

# Year 8 Options



# Why the change this year with options

	The previous situation 2 year KS4			
	Hours per cycle (2 weeks)	Number of Cycles per year	Number of years	Total guided learning hours (GLH)
Option 1	5	18	2	180
Option 2	5	18	2	180
Option 3	5	18	2	180
Option 4	5	18	2	180



# Why the change this year with options

## **The Previous situation (2 year KS4)**

<b>English Language</b>
<b>English Literature</b>
<b>Mathematics</b>
<b>Mathematics - Numeracy</b>
<b>Science</b>
<b>Science</b>
<b>RE</b>
<b>Welsh</b>
<b>PE</b>



# Why the change this year with options

New 3 year KS4				
	Hours per cycle (2 weeks)	Number of Cycles per year	Number of years	Total guided learning hours (GLH)
Option 1	4	18	3	216
Option 2	4	18	3	216
Option 3	4	18	3	216
Option 4	4	18	3	216
Option 5	4	18	3	216



# Why the change this year with options

## New situation

(3 year KS4)

**English Language**

**English Literature\***

**Mathematics**

**Mathematics - Numeracy**

**Science**

**Science**

(Double)

**RE\***

**Welsh\***

**PE\***

**Vocational  
Core**

**WBQ**

**D of E (B)**

**Sweet**

**Prince's Trust**

**Household finance**

**Other**



# What to consider when choosing options

Keep your options open and remember you will have the chance to select further subjects at the 16-19 stage

Look at [www.careerswales.com](http://www.careerswales.com)

Use the support available to you to help make your choices

- Teachers / tutors
- Careers adviser – Mrs O’Leary
- Parents



# What to consider when choosing options

Choose subjects because:

- You like it or find it interesting
- You think you will do well
- You're good at it
- You can develop new skills
- It will combine well with other subjects
- Your teachers think it is suitable for you
- It's useful for your future career



# What to consider when choosing options

Do not choose subjects because:

- Your friends are doing it
- Your parents think it is a good idea, but you don't
- You think it will be easy
- You can't think of anything else to choose
- You like the teacher who teaches it
- It sounds good
- You think you should do it- even though you haven't found out about it



# Level of Qualifications

Entry Level – 12 & 3 (3 being the most difficult)

Level 1- GCSE Grades D– G, Award, Certificate and Diploma

Level 2 - GCSE Grades A\* - C, L2 Award, Certificate, Diploma and Distinction and D\*



# The process of choosing options

All the subjects you can choose are now on the school website

The screenshot shows the homepage of Cefn Saeson Comprehensive School. The header features the school's name and a search bar. The navigation menu includes links to HOME, NEWS, OUR SCHOOL, PUPIL RESOURCES (highlighted with a yellow circle), PARENT RESOURCES, and CONTACT. Below the navigation bar, there is a large photo of a school sports team. To the left, there is a section for 'All News Posts' with a dropdown menu to 'Select Month' and a tweet from @CefnSaesonComp about a 'PARENTS EVENING YEAR 9'. To the right of the photo, a dropdown menu for 'PUPIL RESOURCES' is open, listing various links: BKSB, CAREERS WALES, CAREERS WALES CONTACT DETAILS, CEOP SAFETY ONLINE, DISTANCE LEARNING, EXAMINATIONS, EXTRA CURRICULAR, HWR, OPTIONS (highlighted with a yellow circle), SCHOOL BASED COUNSELLING SERVICE, and SCHOOLBEAT. Further to the right, there is a section for 'UPCOMING EVENTS' with a table that currently has 'No data available in table'. Below this is a COVID-19 warning graphic with the text 'CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REPORT A POSITIVE CASE'.

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Search ...

HOME NEWS OUR SCHOOL **PUPIL RESOURCES** PARENT RESOURCES CONTACT

**All News Posts**

Select Month

Tweets by @CefnSaesonComp

**Cefn Saeson Comp**  
@CefnSaesonComp

PARENTS EVENING YEAR 9

For anyone attending for the first time the sign up page is also the login page. They are the same. Please enter the details you used to sign up.

Here is the link again  
[cefnsaeson.schoolcloud.co.uk](https://cefnsaeson.schoolcloud.co.uk)

**BKSB**

**CAREERS WALES**

**CAREERS WALES CONTACT DETAILS**

**CEOP SAFETY ONLINE**

**DISTANCE LEARNING**

**EXAMINATIONS**

**EXTRA CURRICULAR**

**HWR**

**OPTIONS**

**SCHOOL BASED COUNSELLING SERVICE**

**SCHOOLBEAT**

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Event	Time	Venue
No data available in table		

**COVID-19**

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## Unit1 Religious & Philosophical Themes

**Life and Death** - Value of life abortion & euthanasia; Soul- ghosts & the afterlife; God & life of Jesus; Work of charities & organisations; Stewardship & scientific theories of existence

**Good and Evil** Morality & justice; Crime & punishment, death penalty; Forgiveness; pacifism; War; Good, evil & suffering; Holocaust; Persecution of Christians in modern era.



## Exam

### Assessment Criteria:

There is no coursework, meaning that RS is 100% exam based.

Pupils sit **two** exams, which are both 2 hours each.

Unit 1 – end of year 10

Unit 2 – end of year 11

Each exam is broken down into the four units of study, and again into four types of questions:

2 Marks - Key Definitions

5 Marks - Describe

8 Marks - Explain

15 Marks - Evaluate



## Careers

### How Religious Studies will help you in the future

Aside from the fact that you will have developed a knowledge and understanding of differing beliefs, teachings and practices, Religious Studies also helps you to develop a number of skills including:

- \*Empathy
- \*The ability to evaluate
- \*How to demonstrate your knowledge and understanding
- \*The ability to construct an argument (to name a few!)

### Future Careers

Essentially, Religious Studies can help you with any career in which you have to have contact with people

Air Cabin Crew  
Chef  
Human Resources  
Journalist  
Law  
Medicine (Dr, Nurse, Health Visitor, Physiotherapist, Care etc)  
Police  
Social Worker  
Teacher  
Teaching Assistant



## CoreSubjects

The following subject are compulsory and will be delivered to all pupils throughout Year 9, 10 & 11

- Mathematics & Numeracy
- English (Including English Literature for most pupils)
- Double Science
- Welsh Studies
- RE
- Physical Education



# The process of choosing options

Take some time to look at the options online, discuss them at home and speak to the subject teachers.

You will all be interviewed by SLT or pastoral staff over the next two weeks, where you will discuss your options and will choose

5 first choices and 2 reserve choices.



## Yr. 8 Options 2022

Please make sure you have read the information regarding Option Choices on the school website. Before completing your choices, please read these instructions carefully. A complete list of all the subject offered are printed overleaf. Remember Maths, English, Science are compulsory subjects – you must not have these as an option.

- Select a subject for the correct reasons, i.e., past performance, careers advice, enjoyment of the subject.
- If you any questions relating to Careers guidance please speak to our Careers officer - Mrs A O'Leary.
- *Do not select a subject for the following reasons* - liking the teacher, taking a subject because a friend is taking it, taking it because it sounds nice, without understanding the work required.
- **Select 5 subjects and 2 reserve subjects. Please write these in the box below.**
- All pupils will have an interview with a senior member of staff to discuss your option choices and make sure they are suitable to your needs.
- This form needs to be presented when you have your interview, which will be starting from the 14<sup>th</sup> March. Dates and times will be posted beforehand.

We try extremely hard to fulfil your option choices. However, there may be times where we will be unable to meet these requests. If there are low numbers for a specific subject or courses are oversubscribed, then we will negotiate further options with you.

Pupil Name \_\_\_\_\_

Pupil Form \_\_\_\_\_

Main Choices (In order of Preference)
1.
2.
3.
4.
5.
Reserve 1
Reserve 2

Parental/Carer Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**Please bring this form to your interview**

Subject	Level	Type
Agored	E/L1	Award/Cert/Dip
Art	L2	GCSE
Construction	L1/2	Award
Digital Technology	L2	GCSE
Drama	L2	GCSE
DT Entry Pathways	E/L1	Award/Cert/Dip
DT Food	L2	GCSE
DT Product Design	L2	GCSE
Electronics	L2	GCSE
English Lang/Lit	L2	GCSE
Film Studies	L2	GCSE
French	L2	GCSE
French Entry Pathways	E/L1	Award/Cert/Dip
Geography	L2	GCSE
Global Business Communication	L1/2	Award
Health & Social	L2	GCSE
History	L2	GCSE
Humanities (History)	E/L1	Award/Cert/Dip
Maths + Numeracy	L2	GCSE
Music	L2	GCSE
PE	L2	GCSE
Prince's Trust	E/L1/2	Award
RE	L2	GCSE
Retail Business Studies	L2	Award
Science Double	L2	GCSE
Science Entry Level	E/L1	Award/Cert/Dip
Science Triple	L2	GCSE
Sociology	L2	GCSE
Spanish	L2	GCSE
Sport and Coaching Principles	L1/2	Award
Sweet	L1/2	Award
Textiles	L2	GCSE
Tourism	L2	Award
Welsh	L2	GCSE
Welsh Pathways	L1/2	Award/Cert/Dip

Those subjects highlighted in orange are compulsory and should not be selected as an Option.