



Pathways Evening

How to make successful option choices,
explaining the new GCSE grading system and
how to complete the options form.



Aims of this evening

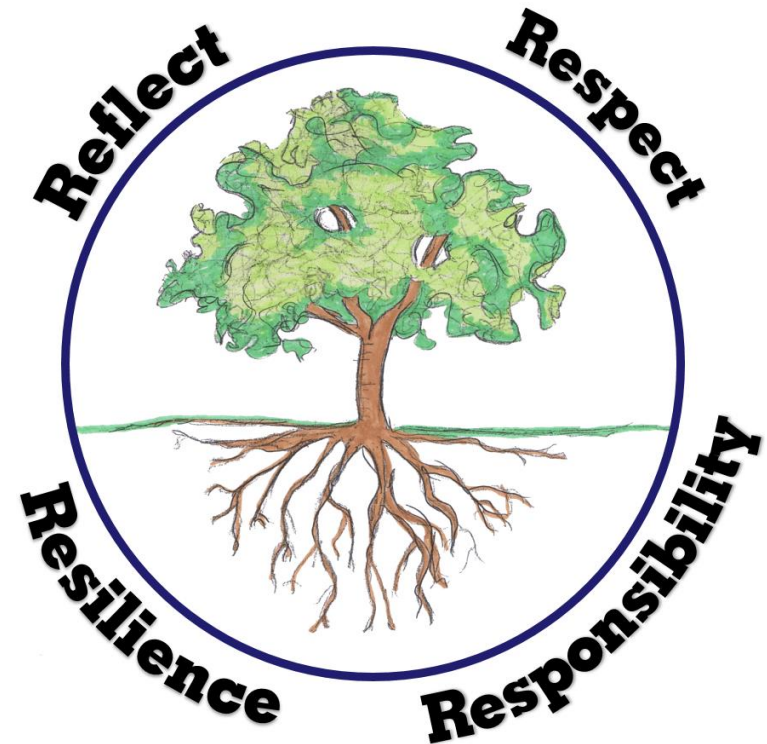
- To explain what the curriculum looks like at Key Stage 4
- To help parents and students select the correct option choices
- To give a brief overview of the new GCSE grading system
- To explain the options form and what happens next





Curriculum for Key Stage 4

- A personalised approach
- All students have already started some GCSE courses
- New GCSE specifications
- Terminal exams
- Timetable changes at Easter





Subjects

The following subjects are compulsory at The Roundhill Academy:

English Language

English Literature

Maths

PE (Core)

Life skills

Combined Science:

Trilogy

Students must choose at least one of the following subjects:

French

Spanish

Geography

History

Computer Science (6)

Triple Science (6)



The EBacc

In order for a student to achieve the EBacc they must study:

- English Language and English Literature
- Maths
- At least two Science subjects (combined Science counts)
- Geography or History
- A Modern Foreign Language (French, Spanish or Home Language)

We strongly recommend all students who are planning on attending university study all components of the Ebacc.

Please see Mr. Tickle at the end of this presentation if you have any further questions about the Ebacc.



What options can I choose?

This will depend on your projected scores in English and Maths. For students projected Grade 5 or below you pick one of the following:

Art and Design: Fine Art

Design & Technology

Drama

BTEC Health and Social Care

BTEC ICT: Creative Media

BTEC Sport

Students cannot pick the following combination of subjects

PE and BTEC Sport

BTEC ICT: Creative Media and Computing

Art and Design: Fine Art and Art and Design: Textiles



Other subjects on offer

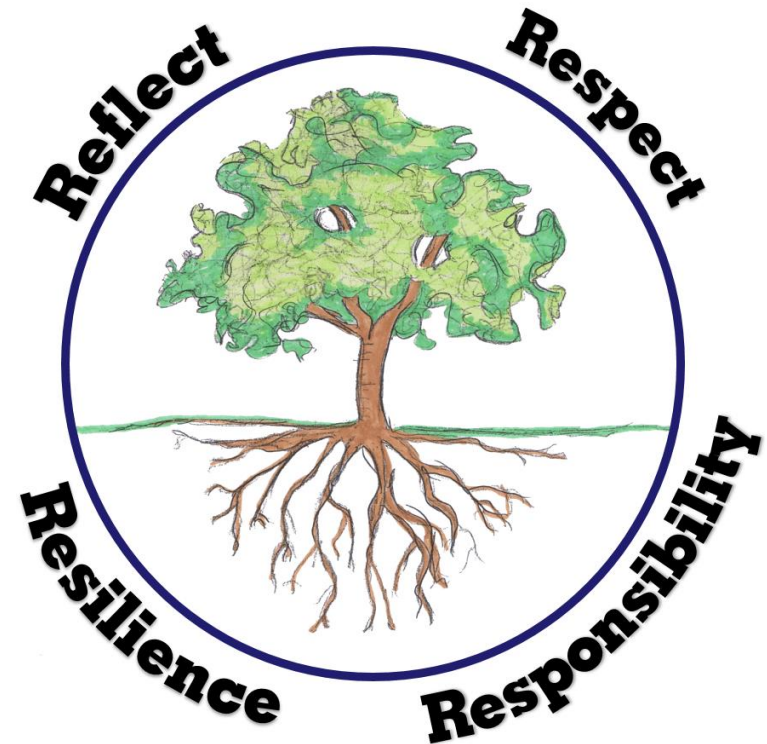
- Art and Design:
Fine Art
- Art and Design:
Textiles
- Computer Science
- Design &
Technology
- Drama
- Food Preparation
and Nutrition
- French
- Geography
- History
- Music
- Physical
Education
- Religious Studies
- Triple Science
- Sociology
- Spanish
- BTEC Health and
Social Care
- BTEC ICT:
Creative Media
- BTEC Sport





Choosing your options

- Ask advice
- Careers interview
- PSHE lessons, tutor time and assemblies
- Read the options booklet (online)
- Use your exam results
- Make your own decisions
- Ask lots of questions





Good option choices

- Choosing subjects you are good at
- Choosing subjects you enjoy
- Choosing subjects to give you a balanced curriculum
- Choosing subjects for your future career
- Choosing subjects in which you are prepared to work hard



Poor option choices

- Choosing subjects because your friends choose them
- Choosing subjects because you like or dislike your current teacher
- Choosing subjects you think will be easy
- Choosing a narrow range of subjects



Options form

- Students must complete the online application form by Tuesday 12th February 2019
- Students are asked to rank their preferences and also put on an extra choice (ranking is done in the order you click on the subjects)
- As a school we do not operate fixed option blocks
- Myself or Mr. Hindes will talk to students in the first instance if clashes or problems occur



New GCSE grading system

Grading new GCSEs from 2017



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