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Dear Parent/Carer

KEY STAGE FOUR OPTIONS

It is time for our Year 9 students to be choosing their GCSE and BTEC options ready for teaching starting in Year 10 (September 2021). In addition to studying GCSEs in English Language, English Literature, mathematics, and combined science (or triple science as an option) students will need to choose **four** subjects as their preferred options and **two** reserves. This is different to previous years when students have also chosen a humanities, language, triple Science or Computer Science option as one of their choices. We want students to select four courses which truly interest them.

Virtual presentation

Usually we would now be holding our Options Evening in school giving the opportunity for students and parents to visit faculties and find out more about each course. As this cannot happen we have a virtual presentation on the school website <https://www.roundhill.bepschools.org/gcseoptions2021/> which covers information about the course content and possible careers leading from obtaining the subject qualification. Double click on each presentation to view a full screen and hear a talk from the Head of the department. We recommend that parents and students use some time over half term to go through the presentation and start the decision-making process.

Options online

In the same way that students completed their Year 8 Arts options online, they will complete their GCSE and BTEC options. You might need to support them during this process. We will be going live with our 'Sims Options Online' on the afternoon of **Monday 22 February** when final choices can be made and submitted with a deadline of **Friday 5 March**. Students who did not register last year have been sent an email link to sign up for Sims Options. Please ensure this is completed over the next few days.

Students will receive an email from Mrs Tania Taylor on Monday 22 February which will explain what needs to be done and how to do it. Guidance notes and a copy of the options booklet will be attached to their email and a copy will be sent to your email. The guidance notes and the options booklet will also appear on the school website.

May I take the opportunity to wish you and your family a relaxing half-term break.

If you have any queries please email either myself – rwright@roundhill.bepschools.org or Tania Taylor ttaylor@roundhill.bepschools.org

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'R. Wright'.

Rachel Wright
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