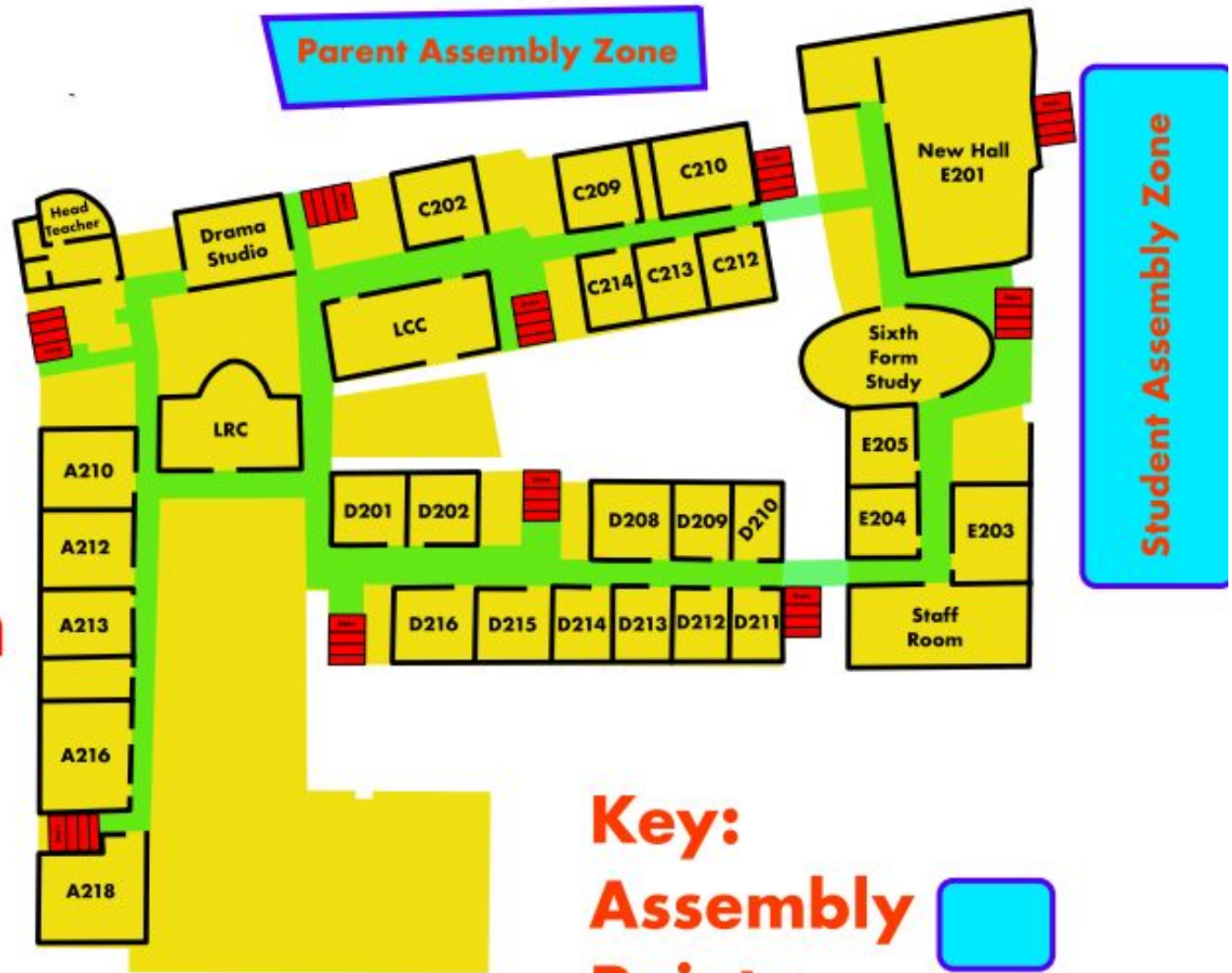


Welcome to the Key Stage 4 Options Event 2024

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Fire Action



Start of a new phase

- A curriculum journey
- New phase Key Stage 4 – Years 10 & 11
- Opportunity to review and look forward

What to expect at KS4

- Foundations for KS4 curriculum will commence in summer term and in some cases, have already started
 - Citizenship the most obvious example of this
- Coursework/practical assessment in some GCSEs
- Full range of learning activities
- Increased homework – organisation needed!
- Individual support from subject teachers
- Monitoring and mentoring
- Responsibilities and opportunities outside of the classroom
- Preparation for Key Stage 5

Curriculum Principles

- A curriculum that is ambitious and challenging
- A curriculum designed to raise the aspirations and ambitions of our students
- A curriculum that has a love of learning and a passion for subjects at its heart
- A curriculum that is broad and balanced

Key Stage 4

- GCSEs – General Certificate of Secondary Education
- BTEC Tech Awards



Everyone studies...

- English Language (GCSE) and English Literature (GCSE)
- Mathematics (GCSE)
- Science – Combined (two GCSEs) or Triple (three GCSEs)
- Citizenship (started in Year 9)
- Physical Education
- Three options (GCSE and/or GCSE equivalent)

Making choices

Resources to use:

- The stalls and presentations tonight
- Student leaders and prefects in the atrium
- Careers advice in the atrium
- Options booklet - available on the school website and was sent to you via Class Charts earlier in the week
- The 'Options, Careers and Work Related Learning' page on our website

Making choices

Consider:

- What do you enjoy?
- Have you looked at the course information in the options booklet?
- Have you spoken to staff and student leaders?
- How much coursework/practical assessment is there - and does this play to your strengths?
- Will it combine well with other subjects?
- What do you need to come to RHS Sixth Form?
- Have you picked a **range** of subjects to make sure you have kept your future options open?

Don't:

- Choose a subject because your friend is;
- Choose a subject that's new without finding out about it;
- Choose subjects because you think they are 'easy' or an opportunity to unwind/relax;
- Choose subjects that are unsuited to your natural skillset;
- Choose a subject because you think a particular teacher will or won't be teaching it.

Year 10 Expressions of Interest Form & Procedure 2024-26

You don't have to pick subjects at the expense of another!

Choose ONE subject from the left hand column and the remaining FOUR from the right hand column so you have FIVE in total.

GCSEs

French

Spanish

Computer Science

History

Geography

GCSEs

Art and Design - one of either:

- Fine Art
- Textile Design

Computer Science

Drama

French

Geography

History

Media Studies

Music

PE

Spanish

Vocational subjects

Health and Social Care (BTEC Tech Award)

Sport (BTEC Tech Award)

Please be aware that if only a small number of students select an option, it is likely not to take place.

This is why we ask students to make five choices in order of preference.

- You can not drop a subject mid way through the course.
- Students have to complete the course until the end.
- Evidence shows that dropping a subject does not improve the outcome of the subjects.

Think carefully

- Consider your choices very carefully (including the fourth and fifth ones)
- Options to be selected by ***Thursday 28th March 2024***
- Some students will then have one-to-one meetings with specific members of staff; students will be selected for these if their choices need to be discussed further
- Final options will be confirmed once we have considered all students' choices next half term