

COLLEGE – BASED PROVISIONAL OPTIONS 2011

At this stage the following courses are only being offered provisionally. If you are interested in taking any of them you should indicate that this is the case on the options form. Should the course run you will need to attend an interview at the relevant college to gain a place on the course. These courses are very popular and often oversubscribed, therefore the interview and your school record relating to behaviour and attendance are vital in helping you secure a place.

If you are successful in gaining a placement then you would spend 3 lessons a day per week at the college from September onwards studying on the course instead of attending School. This would mean, however, that you would not take an option choice in column E. It would also mean that you would be following a Welsh Baccalaureate qualification in school (see final page of this booklet) and so your timetable would be slightly different to that of pupils who are not studying at college. Due to the time constraints of the overall timetable there will be less time allocated to some subjects which can impact on the level and breadth of qualification achievable.

At present the following courses may be available in September:

Public Services

Department	Business and IT
No. of groups	1
Time commitment	Half a day per week over 2 years
Qualification	BTEC Certificate in Public Services (to be confirmed dependent upon ability)
Level	2
Site	Waterfront College

The course content is both vocational and academic. Pupils will learn about the uniformed public services and the legal system in Britain. It will provide an insight into careers in the armed forces, fire service, police and emergency services. Outward bound and teamwork activities will feature in the course. Ex-service people will be involved in the delivery of the programme. Assessment is by a series of assignments one of which is externally assessed.

Electrical Installation

Department	Engineering Technology
Qualification	NVQ in Performing Engineering Operations (level 1 and 2 dependent upon ability)
Level	1 or 2 depending on prior level of achievement
Site	Colcot Road



This course is for pupils who enjoy practical work in a workshop environment where they can develop a variety of hand and equipment skills.

The skills that pupils will develop are relevant to further courses of study and employment as a trainee or apprentice electrician. This qualification forms an important part of the practical content of many post 16 full time and part time courses in Electrical Installation and is therefore particularly relevant to pupils who are keen on this occupational route.

The course is mainly workshop based and pupils will be assessed by building a portfolio of evidence of the work they have carried out.

Construction Trades

Department	Construction
No. of groups	1
Places per group	15
Time commitment	Half a day per week over 2 years
Qualification	BTEC Certificate in Construction
Level	2
Site	Colcot Road

This course is for pupils who enjoy practical work in a construction workshop environment where they can develop a variety of hand and equipment skills.

The skills that pupils will develop are relevant to further courses of study and employment as a trainee or apprentice carpenter, bricklayer or painter / decorator. The course will enable pupils to develop skills in each of the three trade areas and choose the route they prefer later in their education. If, however, students display a particular aptitude then they may be able to follow a level 2 qualification which will specialize in one of the trades.



This qualification is formally recognised by the Construction Skills, the Sector Skills Council for the construction industry (formerly CITB).

The course is mainly workshop based. Pupils will be assessed by building a portfolio of evidence of the work they have carried out and by formal examination at the end of the second year of the course. Pupils will need to have an aptitude for written work to succeed in the final written assessment.

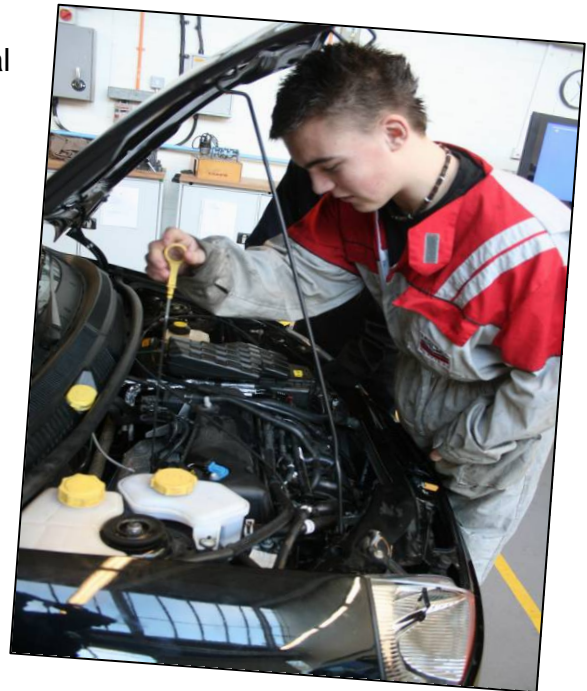


Motor Vehicle Studies

Departments: Engineering Technology
Time commitment: Half a day per week over 2 years
Qualification: IMIAL Level 2 Certificate in Automotive Pre-vocational Learning
Site: Colcot Road

This course is for pupils who enjoy practical work in a construction workshop environment where they can develop their hand and equipment skills in preparation for employment as a trainee or apprentice motor mechanic / electrical. The course will be delivered in facilities at the college's Colcot Road site.

The course is mainly workshop based. Pupils will be assessed by building a portfolio of evidence of the practical work they have carried out.



MILITARY PREPARATION SCHOOL

The course will be delivered for one day per week at the Military Preparation School in Cardiff. Transport will be provided from school. Below are the activities/qualifications that the programme is based around.

The Military Preparation School is a full curriculum designed for pupils aged 14-16 who are in school and are interested in gaining an insight into life in the Armed Forces and other similar career routes. The School provides a range of activities including team-building, first aid training and basic fieldcraft, all designed to provide an understanding of the career options available in civilian Public Service and the Armed Forces.

50% of the course is physical, with the training programme in both Year 10 and 11 demanding pupils to push themselves in a range of settings from the military swim test to the mighty obstacle course in our Rhymney Valleys Centre. The PT programme is progressive and our bib system enables all abilities to participate to the best of their ability only.

Qualification

Academic work is based on the students' individual strengths and abilities. The emphasis is on developing a range of Key Skills which will not only prepare our young people for the wider world and employment, but also accredit their learning with the nationally recognised **BTEC Level 2 in Public Services**. Our training methods are also borne out of the desire to promote greater individual confidence and to enhance self-esteem. Students take part in charity events to raise money for those in need - the students are pictured raising money for the Army Benevolent fund.



At the end of each term, there is an overnight exercise where the students can practise all the skills they have developed on the course. This includes setting up ponchos to form a military camp, cooking in the field, overnight patrols, camouflage and concealment and fitness training. These activities are designed to encourage the students to think for themselves and make decisions in a challenging environment.

Pupils train at the Military Preparation School for one day per week for 2 years as part of their Key Stage 4 education at school. As a member of the 14-19 Pathway provision the Military Preparation School provides education and training that is in keeping with the holistic framework of the Learning Pathways initiative whilst enhancing the provision with our own unique style of hands on learning.

