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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are approaching the time of year when students in Year 11 begin to make important decisions about their future. There are many options open to students once they complete their GCSE examinations, including studying A-Levels in the Sixth Form, attending College to complete vocational courses, pursuing an apprenticeship, or seeking full-time employment. It is important for students to consider their options now to make the most informed and appropriate choices about their future.

Many students in Year 11 make the choice to continue their education in the Sixth Form at Porthcawl School. We passionately believe that our Sixth Form combines the invaluable expertise of our experienced staff with pastoral care, support and guidance from our Sixth Form leadership team to create an unmatched experience for students who study with us.

We believe there are several important advantages for students who choose to study with us. These include:

- Access to a wide range of over 25 subjects, all delivered by highly qualified, specialist staff.
- Support for future study at university from our experienced Sixth Form Leadership team, including extensive guidance on UCAS and careers advice.
- Pastoral support through our tutor groups, led by staff who get to know our students very well and support their individual needs.
- Chromebooks for use by every student studying in Years 12 and 13 to support them with their studies, alongside Sixth Form designated workspaces for private study.
- A friendly and positive learning environment that welcomes many students from other schools every year.

We are extremely proud of our Sixth Form at Porthcawl Comprehensive School, and our outcomes speak for themselves. The results of our Sixth Form are consistently higher than Local Authority and Welsh average benchmarks and are amongst the best in the country. These outcomes enable many of our students to go on and study at many of the best Universities in Wales and the UK including Oxford, Cambridge, and other Russell Group Universities.

As a school, we hold a series of events in January to support students in making their future options choices. All Year 11 students will complete an options form to enable the school to plan the curriculum for the next academic year. This process is completed by all students, even those who are unsure about their future pathways at this stage. Details of this process will be explained to students in January.

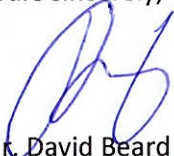
To support students in making these choices the following events are planned:

Date	Event
Monday 12th January	Year 11 Options fortnight begins. There will be a series of assemblies and taster lessons running in school throughout the fortnight to inform students about the courses on offer.
Wednesday 14th January (5:00pm-7:00pm)	Year 11 Options and Sixth Form information evening. An opportunity to meet the Sixth Form leadership team, find out more about our Sixth Form and speak to subject leaders from the different subjects on offer.
Friday 23rd January	Deadline for Year 11 options forms to be completed online.

Students will be provided with a copy of the Sixth Form Prospectus at the information evening which will provide additional information regarding the courses offered. There are also subject videos outlining the courses on the school website for those unable to attend the event. It is important that this information is viewed by students, parents and carers to ensure the most appropriate choices are made. Some subjects will require students to have studied the subject at GCSE level, others will not. Grade requirements will also vary from subject to subject and can be discussed with staff during the information evening. Most importantly, students should choose subjects they enjoy and are passionate about achieving in.

Our staff are all dedicated to helping students at this important stage of their education to make the best choices. Most of all, we want the next two years to be enjoyable and rewarding for all our students. I look forward to meeting you at our information evening in January.

Yours sincerely,



Mr. David Beard
Deputy Headteacher