



# St Martin's School

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Dear Parent/ Carer,

I am sure you are aware through the media that there are a number of changes to the qualifications offered to students in Wales as students move towards GCSEs. In particular:-

- Welsh Baccalaureate (Welsh Bac) Qualification for all learners.
- A change to how GCSE and Vocational subjects are assessed at the end of the course.
- New courses GCSE Numeracy for most learners.
- And from a school perspective, the way the judges a school performance is evolving, include the need to study two GCSE courses in Science.

There is a wide range of information available to staff, parents and students. The links below provide detailed information on the most recent developments:

- ❑ <http://www.wjec.co.uk/qualifications/> - WJEC Examination Board - Provides information and guidance on individual courses and specifications for most subjects.
- ❑ <http://qualificationswales.org/?lang=en> – Qualification Wales – Provides highly detailed information on the changing framework and accreditation of courses for students in Wales.
- ❑ <http://www.wjec.co.uk/qualifications/welsh-baccalaureate/welsh-bacc-from-2015/> - Provides details on the Welsh Baccalaureate all students will follow.

Our intention is **that all students will follow the Welsh Baccalaureate** to meet Welsh Government requirements and students will have **three open subject choices**. In order to understand how this curriculum will work at St. Martin', the options evening will explain the key points in more detail and provide an opportunity to meet subject staff. This evening will take place on *Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2017 at 5pm. There will be full presentations running at both 5pm and 6pm.*

Following the options evening, a free choice survey of subjects students want to select will be used to create the three option blocks. It must be highlighted that often not all subjects will run and this varies as a result of the combination of subjects selected by students in the year group.

We look forward to seeing you at the forthcoming Options Evening which is an opportunity for you to gather vital information to support a very important time in the future of your child's education.

Yours Faithfully,

Mr M. Yeoman (Deputy Headteacher)

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