

Light Hall School



Year 9

Options Information

3rd March 2022

SECTION 1

- Options Timeline
- Sources of Advice
- Website
- Careers

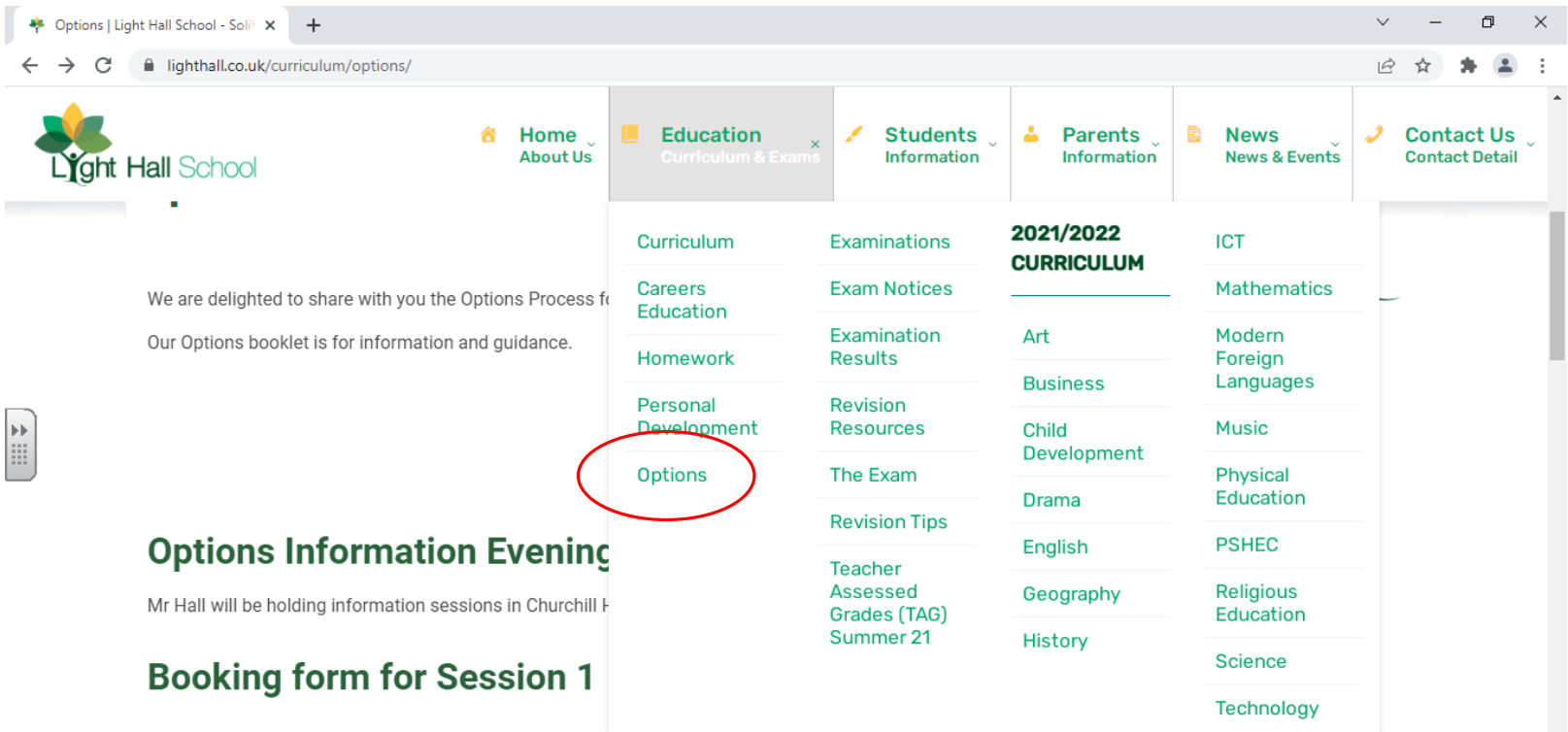
Options Timeline

- 2nd March Presentation release
- 3rd March Options Parents Evening
- 4th March Annual written reports
- w/b 7th March Student interviews (if required)
- 10th March Year 9 Parents Evening
- 11th March Email link sent
- **Deadline for returns - Friday 18th March 2022**

Sources of Advice



- Website
- Options booklet
- Subject teachers/HOY/Subject Leaders/Form tutors
- Student interviews (if required)



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL lighthall.co.uk/curriculum/options/. The page features a navigation menu with the following items: Home (About Us), Education (Curriculum & Exams), Students (Information), Parents (Information), News (News & Events), and Contact Us (Contact Detail). The Education menu is expanded, showing a list of options: Curriculum, Careers Education, Homework, Personal Development, and Options. The 'Options' link is circled in red. To the right of the Education menu, there are sections for Examinations (Exam Notices, Examination Results, Revision Resources, The Exam, Revision Tips, Teacher Assessed Grades (TAG) Summer 21) and a section for 2021/2022 CURRICULUM, which lists subjects: Art, Business, Child Development, Drama, English, Geography, History, ICT, Mathematics, Modern Foreign Languages, Music, Physical Education, PSHEC, Religious Education, Science, and Technology. The main content area on the left contains the text: "We are delighted to share with you the Options Process for... Our Options booklet is for information and guidance." Below this, there is a section titled "Options Information Evening" with the text "Mr Hall will be holding information sessions in Churchill Hall" and a "Booking form for Session 1".

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Year Options - draft

Please carefully read the questions below, selecting the correct option for each question.

Some are multiple (more than one) answers

Hi Richard, when you submit this form, the owner will be able to see your name and email address.

* Required

1. Name *

2. Form *

Form A

Form B

3. Selection choice of subjects *

Geography

History

4. Please select your three options - you need to select three choices from below *

**Emailed link to students
(via school email
address)- 11th Mar**

Careers

- 'Life Ready' sessions as part of tutor time. These sessions included:
 - Careers information, unusual jobs, Kudos and personality tests
 - Careers in the curriculum will continue through the year
 - Websites to get further information (links on the options page)
 - Kudos (kudos.cascaid.co.uk)
 - Career Pilot (careerpilot.org.uk)
 - Prospects (prospects.ac.uk)

SECTION 2

- Qualifications
- Options routes

Qualifications

- Two types
 - GCSEs
 - Technical/Applied Awards

GCSEs

- 9-1 grading
- Final examinations
- No controlled assessment/coursework (exception practical subjects)

New GCSE grades explained

9	A*
8	A
7	A
6	B
5 (strong pass)	B
4 (standard pass)	C
3	D
2	E
1	F
1	G
U	U

Technical Awards (OCR Cambridge Nationals)

- Two levels (L1/L2)
- Broadly equivalent value to a GCSE
- Smaller final exam
- Controlled assessment/coursework
- Subjects – Imedia, Sport and Child development

Level / Qualification Grade	Grade Equivalent
Level 2 / Distinction*	8.5
Level 2 / Distinction	7
Level 2 / Merit	5.5
Level 2 / Pass	4
Level 1 / Distinction	3
Level 1 / Merit	2
Level 1 / Pass	1.25

Option Routes

- Core Curriculum A
- Core Curriculum B



Core A (Fr/Sp H1/L1)

- History and/or Geography
- **Three choices from the options list**
 - One must be Spanish or French

Core B

- History and/or Geography
- **Three choices from the options list**
 - One can be Spanish or French



SECTION 3

- Important Subject Information
- Subjects not studied before

Important Subject Information

- Science
- ICT
- Geography/History
- Art, Craft, Design and Photography

ICT (not both)

Computing (GCSE)

- Hardware
- Programming/building
- GCSE
- **Entry requirement to course**

Imedia (Technical)

- Software
- Applications – Excel, PowerPoint, Websites, presentations



Art, Craft, Design, Photography (not both)

Art (Craft, Design)

- Two components
 - Portfolio
 - Externally set assignment
- Linear course
- Explore/create work from
 - Fine art, graphics, textiles, 3D design, photography

Art (Photography)

- Two components
 - Portfolio
 - Externally set assignment
- Explore/create work from (only some listed)
 - Portraiture, location/studio photography, photo journalism, fashion photography

Subjects not studied before...

- Business Studies
- ICT Imedia
- Sport science (**limited practical**)
- Child development
- Photography

- Students must:

- Find out more...
- Use the options book
- Speak to the subject leaders and teachers
- Options evening attendance



SECTION 4

- Key questions
- What if we don't know?
- Reserve choices

Key Questions...

- Which subjects do they enjoy the most?
- Which subjects are they best at?
- Which subjects might they get the best grades from?
- Which subjects would they like for a chosen career?
- Do any subjects match outside interests

Wrong reasons for choosing a subject...

- Friends doing the same
- Teacher preferences
- Pleasing adults
- Considered easy!
- PE/Sport/Food/Drama is a practical subject...



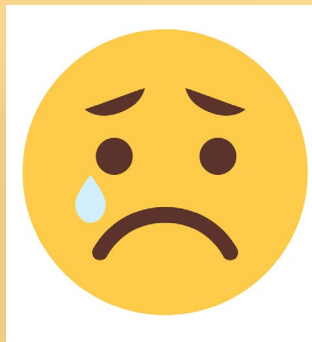
What if my child doesn't know?...

- Encourage study of subjects they enjoy
- Support variety
- Keep their future plans open



Not all subjects will run...

- All subjects/groups have minimum group numbers
- Low numbers = subject not running



Reserve Choice

- Students MUST choose one reserve option
- It WILL be used if we cannot provide the combination originally wanted
- It WILL be automatically chosen if left blank

Once chosen, options
cannot be changed...



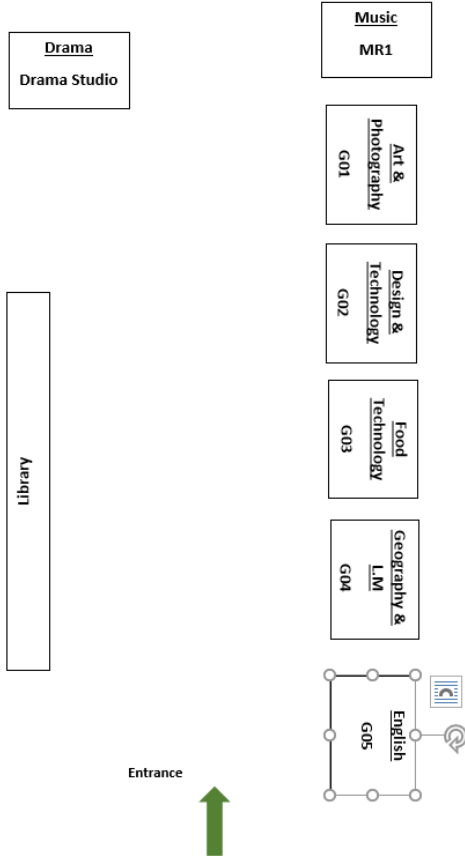


Options Return Forms
Deadline **Friday 18th**
March 2022

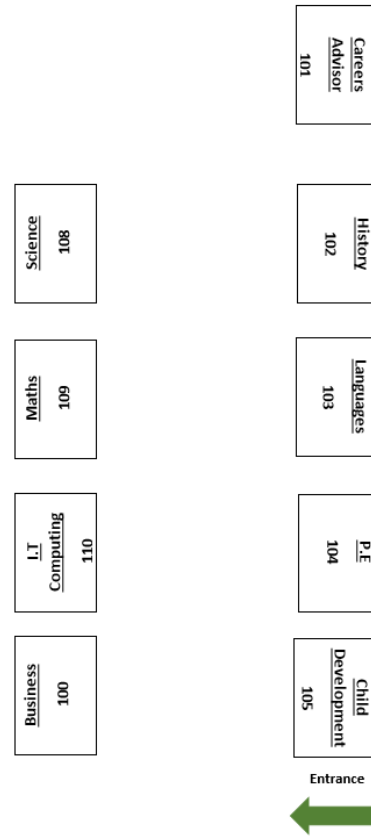
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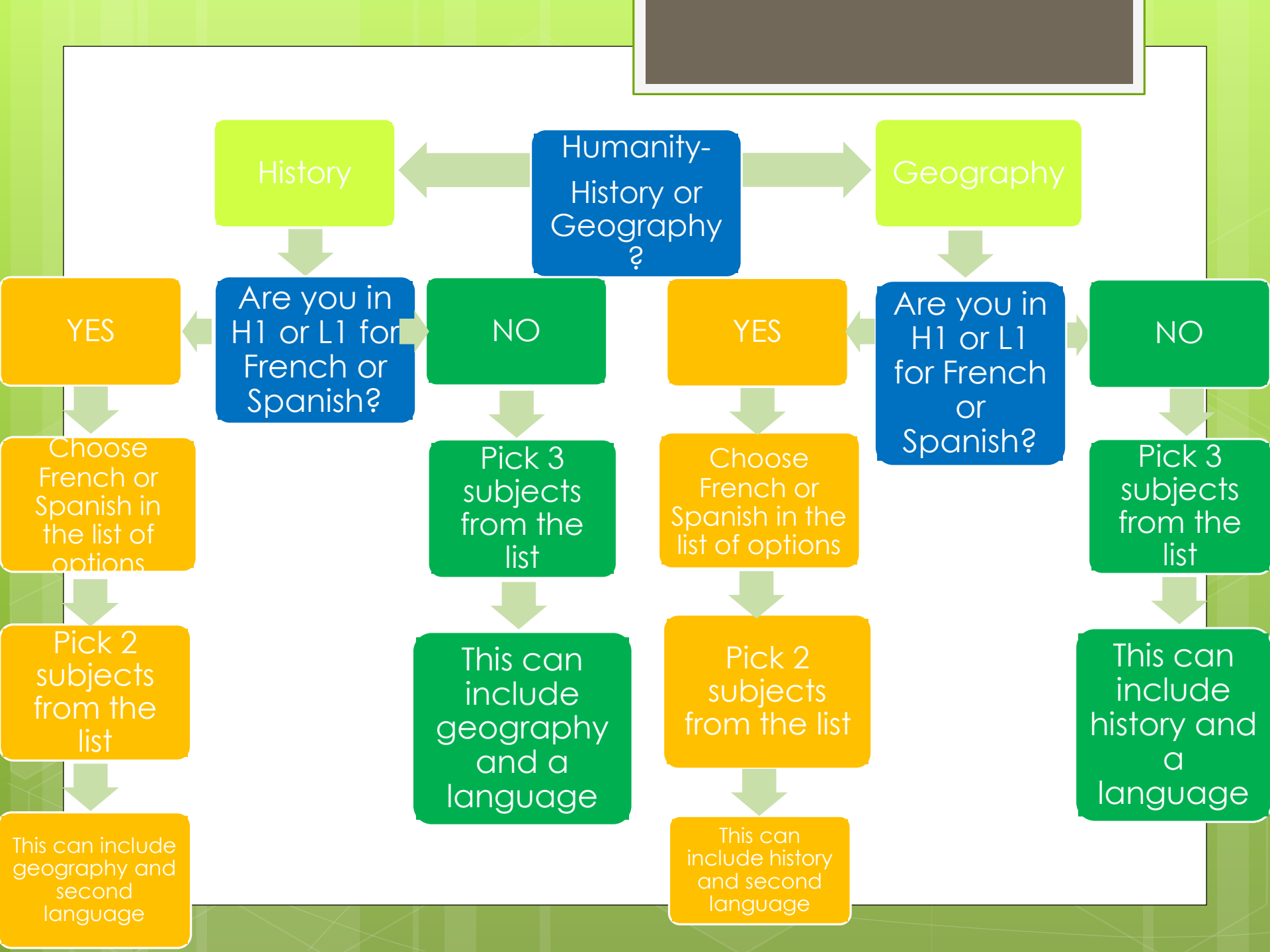
Evening Room Plan

Gandhi Building Ground Floor



Gandhi Building First Floor





History

Humanity-
History or
Geography
?

Geography

YES

Are you in
H1 or L1 for
French or
Spanish?

NO

YES

Are you in
H1 or L1
for French
or
Spanish?

NO

Choose
French or
Spanish in
the list of
options

Pick 3
subjects
from the
list

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list of options

Pick 3
subjects
from the
list

Pick 2
subjects
from the
list

This can
include
geography
and a
language

Pick 2
subjects
from the list

This can
include
history and
a
language

This can include
geography and
second
language

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include history
and second
language