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Year 9 – Learning Pathways

Thursday January 10th 2019

Which Way Now?



Aim of the evening

- ▶ The Core curriculum – English , Mathematics and Science
- ▶ The Option process at YBB
- ▶ Subjects on offer
- ▶ Do's and Don'ts
- ▶ Help
- ▶ Key dates

English Language GCSE

► The language GCSE will:

- Focus on the skills that learners will need in their everyday lives;
- Develop the functional aspects of reading, writing and oracy;
- Places significantly more of an emphasis on the quality and accuracy of writing and on core writing skills such as spelling, punctuation and grammar
- Be linear - all assessments taken at the end of the course;
- No tiered entry
- Awarding of grades at A* - G

English Language GCSE

- ▶ **Unit 1 - Non-examination assessment Oracy - 40 marks contributing 20% of final qualification**
- ▶ **Unit 2 – Reading and Writing - 80 marks contributing 40% of final qualification**
- ▶ **Unit 3 - Reading and Writing - 80 marks contributing 40% of final qualification**

GCSE Numeracy / Mathematics

▶ The new **Numeracy** GCSE will:

- Focuses on mathematics learners will need for everyday life ;
- Assess candidates' ability to solve 'real-life' problems;

▶ The new **Mathematics** GCSE will:

- Cover all aspects of mathematics;
- Will give young people the mathematical skills they need for further mathematical, scientific or technical study;
- Encourage learners to employ and evaluate different mathematical techniques.

GCSE Mathematics / Numeracy

- ▶ Will be linear with all assessments taken at the end of the course;
- ▶ Will have three tiers of entry – Higher (A*-C), Intermediate (B-E) & Foundation(D- G);
 - Higher and Intermediate 2 papers 1hr 45mins; total marks = 160
 - Foundation 2 papers 1hr 30 mins; total marks =130
- ▶ Unit 1 non- calculator; Unit 2 calculator paper;



Double Award Science

- ▶ Study 3 hrs each of Biology, Chemistry and Physics over the two week cycle;
- ▶ Examinations at the end of Y10 and 11 - one in each discipline;
- ▶ Coursework tasks during the Spring term of Y11
- ▶ Awarding of two grades.



Single Award Applied Science and Entry Level

Single Award Applied

- ▶ Unit 1 in year 10
- ▶ Unit 2-4 in year 11 (Unit 3 and 4 have set windows to be completed).

Entry Level

- ▶ One written exam in year 11 (25%).
- ▶ Continuous class based assessments (75%)



The option system at Bae Baglan

- ▶ Is aimed to provide a range of experiences relevant to future needs;
- ▶ Provides a broad choice that also includes the ability to specialise;
- ▶ Offers subjects at the level appropriate to the pupils ability;
- ▶ Offers subjects that allow progression to further education or training.

The process

- ▶ Distribution of Option booklets and free choice form;
- ▶ Pupils receive advice / enter in to discussions with subject teachers, Careers Adviser, form tutors and SLT;
- ▶ Choices made x 3 plus 2 reserve choices;
- ▶ Analysis of free choice to produce curriculum based on a best fit scenario maximising pupil choices;
- ▶ Careful analysis of choices by school based staff e.g. subject teachers, Year group team and SLT;
- ▶ Are all courses viable to run?

Compulsory Subjects

- ▶ GCSE English Language and Literature
- ▶ GCSE Mathematics and Numeracy
- ▶ GCSE Science - Double Award
- ▶ GCSE Welsh / Intervention
- ▶ GCSE RE
- ▶ Skills Challenge Certificate
- ▶ Health and Fitness



Choices

GCSE Further Additional Mathematics	GCSE Health & Social Care
GCSE Art and Design	GCSE History
GCSE Art – Photography	Level 1/2 Award in Hospitality and Catering
Level 1/2 Business and Enterprise	GCSE Music
GCSE Computer Science	GCSE Physical Education
Pathways Certificate for IT Users	GCSE Product Design
Level 1/2 Award in I&CT	GCSE Fashion and Textiles
Level 1/2 Award in Constructing the Built Environment	GCSE Spanish
GCSE Drama	GCSE Science - Triple Award
Level 1/2 in Engineering	Level 1/2 Award in Sport
GCSE French	Level 2 Vehicle Technology
Level 1/2 Global Business Communication	Level 1/2 CoPE
GCSE Geography	Life skills / Basic skills
Level 1/2 Certificate in Hair Services	

Types of qualifications

GCSE's

- ▶ Level 2 qualification graded as A*, A, B and C
- ▶ Level 1 qualification graded as D, E, F and G
- ▶ Can also be awarded U grade

Vocational Qualifications

- ▶ Level 2 qualification graded as Distinction*, Distinction, Merit and Pass
- ▶ Level 1 qualification Level 1 Pass



The KS4 Experience

Week A + Week B = 50 lessons

Compulsory Subjects

Mathematics / Numeracy	= 7 lessons	2 GCSEs
English Lang / Literature	= 7 lessons	2 GCSEs
Science DA	= 9 lessons	2 GCSEs
Welsh	= 4 lessons	1 GCSE
RE	= 3 lessons	1 GCSE
Skills Challenge Certificate	= 3 lessons	1 GCSE equivalent
Health and Fitness	= 2 lessons	
Total	= 35 lessons	9 GCSEs or equivalent

The KS4 Experience (cont.)

Option A	= 5 lessons
Option B	= 5 lessons
Option C	= 5 lessons
Total	= 15 lessons

Total Number of lessons $35 + 15 = 50$ lessons



Pupils must:

- ▶ Get as much advice as possible. If they are unsure, just ask;
- ▶ Find out as much as possible about the courses on offer especially if choosing a “new” course;
- ▶ Choose subjects they like and will be good at;
- ▶ Talk to parents about their choices;
- ▶ Think about the future and how choices made may help them;
- ▶ Choose a balance of subjects.

Pupil must not:

- ▶ Think that they are expected to know what to do later in life; keep as many doors open as possible
- ▶ Follow their friend's choices. They may find themselves in a different teaching group anyway!
- ▶ Choose a subject because you like / dislike the teacher
- ▶ Rush and make hasty decisions
- ▶ Choose a subject because they think it will be easier than others.
- ▶ Worry because they can't fit everything in – simply cannot study everything



Options Help and Advice

- ▶ Options booklet has all the information on the courses available and link to subject websites. Available on School website via Pupils _ Exams.
- ▶ Careers Wales website
<http://www.careerswales.com>
- ▶ School staff
- ▶ School careers adviser - Mrs Mogford



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Key Dates

- ▶ **Parents' Evening – January 14th**
- ▶ **Submission of choices, to form tutor, by January 31st.**

Dreaming



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