



Year 9 GCSE Options Information Evening

Thursday 12th February, 4:00–6:30pm

Dear Learners, Parents and Guardians,

Year 9 learners will soon begin the process of choosing their GCSE option subjects, which will lead to qualifications at the end of Year 11. Option subjects make up almost 40% of a learner's timetable, alongside the Core Curriculum of English, Mathematics, Science, Welsh, Philosophy and Physical Education.

At Whitmore, we are keen to support learners and families through the Options Process so that informed, balanced decisions can be made. Each learner will be asked to choose four option subjects that best reflect their interests, strengths and aspirations.

You are invited to attend our GCSE Options Information Evening on **Thursday 12th February, 4:00–6:30pm**. This event is an important opportunity to gather information, but we would also encourage learners and parents to begin preparing in advance. Over the coming weeks, learners should speak to their non-core subject teachers about courses they are considering, and they will also receive information through assemblies.

All relevant information to support your initial discussions, the options prospectus and the options form is accessed via the school website: <https://sites.google.com/hwbcymru.net/whitmore-ks4-options/home>

If you have any questions prior to the evening, please contact your child's Head of Year, **Mr R Ware** (WareR19@whitmorehigh.org), or **Mr D Gamble** (GambleD3@whitmorehigh.org).

Options Information Evening Schedule

- **4:00–4:20pm:** Short introductory presentation in the Hall
- **4:30–6:30pm:** Round-robin visits to option subject information sessions

Each option subject will be based in a classroom, where you will view a short presentation followed by a question-and-answer session. Learners will act as guides, with staff available to assist throughout the evening.

Learners will need to indicate their chosen subjects using our [online free-choice options form](#) by **Friday 27th February**. Once all forms have been submitted, choices will be processed and confirmation will be sent home. Please note that the final range of subjects offered is determined by student demand.

Yours sincerely,

Mr D Gamble
Mr R Ware