



Year 9 Options Evening

Tuesday 11th February 2025

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Key Stage 4 Timetable

Core Curriculum:

Examined	Non-Examined
GCSE English Language (Ebacc) GCSE English Literature (Ebacc) GCSE Mathematics (Ebacc) GCSE Combined Science* (Ebacc)	Games Personal Development Curriculum (PDC)

Options:

Option A	Option B
<u>One</u> subject selected from Option A	<u>Three</u> subjects selected from Option B



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Option A Subjects:

GCSE Geography (EBacc)

GCSE History (EBacc)

Option B Subjects:

Art and Design*
Business Studies
Citizenship
Computer Science (EBacc)
Creative iMedia
Dance
Drama
Food Preparation and Nutrition
French (EBacc)

Health and Social Care
Music
Photography
Psychology
Religious Studies
Spanish (EBacc)
Sport
Textiles*
Three Dimensional Design (DT)*
Triple Science (EBacc)

* Restricted combination

You will also be asked to choose **two reserve subjects** which must be **different** to those chosen in your main four subjects.





English Baccalaureate

Core Curriculum:

GCSE English Language
GCSE English Literature
GCSE Mathematics
GCSE Combined Science*

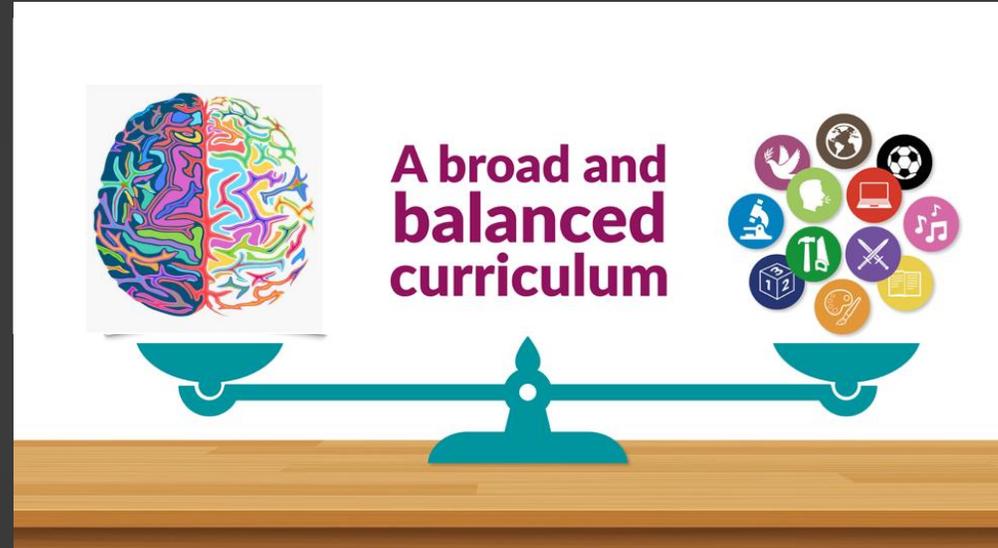
Option Choices to support the EBACC:

GCSE History or GCSE Geography
GCSE French or GCSE Spanish





Why choosing options are important



- Students have an opportunity to create their own curriculum that will open doors to their future aspirations.
- Students have the opportunity to try new things.



What should I think about when making choices?



- Am I interested in the subject, and will I enjoy studying it?
- Is it a facilitating subject for my possible career interests or for further study in Sixth Form?
- Have I listened to and thought carefully about all the advice I have been given?





What Are the Benefits of Studying a Language?

- Increase the understanding of the world around you
 - Bring a sense of adventure in your life
 - A boost on your CV





What Are the Benefits of Studying Triple Science?

- All students study **Combined Science** (Biology, Chemistry and Physics). All students studying the combined option will get a combined science grade, for example 6 6
- If you choose **Triple Science**, from **Option Group B**, you will study **Combined Science** plus an extra five lessons per fortnight, and this will count as one of your option choices. You will receive **three** separate GCSEs in Biology, Chemistry and Physics, for example a 6 in Biology, a 7 in Chemistry and an 8 in Physics.
- If you do not choose **Triple Science**, you will study **Combined Science** and still have four option subjects to choose from. You will receive **two** GCSEs.



Entry Requirements

Some subjects do have some additional entry requirements. You need to think about these before choosing these subjects:

- **Music** - Students **must** be able to play a musical instrument or be learning to play a musical instrument.
- **Food** - Students **must** cook at home regularly and be able to continue doing this throughout the course.





The Options Process

What do you need to do?





Research

Research subjects using the online options booklet and discuss courses with subject teachers.

Discuss

Discuss your options at home – your family know you best.

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Discuss with your teachers/ those leading the subject by the end of term.

Complete

Complete the options form. This will be available electronically.
One option from group A; three from group B; two reserves and in order of preference.

Submit

Complete the online form no later than **Monday 24th February 2025 by 6pm**





What Happens Next and FAQs



What Happens Next?

- Once we have received all the option forms, we will use them to group subjects together to create our 'option blocks' in the timetable.
- If there are any clashing subjects or other problems, we will be in touch to try to resolve them.
- We will look at whether students meet any specific entrance criteria and generally at whether they are suitable for the, or their, chosen subject(s).
- We will send out your provisional options allocation in June for you to review and request any changes if you need to.
- Final options choices will be 'locked in' in July, and **no changes** can be made from that point.





Am I Guaranteed My Option Choices?

Unfortunately not.

Your options form tells us the subjects you would like to study. We try hard to give every student the subjects they have chosen, but sometimes it is not possible due to clashes within the timetable or oversubscription of popular subjects.





What if a subject is oversubscribed?

If a subject has more applicants than we can accommodate, we will have to reduce numbers by:

1. Looking at student preference rankings
2. Eliminating late applications
3. Asking for volunteers to change subjects

If this does not resolve the issue, all remaining applicants will be drawn at random.



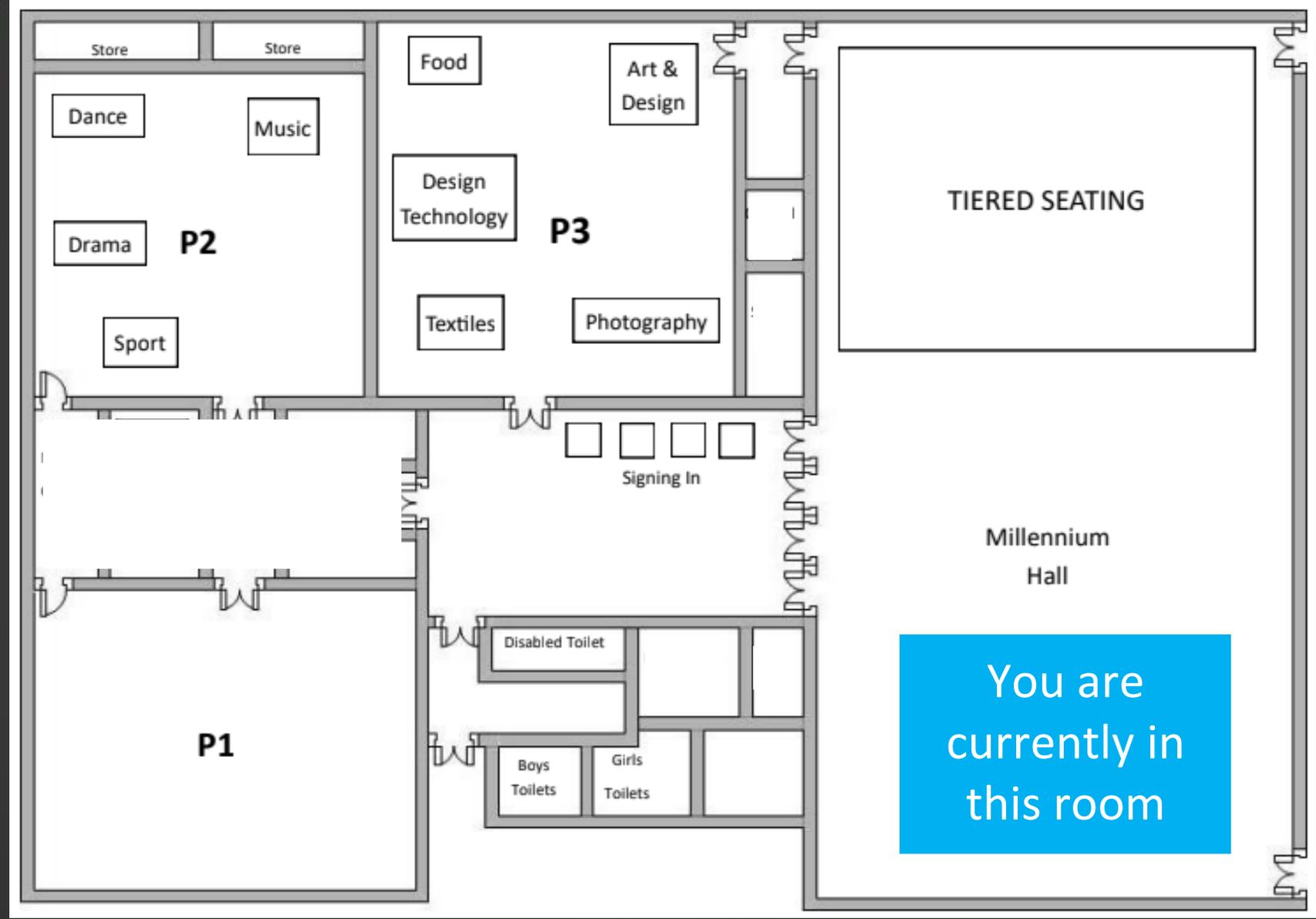


Can I Change My Option Choices?

Once our online Option Choices Form has been completed, you can make changes until the end of June. These requests must be received in writing from parents/carers.

We do **not** normally permit changes to option choices once students commence their studies in September.

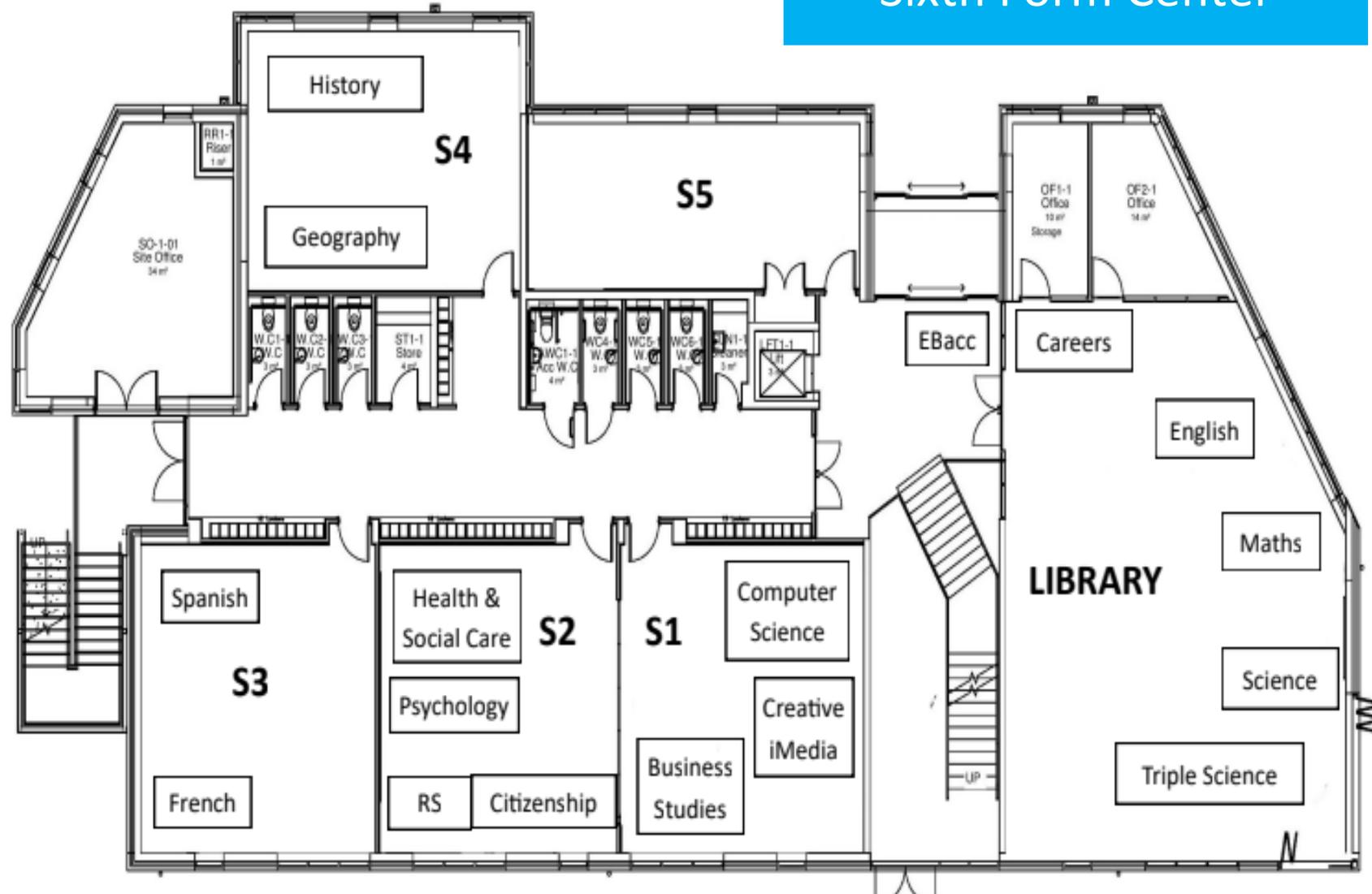




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Please now visit the market stalls and we will all be happy to answer any questions you may have.

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