



YEAR 9 OPTIONS EVENING

Thursday, 12th February 2026

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KEY STAGE 4 TIMETABLE

Core Curriculum:

Examined	Non-Examined
GCSE English Language GCSE English Literature GCSE Mathematics GCSE Combined Science*	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



KEY STAGE 4 TIMETABLE

Option A Subjects:

GCSE Geography

GCSE History

Option B Subjects:

Art and Design: Fine Art*

Business Studies

Citizenship

Computer Science

Dance

Drama

Food Preparation and Nutrition

French

Health and Social Care

Music

Photography

Psychology

Religious Studies

Spanish

Sport

Textiles*

Three Dimensional Design (DT)*

Triple Science

** Restricted combination*

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



CURRICULUM BREADTH

Core Curriculum:

GCSE English Language
GCSE English Literature
GCSE Mathematics
GCSE Combined Science

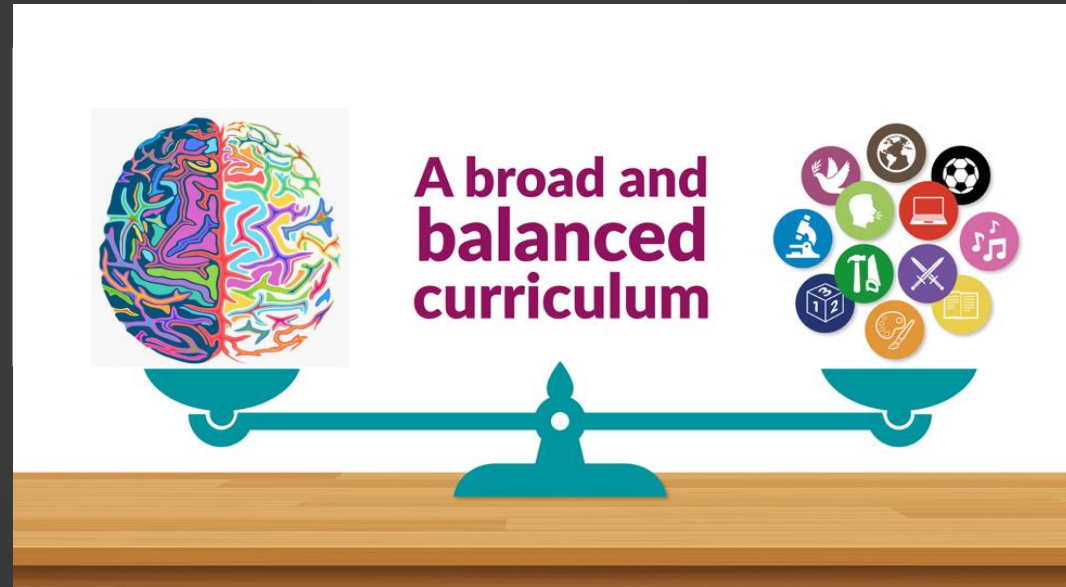
Option Choices to support the Breadth:

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 receive a combined science grade, for example 6 6.
- If you choose **Triple Science**, from **Option Group B**, you will study Science as three separate Science courses 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 the entry requirements before choosing these subjects:

- **Triple Science**: Students **must** have shown an aptitude and interest in Science, as they will spend 50% more time studying Triple Science than those who study combined science. Students must be willing to fully engage in all practical activities.
- **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

Use the **taster sessions**, research subjects using the online options booklet and discuss courses with subject teachers.



DISCUSS

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



DISCUSS

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



COMPLETE

Complete the options choices form - this will be available electronically. **One option from Group A, three options from Group B, two reserves – and in order of preference.**



SUBMIT

Complete the options choices form **no later than Monday, 23rd February 2026.**





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 queries, 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 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 choices 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 HAPPENS 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/guardians.

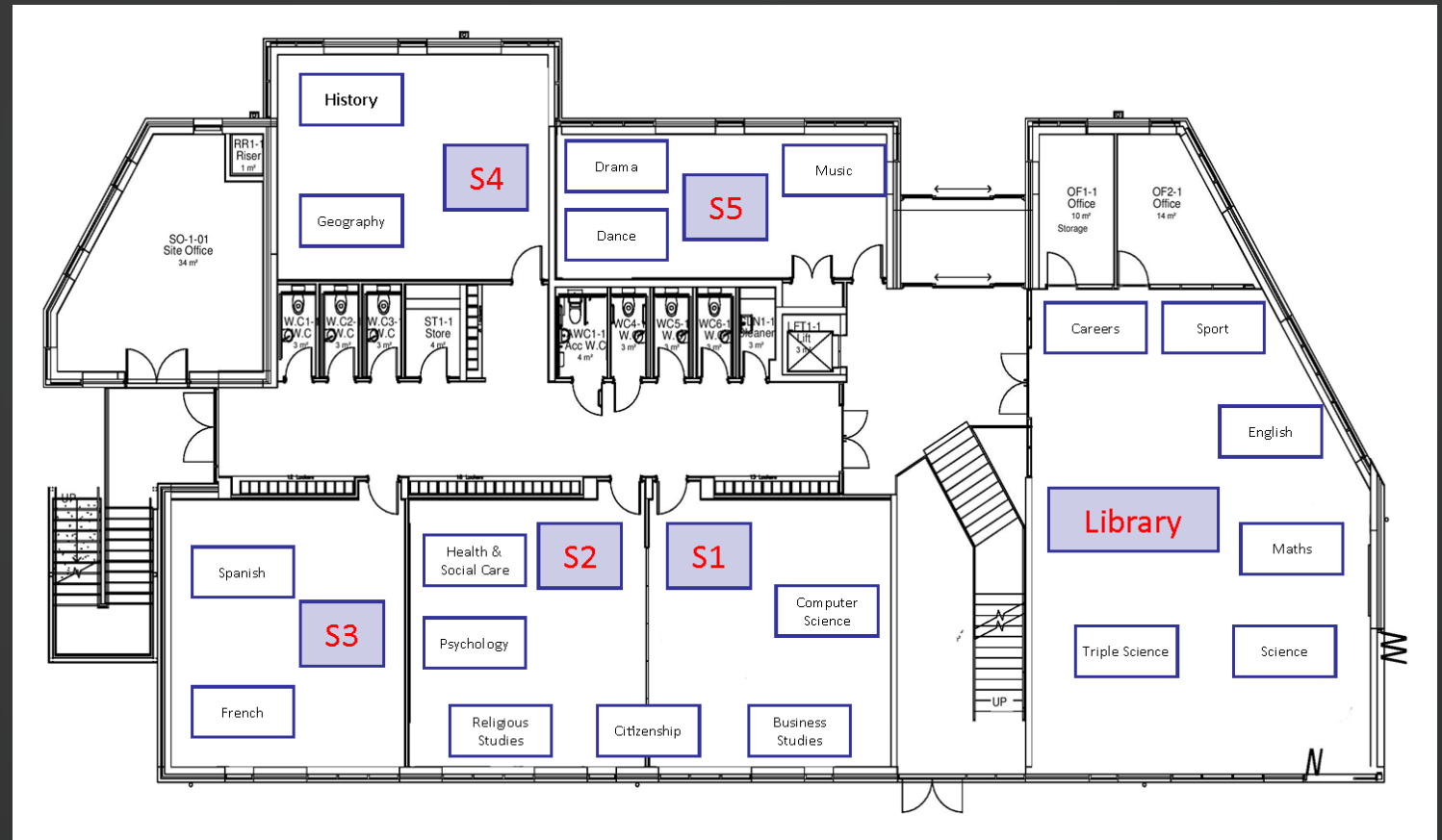
We **do not** normally permit changes to option choices once students commence their studies in September.





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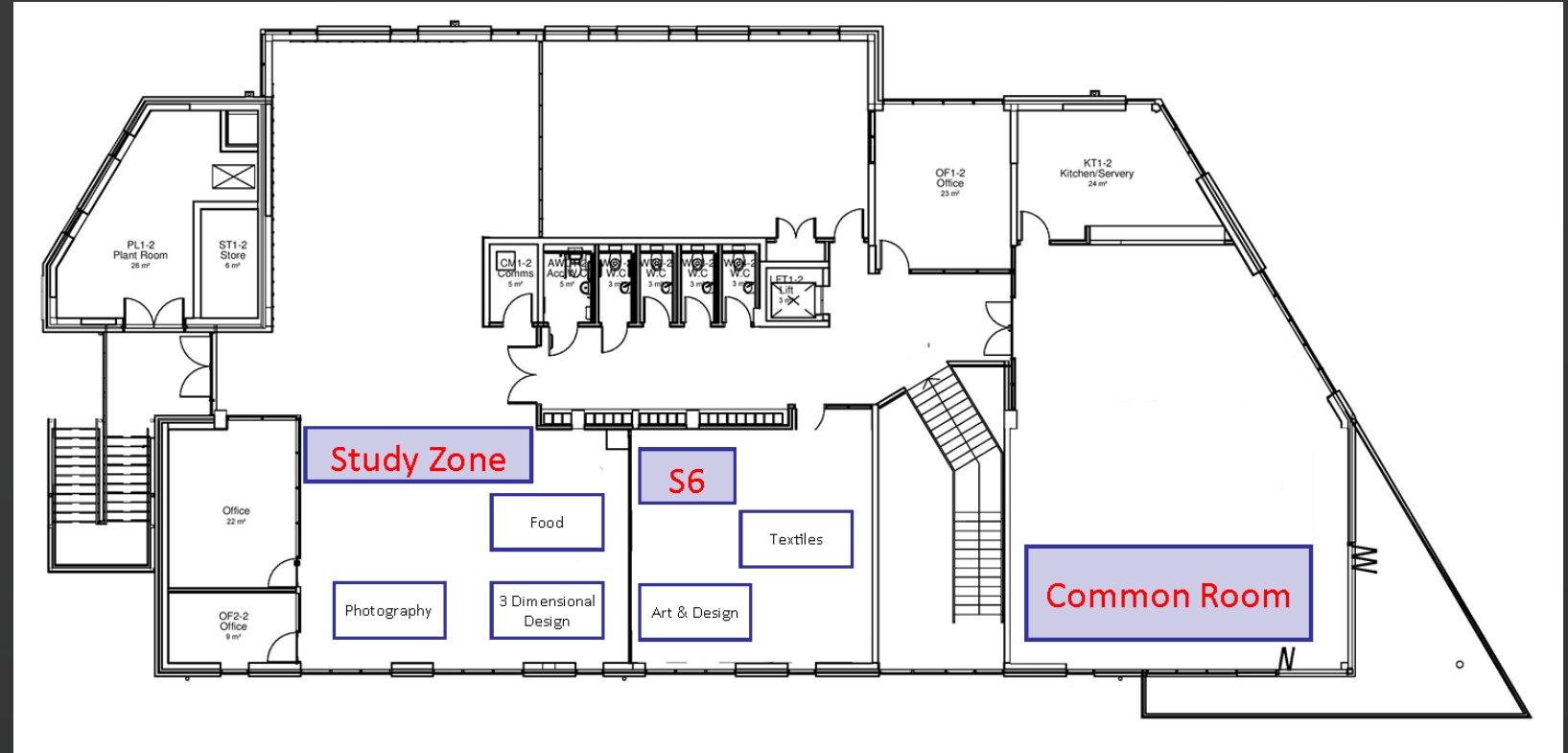
6TH FORM CENTRE – GROUND FLOOR





MARKET STALLS

6TH FORM CENTRE – FIRST FLOOR





THANK YOU FOR LISTENING

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

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