



Monmouth Comprehensive School
Ysgol Gyfun Trefynwy

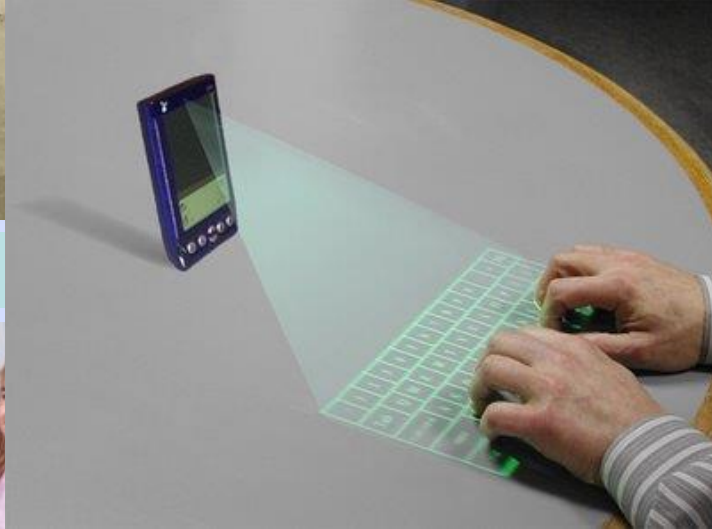
Moving to Year 10
A Time for Decisions



Our Changing World

What are you going to be doing in
five, ten or fifteen years time?

Our changing world



So what do I need from my education today?



- I need to broaden my knowledge and understanding of areas of interest
- I need to have a broad range of skills including literacy, numeracy and digital competence.
- I need to become more independent.
- I need to know about my local community and the changing world around me.
- I need to have some experience of the world of work.
- I need to be able to pursue my passions and interests.



So what is my Key Stage 4 Curriculum



All students in Wales:

- Continue to study a broad **Core**, including English Language and Literature, Mathematics and Numeracy, Science, Welsh, Physical Education, Well Being and the Welsh Baccalaureate.
- Explore themselves, their local community and the wider world through a Health and Wellbeing programme.
- Have the opportunity to **opt** to study their passions and interests.





How is the KS4 curriculum organised?

Here, at Monmouth Comprehensive, we believe in offering a wide range of options. Details of all our subjects are given further in our Options booklet. Students have some choice of **how** they study as well as **what** they study. Some subjects are more “applied” or more practical than others, and are assessed in a different way from more traditional exams.

LEARNING CORE 40 Lessons

There are no choices to be made here

- English Language and Literature 9 lessons
- Maths and Numeracy 9 lessons
- Double Science 9 lessons
- PE 3 lessons
- Welsh 5 lessons
- Wellbeing 2 lessons
- WBQ Skills Challenge Certificate or Triple Science 3 lessons

8 GCSEs/Entry Levels



OPTION A 5 Lessons



OPTION B 5 Lessons



OPTION C 5 Lessons



OPTION D 5 Lessons

One subject chosen from each column on the Option Choice Sheet.

Students should see this as an opportunity to follow their particular interests and aptitudes and to keep their options open for future Post-16 pathways.

Every effort will be made to arrange the subjects into columns that give the greatest number of sensible combinations. Year 9 students are asked to indicate their possible choices to aid in the construction of option columns. This is called ‘Free Choice’. However, it may not be possible to set up a teaching group for a subject in a particular column if too few students choose it. Conversely, numbers may have to be restricted for safety or resource reasons if there is a large demand for a certain subject. Students will be added to option groups as their option forms are submitted to the school reception; all students are therefore asked to submit a reserve choice. In the very small number of cases where we have to use these, we will notify you so that there can be further discussion, if required.

4 GCSEs / Level1/2 First Awards

Key Stage 4 Curriculum Core subjects



Core

English Language and English Literature	9 Lessons
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Maths Numeracy and Mathematics	9 Lessons
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Double Science	9 Lessons
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Skills Challenge Certificate (Welsh Baccalaureate) or Triple Science	3 Lessons
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Well Being	2 Lessons
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Physical Education	3 Lessons
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Welsh	5 Lessons
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Key Stage 4 Curriculum Option subjects

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Art and Design	German
Business Studies	History
Computer Science	Digital Technology
Health and Social Care	Music
Design Technology: Product Design	Physical Education
Design Technology: Fashion & Textiles	Psychology
Drama and Theatre Studies	Religious Studies
French	The Built Environment
Geography	Spanish
Triple Science	Food & Nutrition

Key Stage 4 Curriculum Option subjects

Level 1/2

Level 1/2 Award in Engineering	Level 1/2 Award in Sport & coaching principles
Level 1/2 Award in Public Services	



KS4 Courses- Grades and Levels awarded

Level	GCSE	Vocational
Level 2	A*	Distinction
Level 1	A	Merit
	B	Pass (L2)
	C	
	D	Pass (L1)
	E	
	F	
	G	

Can I mix types of qualifications?



- You can study a large number of GCSEs.
- You can choose only GCSEs if you wish.
- You can combine GCSEs with a Level 1 or 2 vocational qualification.



How to choose your pathways for next year?

Think about three things:

- What subjects do **you currently** enjoy?
- What **future** job or course might **you** want to follow?
- What methods of **learning** work for **you**?

Help and advice



- MCS Year 9 GCSE Options booklet- your essential online guide to help you make an informed choice! [Monmouth Comprehensive School - GCSE Pathways](#)
- Your subject teachers.
- Your Form Tutor or Head of Year.
- Your parents.
- Careers Wales (www.careerswales.com)

Key dates and deadlines

Complete the online KS4 Free Choice Form

<https://forms.gle/cDQbvYDtK3yCqxCE6>

Friday 13th December

KS4 Option Blocks online Forms released

Tuesday 21st January

Year 9 Parents' Evening

Thursday 23rd January

Careers and Higher Education Fair

Wednesday 5th February

KS4 Option Blocks online Form completion

Friday 14th February

GCSE first teaching of

Year 'Nen' lessons

Monday 2nd June

Monmouth Comprehensive School - GCSE Pathways

Click on this webpage to access the Y9 Options booklet and complete the online Free Choice Form
<https://forms.gle/cDQbvYDtK3yCqxCE6>

The screenshot shows the website for Monmouth Comprehensive School. The header includes the school logo, navigation links (HOME, OUR SCHOOL, NEWS & EVENTS, PARENTS, CURRICULUM & LEARNING, SIXTH FORM, CONTACT US), and utility links (CALENDAR, TERM DATES, NEWSLETTER, social media icons). The main content area features a breadcrumb trail: HOME → CURRICULUM & LEARNING → GCSE PATHWAYS. The title 'GCSE Pathways' is prominently displayed. Below the title, there are three paragraphs of text explaining the curriculum structure for Years 7 to 10. At the bottom of the main content, there are two links: 'Please click HERE to access the 2024 Year 9 Options Booklet.' and 'Please click on the links below to access: Year 9 Free Choice Form' and 'Year 9 Options Presentation 2023'. On the right side, there is a dark sidebar with a section titled 'In this section.' containing a list of links with right-pointing arrows: THE CURRICULUM AT MCS, YEAR 6 TRANSITION TO MCS, WELLBEING CURRICULUM, EXTRA-CURRICULAR, GCSE PATHWAYS (highlighted with a yellow arrow), EXAM INFORMATION, SCHOOL COUNCILS, TECHNOLOGY FOR LEARNING, GCSE REFORM CONSULTATION: QUALIFICATIONS WALES, and KS4 PATHWAYS.

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GCSE Pathways

Having followed a broad curriculum in Years 7 to 9, which provides a solid foundation for future studies, students can begin to specialise in Year 10.

Everyone will continue to follow the core subjects of English Language and Literature, Maths and Numeracy, Double or Triple Science, Welsh, PE and the Skills Challenge Certificate (Welsh Baccalaureate).

Students can then choose three additional subjects from a wide range of options that best suits their interests, skills and future aspirations. Some subjects are more applied or practical and may be assessed in different ways to more traditional exams.

Please click [HERE](#) to access the 2024 Year 9 Options Booklet.

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Complete the online 'Free Choice' form by **Friday**
13th December to have your combination of
courses considered

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Monmouth Comprehensive School KS4 Options Free Choice (Courses Starting Sept 2025)

So that the school can start planning for next year, we would like to know which subjects Year 9 are likely to choose when you get to choose your options in February next year. All students will follow English, Maths, Science, Welsh and Core (non GCSE) PE. Please see the Option Booklet for details.

Remember: These are not your final options.

Please could you complete the following form to show which 4 optional subjects you would be interested in taking, ticking the boxes next to the subjects. Please also select one reserve subject in the box at the bottom – this would be a subject from the list that you'd consider as an alternative to one of the other three if, for some reason, your preferred combination is not available.

Please note that course availability is subject to sufficient students expressing an interest in a course.

Please complete this form by 13th December. If there is a course that you would like to study that is not on the list, please type it in the box at the bottom of the sheet.

Remember: You will make your option choices in February.