



# Options Evening

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



## Aims of this evening

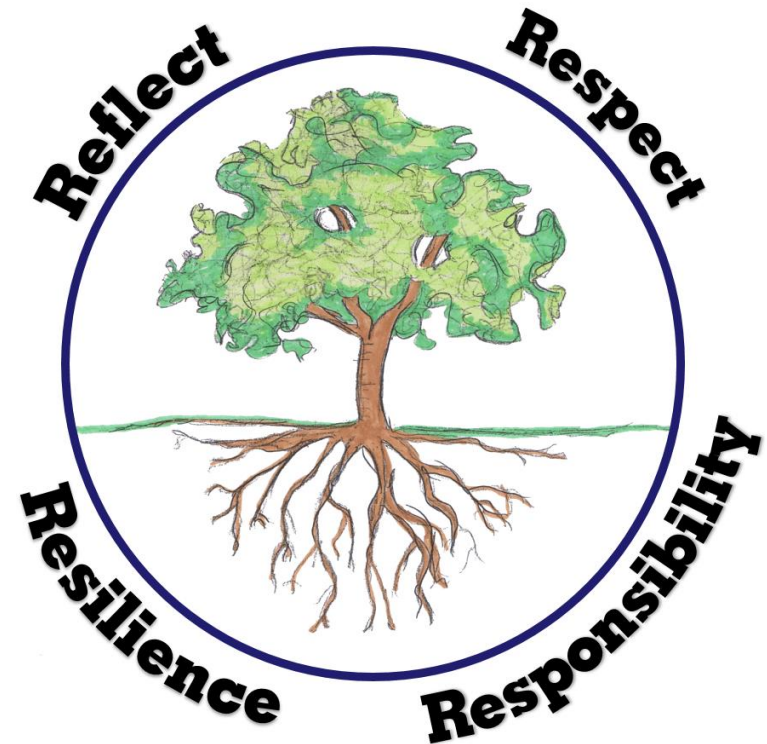
- To explain what the curriculum looks like at Key Stage 4
- To help parents and students select the correct option choices
- To give a brief overview of the GCSE grading system
- To explain the options form and what happens next





## Curriculum for Key Stage 4

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





# Subjects

The following subjects are compulsory at The Roundhill Academy which will lead to 7, 8 or 9 GCSEs:

**English Language (1)**

**English Literature (2)**

**Mathematics (3)**

**Statistics (4)**

**Combined Science:**

**Trilogy (5 and 6)**

**PE (Core)**

**Life skills**

**Students must then choose at least one of the following subjects:**

**French**

**Spanish**

**Geography**

**History**

**Computer Science**

**Triple Science**



## 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.



## 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 Creative  
Media
- BTEC Health and  
Social Care
- BTEC Sport





## What options can I not choose?

Students cannot pick the following combination of subjects

PE and BTEC Sport

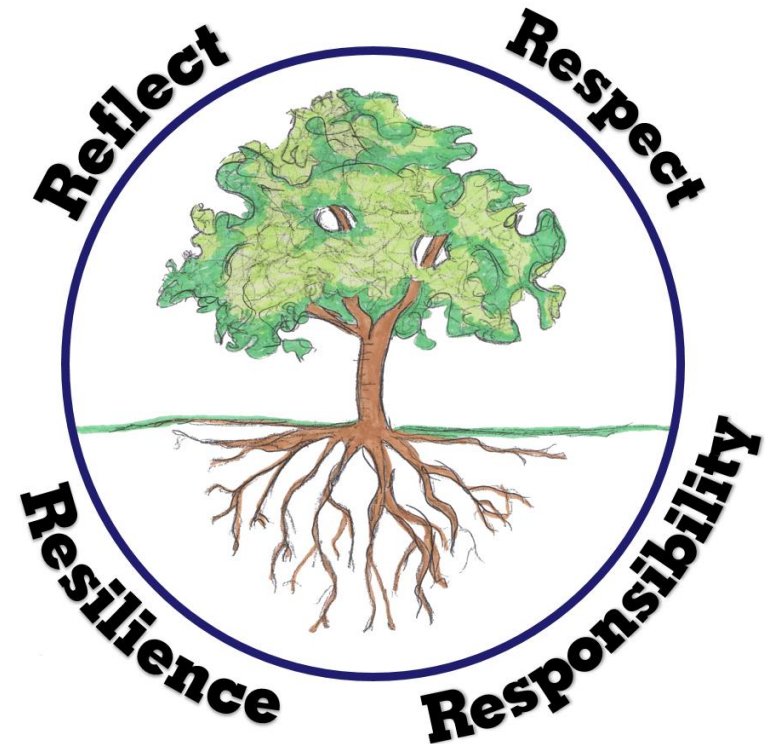
BTEC ICT: Creative Media and Computing

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



## 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







## 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 11<sup>th</sup> February 2020
- 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 Mrs Wright will talk to students in the first instance if clashes or problems occur