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[CHOOSING YOUR LEARNING PATHWAYS](#)

In September, you will be entering Key Stage 4 of the National Curriculum. Before starting this new phase of your education, you have the opportunity to make some choices concerning your future learning pathways.

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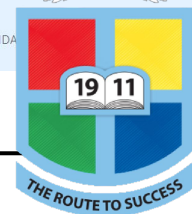
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