

# Welcome to our Key Stage 4 Options Evening









# Key Stage 4 Curriculum

- Providing a broad and balanced education
- English Baccalaureate (EBacc): English Language and Literature, Maths, Sciences, Spanish or French, and Geography or History
- GCSEs are linear
- Vocational courses: BTEC Level 1/2 and CNAT Level 1/2





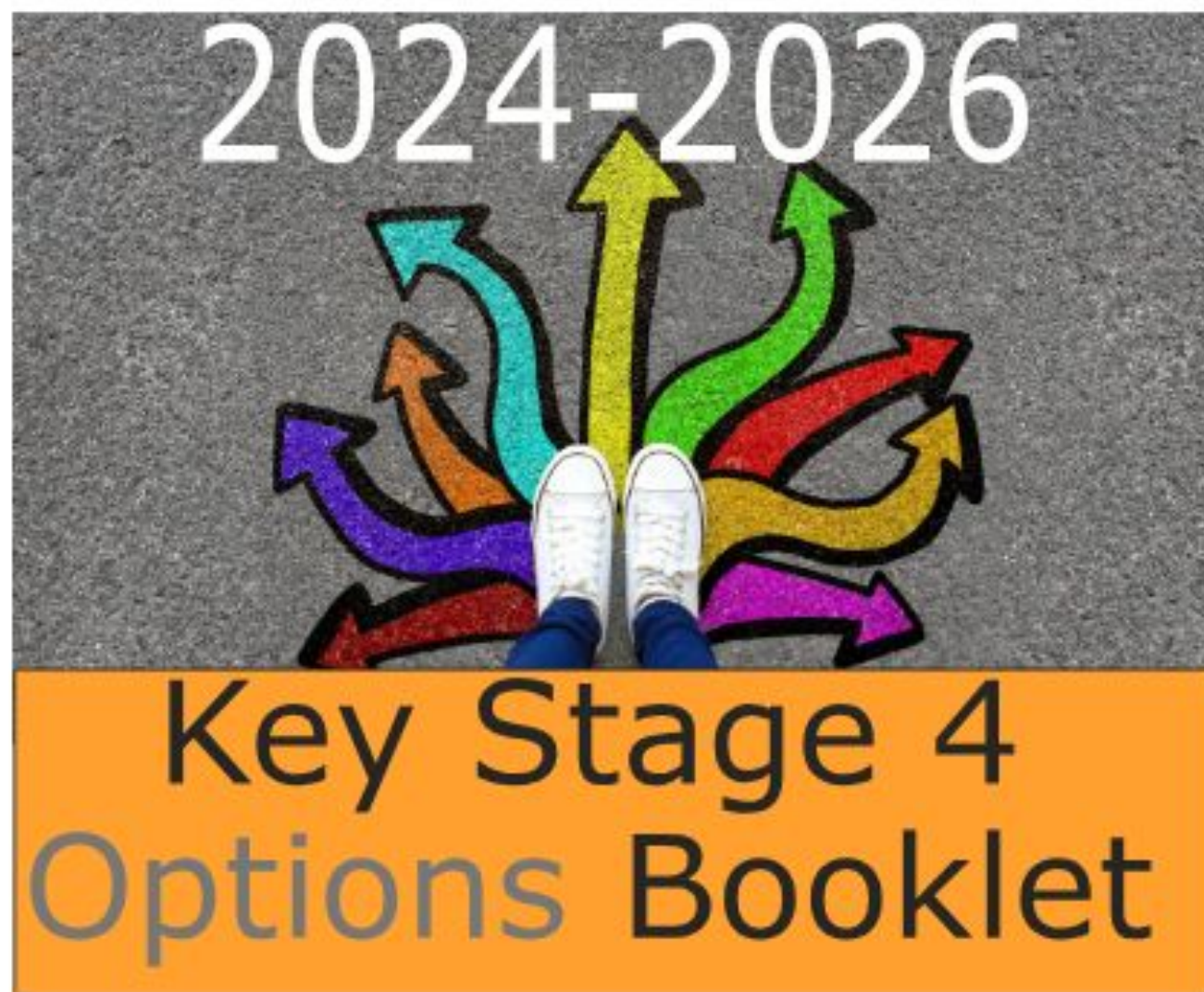
# Key Stage 4 Curriculum - Why the EBacc?

*A study by the UCL Institute of Education shows that studying subjects included in the EBacc provides students with greater opportunities in further education and increases the likelihood that a pupil will stay on in full-time education.*

*Sutton Trust research reveals that studying the EBacc can help improve a young person's performance in*  
*English and Maths.*







For current Year 9 students

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## Dance - GCSE - AQA

### Subject Information

The GCSE Dance specification is a powerful and expressive course which will engage students regardless of any previous dance experience. It includes both practical and theoretical elements. The practical tasks require students to show performance skills in solo and group work and to choreograph solos and small group dances. The theory work will be supported by an anthology of professional works and will develop students' ability to appraise dances of different styles and cultures. Opportunity will be provided for students to develop their performance skills not only in lesson time but also by taking part in extra-curricular projects. There will be small group tasks as well as whole school events, both in school and in the local community. There will be opportunities to view live dance performances at local and national venues.

### Assessment

The final assessment will include:

#### **Component 1: (60%) - Practical**

Performance of a solo and a duet/ trio

Solo or Group Choreography

#### **Component 2: (40%) - Theory**

Written examination.

### Student Profiles

*"I chose GCSE Dance because I wanted my love for dance to expand as I learned new styles and expressed myself through the art of dance. You make many new friends as you are surrounded by people with the same passion for dance as you, as well as the teachers being so supportive and kind as they guide you through the lessons helping you to be the best you can be". GCSE Dance student 22/23*

*"I chose GCSE Dance because the teachers are passionate about what they do. Mrs Clark- Nation and Mrs Miller are always prepared to sacrifice their lunch to help with revision and creation on our choreography. I also enjoy how you are able to use the dance studio for your own personal time to perform and improve your work". GCSE Dance student 22/23*

### Sixth Form Progression / Related Careers

GCSE leads to higher level qualifications, such as GCE A Level Dance, and related, vocationally-focused qualifications, such as BTEC Performing Arts. This leads to numerous professions in the performing arts industry but also develops transferable skills including communication, teaching / coaching, management of people and organisation.

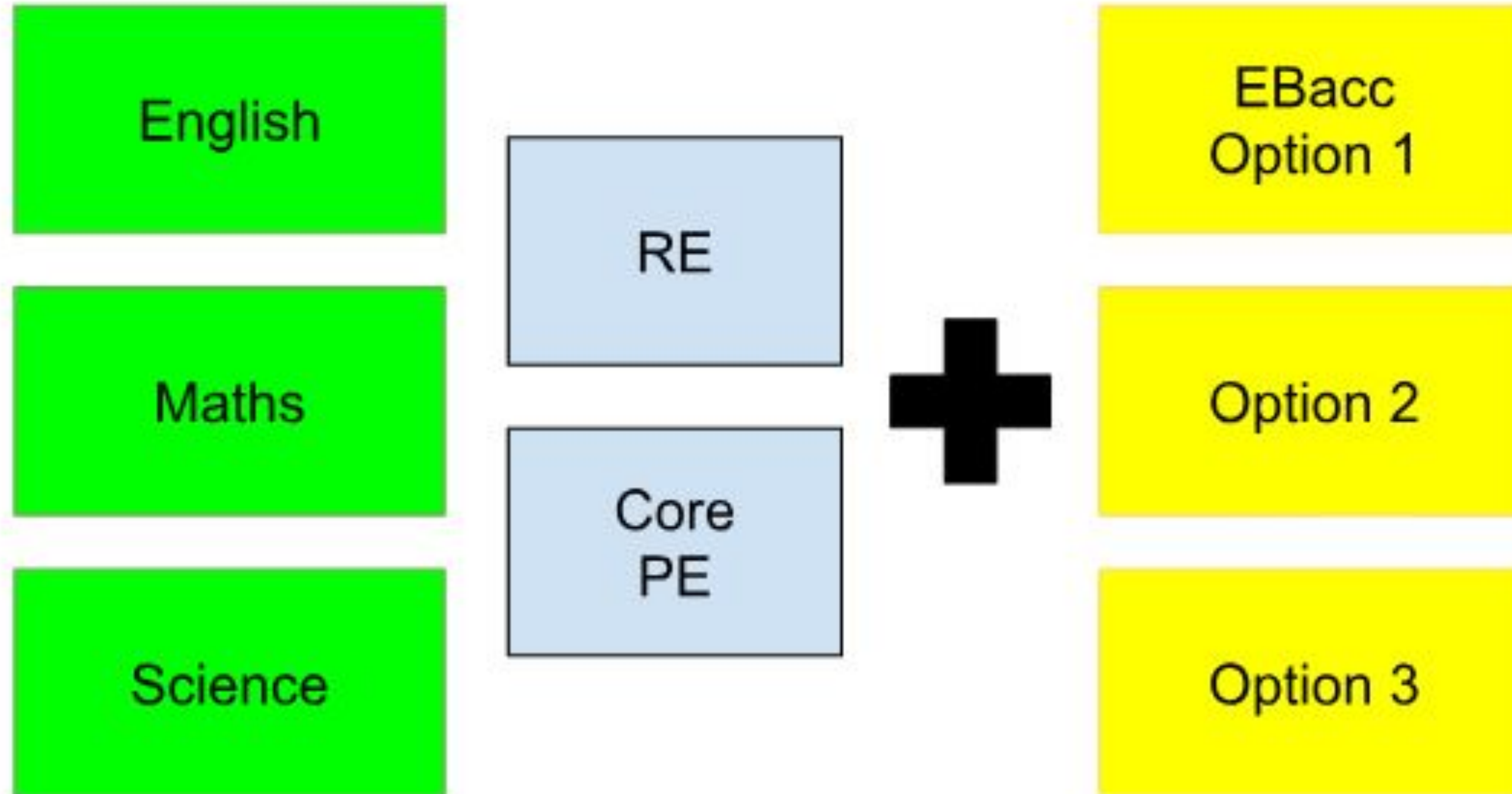
### Need more Information?

**Head of Dance**  
Mrs N Miller

**Head of Faculty**  
Mrs A Payne







EBacc  
Option 1

**EBacc Option 1:** History,  
Geography, Spanish or French

Option 2

**EBacc Option 2:** History,  
Geography, Spanish or French  
or **Open Option Choice**

Option 3

**Open Option Choice**



# How should options be chosen?

## Do choose a course because:

- ★ You enjoy the subject
- ★ You are good at the subject
- ★ It is a new subject that excites or interests you
- ★ It will help you with your future beyond Year 11
- ★ It will help you get into a career or university
- ★ It will give you a good balance of subjects

## Don't choose a course because:

- X You want to be with your friends
- X You like the teacher - you may have a different teacher next year
- X You think it will be easy





# Who can support this decision?

You

Parents / Carers / Family

Tutor

Subject Teachers

Careers Team / Unifrog

Head of House

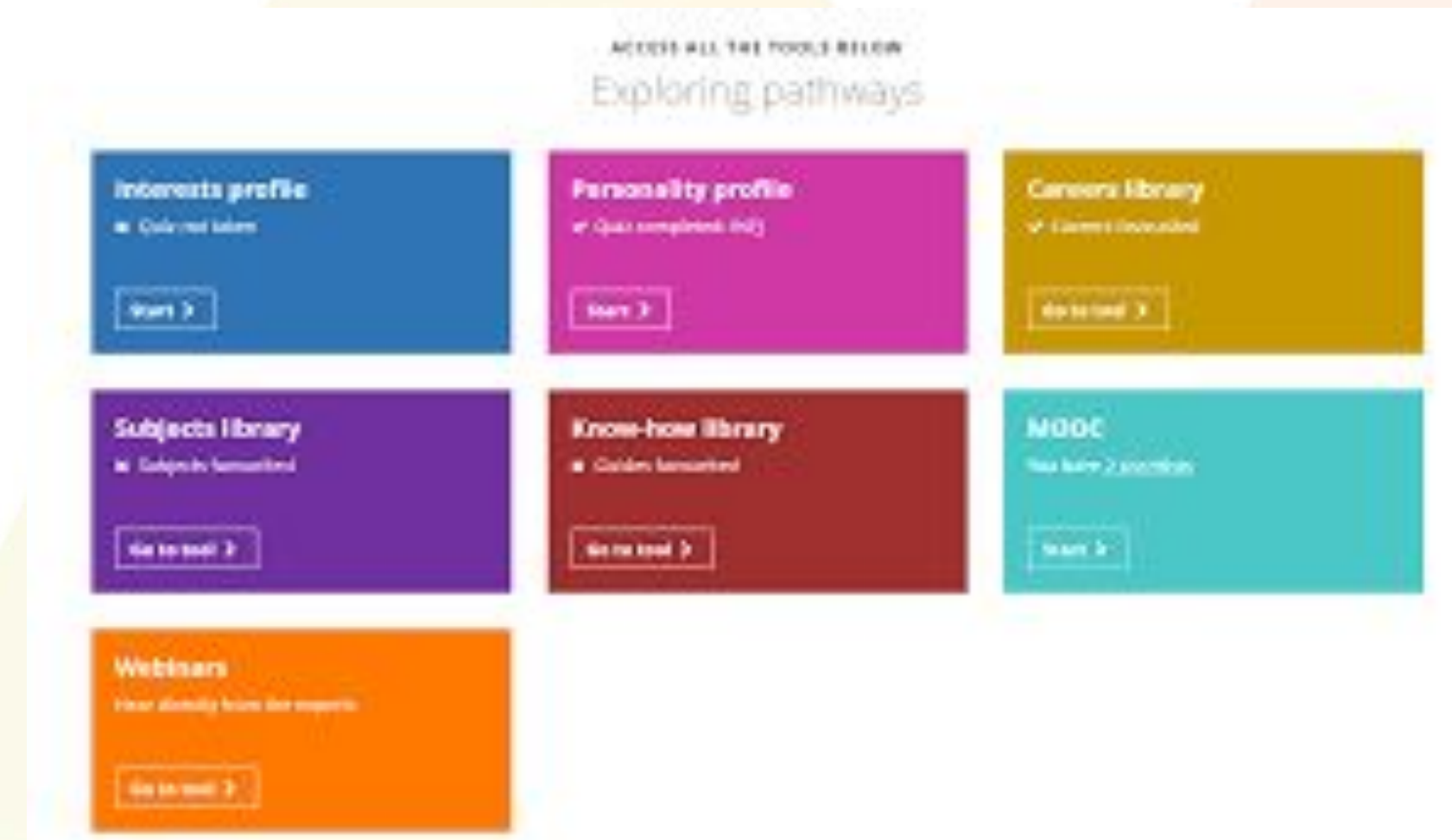
Option Booklet





# Unifrog Online Careers Platform

# unifrog



All students have access to Unifrog and can sign in using their school email and password they created. If they have forgotten their password, click on password reset. [Link here](#)



## EBacc Subject Options

Geography   History   Spanish   French



## Open Subject Options

- \*Art GCSE **or** Textiles GCSE **or** Graphic Communication GCSE
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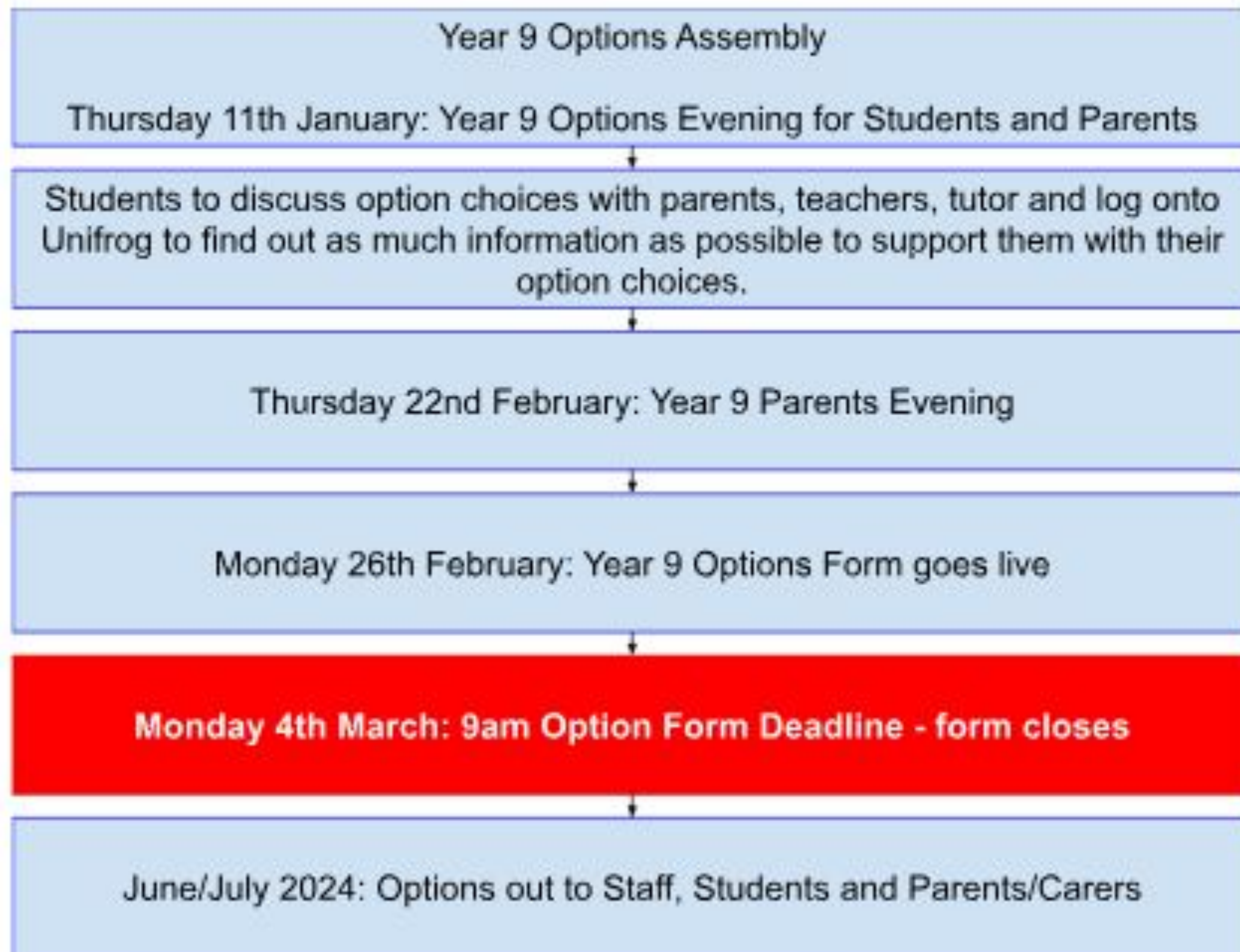


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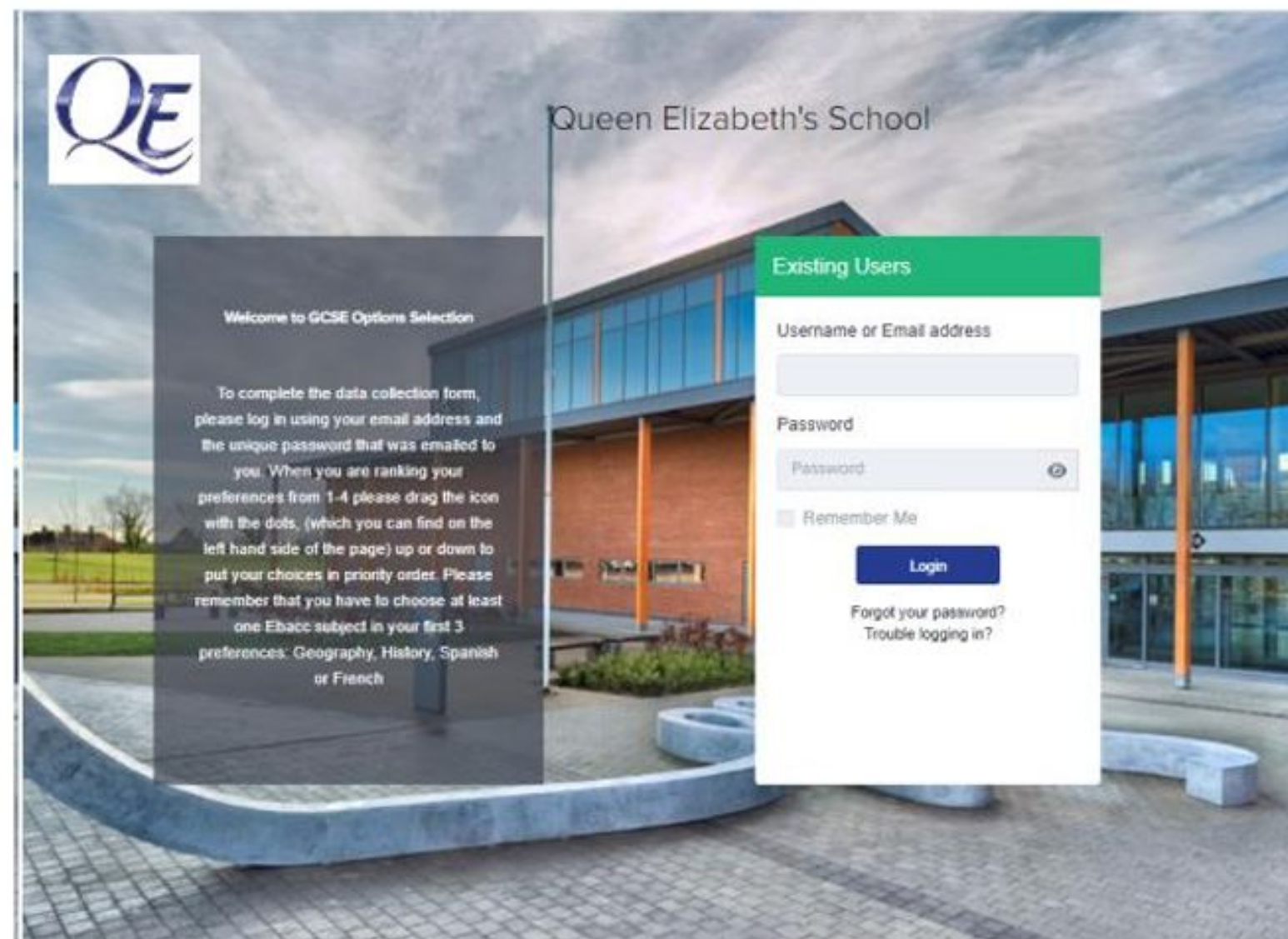






# How to fill out your Options Form

**Step 1** Once you have clicked onto the link provided in your welcome email, enter your school email address and the password provided.






# How to fill out your Options Form

**Step 2** When you are logged in, click onto the GCSE Options attachment, making sure you have read the school message on how to make your option selection.

Select your 4 subjects and click on the icon on the right-hand side '**Rank your preferences**'.

 Rank your preferences




Subject Selection   Ranking your preferences   Submitting your choices

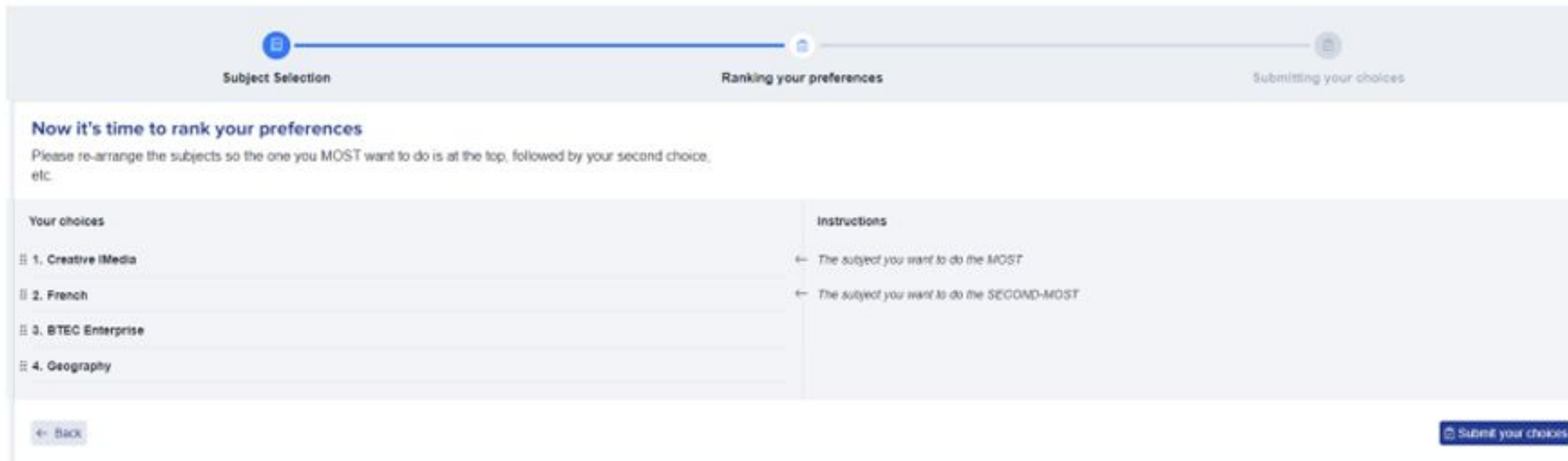
**Select your preferred subjects**  
Click on the subjects you would like to choose from the list below, you will rank them in order in the next step.  
Any rules you need to follow when choosing are shown on the right.

Available subjects	Your choices	All criteria
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	1. Creative iMedia	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> You have made enough 4 choices.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BTEC Enterprise	2. BTEC Enterprise	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> You must select at least 1 subject from the list below: French / Geography / History / Spanish
<input type="checkbox"/> BTEC Music	3. Geography	
<input type="checkbox"/> Business	4. French	
<input type="checkbox"/> Computer Science		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Creative iMedia		
<input type="checkbox"/> Dance		
<input type="checkbox"/> Design Technology		
<input type="checkbox"/> Drama		
<input type="checkbox"/> Food and Nutrition		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> French		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Geography		



# How to fill out your Options Form

**Step 3** Drag the 6 dot icon  up or down to order your options putting your first choice as No1 and your reserve subject as No4. Once completed click on '**submit your choices**'. Your parent/carer will be sent an email to confirm that you have discussed your choices with them.



The screenshot shows a web interface for ranking preferences. At the top, a progress bar has three steps: 'Subject Selection', 'Ranking your preferences' (which is the active step), and 'Submitting your choices'. Below the progress bar, the heading 'Now it's time to rank your preferences' is followed by the instruction: 'Please re-arrange the subjects so the one you MOST want to do is at the top, followed by your second choice, etc.' The main area is divided into two columns. The left column, titled 'Your choices', contains a list of subjects with drag handles: '1. Creative iMedia', '2. French', '3. BTEC Enterprise', and '4. Geography'. The right column, titled 'Instructions', contains two bullet points: '← The subject you want to do the MOST' and '← The subject you want to do the SECOND-MOST'. At the bottom left is a '← Back' button, and at the bottom right is a 'Submit your choices' button.



**Your child's options will ONLY be submitted once parental confirmation has been received**



## C Block

**C306** Geography

**C303** History

**C208** Spanish

**C209** French

**C203** English

**C203** Maths

**C203** Science

**C302** Religious Studies

**C202** Health and Social  
Care CNAT, Psychology  
GCSE, Sociology GCSE

## A Block

**A307** Art GCSE

**A302** Textiles GCSE

**A304** Graphic Communication  
GCSE

**A213** Business Studies GCSE **or**  
Retail Business Technical Award

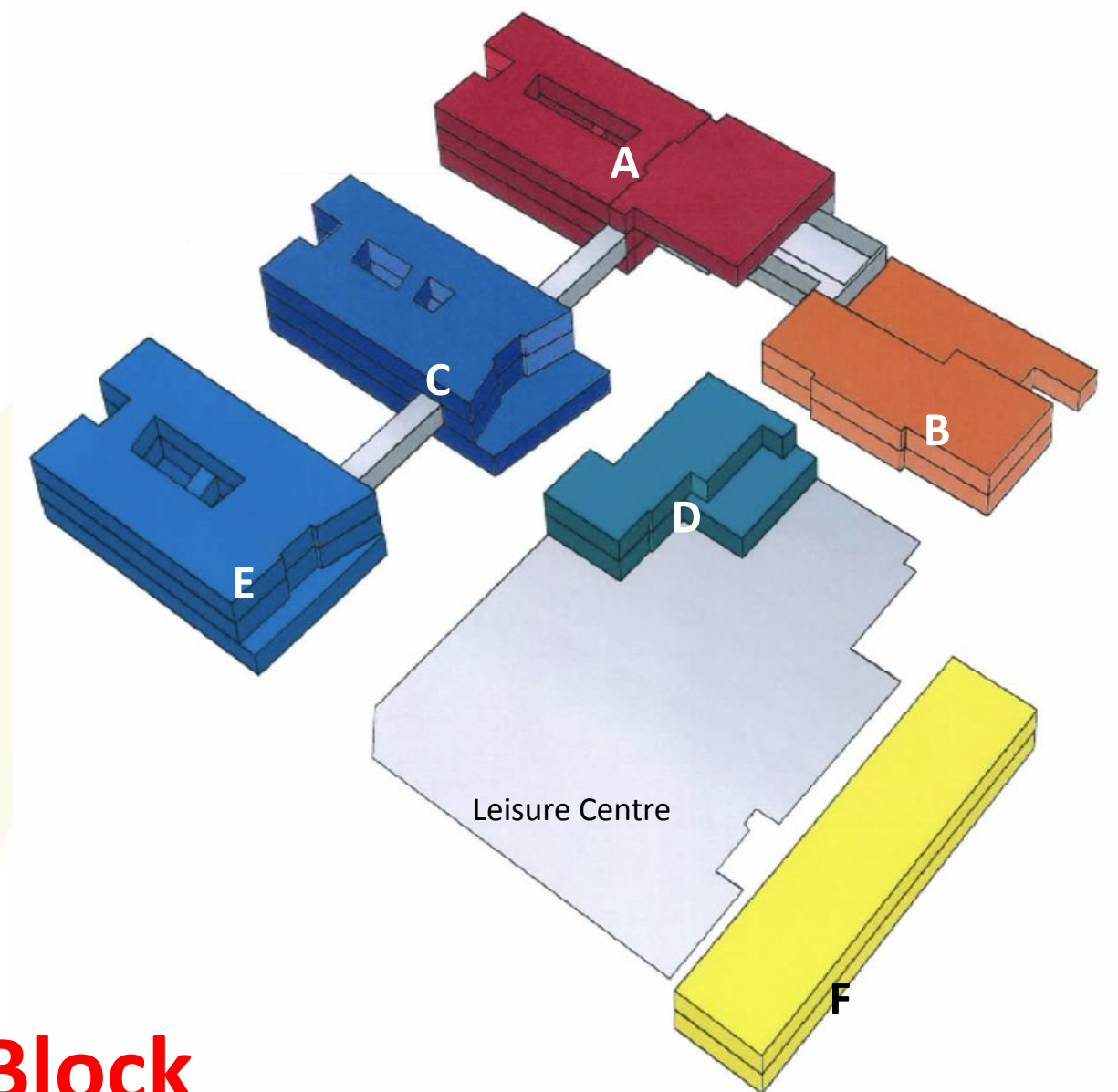
**A212** IT Creative iMedia CNAT

**A212** Computer Science GCSE

**A203** PE GCSE **or** Sport BTEC

**A108** Design and Technology  
GCSE

**A101** Food Preparation and  
Nutrition GCSE



## B Block

**B212/B214** Music GCSE or Music  
BTEC

**B203** Drama GCSE

**B204** Media GCSE

**B204** Dance GCSE