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Dear Parents & Carers

We are offering 2 Option Blocks to pupils in Yrs 10 and 11 next year to give your child an opportunity to explore what subjects they are interested in, and to help inform them what they may want to go on to do at college.

The Option Courses run for one year. We are running two weeks of taster sessions in the first two weeks of September so that your child gets to experience every option, before they make their choices. We will then ask pupils to rank in order of preference what their choices are. We will endeavour to give every pupil their first and second choice but this will depend on uptake and numbers for each group. Below is some information about each option – pupils will do Option 1 on a Tuesday and Option 2 on a Thursday.

Catering – Mrs Smith

This option allows pupils who are interested in a career in catering or hospitality to develop their culinary skills by running a staff café, planning, making and selling dishes on a weekly basis. There will also be an opportunity to visit local hospitality venues to explore careers. This option will allow pupils to provide more evidence towards their BTEC in home cooking skills as well as working towards their food hygiene certificates.

Design Technology – Mr Myers

In this option pupils will use and develop the skills they have learnt in Key Stage 3 to design and make projects of their own. This will involve producing a folder of work including research and development of a final idea and the manufacture of a working prototype of this design. Completion of this option will gain pupils an Entry Level qualification in Art and Design.

Key skills pupils will develop in this option will be:

Understanding of how to develop their ideas into effective design ideas.

Competence in using an extended range of tools and equipment.

Growing awareness of how to assess the effectiveness of products.

Sports Leader Award – Mr Beeson

This option is for pupils who wish to develop knowledge and practical skills in coaching and leadership. Pupils will study for an 'I can lead' Award accredited by Sports Leaders UK. This will prepare pupils for qualifications in sport, fitness, coaching and public services.

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The course includes:

Exploring the different skills of a leader

Planning, preparing and delivering sports sessions to their peers

Trying out a range of different sporting activities

Teamwork and leadership activities

Pupils will need to provide evidence in a portfolio to achieve the award.

Computing – Mrs Nisha

In this option some pupils will have the opportunity to complete more units and

obtain a full GCSE in Cambridge National in iMedia. Other students can opt to

complete a personal development project (PDP) in Computing Vocational Taster.

Pupils will cover many areas of learning and this can count towards work experience,

college courses along with personal skills such as oral presentation, research,

problem solving and discussions.

Art – Mrs Schmidschneider

Art options will provide pupils with the opportunity to visit local galleries and

museums, putting artwork into context and applying their experiences to their own

personal work. Pupils will begin the Autumn term with a visit to a local gallery and will

participate in a carousel of workshops exploring painting, drawing, printmaking,

textiles and 3D.

As their creative skills develop pupils will select an art pathway in which they will

further refine their skills by producing work in response to the artworks explored in a

gallery setting. Pupils will use their enterprise skills to then plan and present their

own Summer Art exhibition.

At the end of the year it is possible that pupils achieve AQA unit awards in Visiting

An Art Gallery, Creating An Artwork Inspired By An Art Gallery Collection, Positive

Engagement In An Art Project and Entry Level Two units in Present an Art & Design

Evaluation and Plan, Advertise and Present an Art & Design Exhibition.

Music – Mrs Burton

In this option pupils learn and demonstrate techniques used in music. They will

develop an awareness of how creative expression and enjoyment of music can have

a positive impact on mental health and wellbeing. Pupils will develop their own

creative voice and produce their own original work in addition to gaining an

understanding of the importance of music and creativity in society and industry.

Pupils will gain credits towards a WJEC Entry Level Pathway award. Units include

music appraisal, solo performance and ensemble performance.

Humanities – Mr Browne

Humanities will be offering credits towards WJEC Entry Level Pathways in

Humanities. This will consist of two topics.

The first unit will be "Responding to a major Tectonic Event" such a volcano,

earthquake or tsunami. This enables learners to identify areas of the world that are

affected by tectonic events and know how people are affected by, and respond to the

hazards posed by the tectonic events.

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The second unit will be "A non-British society in the past". This will focus on South Africa 1960 - 1994 and investigate the apartheid system. This connects learners to what they have already learnt in Christianity and Martin Luther King.

Enterprise – Mr Chalmers

This option gives pupils opportunity to design a seasonal product to make, advertise, promote and sell. Pupils will learn various skills, including literacy and numeracy, social skills, and advertising and marketing skills. set up small businesses, know what is involved and how to promote and manage the product. Pupils will have opportunities to sell their products to parents, staff, pupils and the local community, hopefully making a profit!

Once taster sessions have been completed, please talk to your child about their choices. We will then send an option choice form for you to complete and return.

Yours faithfully



Mrs J Payne
Headteacher