

St Illtyd's Catholic
High School

2018

OPTIONS BOOKLET

How do I choose a course which matches my ability and achievements so far?

Every student at St Illtyd's has the opportunity to study courses which are designed for the success of each individual. Courses are offered at two different levels but you should aim to achieve Level 2 so that you can progress to Level 3 qualifications once you leave St Illtyd's. The following table explains each level a qualification.

Level of qualification	What does this level mean?	What qualifications are awarded at this level?
Level 1	Level 1 qualifications recognise basic knowledge and skills and the ability to apply learning with guidance or supervision.	GCSE grades D-G or equivalent qualification
Level 2	Level 2 qualifications recognise the ability to gain a good knowledge and understanding of a subject area of work or study, and to perform varied tasks with some guidance or supervision. Learning at this level involves building knowledge and/or skills in relation to an area of work or a subject area and is appropriate for many job roles. This is seen as the minimum expected qualification by employers and also leads to opportunities to study at a higher level. Level 2 Threshold is 5 GCSEs at Grade A*-C, or equivalent qualification.	GCSE grades A*-C or equivalent qualification

All students at St Illtyd's should aim to achieve the Level 2 Threshold so that they are able to progress onto further courses or career paths that they want. Many employers also expect applicants to have achieved the Level 2 threshold as a minimum requirement. The Level 2 Threshold is equivalent to 5 Level 2 qualifications.

Advice from previous students

Think carefully about:

- Which subjects you know you can do well in
- Which are the subjects you like best or are interested in
- How the course is taught, will you enjoy that type of learning?
- What you are interested in

Don't choose a course because:

- You 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

Think about your future plans and choose courses which help you to achieve them

- Choose courses that link to your choices of further education, training or employment after school
- If you don't have any plans then choose a course that interests and motivates you

Talk to your teachers and your parents about your choices

- Make sure that you find out as much information as you can
- If you are not sure about something then ask your teacher, tutor or Progress Leader

How will I make my choices?

The key dates are shown below, it is important that you are in school every day to view the presentations about different courses and to listen to advice from your tutor and Head of Year.

Week beginning 12 February 2018
Option blocks and booklet made available and discussed in classes
From 26 February 2018
One to one meetings with a senior staff member to discuss your choices
26th March 2018
Options Evening 4-6pm
9th April 2018
All options forms to be submitted

CORE	OPTION A	OPTION B	OPTION C
MATHS	Art	Business	Child Development
ENGLISH	Business	Product Design	Art
SCIENCE	Geography	Music	Drama
RELIGIOUS STUDIES	History	Spanish	PE
WELSH	Food & Nutrition	Food & Nutrition	ICT
WELSH BACCALAUREATE	ICT	PE	History
GAMES	Asdan <u>or</u> Duke of Edinburgh/Life Skills		Geography
			Product Design
			Asdan

CORE SUBJECTS

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