



Year 8 Options Evening

6th February 2020



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THE OPTIONS PROCESS

- Miss Alice Spence – Head of Year 8
- Mrs Sara McKay - Careers Advisor
- Mr Andrew Shields - Assistant Head





Careers Information

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- **Careers Programme at Cox Green School- Gatsby Bench Marks**
- **Every student met at least once a year by an in house careers adviser –Group and Individual meetings**
- **Employee encounters and visits when possible. At least one per year group.**





Options Taster Day 2020 –Feedback

- “Today was interesting and very fun”.
- “I enjoyed statistics & business studies “
- “The different career talks”

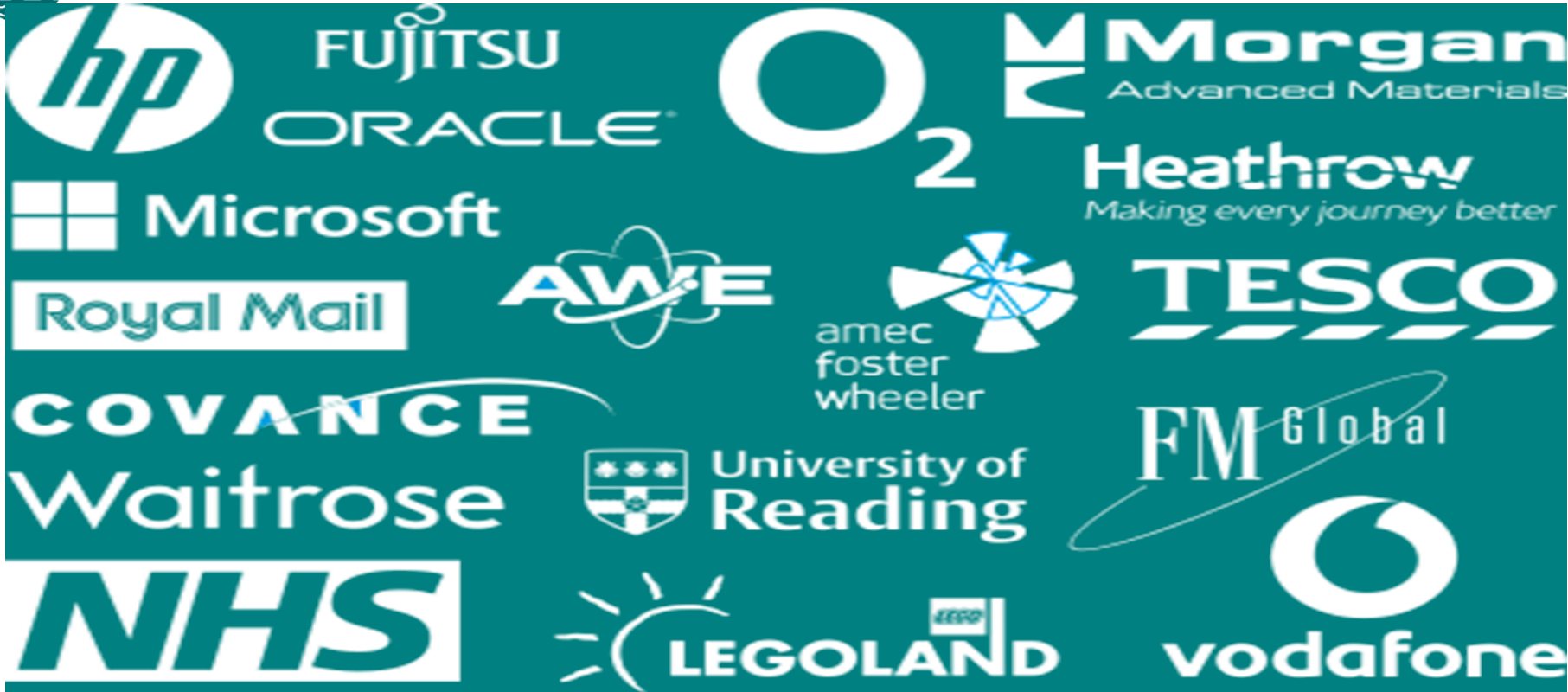
Career Meetings have been extremely informative, job roles spoken about:

- Architecture
- Nursing
- Primary School Teaching
- Engineering
- Construction
- **Options after school:**
- Sixth Forms and Local Colleges- A 'levels BTECS
- University routes
- Apprenticeships/Traineeships





The local labour market – large employers





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The main general skills Berkshire employers are looking for



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Useful resources

- National Careers Service
- Amazing Apprenticeships
- The Careers and Enterprise Company
- Thames Valley Berkshire Local Enterprise Partnership
LMI
- Contact the school: s.mckay@coxgreen.com










Year 8 Options timeline

Date	Event
27th November	Introduction to Options assembly
18 th December	Subject options survey (tutor time)
9 th January	Option workbooks issued and completed in tutor time
14 th Jan – 6 th Feb	Careers appointments with Ms McKay
W/b 20 th January	Options assemblies all week – LLs present their options subjects to Year 8 and speakers talking about career pathways
30 th January	Year 8 Parents evening
1 st February	Choices for Taster Day (tutor time)
6 th February	Options Taster Day
6 th February	Options Evening
10 th - 23 rd February	Year 8 Option Choices deadline using Insight (insight.coxgreen.com)
W/b 24 th February	Personalised meetings with students following option choices
Mid-March	Letters to parents confirming option choices





Parent checklist

- Understand new GCSE structure 
- Awareness of subject types 
- Know your Insight login details 
- Speak to subject staff 
- Discuss the process with your son/daughter 





Grading GCSEs from 2017

New grading structure	Current grading structure
9	A*
8	
7	
6	B
5	
4	C
3	
2	E
1	F
U	G
U	U

GOOD PASS (DfE)
5 and above = top of C and above

AWARDING
4 and above = bottom of C and above



Core Subjects

- These are the subjects that all students will study
- English, Maths and English have to be taken at GCSE
- Religious Studies curriculum is
 1. English (Language & Literature)
 2. Maths
 3. Science (Combined or Triple)
 4. Religious Studies
 5. Games





Facilitating subjects

- **Facilitating subjects** are the **subjects** most commonly required or preferred by universities to get on to a range of degree courses.
- They help you keep your options open when choosing a degree, and many of the top universities will ask you to have at least one A-level in a **facilitating subject** when you apply





Facilitating subjects

- English
- Maths
- Science

CORE SUBJECTS

- Modern Foreign Language
- History
- Geography
- Computer Science

OPTIONAL SUBJECTS





Marginal gains

- No universal entry requirements with the exception of English and maths and, for some universities, a modern foreign language.
- Other universities value a modern foreign language being studied at GCSE because of the skills that it develops in students.
- It can be the marginal gain that determines whether a student receives an offer or not.

University of Birmingham
University of Bristol
University of Cambridge
Cardiff University
Durham University
University of Edinburgh
University of Exeter
University of Glasgow
Imperial College London
King's College London
University of Leeds
University of Liverpool
London School of Economics
and Political Science
University of Manchester
Newcastle University
University of Nottingham
University of Oxford
Queen Mary University of London
Queen's University Belfast
University of Sheffield
University of Southampton
University College London
University of Warwick
University of York





Cox Green Option Choices





Option Blocks

- There are three option blocks.
- One subject must be selected from each block.
- A reserve option must also be chosen from the third block.
- Blocks designed around students selections from initial survey so may be subject to change.

Block 1
Business Studies
Geography
Graphics
History
Hospitality & Catering
PE
Product Design

Block 2
Art
*Computer Science
Drama
French
Music
Spanish

Block 3
Art
Business Studies
*Computer Science
Creative iMedia
Drama
French
Geography
Graphics
History
Hospitality & Catering
Media Studies
Music
PE
Product Design
Psychology
Spanish
*Statistics



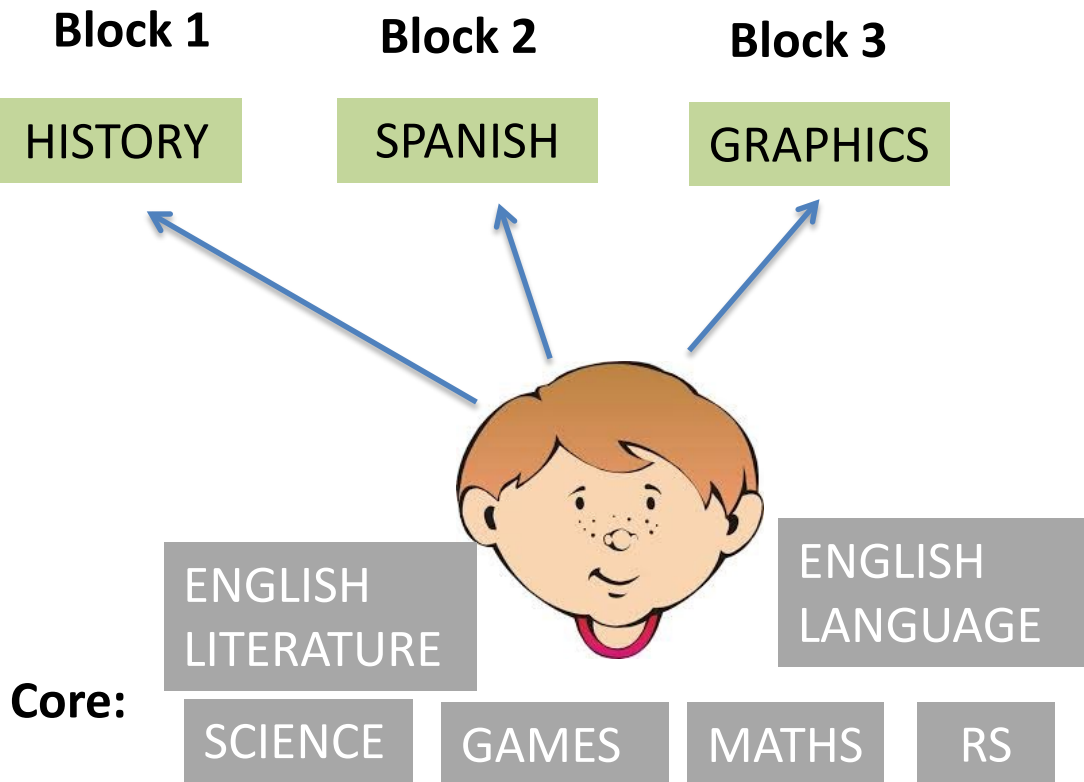
Selection Restrictions

- Select one of Art or Graphics.
- Select one of Spanish or French unless agreed by Miss Stevenson (LL of MFL department).
- Grade 6 prediction to do Statistics.
- Grade 6 prediction to do Computer Science.





Options Example





Making Option choices

Login to INSIGHT portal – insight.coxgreen.com

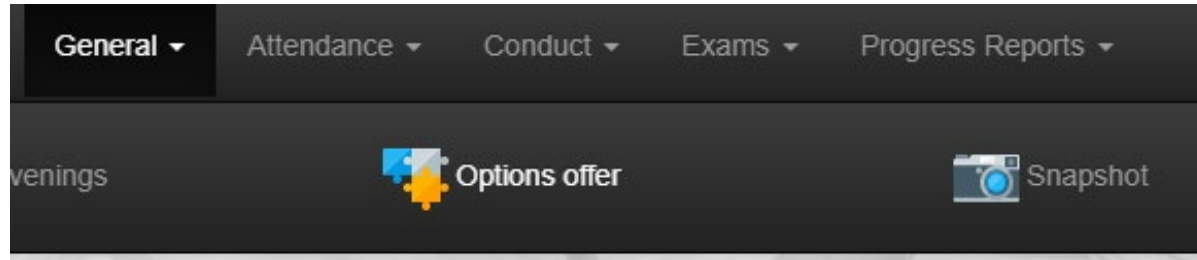
Welcome to the Cox Green School INSIGHT portal. When parents evenings are due, you can book slots with the teachers here. You can also find information about your son/daughter including attendance, behaviour and exams.

If you require any help please contact the school reception.

[Don't know your password?](#)

Log in

Click on General and then on the Options offer icon





Selecting subjects

Choices summary

List

Main

Option choices will appear here as they are made.

Automatically defaults to Block 1

Parental approval

☒ None ☐ Approve

Block 1

Block 2

Block 3

Please select one of Business Studies, Creative iMedia, History, Food & Nutrition, Geography, Graphics, PE and Product Design.

Available options

Current choices

Course

Click on icon to the right of the option you wish to select

Main Option

Business Studies
Business Studies (GCSNF)



Food & Nutrition
Hospitality & Catering (BTaw2)



Geography
Geography (GCSNF)



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Parental approval

☒ None ☐ Approve

Block 1

Block 2

Block 3

Please select one of Business Studies, Creative iMedia,

Product Design.

Available options

Course

Business Studies
Business Studies (GCSNF)



Food & Nutrition
Hospitality & Catering (BTaw2)



Geography
Geography (GCSNF)



Graphics
Graphics (GCSNF)



Add option



How do you want to add this option?

☒ Main option

Click on OK



Ok

Cancel





Subject choice will appear under Current choices and Choices summary

Choices summary

List

Main

Block 1



Geography

Parental approval

☒ None ☐ Approve

Block 1

Block 2

Block 3

Please select one of Business Studies, Creative iMedia, History, Food & Nutrition, Geography, Graphics, PE and Product Design.

Available options

Course

Business Studies
Business Studies (GCSNF)

Food & Nutrition
Hospitality & Catering (BTaw2)

Geography
Geography (GCSNF)

Current choices

Main Option

Geography



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Click on 'Block 2' tab, select a subject from those listed and confirm it as a main option

Choices summary

List

Main

Block 1

Geography

Parental approval

☒ None ☐ Approve

Block 1

Block 2

Block 3

Please select one of Spanish, French, Computer Science

Available options

Course

Art & Design

Art & Design (GCSNF)

Computer Science

Computer Science (GCSNF)

Drama

Drama (GCSNF)

Add option

How do you want to add this option?

☒ Main option

Ok

Cancel



Subject choice will appear under Current choices and Choices summary

Choices summary

List

Main

Block 1

Geography

Block 2

Drama

Parental approval

☒ None ☐ Approve

Block 1

Block 2

Block 3

Please select one of Spanish, French, Computer Science, Music, Art and Drama

Available options

Course

Art & Design

Art & Design (GCSNF)

Computer Science

Computer Science (GCSNF)

Drama

Current choices

Main Option

Drama





Click on 'Block 3' tab, select a subject from those listed and confirm it as a main option

Choices summary

List	Main
Block 1	Geography
Block 2	Drama

Parental approval

☒ None ☐ Approve

Block 1

Block 2

Block 3

Please select 1 Main option choice + 1 Reserve choice.

You can select any subject that you haven't already selected from Block 1 or Block 2. For Reserve choice.

Available options

Course	
Art & Design Art & Design (GCSNF)	
Business Studies Business Studies (GCSNF)	
Computer Science Computer Science (GCSNF)	

Current choices

Reserve	Main Option
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Add option

How do you want to add this option?

1

Click on OK

☒ Main option

1

Ok

Cancel



Select a second subject from those listed and confirm it as a **reserve** option

Choices summary

List	Main
Block 1	Geography
Block 2	Drama
Block 3	Spanish

Parental approval

☒ None ☐ Approve

Block 1

Block 2

Block 3

Please select 1 Main option choice + 1 Reserve choice.

You can select any subject that you haven't already selected.

Add option

How do you want to add this option?

☐ Main option

Click on OK

☒ Reserve option

Ok

Cancel

Available options

Course

Art & Design
Art & Design (GCSNF)

Business Studies
Business Studies (GCSNF)

Current choices

Reserve Main Option

Spanish



Reserve Option choice will appear under Current choices and Choices summary

Choices summary

Reserve	List	Main
	Block 1	Geography
	Block 2	Drama
	Block 3	Spanish
	Block 3	Business Studies

Full set of options
with one reserve
option

The subject with a
tick next to it
denotes it as the
reserve subject

Parental approval

☒ None ☐ Approve

Block 1

Block 2

Block 3

Please select 1 Main option choice + 1 Reserve choice.

You can select any subject that you haven't already selected from Block 1 or Block 2. For example you can choose Geography if you chose History as your Block 1 choice.

Available options

Course

Art & Design
Art & Design (GCSNF)



Current choices

Reserve Main Option

Spanish



Business Studies





You can go back and change one of your options

Choices summary

Reserve	List	Main
	Block 1	Geography
	Block 2	Drama
	Block 3	Spanish
✓	Block 3	Business Studies

Click on the block the subject that you want to change is in

Parental approval

☒ None ☐ Approve

Block 1 Block 2 Block 3

Please select one of Spanish, French, Computer Science, Music, Art and Drama

Available options

Course

Art & Design
Art & Design (GCSNF)

Computer Science
Computer Science (GCSNF)

Current choices

Main Option

Drama



Click on the red cross to delete it





Choices summary

Reserve	List	Main
	Block 1	Geography
	Block 3	Spanish
✓	Block 3	Business Studies

The subject has now
been removed

Parental approval

☒ None ☐ Approve

Block 1

Block 2

Block 3

Please select one of Spanish, French, Computer Science, Music, Art and Drama

Available options

Course	
Art & Design Art & Design (GCSNF)	
Computer Science Computer Science (GCSNF)	
Drama	

Current choices

Main Option





Choices summary

Reserve	List	Main
	Block 1	Geography
	Block 2	Computer Science
	Block 3	Spanish
✓	Block 3	Business Studies

Have a full set of option subjects again

Parental approval

☒ None ☐ Approve

Block 1

Block 2

Block 3

Please select one of Spanish, French, Computer Science, Music, Art and Drama

Available options

Course

Art & Design
Art & Design (GCSNF)

Computer Science
Computer Science (GCSNF)

Current choices

Main Option

Computer Science





You have to finish by giving parental approval

Choices summary

Reserve	List	Main
	Block 1	Geography
	Block 2	Computer Science
	Block 3	Spanish
✓	Block 3	Business Studies

Click on the approve circle

Parental approval

☒ None ☐ Approve

Block 1

Block 2

Block 3

Please select one of Spanish, French, Computer Science, Music, Art and Drama

Available options

Course

Art & Design
Art & Design (GCSNF)

Computer Science
Computer Science (GCSNF)

Current choices

Main Option

Computer Science



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Notes

- Please be patient when option choices are saving.
- If you have any questions or concerns, please email options@coxgreen.com and include your child's full name and form.
- Alternatively call the school directly and leave a message for Mr Shields
- Insight will go live 10am Monday 10th February and will close at the end of the day Sunday 23rd February.










Popular Subjects and Clashes

- Some subjects may be over-subscribed.
- Some subjects may be undersubscribed and not run.
- Some subject combinations may not fit together in the timetable.
- In some cases, we may have to offer alternative courses – but we will speak to students and parents on an individual basis – there will be no surprises in September.
- **Important that a reserve course chosen from Block 3.**





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Do

1. Get as much advice as you can
2. Talk to your teachers
3. Talk to your parents/carers
4. Talk to older students
5. Research into possible careers paths you may be considering
6. Choose subjects which will help you progress into post 16 education and onto university/apprenticeship/ employment
7. Choose subjects you have an interest in
8. Choose subjects you are successful in

DONT

1. Choose a subject because you like the teacher
2. Choose a subject because your 'friends' are choosing it
3. Choose a subject because you think it will be easy



Options Evening (Thursday 6th Feb) 5:45 – 8.00pm

5:50pm to 6.40pm	Option Presentations in Theatre
Each subject will deliver their presentation 4 times at:	
• Presentation 1	6pm to 6.10pm
• Presentation 2	6.15pm to 6.25pm
• Presentation 3	6.30pm to 6.40pm
• Presentation 4	6.45pm to 6.55pm
7.10pm to 7.45pm	Option Presentation in the Theatre
Each subject will deliver their presentation 4 times at:	
• Presentation 5	7pm to 7.10pm
• Presentation 6	7.15pm to 7.25pm
• Presentation 7	7.30pm to 7.40pm
• Presentation 8	7.45pm to 7.55pm





Subject	Staff	Room
Art, Craft & Design	Mrs Linford-Relph	Room C9
Business Studies	Mrs Friend	Room C1
Computer Science	Ms Chaudhry	Room C13
Drama	Mrs Lane	Room C19
French	Ms Merritt-Smith and Ms Spence	Room C10
Geography	Mrs Wick	Room C18
Graphics	Miss Williams	Room C9
History	Mr Burrows	Room C15
Hospitality & Catering	Mrs Hirst	Room C6
Media Studies	Miss Stockwell	Room C11
Music	Mrs Osbourne-Lewis	Room C16
Physical Education	Mr Gullick	Room C14
Product Design	Mrs Darby	Room C7
Psychology	Mrs Thomas	Room C12
Spanish	Ms Stevenson and Miss Torres Gomariz	Room C10
Statistics	Mr Haghazali and Mr Morris	Room C17

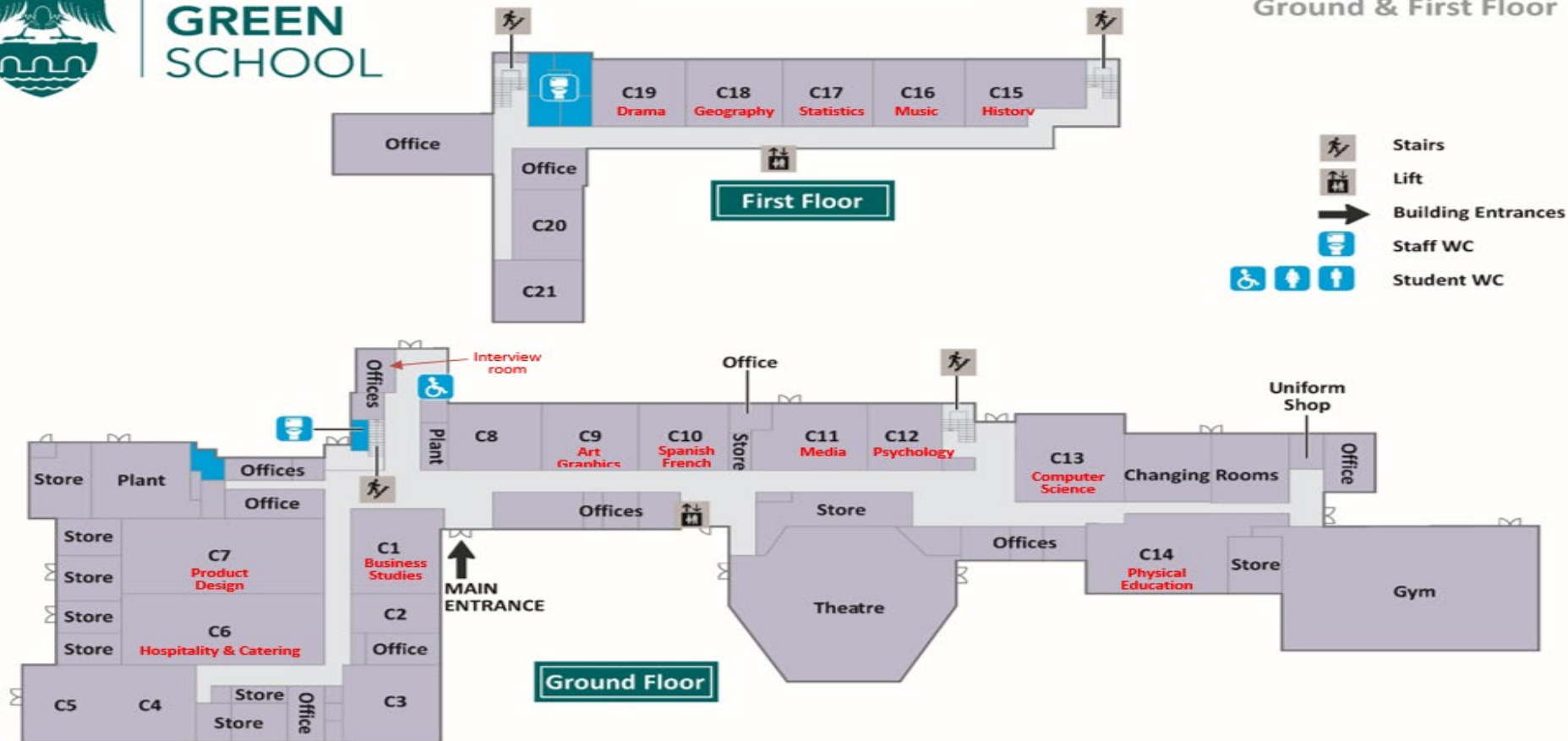




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Map of the School

Cox Green School
The Cookham Building
Ground & First Floor



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