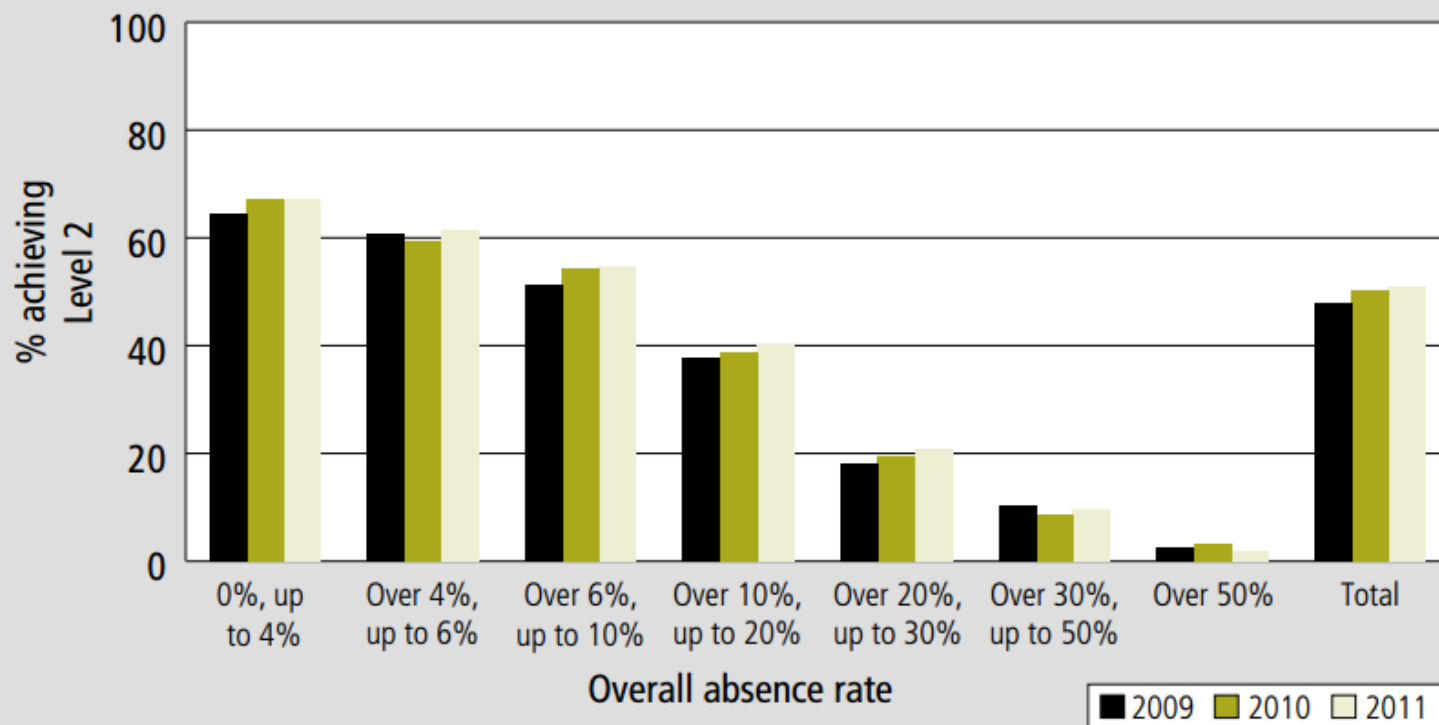


Options Information Evening 2018

St. Martin's School

Current Progress

Percentage of pupils achieving the Level 2 threshold including a GCSE grade A*–C in English Language or Welsh (First Language) and Mathematics at Key Stage 4 by overall absence rates, 2009–2011



COMPULSORY & OPTIONAL SUBJECTS

KS4 CURRICULUM

COMPULSORY

MATHS

ENGLISH

SCIENCE

COMPULSORY

Double
Science

(Separate
Science)

Welsh

Ethics

PE

Skills
Challenge

OPTIONS

OPT
1

OPT
2

OPT
3

Free Choice Survey – Stage 1



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Year 8 Free Choice Survey

NAME FORM TEACHING GROUP

Students will need to indicate the three subjects they wish to put forward in order make the option block stage of the curriculum for September 2018.

It is important that subjects are placed in order of preference. This will allow subject to be ordered actually meet the needs of as many learners as possible.

Once these choices are recorded and analyses, full option blocks will be issued for students to make their actual subject selection..

Please use the information from options evening/ online booklet to explore the subjects on offer.



Choice	Subject
1	
2	
3	

Response to Survey Questions

Q: Do the levels affect the subjects you want to take?

- * A: Yes, depending on your current levels will determine the most suitable subjects for Year 9, 10 and Year 11. Most subjects cover all students; however the colour coded diagram in the survey shows suitable learning pathways.

Q: Is Criminology an option? What is the subject media about?

- * A: Criminology is not an option at the moment, if there is demand for a subject we do put on additional subjects, for example Psychology in 2015. The options evening will give you an opportunity to look at subjects and meet staff. You will need to find Mrs Jones in the Media room.

Q: Do I have to do long Welsh course?

- * A: All students will study 3 hours of Welsh in Key Stage Four. Most classes will take full course Welsh.

Q: How will the GCSE classes be set up? What if I cannot take an option for any reason? What if a subject that I want to do doesn't run which would then affect my career? Can I change my options after I've chosen them?

- * A: GCSE classes in the core subjects are set based on the levels achieved at the end of Year 9. Options subjects are mixed ability as a result of individual selection. Option subjects will run if there is demand for the subject in a specific option block. The class average for KS4 subjects is 23 students (in 2014/15).
- * If a subject does not run because of low numbers then the closest match will need to be sought and a review of your pathway can be undertaken.
- * Once the confirmation of the subjects is made to parents, your options are fixed. This can be changed anytime up until September 1st as long as there is space in a class. In September, we always run a two week reflection period where there is flexibility to move subject; again there must be space in the new class.

Q: Are the option choices the only subjects we will be studying alongside the default subjects?

- * A: You will study Maths, English and Science as core subjects along with compulsory RE, Welsh, PE and PSE. In addition you will have to study the Welsh Baccalaureate.

Response to Survey Questions

Q: Does separate science take up two GCSE options? I am in S but I don't want to do separate sciences, will it be compulsory? I feel that a compulsory separate science hampers my options.

- * A: Separate science only takes up one option block (as all students take double award). There is not a need for students in S to take Separate Science and the advice for all students is to select subject that will best match your career choice.

Q: What is the difference between BTEC sport and PE?

- * A: The main difference between the two qualifications is the weighting of the coursework and examination focus which is reflected in the delivery style. You can discuss this further on the options evening with a member of the PE department.

Q: If French wasn't available, is there any way I could study and take the GCSE exam outside of school?

- * A: You can study any subject outside of school independently. There are issues completing the controlled assessments under supervision which causes the biggest issue. This can be discussed further if the need arises.

Q: What if my preferred choice is not in my option block?

- * A: Some of the most popular subjects run in more than one block which does help to create flexibility with all subjects. There is some movement during the options selection and I visit assemble weekly to discuss with groups of learners their choices and subject movement. If after this process has been completed and you still have a clash you will need to select an alternative.

Option Block Stage 2

Y10-OPTION B

Business	5
DT	5
Electronics	5
Geography	5
Psychology	5
Media	5
RE	5

Y10-OPTION X

Art	5
catering	5
Drama	5
Geog	5
History	5
Music	5
Art	5

Y10-OPTION Y

Art	5
Computing	5
History	5
HSC	5
PE	5
PE	5
Spanish	5

Y11-OPTION B

Business	5
Geography	5
Electronics	5
Electronics	5
Media	5
Psychology	5
Spanish	5

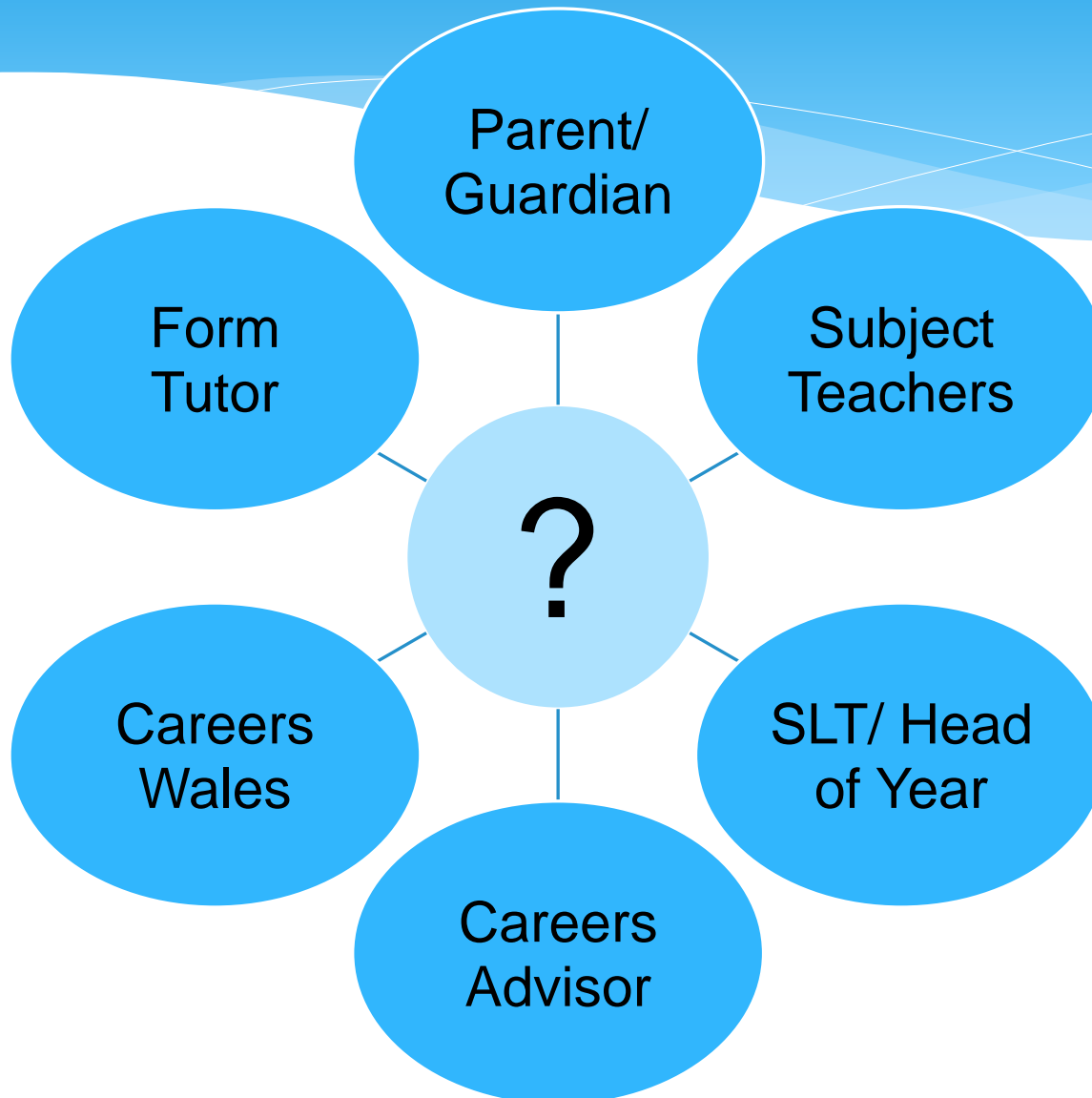
Y11-OPTION X

Art	5
History	5
Geography	5
Geography	5
It	5
Catering	5
Drama	5

Y11-OPTION Y

Art	5
Art	5
Music	5
Computing	5
PE	5
PE	5
History	5

Who Can Help.....



Closing Thoughts

- * How is it decided if a subject will run in a block?
 - * Classes are determined by the number of students selecting a subject.
- * Advice for Students
 - * WORK BACKWARDS > Identify Your Learning Pathway
 - * Which job do you want and what qualifications do you need?
 - * Research each subject carefully by asking questions –
 - * What do you actually do in Lessons?
 - * How is the course assessed?
 - * What is my current Level? What is my potential grade at GCSE?

OPTION PROCESS TIMESCALE

Time	Event
March	Open Choice Selection (1)
March	Y8 Open Evening
March	Full Option Blocks Published (2)
April	Final Option Selection
April	Student Options Review – Course Suitability
May	Confirmation of Options