

Year 9-10 Pathways

Blwyddyn 9-10 Llwybrau



2017 – 2018



During the first three years at Newport High School, all students have followed a Key Stage 3 curriculum and have studied one examined subject in Year 9. As students now move into Key Stage 4 they receive a wider choice of learning pathway. For the next two years students will study:

- The compulsory element through the core subjects of English language, maths numeracy, maths and two Science GCSEs
- The GCSE Welsh Baccalaureate Qualification.
- Statutory subjects in PE, Welsh and RE
- 3 option subjects of their choice providing a range of learning experience



The expected outcome for the end of Key Stage 4 for all students is to achieve a C grade or better in:

- English Language
- Maths Numeracy
- The Welsh Baccalaureate Qualification
- 3 other GCSEs from their option choices

How will I be helped when making my choices?

- Activities and presentations during Assemblies
- Pathways Evening Thursday 2nd February 2017
- Pathways booklets distributed
- All option choices completed online following February Half Term 2017

What advice would previous learners give?

Choose courses which:

- you know you can do well in
- are the subjects you like best or are interested in
- reflect your interests
- help you learn in a way you enjoy

Choose courses that fit your plans:

- it's a good idea to choose a course that links to your choice of training or career after school
- if you don't have any plans, choose a course that interests you

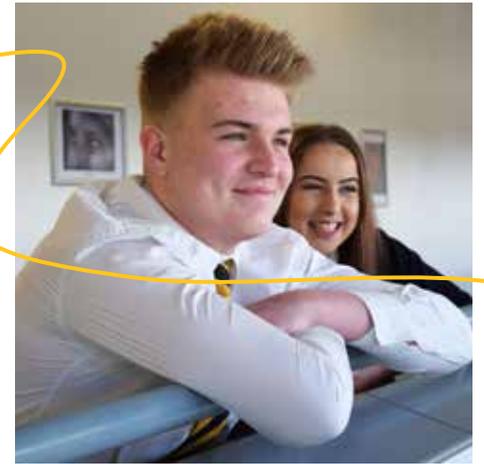


Don't just choose a course because:

- you like the teacher; or ignore it because you don't like the teacher, there could be a different one next year
- your friends are doing the course; they are different to you and have different strengths and interests

It is important to remember that the subjects students embark on in Year 10 will remain the same until the end of Year 11 so for two years.

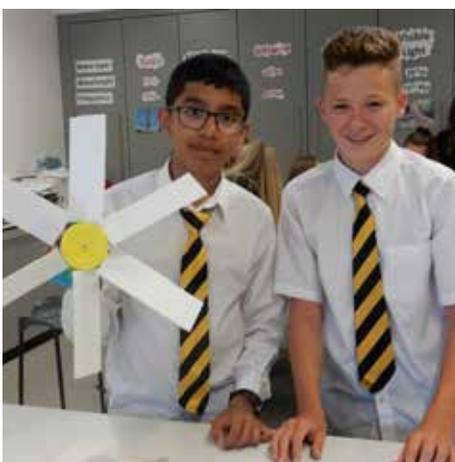
The choices made are therefore very important.



How do I pick a course that matches my ability and achievements so far?

Learners are able to study courses designed for different levels of ability, these courses all form part of the National Qualifications Framework. You should aim to complete Level 2 and move on to Level 3 whilst you are a student at Newport High School.

"Remember to get as much information as possible"



Achievement levels...

Qualification Level	Achievement Level	Examples of qualifications at this level
Level 1.	Developing knowledge, understanding, skills and the ability to apply learning to everyday situations.	All GCSE grades D-G and BTEC courses at Level 1
Level 2.	Building knowledge and skills in relation to subject areas; gaining the ability to apply learning to a varied range of tasks. This is seen as the minimum level expected by employers and is critical to going on to further study and higher level skills. Passing the Welsh Baccalaureate with 5 GCSEs including English and maths at Level 2 will allow you to progress to Level 3 in the Sixth Form	All GCSE grades A*-C and BTEC courses at Level 2

Essential advice...

To be **successful** through Year 10 & 11 allowing you to **achieve** your **potential** there are some essential pieces of advice:

Learn:

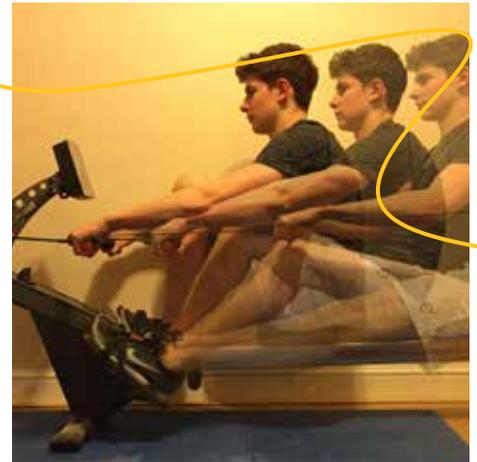
- Attend school regularly, 95% is the target attendance
- Give every subject your full commitment
- Complete all work set to the best of your ability
- Stay organised, equipment, timetable, homework, study time are all key ingredients to success

Believe:

Believe in yourself, be determined and don't give up

Achieve:

Be proud of what you achieve and keep making progress



Which pathways can I choose from in 2017?

Learners currently in Year 9 and moving to Year 10 next year should choose:

- one subject from **Pathway A...**
- one subject from **Pathway B...**
- one subject from **Pathway C...**

Pathway A	Pathway B	Pathway C
Food & Nutrition	French	ICT
Science	Computer Science	GCSE PE
ICT	Art	BTEC Sport
Photography	History	Geography
Religious Studies	Music	Product Design
Health & Social Care	Construction	Fashion and Textiles
Vocational Studies	Vocational Studies	