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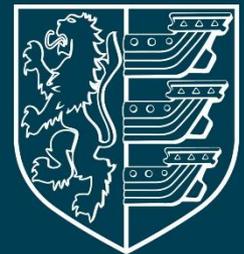
High School

Year 9 Options

26th February 2026

An Important Process

- Taking some control
- Designing your own curriculum
 - 2 lessons per option subject, per week
 - 40 % of your timetable in total
- Giving yourself the best chance of success
- Crafting your future



Choosing Courses

- What are you good at?
- What interests you?
- What do you enjoy?
- What might help you for your future?
- Ignore what your friends have chosen.



The Future

- Do you know what you want to do as a career?
- Do you want to enter the Sixth Form?
- Do you want to study at college?



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Sources of Advice

- Parents and Carers
- Teachers
- Form tutor
- Careers Fair
- Mrs Calder - careers
- Northgate Sixth Form
- Neaco – Higher Education
- Suffolk New College
- Eastern Education Group (Suffolk One and West Suffolk College)
- Military Preparation College Training
- Ipswich Town Foundation
- Interview with school leadership



Unifrog



- An online careers and destinations platform
- Supports students in making informed decisions
- Year 9 students now have access and have been shown how to log in and use it
- Parents/carers/guardians can create their own account
 - see what your child is doing, see interactions tagged against their name, see upcoming events, use all the same tools
- To create a parent/carer/guardian account:
 - add the adult's email in the parent/caregiver field on the child's Unifrog account
 - then open your account at www.unifrog.org/parent



Core Curriculum

- English Language and English Literature
- Maths
- Combined Science or Triple Science
- Non-examined:
 - P.E., P.R.E., RSHE, Citizenship, Careers and Guidance



Option Block 1

- Art
- Business
- Child Development*
- Food Preparation and Nutrition
- Geography
- History
- Physical Education*
- Sociology
- Spanish*



Option Block 2

- Art
- Computer Science
- Dance*
- Design and Technology
- Economics*
- Food Preparation and Nutrition
- French*
- Geography
- History
- Photography
- Psychology
- Textile and Fashion Design*



Option Block 3

- Business
- Creative iMedia*
- Design and Technology
- Food Preparation and Nutrition
- Geography
- German
- Graphic Communication*
- History
- Music*
- Psychology
- Sociology



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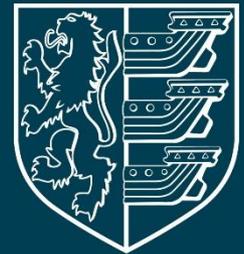
Option Block 4

- Computer Science
- Design and Technology
- Drama*
- Food Preparation and Nutrition
- Geography
- German
- Health and Social Care*
- History
- Philosophy, Religion and Ethics*
- Photography
- Psychology



Combinations

- Art
- Graphic Communication
- Textile and Fashion Design



Attendance

- Will be very important for all courses.
- Keeping on top of coursework is essential.
- In 3 courses, missed/late coursework in Year 10 **cannot** be caught up in Year 11:
 - Child Development
 - Creative iMedia
 - Health and Social Care



English Baccalaureate

- Recognises breadth of study.
- Achieved by gaining **grade 5 or above** in:
 - English Language
 - English Literature
 - Maths
 - Combined Science or 3 Single Sciences (inc. Computer Science)
 - A Foreign Language
 - Geography or History



The Research

- University College London, **Institute of Education:**
 - Studying EBacc subjects...
 - provides students with more opportunities in further education
- **Sutton Trust:**
 - Completing the EBacc...
 - can help improve performance in English and Maths



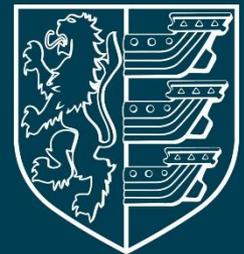
Our EBacc Advice

- Choose these subjects if they fit your **strengths** and **interests**.
- You **must** choose **at least one** of:
 - French
 - German
 - Spanish
 - Geography
 - History
 - Computer Science



Possible Alterations

- Subjects can only run in each block if uptake is high enough.
 - We may need to collapse small groups
- In oversubscribed subjects, some students may be allocated a reserve option.
- Where possible, additional classes will be added to meet high demand.
 - This may be in a different block
 - This can sometimes help to fix clashes
 - So **let us know about clashes** on your form!



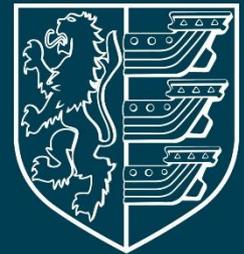
The Options Form

- Follow the link to **Microsoft Forms**.
 - On Bromcom
 - Via e-mail
 - On the website
- You'll be asked for:
 - One choice per option block
 - A rank order for your 4 choices
 - 3 reserve choices
 - Including any information about these
 - Information about any subject clashes
 - Any other important information



Changing Options

- Try to get it right first time!
- Changes are **only** possible:
 - with approval from school leaders
 - if there is space in a group
 - if you still fulfil the options rules correctly
- No changes after 25th September.



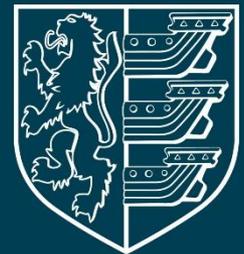
Your Next Tasks

- Visit the **Lower School centre** to explore your options.
- Read the options **booklet**.
- View the **videos** online for further support.
- Complete the form online by **Friday 6th March**.

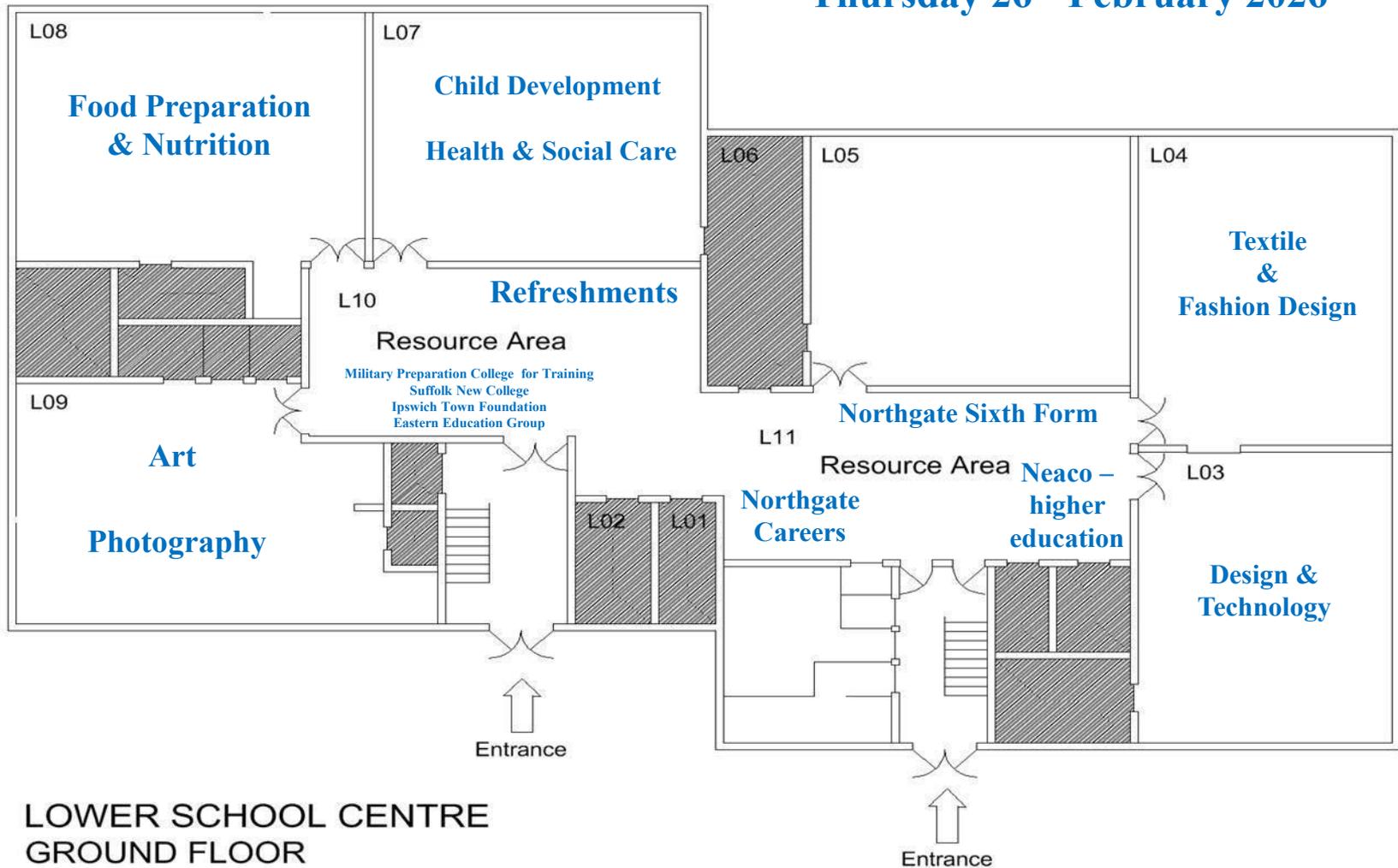


What Happens After That?

- Interviews with school leaders start Monday 9th March.
- Outcomes communicated once groups are finalised.

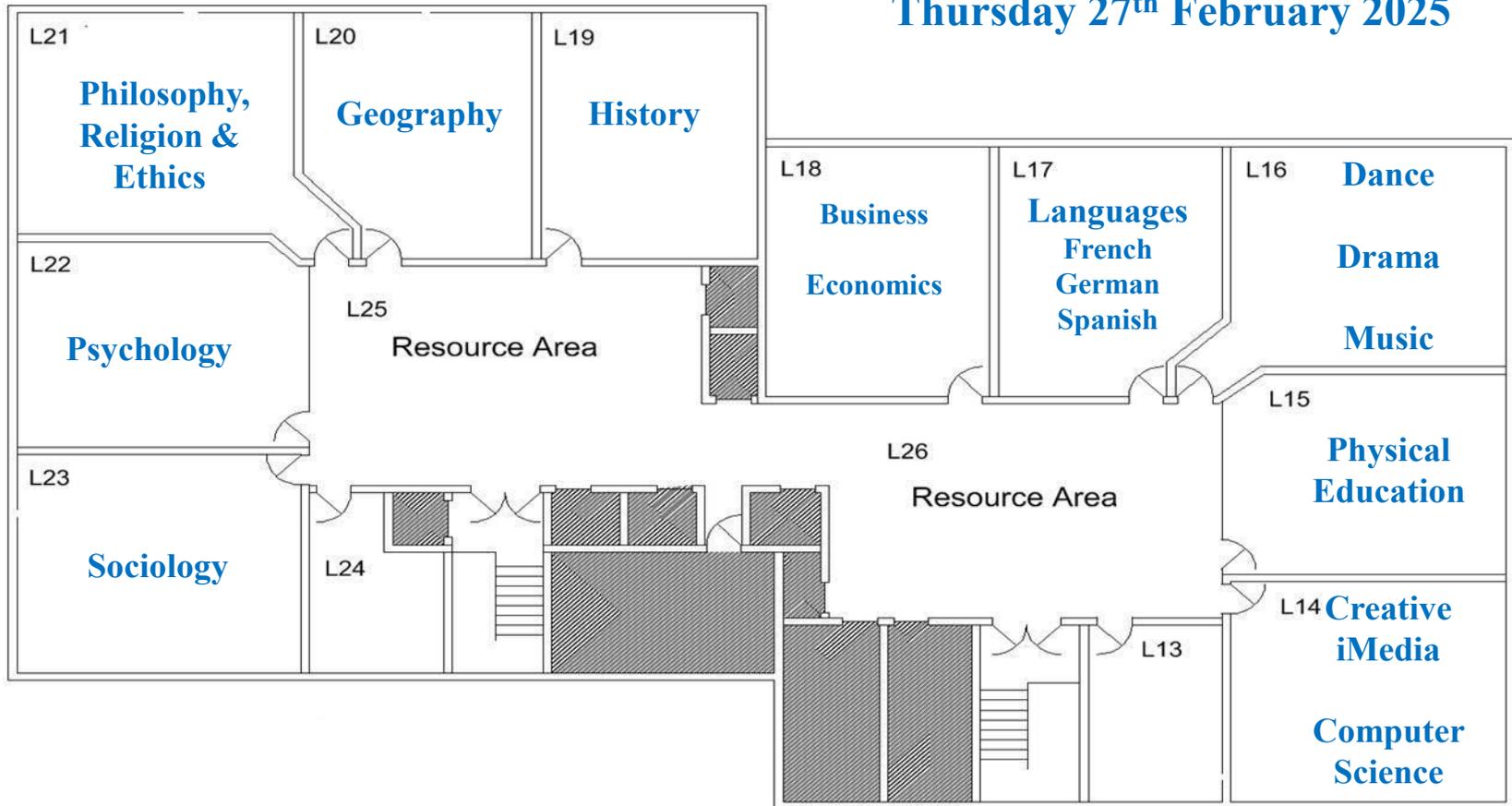


Year 9 Options Evening Thursday 26th February 2026



LOWER SCHOOL CENTRE
GROUND FLOOR

Year 9 Options Evening Thursday 27th February 2025



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LOWER SCHOOL CENTRE
FIRST FLOOR

Thank you for coming!

Time to explore.....