



SUBJECT SPECIALISMS 2026- 2028

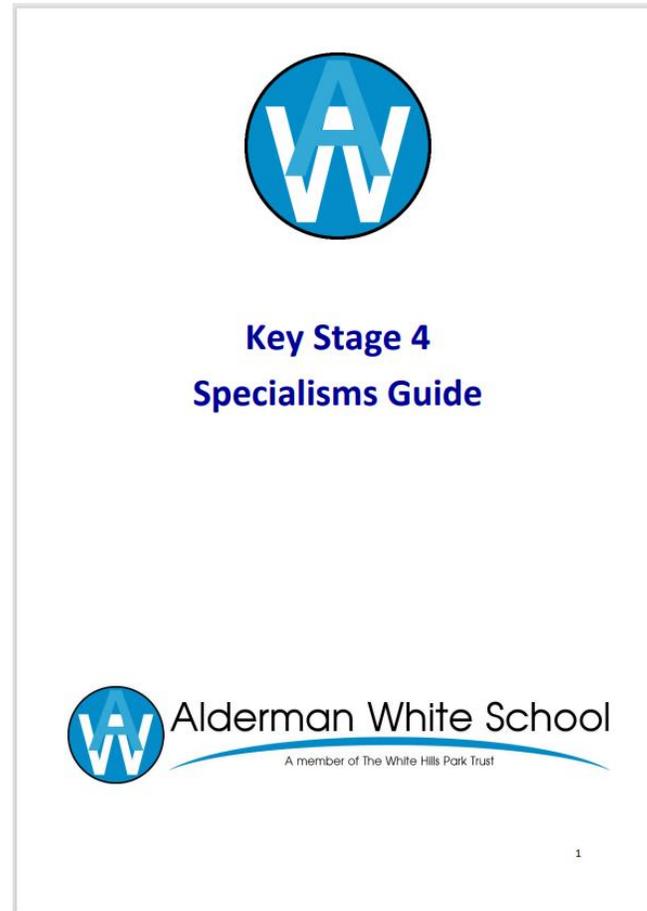
Mrs Mellors: Headteacher

Mr Young: Assistant Headteacher

PRINCIPLES AND VALUES

- ✓ “Broad and balanced”
- ✓ Prepare young people for their future lives
- ✓ Reflect their range of talents, interests, expertise and skills
- ✓ Be aspirational and enable everyone to achieve success
- ✓ Meet statutory and national requirements

THE SPECIALISMS PROCESS SO FAR



Specialisms booklet
emailed Jan 2026

Year 9 Specialisms
Assembly

“Meet the
Professionals”

Year 9 Taster
Lessons

EXAM RESULTS 2025



	National 2025	AW 2025 results	AW 2024 Results	AW 2023 Results
Attainment 8	46	53.3	52.24	54.04
5+ English and Maths	45.4%	60%	52.6%	55.6%
4+ English and Maths		71.3%	69.5%	73.1%
% of grades at 9	5%	12.3%	8%	10.1%
% of grades at 7+	22%	39.1%	32%	33.7%
% of grades at 5+		68.1%	66%	60.8%
% of grades at 4+	67%	77.7%	80%	73.9%





Standard Entry Requirements

To study A levels, you need at least five GCSE's, including English and Maths, at grade 4 or 5 or above.

To study Biology at Bramcote College you will need to have a **76 in Double Science or a 7 in Biology** if you have studied Triple Science. In addition, you will need a 6 in Maths.

To study PE at Bilborough, you need a minimum **grade 5 in Maths GCSE, grade 5 in English Language GCSE and 55 in Combined Science** or 5 in two single Sciences. **If you have taken PE at GCSE**, a minimum grade 6 in that subject.

To study Business at Bramcote College, you need a **grade 6 in GCSE Maths and English Language**. **Although it is not required to have studied Business at GCSE**, it is desirable to have a grade 6 if you have.

To study Electrical and Electronic Technology (Level 3) at Nottingham College you will need grade 4 in Maths or English.

To study Film and TV production (Level 3) at Confetti, you will need:

5 GCSEs grade 9-4 (A*-C)* including English and maths

An appreciation of and a passion for film and TV with a level of practical experience and/ or a Level 2 qualification in the subject area

To study Health and Social Care (Level 2 CACHE Extended Diploma) at Nottingham College

You'll need 4 GCSEs at grades 9-3, including English Language and Maths – one of English Language or Maths must be grade 9-4.



SUBJECT SPECIALISMS

WHICH SUBJECTS WILL YOU CHOOSE FROM?

All students will study:

- English Language GCSE and English Literature GCSE
- Maths GCSE
- Combined Science (worth 2 GCSEs) OR Triple Science (Biology, Chemistry and Physics) which is worth 3 GCSEs as a specialism subject

All students will choose a Humanities specialism (1 GCSE)

- History GCSE
- Geography GCSE
- Religious Studies GCSE

WHICH SUBJECTS WILL YOU CHOOSE FROM?

All students are expected to choose a Language Specialism (1 GCSE)

- German GCSE
- French GCSE
- Mandarin GCSE

Most students will study the language they have studied in Year 9.

GCSE Languages Hub (for students who have prior knowledge of the language)

- GCSE Languages include: *Arabic, Greek, Italian, Japanese, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish and Urdu. Please enquire about other languages.*

While we strongly encourage all students to take a Languages GCSE, we will explore other options with you if you, your parents and Languages teacher feel this is not an appropriate route.

WHICH SUBJECTS WILL YOU CHOOSE FROM?

2 Further Specialism Choices (or 1 if you choose Triple Science)

GCSE subjects:

Art

Business Studies

Computer Science

Design Technology – Product Design

Design Technology – Textiles

Drama

Economics

Food Preparation and Nutrition

French

Geography

German

History

Mandarin

Media studies

Music

PE

Photography

Psychology

Religious Education

Triple Science

Vocational (GCSE equivalent) courses:

Creative iMedia Cambridge National

Health and Social Care Cambridge National

Music Technology VCERT

Preparation for Adult Life Level 1 (by invitation)

NON-EXAM COMPULSORY SUBJECTS

Non-GCSE compulsory subjects:

- Core PE
- Personal Development

All students must study these courses (non-qualification)

THE GRADING SYSTEM

New GCSE Grade	Equivalent vocational grade	Equivalent legacy GCSE grade
9	Level 2 Distinction *	A*
8		
7	Level 2 Distinction	A
6	Level 2 Merit	B
5		B/C
4	Level 2 Pass	C
3	Level 1 Distinction	D
2	Level 1 Merit	E
1	Level 1 Pass	F/G

OTHER THINGS TO CONSIDER

Balance (Academic vs Creative)

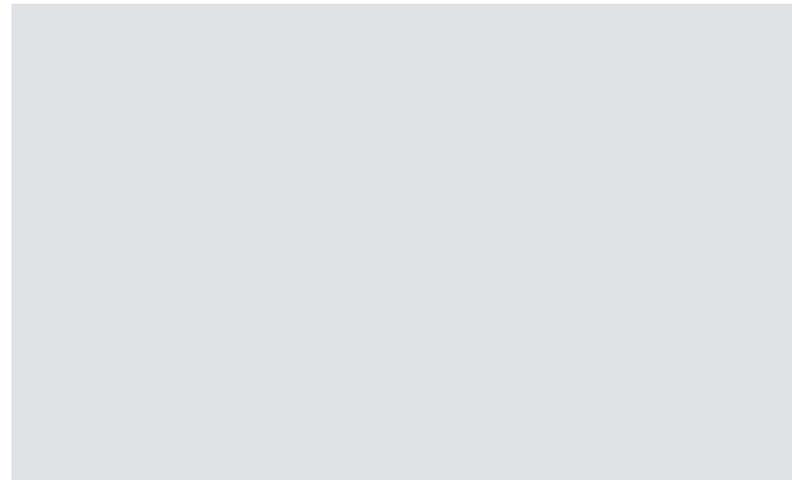
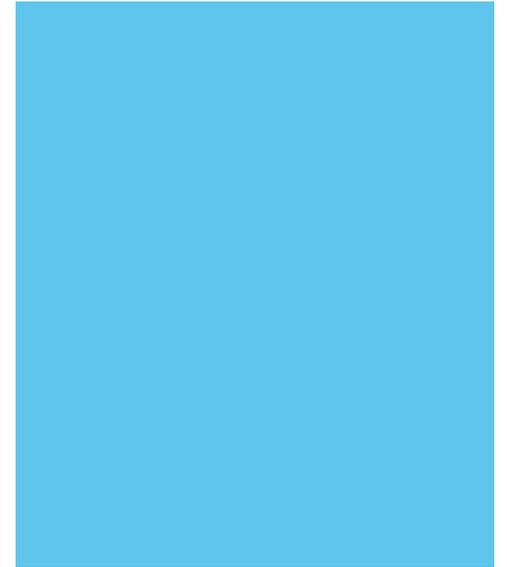
Do what you enjoy

Don't just pick what your mates are picking!

IF you already have post-16 plans, what are the entry requirements

Don't be put off subjects due to stereotypes

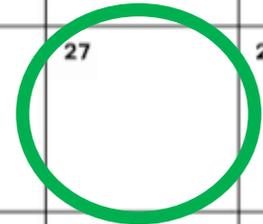
Creative subjects demand good attendance too!



MAKING YOUR FINAL CHOICES

- Completed online:
 - ✓ Languages choice
 - ✓ Humanities choice
 - ✓ 2 other choices
 - ✓ Reserve choices

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
1	2	3	4	5	6	7



2026

WHAT HAPPENS THEN?

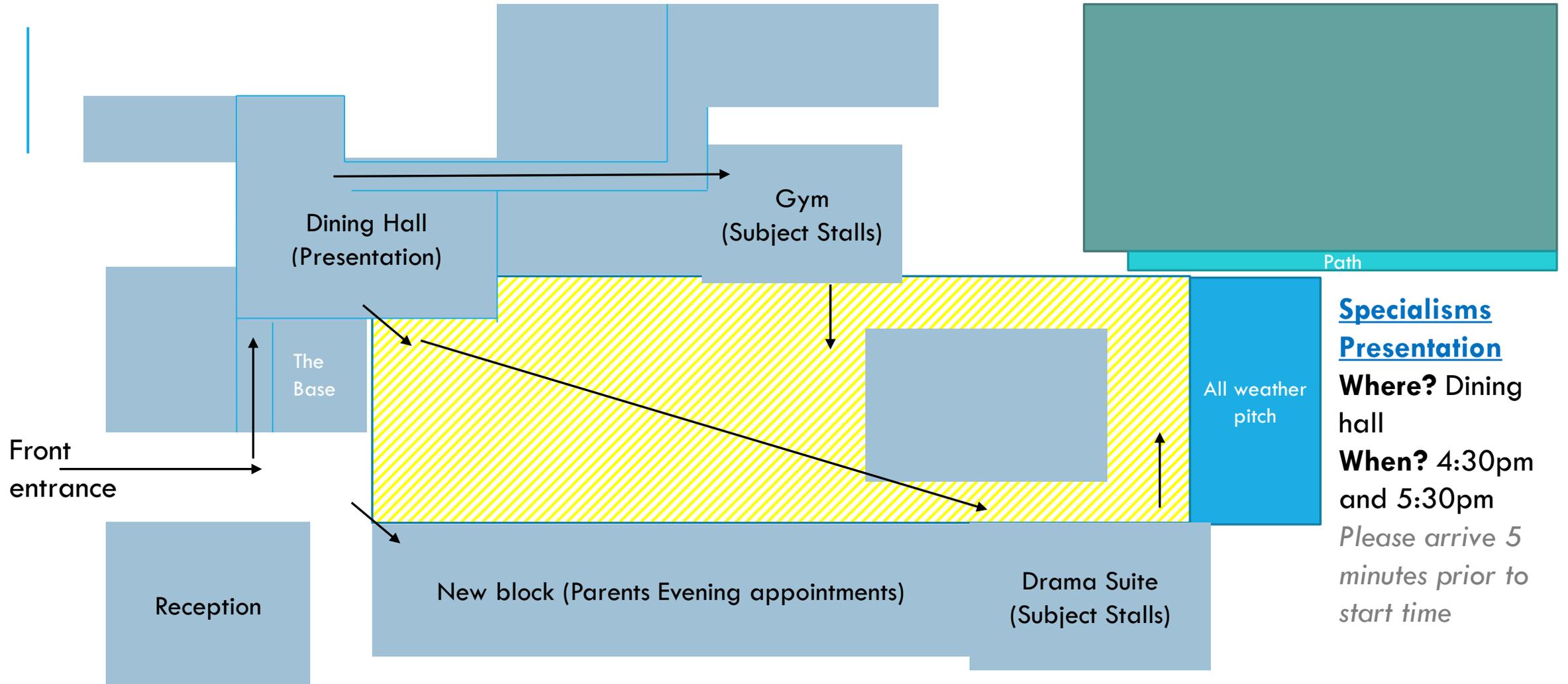
- We finalise the curriculum model based on practical parameters and choices made
- If insufficient numbers opt for a subject we may not be able to run the course.
- Where a subject is oversubscribed we will carefully consider the order of preference of specialism subjects, as well as Learner Behaviour.
- Where we are not able to meet a student's choice of subjects we will discuss with them the other subjects available.
- We cannot guarantee that changes can be made at a later point.
- Confirm choices in the summer term

SUPPORTING YOU DURING THE PROCESS

- Tutor
- Personal Development
- Unifrog
- Mr Foster
- Subject teachers/Curriculum Leaders
- Student Google Form to access individual support
- Mr Young

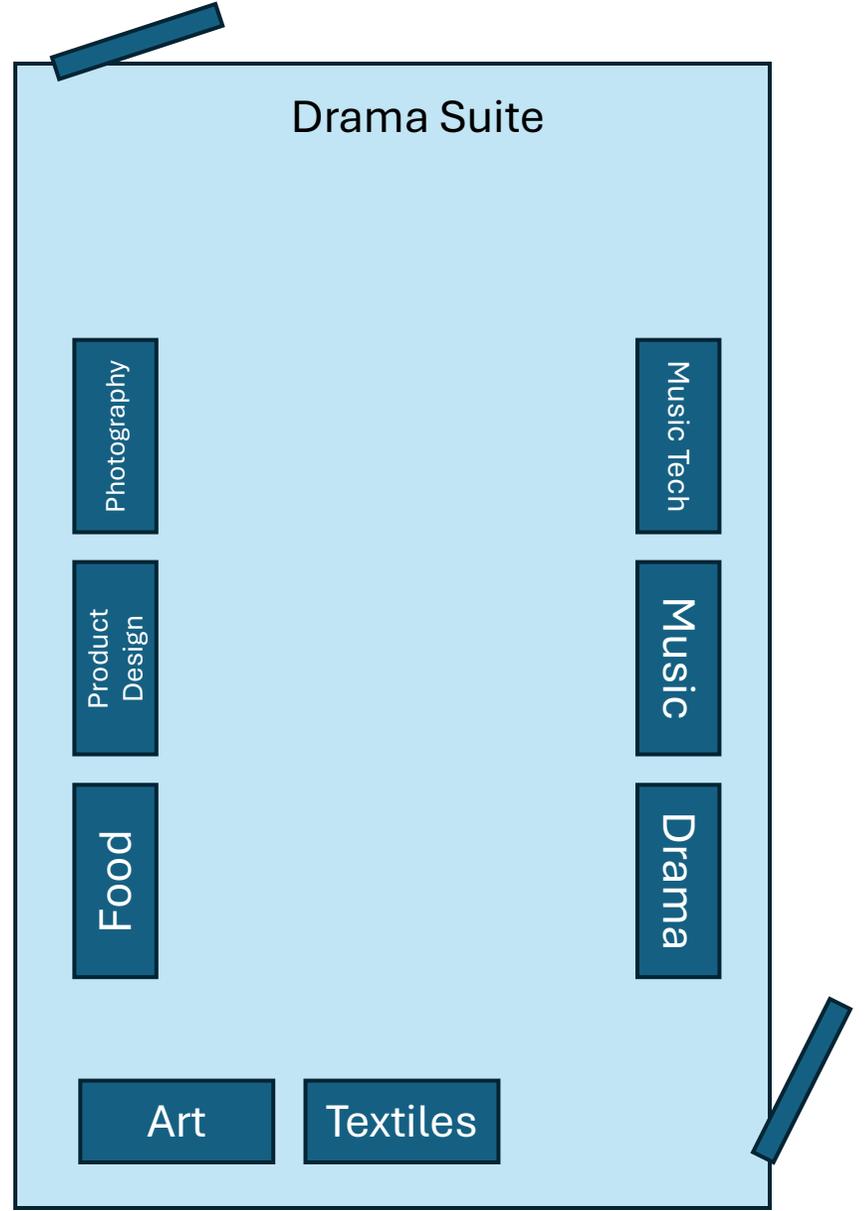
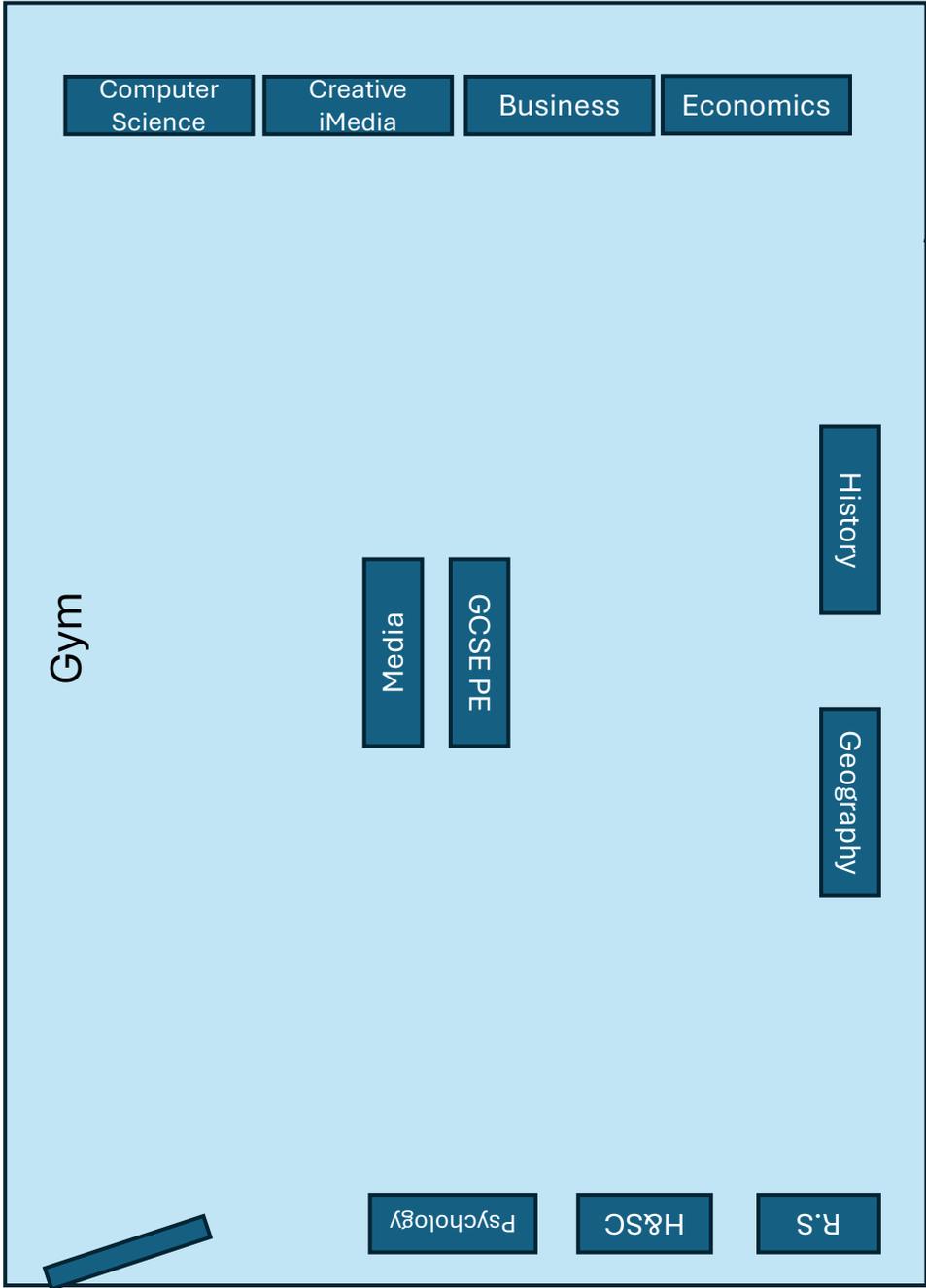


NAVIGATING THIS EVENING



Specialisms Presentation

Where? Dining hall
When? 4:30pm and 5:30pm
Please arrive 5 minutes prior to start time



PARENTS EVENING APPOINTMENTS

Parents Evening Appointment		
Room	Subject	Teacher
W1	French	Mrs Sanders Mrs Pollard
W2	Maths	Mr Witton Mr Palmer
W5	Maths	Mr Jameson Mrs Whittaker
W6	English	Miss Kempster Ms Redmond Mr Maxwell
W7	English	Miss Trimble Miss Greatorex
W12	Science	Ms Cork Miss Allsop
W13	Science	Mr Lea Miss Leyland

KEY STAFF CONTACT

Please feel free to raise any queries with us by contacting your child's tutor in the first instance.

You can also contact:

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