

Endon High School



Options 2026

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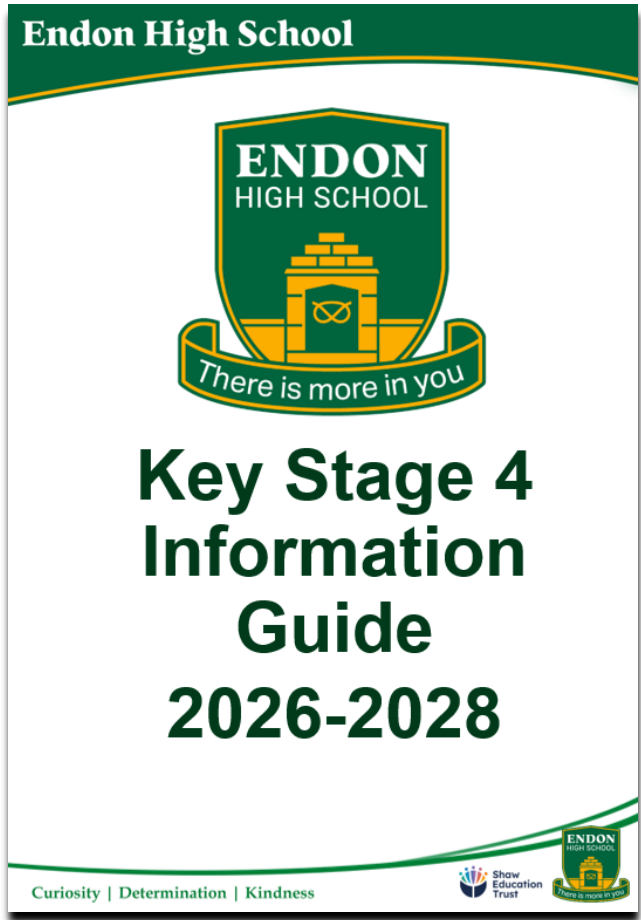




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Key Stage 4 Information Booklet 2026-2028



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Key Dates

Monday 2nd February – Options Assembly

Thursday 5th February – Year 9 Options Evening 4.15-6.15

There will be an exhibition in the Gym from 4.30 until 6pm. There will be talks in the Main Hall at 4.15pm and 6pm. (The 6pm is a repeat for those who cannot make the first one)

23rd February – 6th March – Taster Lessons

Thursday 16th April – Parents' Evening

Thursday 16th April– Options form issued via firefly

Monday 20th April – Deadline for options form return

The Key Stage 4 Curriculum

The core curriculum that everyone follows:

- English and English Literature (2 GCSEs)
- Mathematics (1 GCSE)
- Science (2 GCSEs for Combined Science; 3 GCSEs for Separate Sciences)

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The Key Stage 4 Curriculum

There are also 100 minutes per week dedicated to our non-examined core curriculum.

Once a fortnight that will be Core Physical Education.

Then in the alternate week there will be 50 minutes of Core Religious Education and 50 minutes of our Learning for Life (L4L) programme. L4L includes encompasses many areas including our Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education (PSHE), Sex and Relationships Education (SRE) and Careers Education. Information on the content of these programmes can be found in the KS4 Information Booklet.

This is for everyone and additional to GCSE PE or GCSE RE if you choose those options.

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Key Stage 4 Curriculum Allocation

| Subject | Year 10 Allocation (over 2 weeks) | Year 11 Allocation (over 2 weeks) |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| English/English Literature | 5 | 6 |
| Mathematics | 5 | 6 |
| Science | 6 | 7 |
| Core PE | 1 | 1 |
| Core RE/Learning for Life | 1 | 1 |
| Guided Option | 4 | 3 |
| Open Option 1 | 4 | 3 |
| Open Option 2 | 4 | 3 |
| Total | 30 | 30 |

You will study 3 subjects from the 16 optional courses that we offer at EHS.

- **Art – Fine Art**
- **Art – Textiles**
- **Art – Photography**
- **Child Development**
- **Computer Science**
- **Creative iMedia**
- **Design & Technology**
- **Food Preparation & Nutrition**

- **Geography**
- **German**
- **History**
- **Music**
- **Performing Arts**
- **Physical Education**
- **Religious Studies**
- **Sport Studies**

Qualification types

GCSEs

- **Art – Fine Art**
- **Art – Textiles**
- **Art – Photography**
- **Computer Science**
- **Design & Technology**
- **Food Preparation & Nutrition**
- **Geography**
- **German**
- **History**
- **Music**
- **Physical Education**
- **Religious Studies**

Vocational equivalents

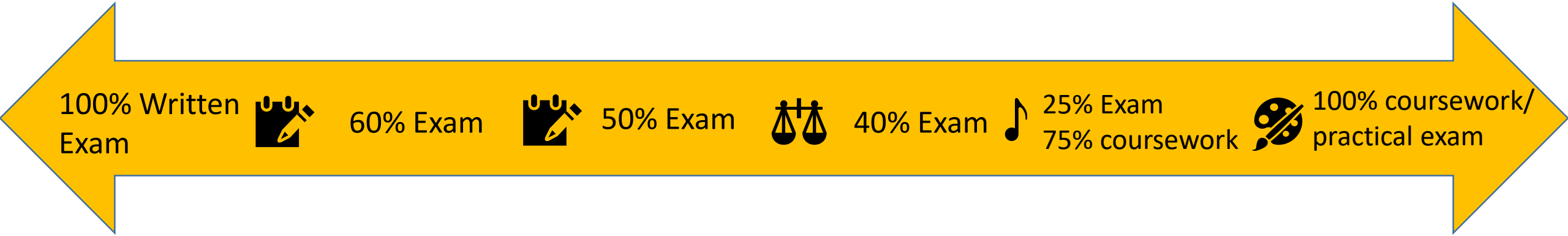
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- **Child Development**
- **Creative iMedia**
- **Sport Studies**

BTEC

- **Performing Arts**

Exam v Coursework balance



Computer Science
Geography
German
History
Religious Studies

Physical
Education
(GCSE)

Design & Technology
Food Preparation &
Nutrition

Music

Child Development
Creative iMedia
Sport Studies

Art
Photography
Performing Arts
Textiles

Guided Option

- Our school encourages pupils to maintain a broad academic portfolio, ensuring they are well-prepared for future study and career opportunities.
- While there is no single mandated set of subjects, research and university guidance suggest that a mix of core and academic subjects gives pupils the best options for higher education.

Guided Option

- The core curriculum in English, Maths, and Science is compulsory for all pupils. To complement this, we encourage the vast majority of pupils to choose **at least one** of their options from **Computer Science, Geography, German or History**.
- Selecting these subjects enhances academic breadth and keeps future pathways open.

Guided Options

- The guided options are:
 - Computer Science (but not Creative iMedia)
 - Geography
 - German
 - History
- Any combination including at least one of these is allowable to ensure that you have academic breadth.

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Then choose **two** more from the full list plus a reserve.

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| - Art – Fine Art | - Geography |
| - Art – Textiles | - German |
| - Art – Photography | - History |
| - Child Development | - Music |
| - Computer Science | - Performing Arts |
| - Creative iMedia | - Physical Education |
| - Design & Technology | - Religious Studies |
| - Food Preparation & Nutrition | - Sport Studies |

Why do I need a reserve?

We have a high success rate in matching pupils to their first-choice options. **However, it is not always possible to offer every combination requested.**

This is because there are three option columns, which means not all combinations can physically work.

Some subjects may not attract enough pupils to run.

Who can help you choose?

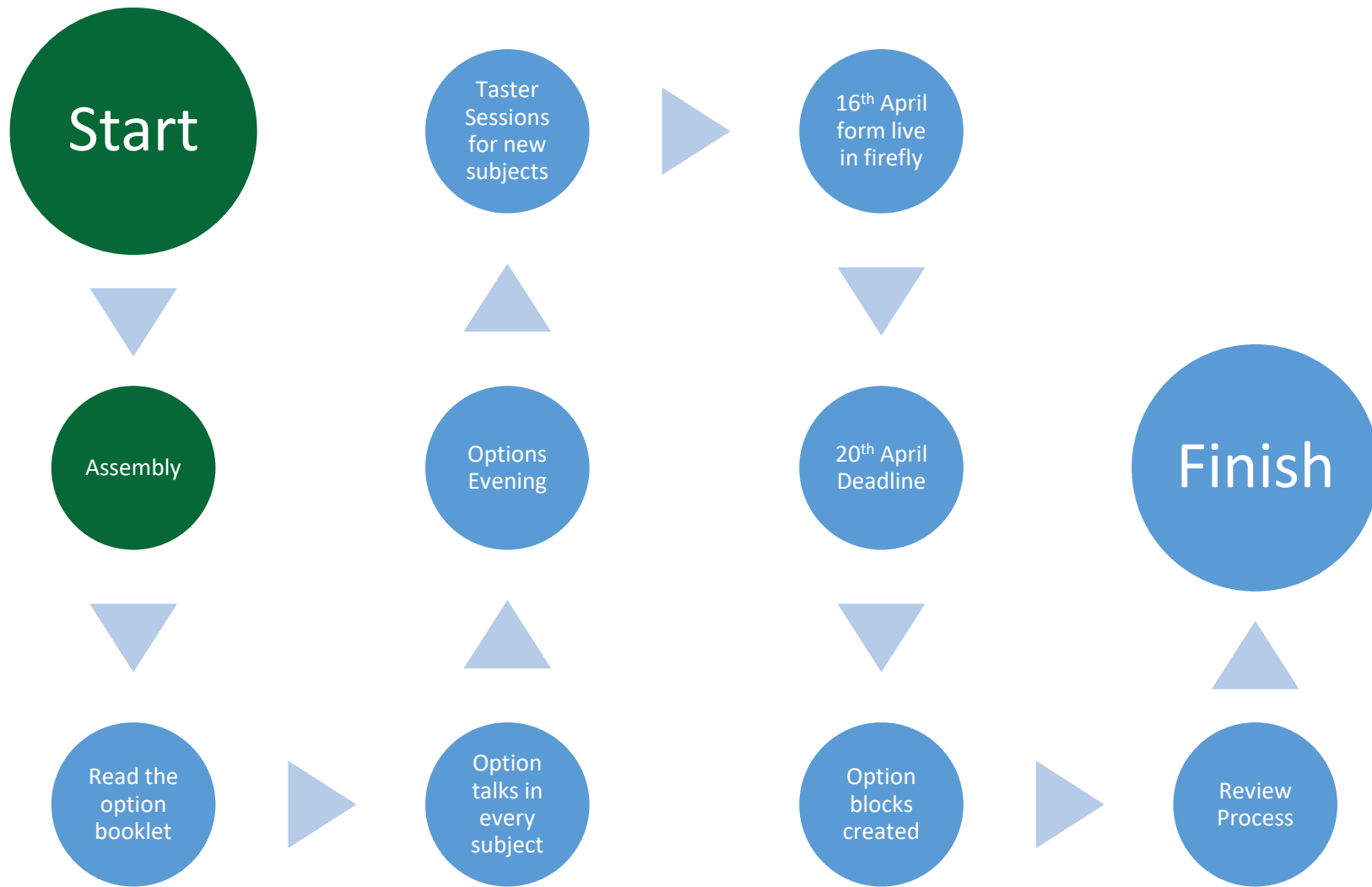
- Your Parents/Carers
- Your Form Tutor
- Your Progress Manager
- Your subject teachers
- Mr Cartlidge
- Your own research

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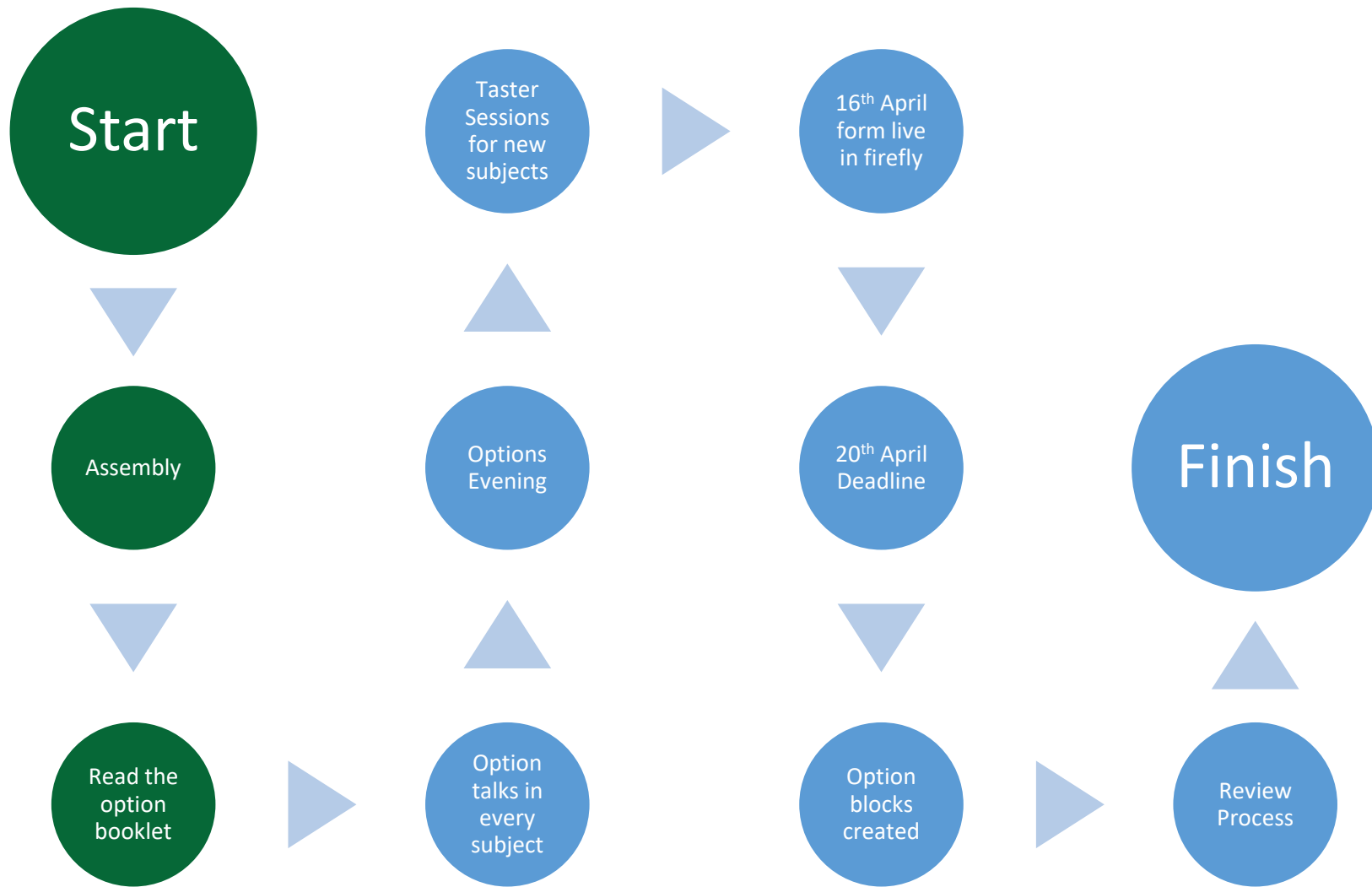
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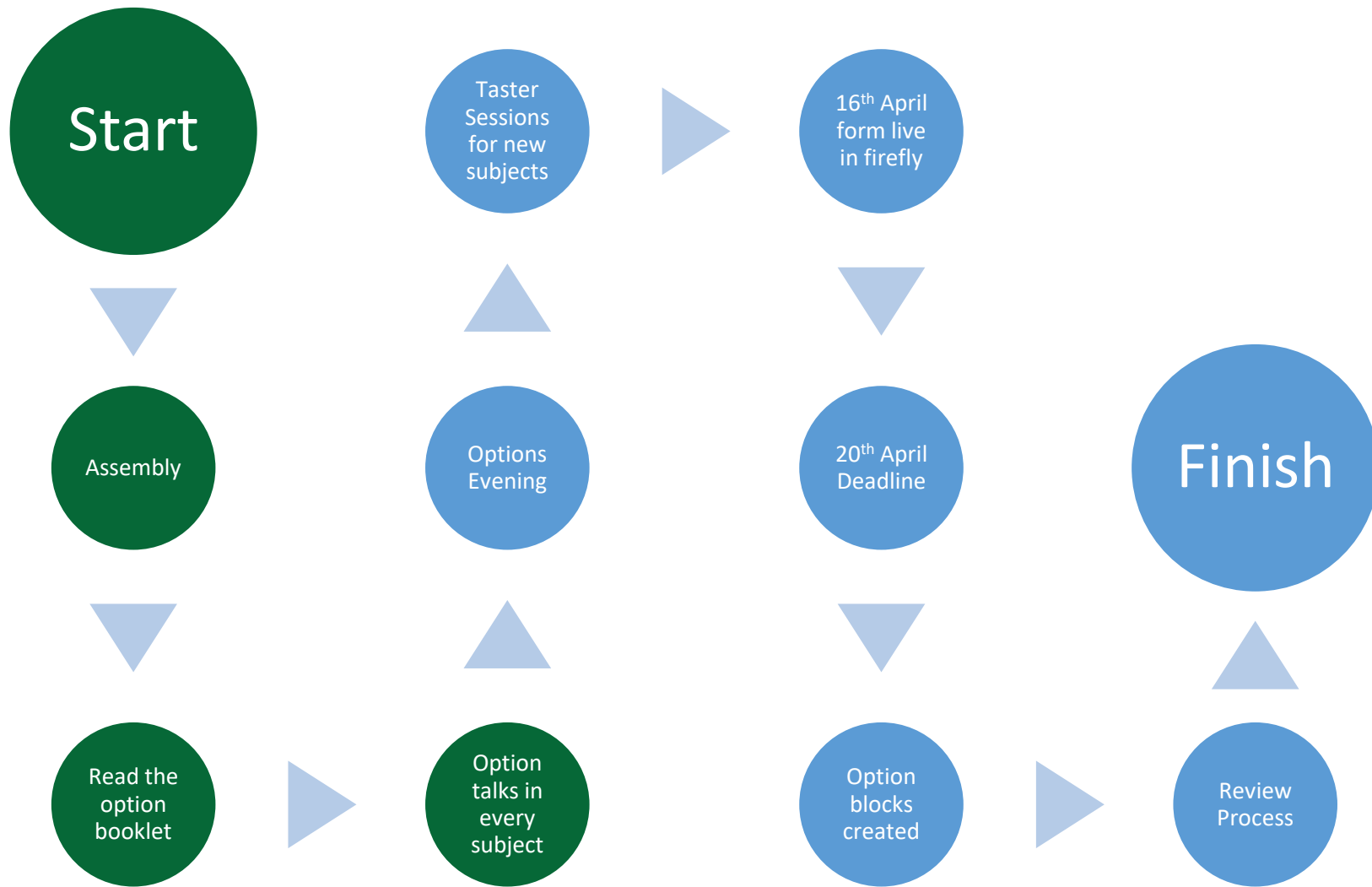
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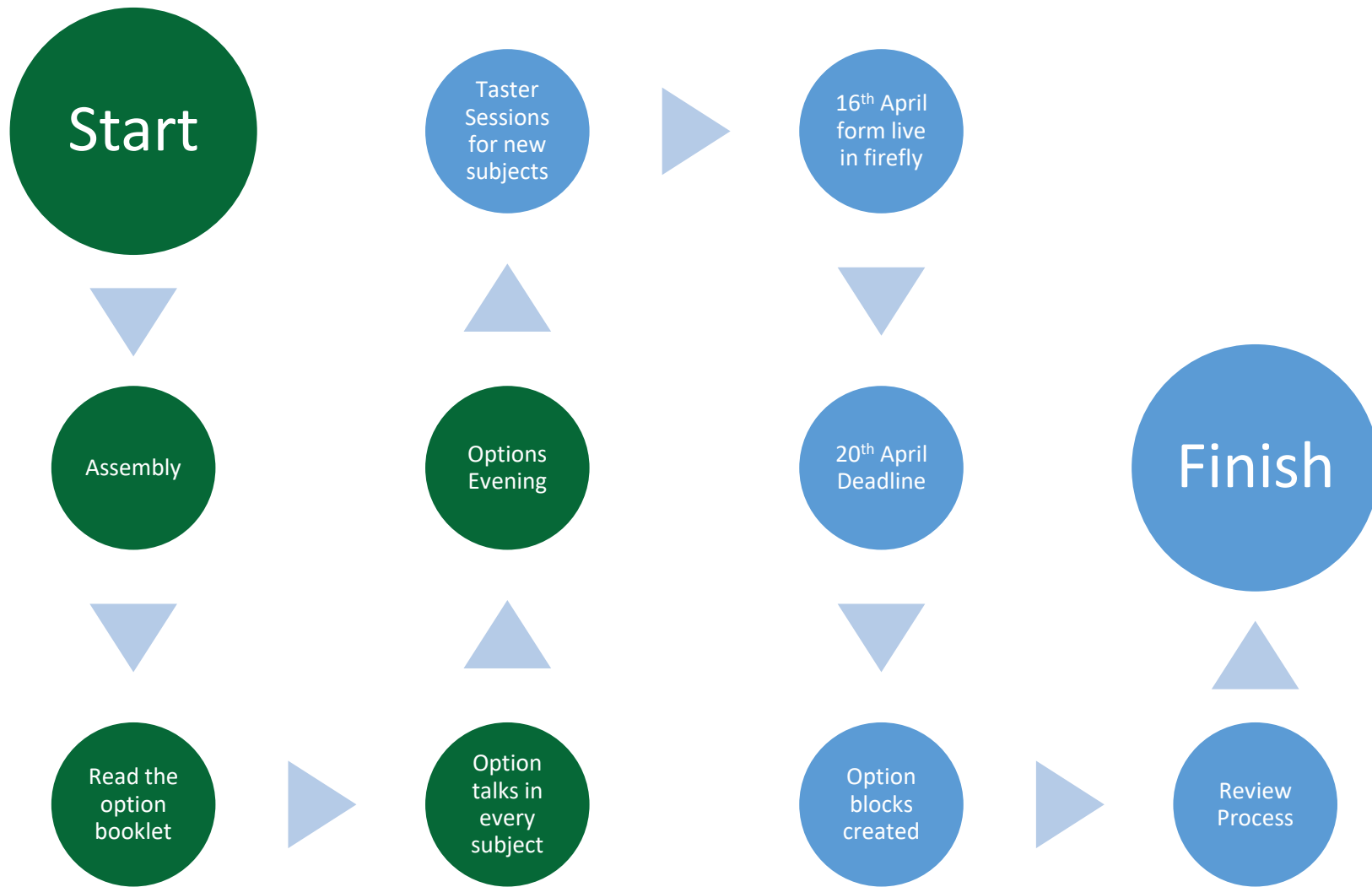
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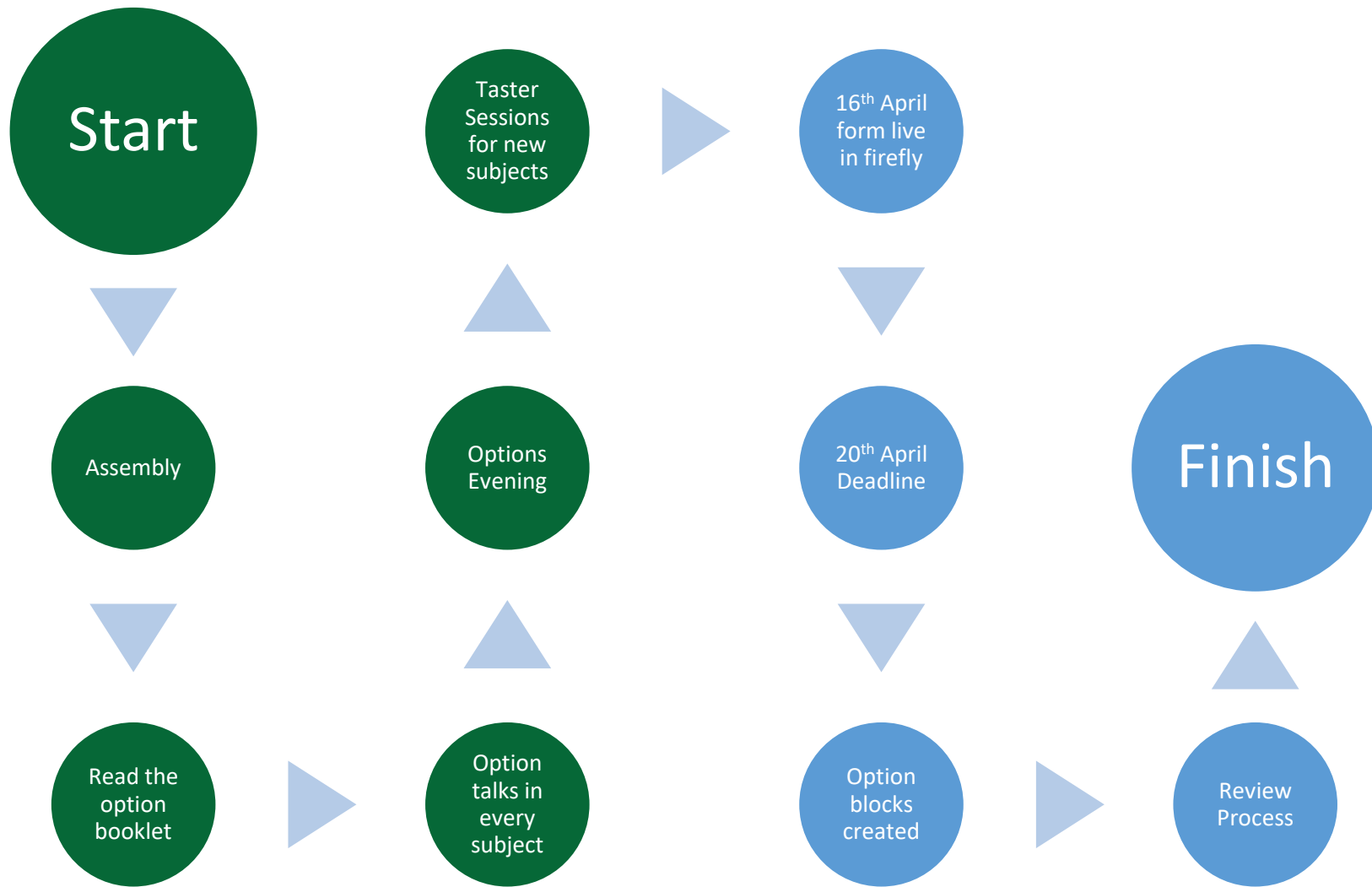
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How do I register for tasters?

Student's









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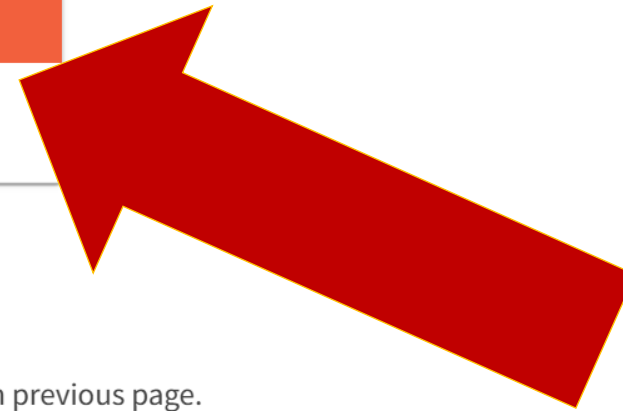
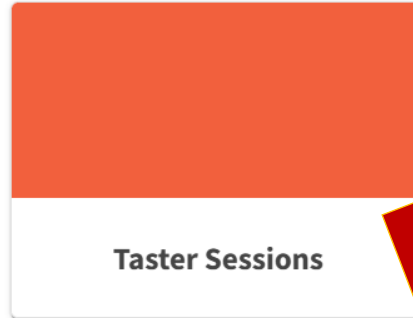
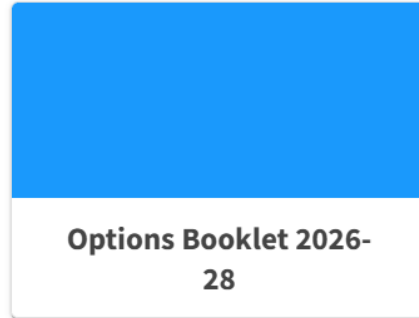


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Key Dates

Thursday 5th Feb – Options Evening 4.15pm – 6.15pm. Details on previous page.

Mon 23rd Feb – Fri 6th March – Taster Lessons during Y11 mocks for subjects not offered at KS3.

Thursday 16th April – Y9 Parents' Evening. This is the normal academic parents' evening for all subjects but also a chance to speak to teachers from option subjects before the form is submitted.

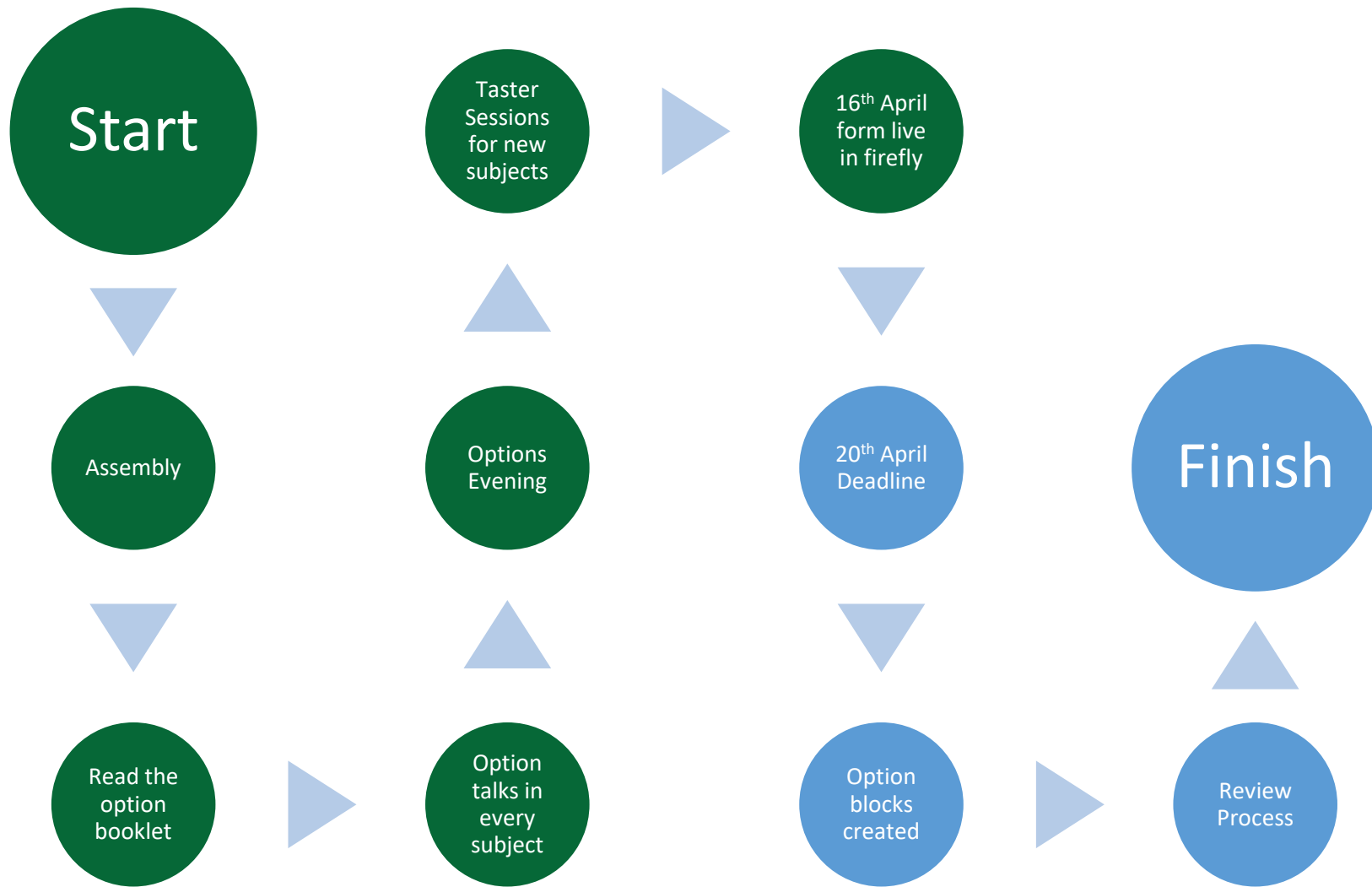
Taster Sessions

We will arrange some taster sessions after Half Term when Year 11 have mock exams. It is possible to choose more than one but some may clash so only choose ones you are really interested in.

Please enter your response by **Monday 9th Feb** if you would like to do one of these.

Taster Session

- ☐ Photography with Miss Dalton
- ☐ Textiles with Mr Roberts-McGurrin
- ☐ Child Development with Mrs Brownsett
- ☐ Creative iMedia with Mr Plant
- ☐ Sport Studies with Mr Jones
- ☐ BTEC Performing Arts with Mrs Black



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How do I complete my choices?

Student's



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Year 9 Options 2025

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Options Form 2025

Taster Sessions

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1. You will pick your Guided option:

- ☐ Computer Science
- ☐ Geography
- ☐ German
- ☐ History

2. You will pick TWO other options.

3. You will pick a Reserve Choice.

When do I complete my choices?

Please choose a language GCSE subject *

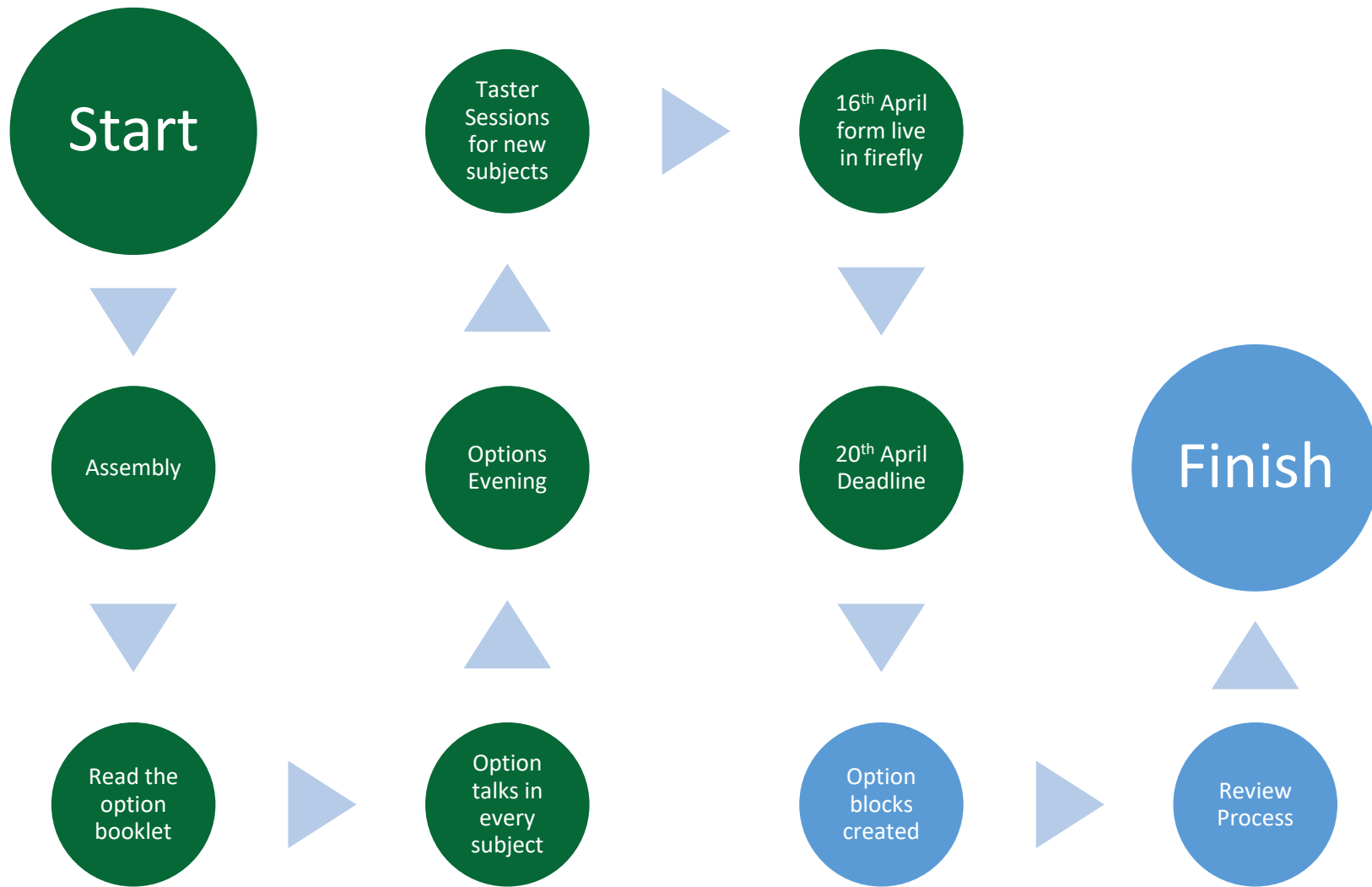
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☐ German

Options Form is available from
Thursday 16th April.
Deadline 9am Monday 20th April.

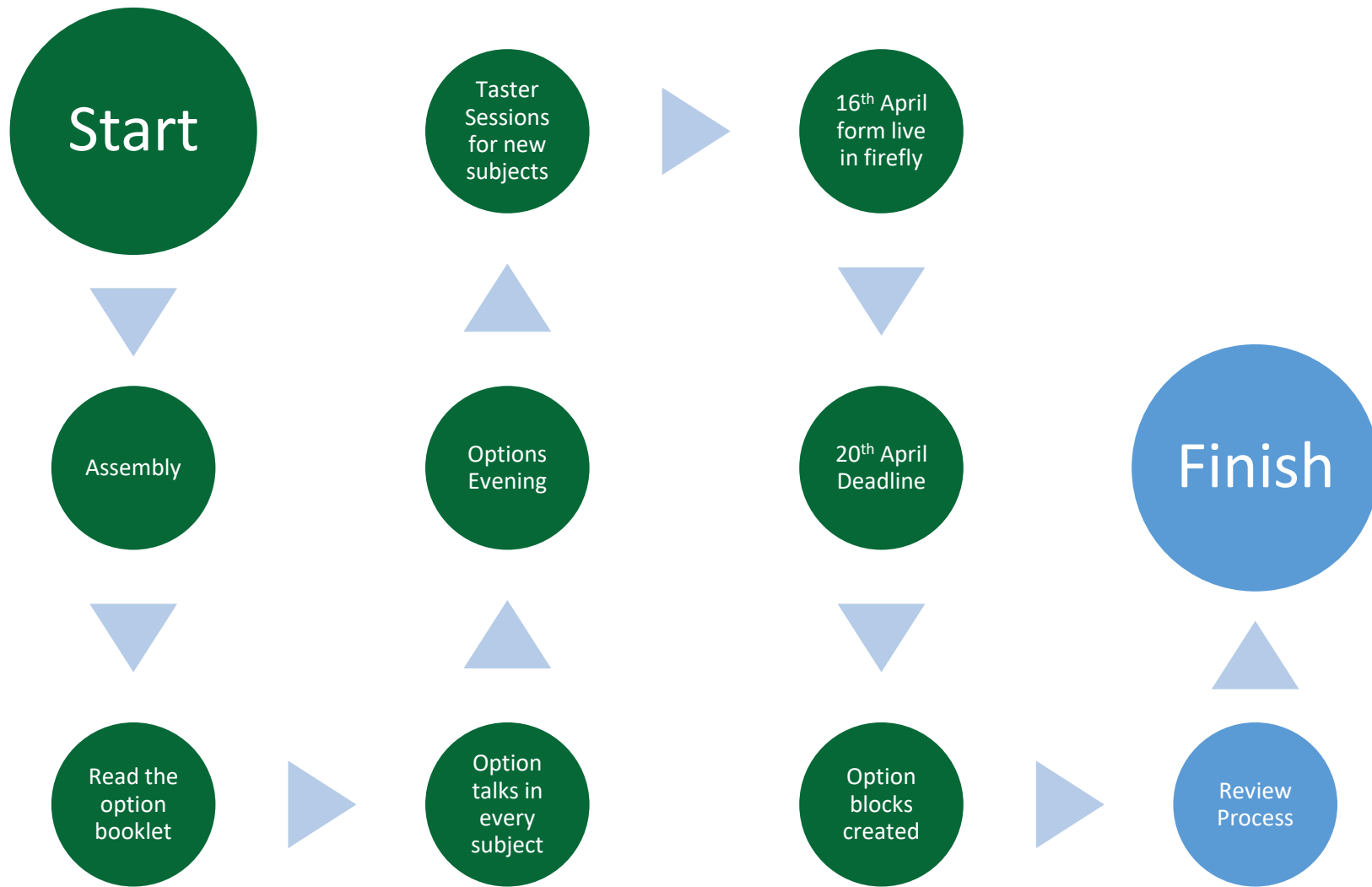
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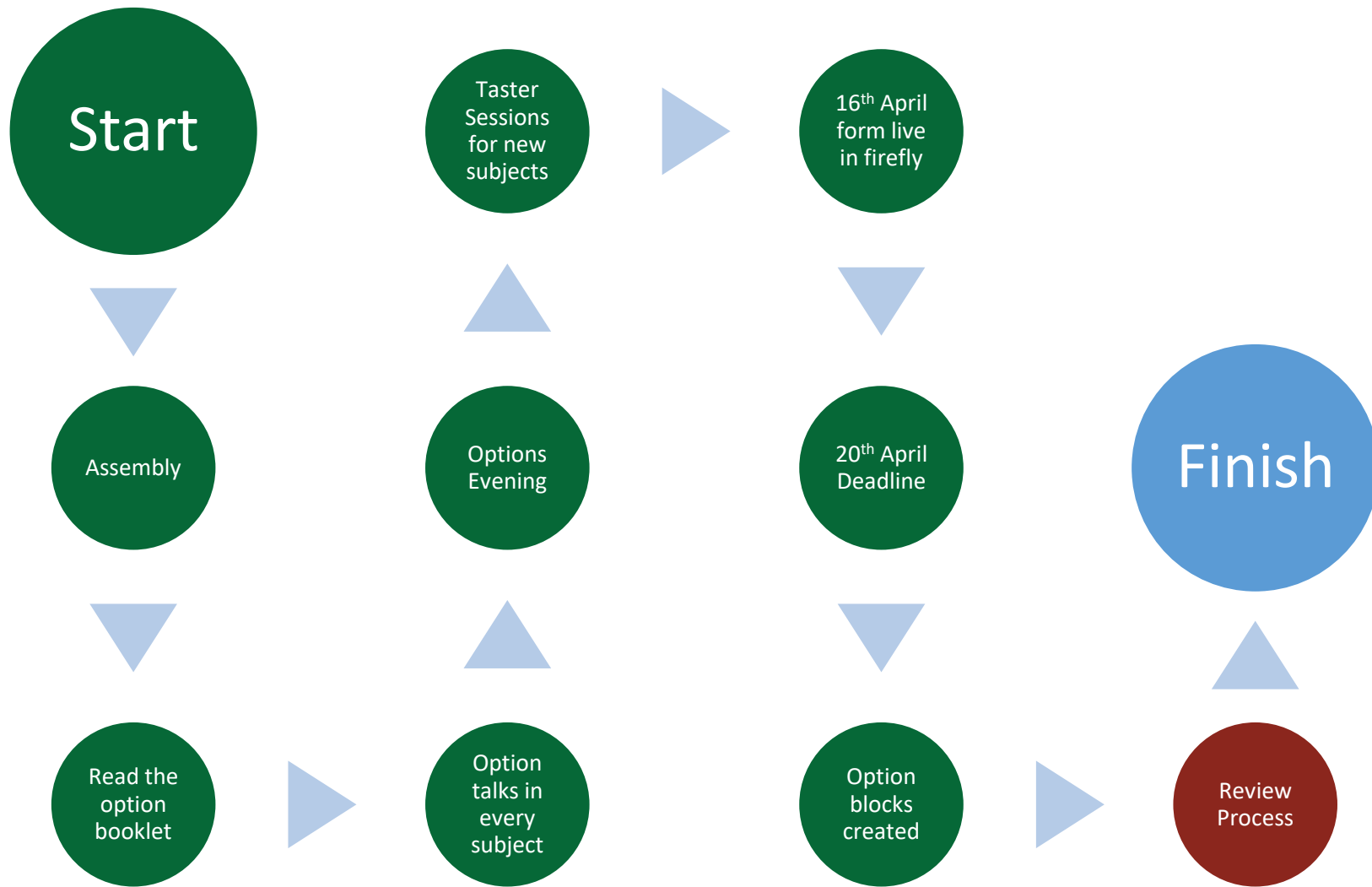
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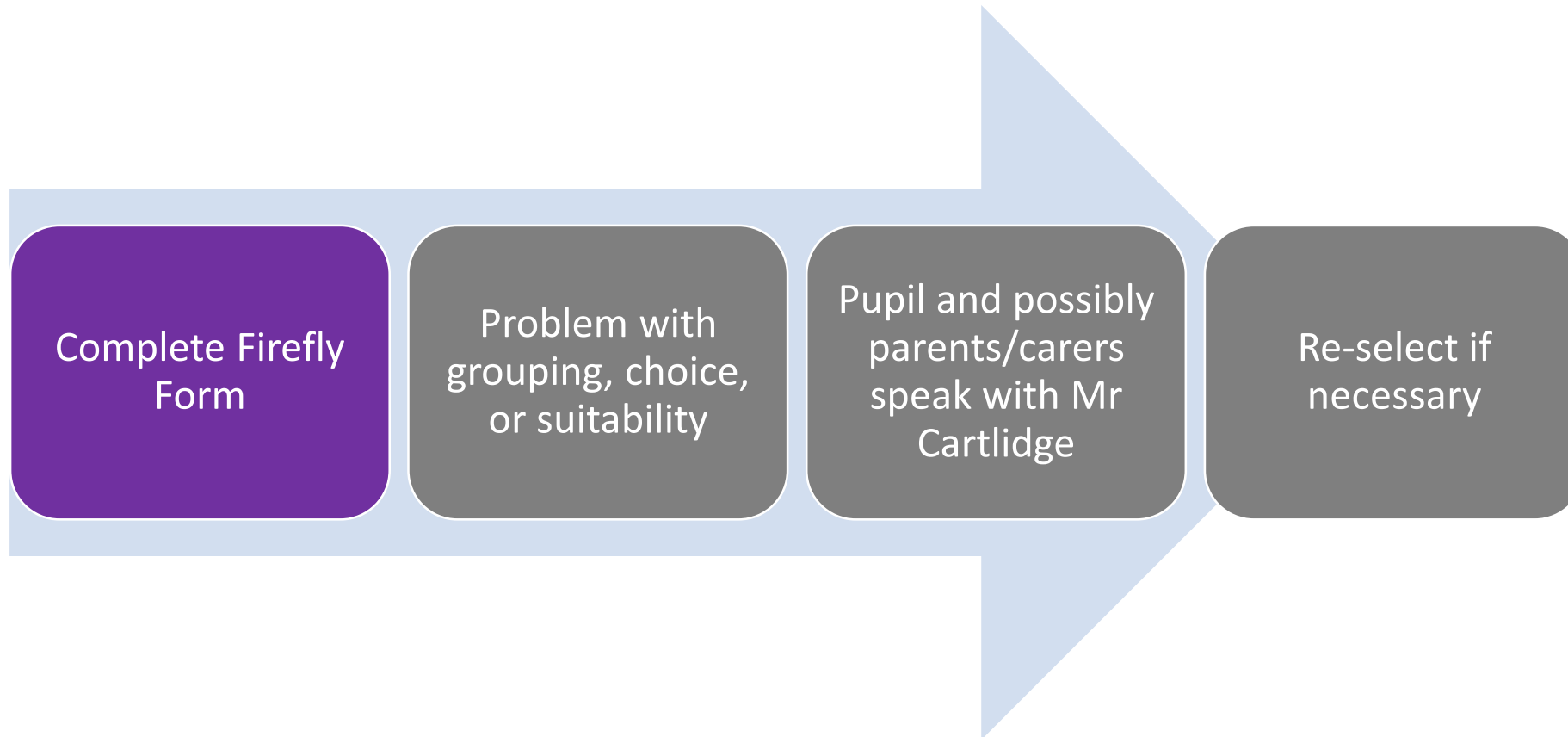


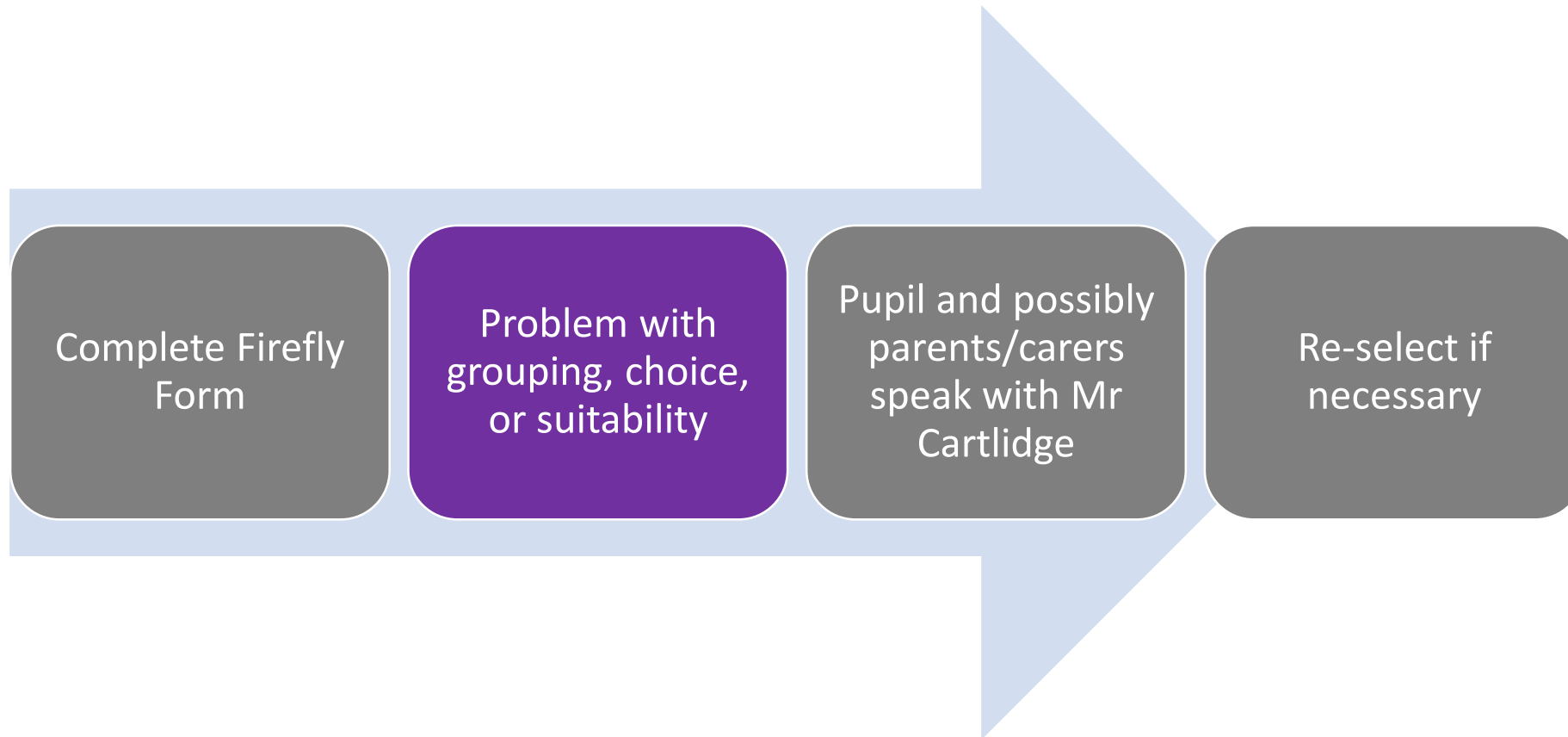
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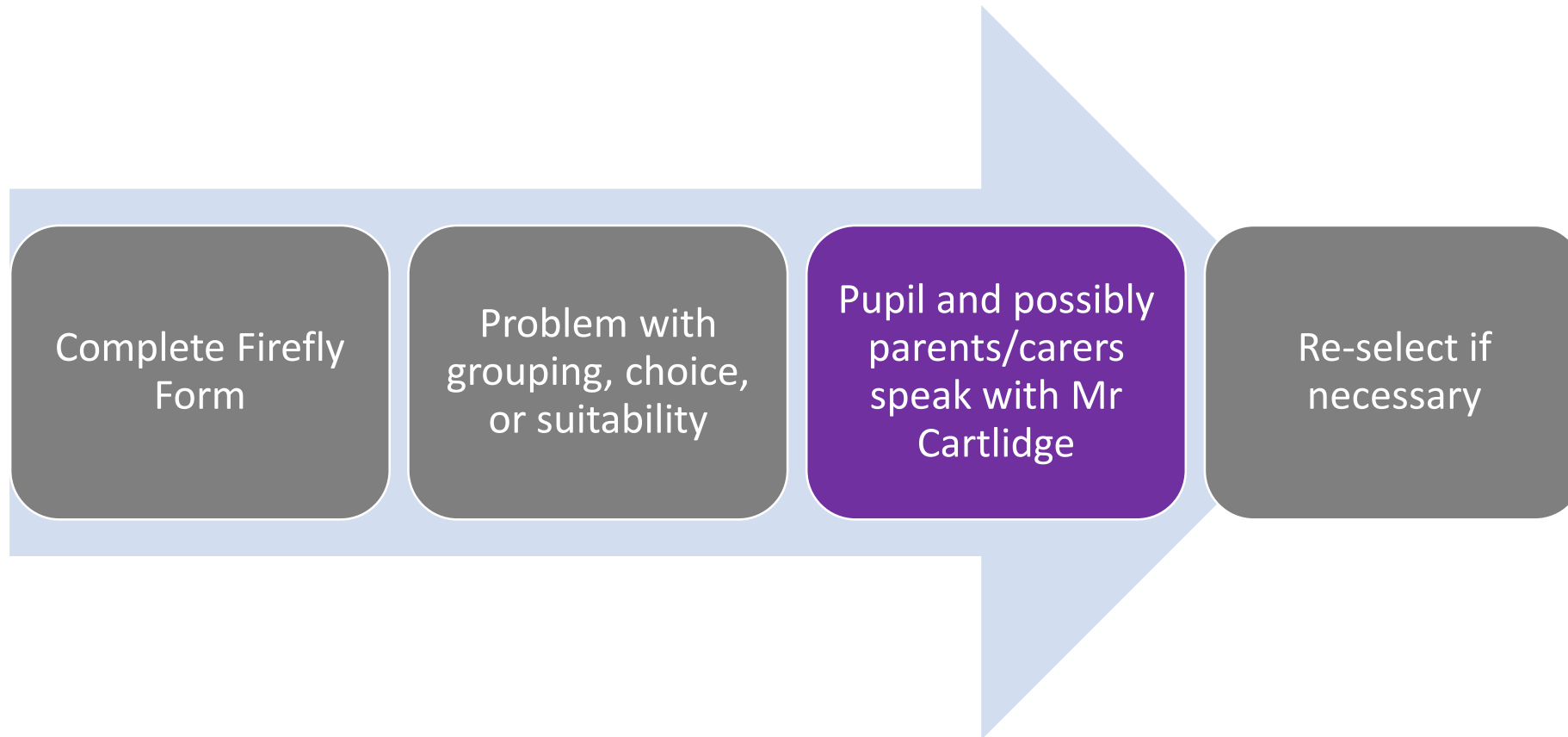


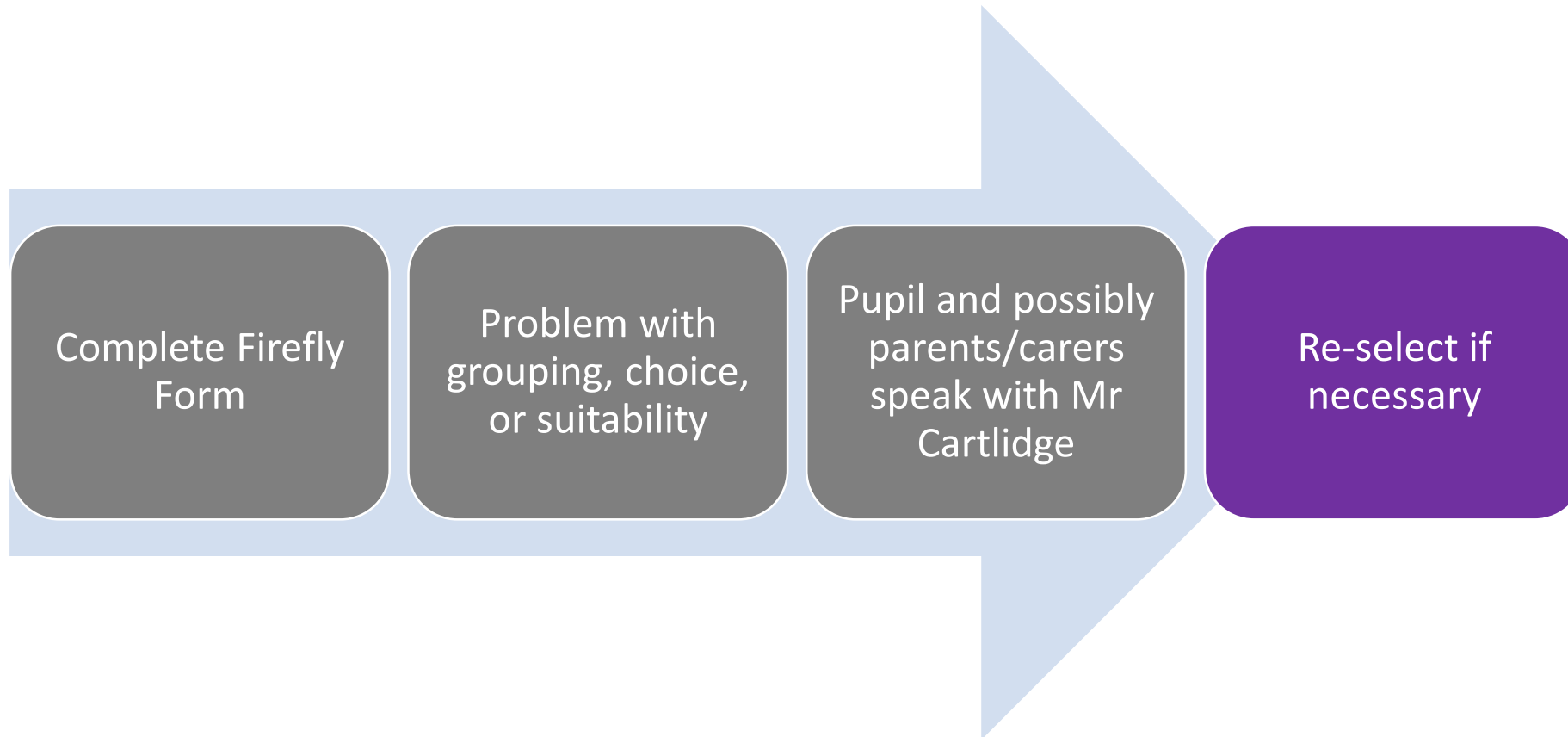
Review Process

- Only one Computing route can be chosen – the Computing department will check that you are on the most suitable pathway.
- If you move to Creative iMedia then you may need to pick a different Guided option.
- Only one PE route can be chosen – the PE department will check you are on the most suitable pathway.
- Some subjects may not have the numbers to run.
- It is not physically possible to fit all combinations into three columns.









When do I know if I have my options?

- By **May Half Term** your form tutors will be given information about your options.
- Before then Mr Cartlidge may speak to you if there is a clash or if some subjects are over subscribed or under subscribed.
- It is physically impossible to make all combinations fit into three columns.

Beware of Peer Pressure

- Do not choose a subject because:
 - your friend is
 - you like a teacher
 - You think it will be easy
- Listen to your parents'/carers' views but it has to be something you are happy with. You will spend over 200 hours in lessons in each option subject!
- Choose subjects you think you will enjoy and you believe you will achieve in.

Before making a decision...

- ✓ **READ** about what is available
- ✓ **THINK** about the consequences of your choices
- ✓ **SEEK ADVICE** from others
- ✓ **DISCUSS POSSIBILITIES** with teachers & parents

Aim: BROAD, BALANCED and APPROPRIATE

Summary – You will study for 8 GCSEs (or 9 if you do Separate Sciences)

Core Curriculum

- English and English Literature (2 GCSEs)
- Mathematics (1 GCSE)
- Science (2 GCSEs for Combined Science; 3 GCSEs for Separate Sciences)
- Core PE, Core RE and Learning for Life are not examined.

Guided Option

Choose ONE from:

- Computer Science (1 GCSE)
- Geography (1 GCSE)
- German (1 GCSE)
- History (1 GCSE).

Open Options – Choose 2 (plus a reserve) from our 16 options.

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