



# Wadebridge School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

## Options Information Evening on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2025

Over the next few weeks your child will take the important step of expressing their preferences for the option subjects they wish to pursue in Key Stage 4. We understand that this can be a significant milestone in your child's educational journey, and we are here to support both you and your child in making well-informed choices. Assistance will be provided to students through tutor sessions which will be supported by our Careers team and assemblies, as well as a range of resources which will be available on our school website.

I would like to take this opportunity to invite you to attend our **'Options Information Evening' on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2025 which will be held from 4.00pm till 6.00pm in the school hall.** Subject teachers and other staff, including our specialist Careers Advisor, will be available to answer questions and provide an insight into each subject. This will provide an opportunity to gather any further information about your child's options and help ensure that they match your child's interests and future goals.

At Wadebridge School, we aim to provide an extensive range of qualifications which enable students to build on their skills and areas of interest, whilst providing them with the opportunity to gain qualifications to access courses and training at Post 16. Our 'Options Information' booklet is available on our website at: <https://www.wadebridge.cornwall.sch.uk/curriculum/options> which contains detailed information on our range of GCSE and vocational courses. We will be discussing this information in depth with our students, however we would encourage you to speak to your son/daughter about this too.

In Key Stage 4, all students continue to study the core subjects, which are English literature, English Language, Maths, Combined Science, EPR, Core PE and RSHE. However, in addition to these subjects, they can express a preference for **three subjects**. Due to policy set out by the Government, almost all students must choose **one** of their options from the following subjects: History, Geography, French, Spanish, Separate Science or Computer Science, and students can opt to take more than one of these subjects, if they wish. They can also select a **maximum of two subjects** from our open choice options of Art, Drama, ICT- I-media, Health and Fitness, Hospitality and Catering, Enterprise and Marketing, Music and Design Technology.

Some students will also be offered the opportunity to study for an additional qualification in Further Maths in Year 11. This will be an extracurricular course, which will be held weekly after school, and will lead to a Level 2 Certificate in Further Maths.

If you have had other students at Wadebridge School, you will notice that our offer has changed from previous years. At Wadebridge School we are committed to providing a well-rounded educational experience, which not only meets the highest academic standards, but also nurtures the full potential of each student. Our aim is that all students leave for the next part of their educational journey with the best possible outcomes and wider life experiences which will help support their future endeavours.

As part of our ongoing efforts to foster a school community which encourages personal growth, we believe that alongside academic studies, students need opportunities to develop life skills and have time to develop as young people. Therefore, by offering a curriculum of 9 qualifications for all students, we are excited to be able to not only give them more time to study their chosen subjects and achieve their highest outcomes possible, but also provide them with opportunities to participate in enrichment activities, within the fortnightly school timetable without any restriction, due to transport and other external factors.

We are committed to guiding your child through this decision-making process and are here to offer advice and support every step of the way. If you have any questions or would like further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to working with you and your child to ensure a successful and fulfilling Key Stage 4.

Yours sincerely,

Ms K Goodwin

Deputy Headteacher