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# **OPTION PROCESS / 14 – 19 OPPORTUNITIES**

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- It is compulsory you choose three ‘in-house’ option choices and three reserve choices from the subject bands that are available.
- If you choose a 14-19 course, it will prevent you from taking one of your ‘in-house’ option choices. You will therefore have two ‘in-house’ option choices and potentially your 14-19 college course.
- You have been advised why this is very important!

# You will be given a letter in January:

- This will indicate your Options pathway. The school will advise you on a particular Option pathway that is the best for you.
- There will be three fixed Option columns and you will have to decide which course you would like to study from each column.
- You will also have to select a reserve choice from each column.
- A 14-19 course will replace one option choice.

# 14-19 Opportunities (half day)

## Equivalent to A\* - C

- Health and Social Care TBC
- Computer Science TBC
- Public Services TBC
- Hospitality & catering TBC
- Business TBC
- Small Animal Care TBC

## Level 2:

- Construction TBC
- Engineering TBC
- Hair and Beauty TBC

## If you do decide to take one of the 14-19 courses, remember:

- These courses will run at the same time as some of the school's options, so pupils wishing to be considered will be opting for one of the 14 – 19 courses **rather than studying one of the 'in-house' option choices**
- All courses require an official interview process conducted by the Institute that is responsible for delivering the course. These courses are for **two years** and pupils opting for them **must be committed for the whole period.**
- College times do differ. The sessions will typically run from 1.30-4.30 pm.

- Transport to the location of the courses will be provided, however pupils will have to make their own arrangements for their journey home.
- Regrettably costs for work boots, overalls or salon kits etc must be met by the pupils (for example – catering ‘kit’ is approx. £80 to £90).
- Pupils may choose only one of the courses.
- Pupils will study an Extra Skills course in their single lesson in school in Year 10 (as they will not be in college).

# What to do next?

1. Listen carefully to the content of each of the 14-19 courses.
2. If you are really interested in one of the 14-19 courses, take a letter to take home and show your parents / guardians
3. Your Form Tutor will make a note that you have shown an interest in the college course (you have not chosen one at this point though!).

4. If appropriate, return the 14-19 forms to Mr Hughes indicating that you would like the opportunity to interview for a 14-19 opportunity course (stating which course), by Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December.



# LEVEL 2 COURSES

The following courses are all courses that are equivalent to ONE/TWO A\* - C GCSE courses.

There are no D – G grades issued.

Ysgol Bryn Alyn does not offer L1 courses to our pupils.

We feel that EVERY pupil should be provided with the support and opportunity able to access the whole suite of GCSE grades from A\* through to G.

# BTEC - Health and Social Care

- This course is designed as an introduction to working in the health and social care sector.
- The course consists of mandatory and optional units. These include Communication in Health and Social Care, Individual Rights in Health and Social Care, Lifespan development and Healthy Living.
- Students will be assessed through a range of methods including written assignments, oral presentations, case studies and work related projects. There are external exams for two units.
- Students are expected to purchase a course text book (cost approximately £18). And a polo shirt (costs approx. £18).

# BTEC Level 2 Business

- Enterprise in the Business World
- Finance for Business
- Principles of Marketing
  
- Written assignments, oral presentations, case studies and work related projects. Two units will be external exams.

# GCSE Computer Science (WJEC)

- VERY demanding course. Level 6 or 7 required in Mathematics.
- For students with an interest in Understanding Computer Science/Solving problems using computers/ Developing Computer Solutions.
- This course involves a written examination paper on Computer systems and Programming, a Practical investigation and a Programming project.
- Learners are expected to have access to a computer at home with Microsoft Windows installed and an internet connection.
- **Assessment** - Written examination (45%), an on-screen examination (30%) and a programming controlled assessment (25%).

# Level 2 BTEC extended certificate in Hospitality / Catering

- Provides a broad educational bases for further training, further education and employment within the hospitality sector.

The units chosen will include :

- A study of the hospitality industry.
- Practical experience in the College Rendezvous Restaurant and Training Kitchens. Specialised uniform is approx. between £80 and £90.
- The assessment will be based on assignments completed in class.

# Level 2 BTEC extended certificate in Small Animal Care

- This is a Land Based Course worth 2 GCSE's A\* - C
- Learners will develop a range of skills on how to look after small animals.
- Assessments will be based on practical tasks and written assignments.
- Very popular course – a lot of competition at interview.

# Level 2 BTEC extended certificate in Public Services

- Ideal for anyone wanting a career in the services (e.g. Police, Fire, Security, Prison, Armed forces).
- You will study a range of units including: The Public Services; Public Services Skills; Public Services Fitness; Adventurous Activities and the Public Services; Expedition Skills.
- Worth 2 GCSE's A\*-C

# Level 2 Construction

- This course will cover a range of specialisms based in the Construction and Build Environment.
- The course will provide learners with a solid foundation for study at a higher level
- Assessment will include a range of activities including coursework assignments, practical assessments, controlled assessments in College and written examinations.
- Personal equipment will be required at a cost of approximately £25



# Level 2 Engineering

## Course Content – 90% Theory

- This course offers a solid introduction to a range of engineering disciplines, from manufacturing, maintenance and electronics.

## Assessment

- Assessment will include a range of activities including coursework assignments, practical assessment, controlled assessments in College and an external exam.
- Personal equipment will be required at a cost of approximately £25

# Level 2 Hairdressing

- This course provides a range of academic and practical activities in Hairdressing.