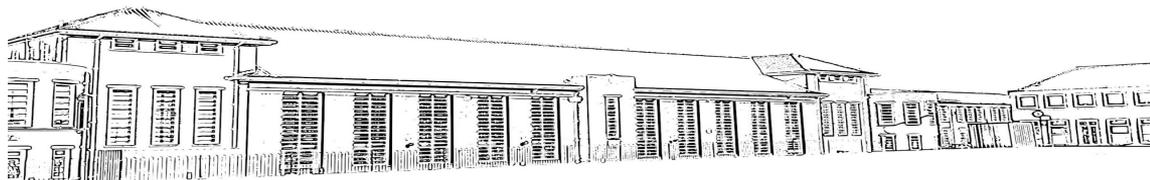

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Year 9 Assembly

Wednesday 10th December 2025



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Welcome to the Launch of Options 2026

- Online assembly Wednesday 10th Dec.
- Allocation of Pathways Advisor (currently being completed)
- Booklets for students Thursday 11th December
- Videos shown in tutorial w/b Monday 5th January
- Year 9 Progress Evening Thursday 22nd January
- Year 9 Pathways Evening Thursday 29th January
- Final choices by Friday 6th February
- May - options confirmed

A blurred, grayscale background image of a school building with classical architectural features like columns and arches. Silhouettes of people are visible in the foreground.

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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

Compulsory subjects (all have to do)

- GCSE English Language and GCSE Literature
- GCSE Mathematics and GCSE Numeracy
- GCSE Science (double award)
- GCSE Cymraeg
- PDCS
- PE

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 at studying it.

Option Subjects (you can choose)

Art and Design (GCSE)

Drama (GCSE)

Geography (GCSE)

Health and Social Care (GCSE)

History (GCSE)

Music (GCSE)

PE (GCSE)

Photography (GCSE)

Religious Studies (GCSE)

Social Studies (GCSE)

Spanish (GCSE)

Business (BTEC)

Construction (L2 Vocational Qualification)

Hospitality (BTEC)

IT (Vocational Award/BTEC)

Media (BTEC)

Performing Arts (BTEC)

Technology (Product Design) (BTEC)

Skills Challenge Certificate

Spanish (Vocational Course)

Leadership through Sport (BTEC)

Workskills (BTEC)



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Option Subjects (you can choose)

To help you further-

- There are videos that tell you what the subject is all about. You will watch these in tutorial after Christmas and you can also watch them at home with your parents/carers via the school website-

Website >> School Life >> Year 9 Options (Pathways)

- Ask teachers for information about each course
- Look at the Careers Wales website

Option Subjects (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** of these 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.

Option subjects and desirable entry Requirements

- In the options booklet the Heads of Department have written what ideally you need to do each 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?*** Am I good at exams and will I revise? Am I better with more of a coursework based subject (BTEC)? Do I 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 will 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 to go through the booklet and the video clips
- In January 2026 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 29th 2026 Pathway Evening is when you and your parent(s)/carers will come to the East hall after school, meet your advisor and make your choices.

Don't forget all information is on our website



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YEAR 9 OPTIONS (PATHWAYS)

[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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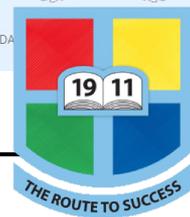
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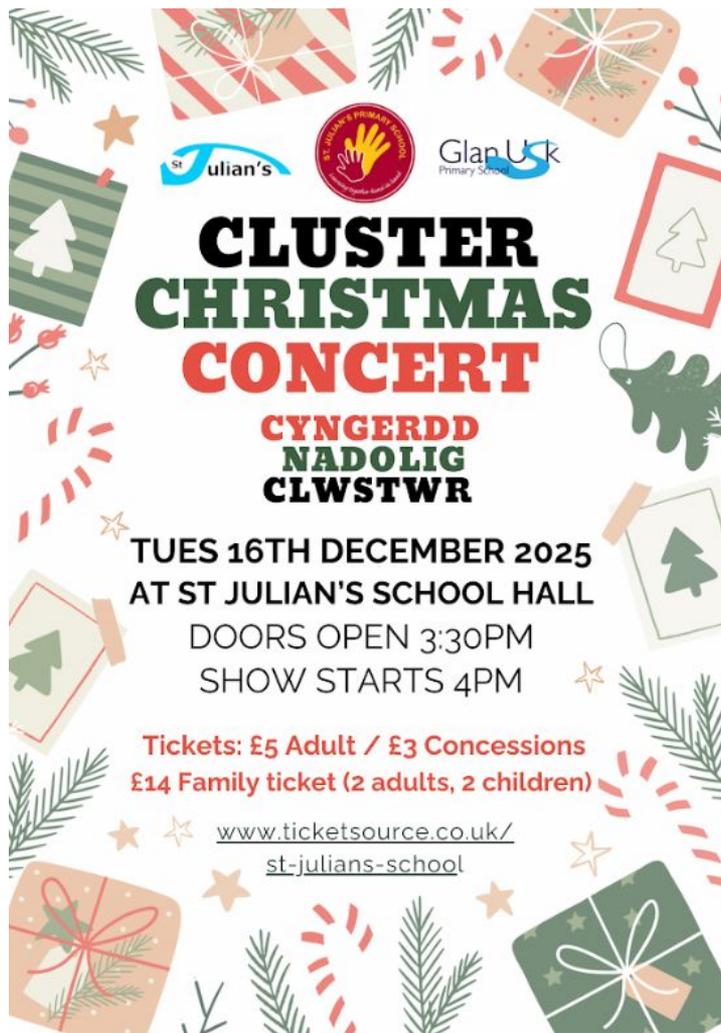
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TUES 16TH DECEMBER 2025
AT ST JULIAN'S SCHOOL HALL
DOORS OPEN 3:30PM
SHOW STARTS 4PM

Tickets: £5 Adult / £3 Concessions
£14 Family ticket (2 adults, 2 children)

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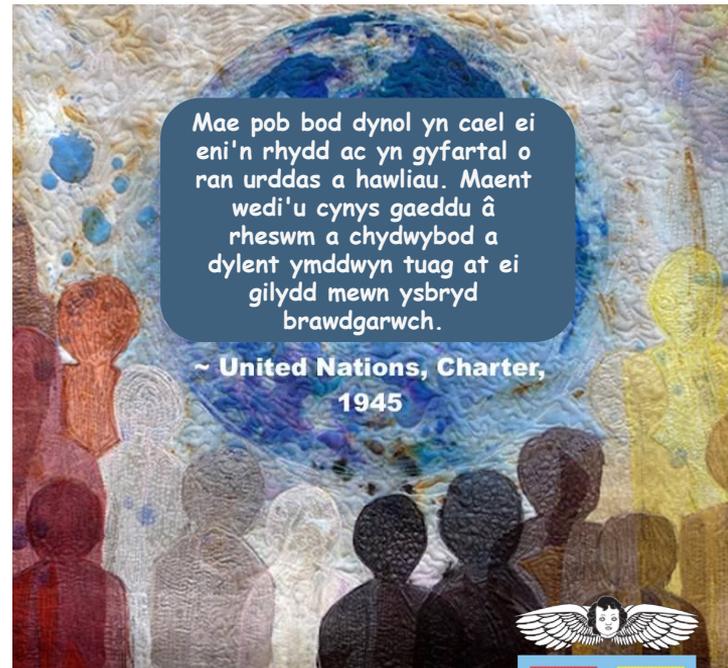
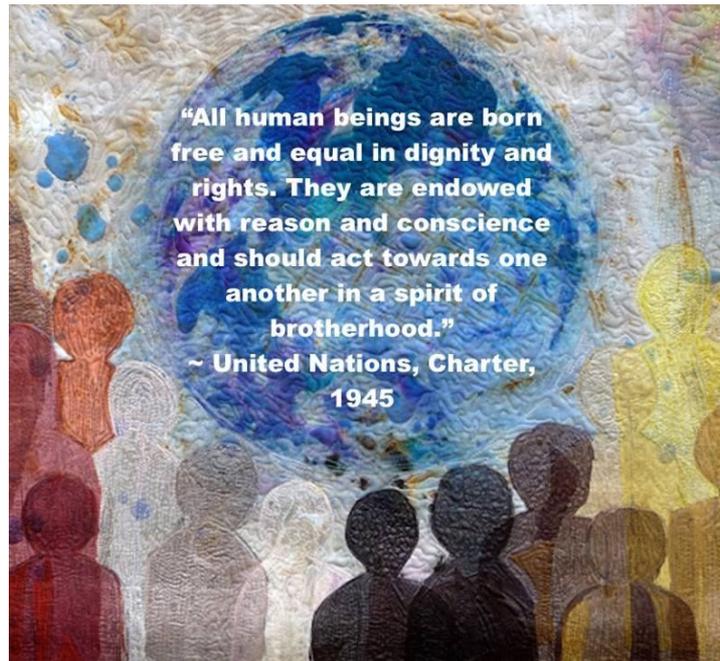
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Tuesday 16th December

Information for Students

A Time To Reflect



RESPECT - INCLUSION - COLLABORATION - **AMBITION**



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Thank you for listening



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