



# CHOICES AT 16+



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## Basically there are 3 options

- Employment
- Continue in full time education at college/school
- Continue in full time education at Y Pant/Bryncelynnog consortium

## Options not available at Y Pant/Bryncelynnog

- A full G.C.S.E. resit programme.
- 'Specialist' vocational courses such as plumbing, hairdressing, beauty therapy, early years

# Affording post 16 study:

- Students can get grants from the Welsh Government to help them stay on after year 11.
- The **Education Maintenance Award (E.M.A.)** Gives £30 per week (means tested) for full time education.
- Students must sign and fulfil a learning agreement to receive the grant.



# Admissions policy

- An 'open' admissions policy exists.
- **General guidelines:** All students are strongly advised to start with 4/3 AS subjects.
- Welsh Baccalaureate is **compulsory**.
- To follow 4 AS levels students should have a solid base at G.C.S.E.- 6 G.C.S.E. @ C grade as a **minimum**.
- Certain subjects will require **minimum** grades at G.C.S.E.
- Students do **not** have to have taken a subject at G.C.S.E to follow it at AS level

# Basis of good subject choices (1)



**SUCCESS**

## Positive Reasons

- Liking/Enjoyment
- Ability
- Results at G.C.S.E.
- Higher education requirements
- Career requirements

# Basis of good subject choices (2)

## Negative Reasons

- Friends choices
  - New subject
  - Staff
- Results at G.C.S.E.
- Other interested adults



# Subjects Available 2016/17

## AS/A LEVEL

- Mathematics
- Further MATHs
- ENGLISH - Lit / Lit Lang
- Art
- Biology
- Physics
- Chemistry
- French
- Geography
- History
- Drama
- Business Studies
- Textiles
- Performing Arts
- Photography
- Spanish
- French

## AS/A LEVEL

- Media Studies
- Religious studies and Ethics
- Psychology
- Design Technology
- I.C.T.
- Computing
- PE
- Music
- Welsh
- Travel + Tourism

## 'VOCATIONAL AS/A LEVEL'

- Health + Social Care
- Travel + Tourism

## BTEC COURSES

- Sport
- Music

# Option Columns 2016/17

Options offered at Y Pant School				
Column A	Column B	Column C	Column D	Column E
Biology	Chemistry	Biology	Biology	Art
Geography	English	Business Studies	Design Technology	Chemistry
History	Media Studies	Drama	English literature	Information Technology
Mathematics	Psychology	Physics	French	
	Religious Education		Travel and Tourism	
Options offered at Bryn Celynnog School				
Column A	Column B	Column C	Column D	Column E
Art	Applied Science	English	Design Technology	Business Studies
Chemistry	Biology	Health and Social Care	Further Mathematics	History
French	Information Technology	Mathematics	Sport (Single Option)	Photography
Media Studies	Performing Arts	Sport (Double Option) (Must be combined with sport in Column D)		Physics

The following subjects will be incorporated in to the Y Pant offer dependent on demand:

Computing, Music, Health and Social Care P.E / Sport and Welsh



# EXAMPLE SUBJECT COMBINATIONS

- STUDENT 1

- Year 12: AS in Maths, Physics, Chemistry & Biology
- Year 13: A2 (Full A level) in Maths, Chemistry & Biology.

- STUDENT 2

- Year 12 : AS in Maths, Physics, Travel & Tourism
- Year 13 : A2 in Maths & Travel & Tourism.

- STUDENT 3

- Year 12 : AS in Geography, History, Chemistry & Biology
- Year 13: A2 in History, Chemistry & Biology

- STUDENT 4

- Year 12 : AS in Spanish, Design Tech, Btec Sport
- Year 13 : A2 in Spanish, Design Tech, Btec Sport

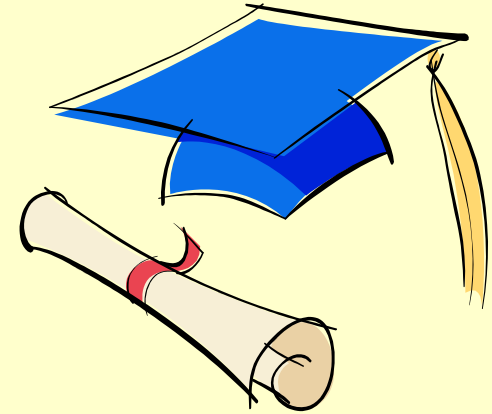
- All students follow the Welsh Baccalaureate course along side their option choices

# SUBJECT WEIGHTING

- All subjects offered are awarded to Level 3.
- Certain higher education courses demand certain subjects.
- Certain subjects are seen as 'traditional heavyweight academic subjects' e.g. - English Literature, History, Physics, Geography
- University departments can demand or favour certain subjects

# After Key stage 5?

- 2 passes at A level (or equivalent i.e. level 3) is still the minimum requirement for entry into higher education.
- Post 16 qualifications can enhance employability and earning capacity.



# Life at Y Pant 6<sup>th</sup> form

## Head of Progress

Mrs S. Howell-Hughes

## Assistant Head of Progress

Miss A. Purcell

# What happens next?

Y11 addressed as a year group during assemblies in next few weeks

Allocated time after GCSEs but before the summer to 'sign-off' *considered* choices with Head of department

- Straw poll used to determine columns
- Summer sign up day in last week of summer holidays
- Sept 2016 – term begins

# Facilitating subjects

According to Russell Group Universities

Maths + Further maths

Physics

Chemistry

Biology

History

Geography

Languages

English Literature

- Also highly regarded = REP, Music and Economics
- Rule of thumb if in doubt – take two facilitator subjects plus others