Sir William Ramsay School

Year 9 Options Evening 2024

We are respectful

We are ambitious

We are reliable

We are resilient

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Mr Stocking
Head of School

Mr San
Assistant Head

Ms Capes
Head of Year 9

Future Thinking

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Options 'Pathways'

EBACC	**Broad mix of subjects with aspirations to go to university.** Keeps all future options open.	**Choose:** ▪ History or Geography ▪ Spanish/French ▪ Further 2 open options
ACADEMIC	**Mostly academic with aspirations to go to university**. Keeps most future options open.	**Choose:** ▪ History or Geography or Spanish/French ▪ Further 3 open options (no more than 2 applied subjects)
APPLIED	**Applied - more coursework based.**	**Choose:** ▪ History or Geography or Spanish/French ▪ Further 3 open options

English Baccalaureate - EBacc

- English Language and Literature
- Maths
- Science
- Geography or History
- Languages

EBacc subjects provides students with greater opportunities in further education and increases the likelihood that a student will stay on in full-time education.

Studying the EBacc can help improve a young person's performance in English and maths.

Applied vs. GCSEs

Applied	GCSEs
Heavily coursework based – large amount of work done in the two years (in class) go towards your grade	Little or no work done (in class) in the two years go towards your grade
Final exam – One written final paper/controlled assessment go towards grade	All (or most) of the grade depends on the final assessments at the end of Y11
Good attendance and work ethic throughout the year is CRUCIAL for success (long term time off makes it difficult to catch up due to submissions)	Similar, but you can catch up easier to be prepared for final exam. The less you have to catch up, the easier it is.
Provide a way of working that is extremely beneficial to your personal development –key submissions deadlines through the years mean you must be organised!	Should be similar, but revision is focused at the end for final exam. The more ongoing revision you do, the "easier" the exam will be.
In some courses it is possible to complete it by March so there is time for you to focus on your GCSE revision – HUGE advantage!	Teaching and revision goes to the end right up until your exams.

Options

Choose 3 additional options from a combination of these sections

CORE	SCIENCE	EBACC	OPEN - GCSE	OPEN - APPLIED
English Language English Literature Mathematics **NOT FORMALLY ASSESSED** PE PSHE No choice here! All students do these.	Combined Science Triple Science ○ Biology ○ Chemistry ○ Physics If you do NOT choose Triple Science, you will be given Combined Science.	Geography History Spanish/French Choose at least one of Geography, History or Spanish/French.	Art & Design Computer Science Design and Technology Drama Food Preparation and Nutrition Philosophy, Ethics and Religion Photography Textiles Design	BTEC Creative Media Production BTEC Health and Social Care BTEC Music Cambridge National Enterprise and Marketing Cambridge National First Award in Sports Science VTCT Hair and Beauty Therapy

Triple Science vs. Combined Science

Triple Science	Combined Science
Get 3 GCSEs for Science – one grade for each separate science - Biology, Chemistry & Physics.	Get 2 GCSEs for Science as one 'combined' grade e.g. 4 - 4 or 8 – 7
Takes up one of your options blocks	Does NOT take up an option block
Can be entered for Higher or Foundation	Can be entered for Higher or Foundation
Covers all content in Combined Science and extends it a bit further.	Covers all key skills and content
Choose if you have a passion and interest in Science and the scientific process. Also strongly recommended if you want to pursue Biology/Chemistry/Physics at A-Level.	Can still do Biology/Chemistry/Physics at A-Level.

How to Choose

Good Reasons	Bad Reasons
✓ I enjoy this subject very much	× This subject is new so it must be good
✓ My teachers have told me that I am good at this subject	× I like the teacher who currently teaches me this subject
✓ I am good at this subject	× My friend is choosing this subject
✓ I have researched this subject and know I would enjoy it	× My older brother/sister also did this subject
✓ I am good at doing the things involved in this subject	× My parents/carers want me to do this subject even though I do not enjoy it
✓ This subject may help me when I am older	× My parents/carers want me to do this subject even though I am not so good at it

Available Support

- Form Tutors
- Subject Teachers
- Heads of Faculties / Heads of Departments
- HOY (Ms Capes)
- SENDCo and SEND team

- Mr San
- Mr Oxley
- Mrs Forde (in Sixth Form Centre Office)

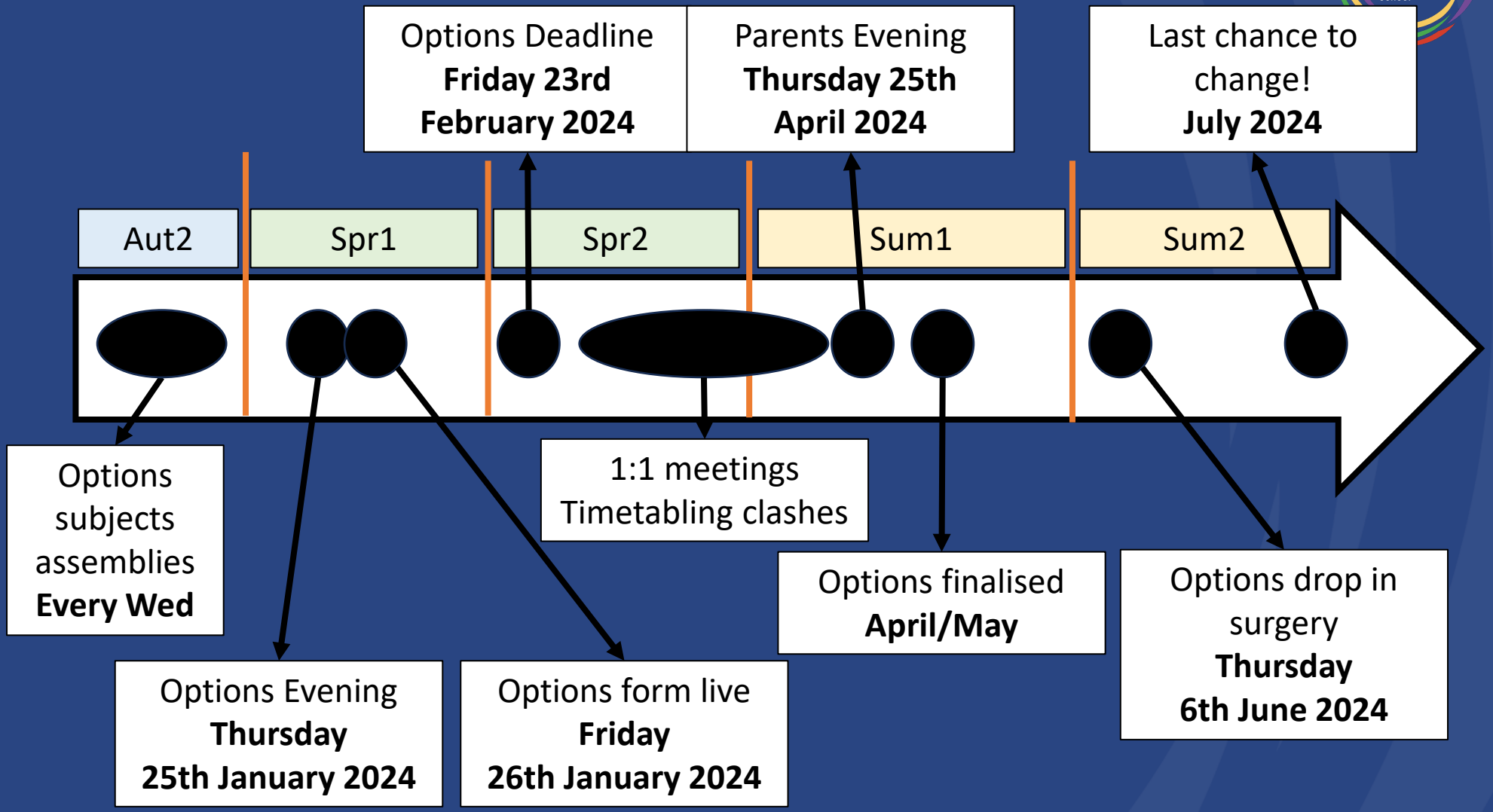
Additional Needs – Queries

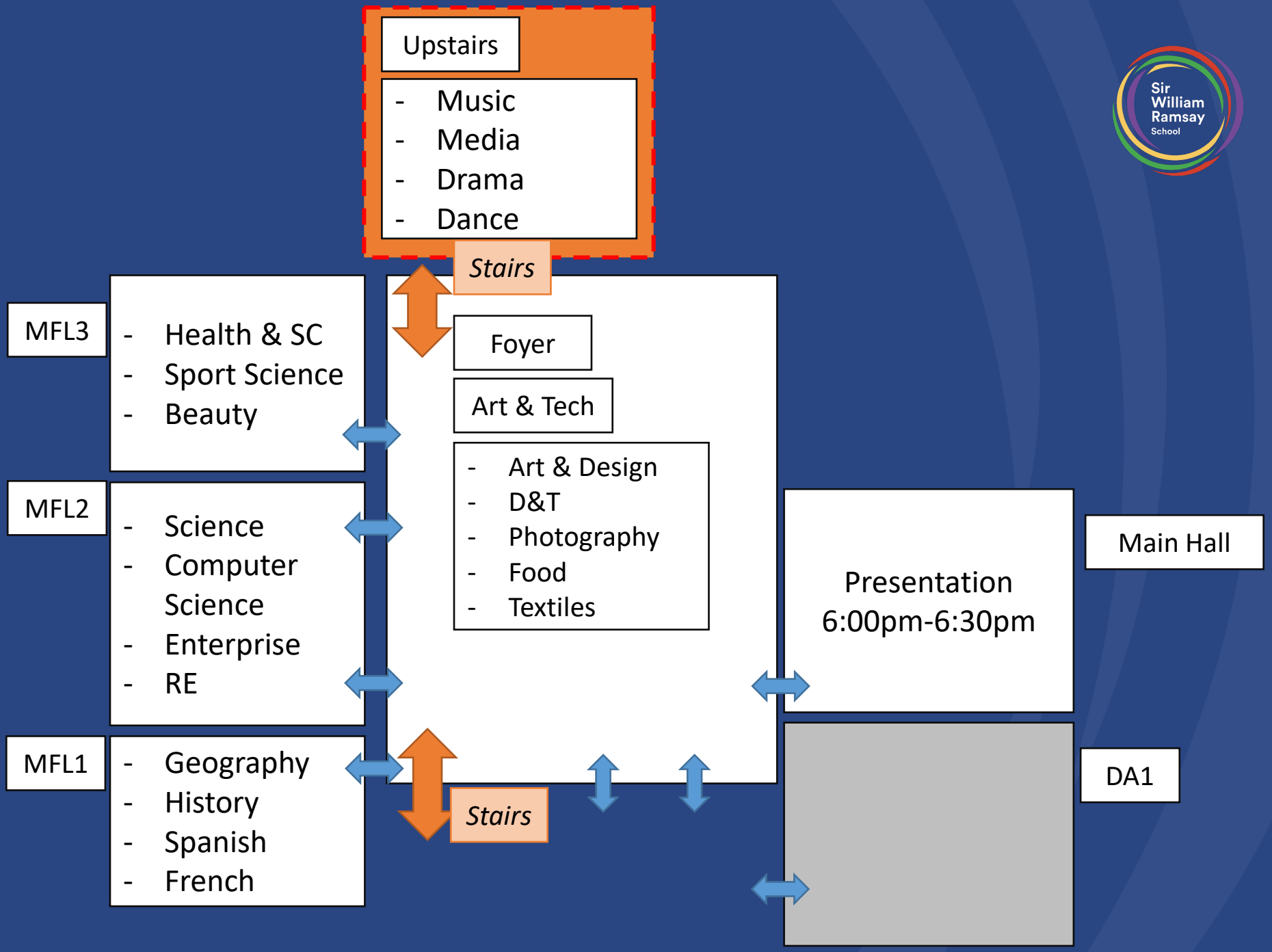
Welcome queries via email
– office@swr.school marked **"Y9 Options – SENDCo - [STUDENT NAME]"**

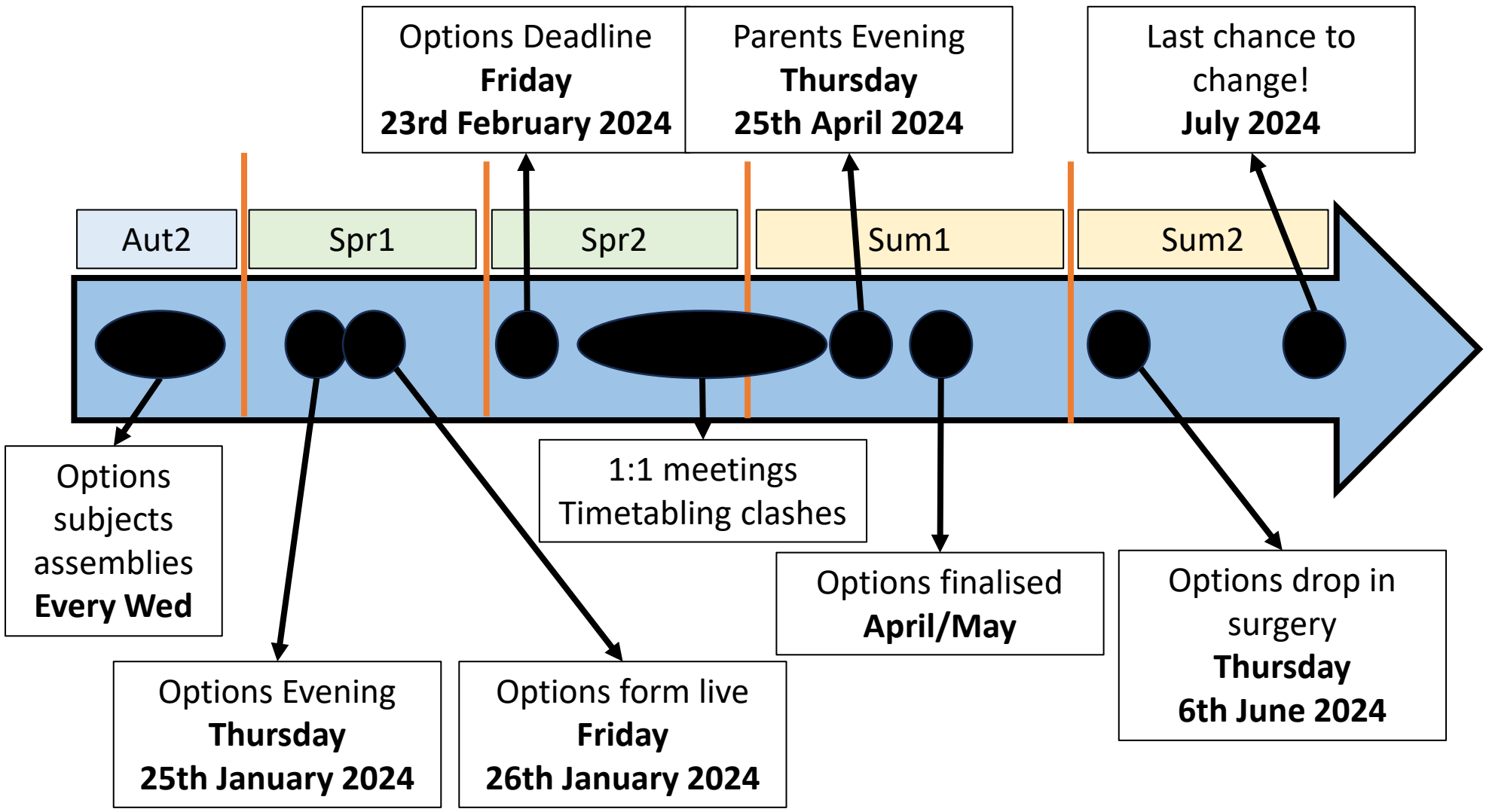
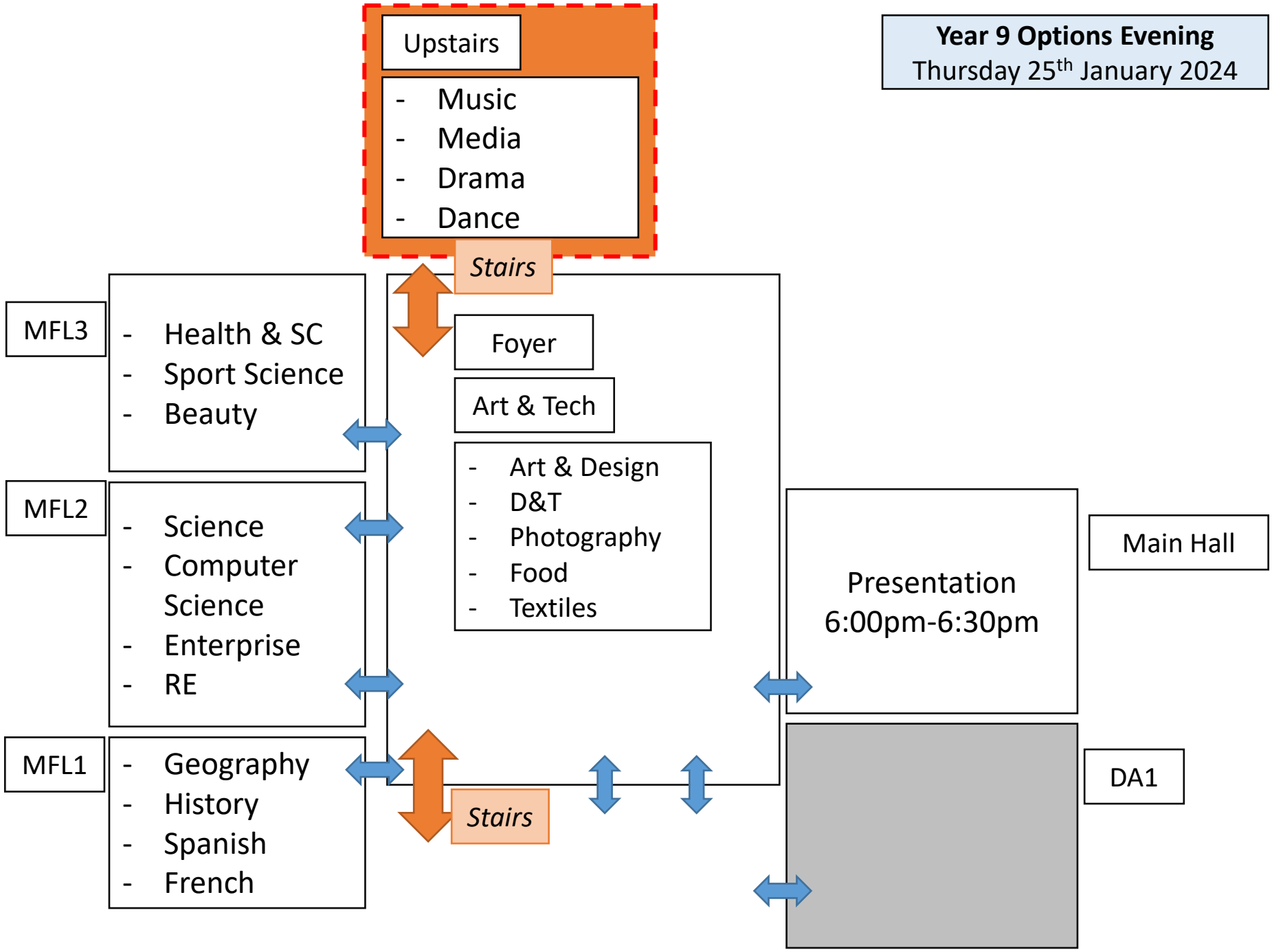
Drop in Sessions :

- Tuesday 30 Jan 2-3pm
- Monday 19 Feb 8.30-9.30am

Timeline and Key Dates




Upstairs
- Music
- Media
- Drama
- Dance
Stairs
MFL3
- Health & SC
- Sport Science
- Beauty
Foyer
Art & Tech
- Art & Design
- D&T
- Photography
- Food
- Textiles
MFL2
- Science
- Computer Science
- Enterprise
- RE
Presentation
6:00pm-6:30pm
Main Hall
MFL1
- Geography
- History
- Spanish
- French
Stairs
DA1


Options Deadline
Friday
23rd February 2024
Parents Evening
Thursday
25th April 2024
Last chance to change!
July 2024
Aut2
Spr1
Spr2
Sum1
Sum2
Options subjects assemblies
Every Wed
Options Evening
Thursday
25th January 2024
Options form live
Friday
26th January 2024
1:1 meetings
Timetabling clashes
Options finalised
April/May
Options drop in surgery
Thursday
6th June 2024

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Thursday 25th January 2024