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Dear Parents, Carers and Students

## Welcome to the Option process for 2020

In school today we have shared the GCSE Options information with your child. In lieu of the cancelled Options Evening, we have sent home with students today a copy of the Options Booklet and final Options Form to be completed in consultation with a Parent/Carer. We have also asked students to submit initial ideas for which options they might like to take - this is so that we can start to think about the timetable for next year. We have also uploaded a copy of the Options presentation that has been shared with students today onto the school website for your information. The Options Booklet is part of the support available to help your child choose the best options for them through Years 10, 11 and beyond.

At Blessed Robert Sutton Catholic Voluntary Academy the Key Stage 4 Curriculum consists of the Core Subjects which everyone studies. These are English, Mathematics, Religious Studies, Science, Physical Education and PSHE (SAVE) which contains modules on Careers Education and Citizenship, the latter being covered in Form Tutor time. In addition to these, students will choose up to 3 subjects to study.

Building from last year's process, we are confident that the proposed option blocks will give the maximum satisfaction and success to the majority of students. However, we must say that although we try very hard to make sure students get the subjects they choose, this is not always possible.

It is our intent to help all students make well-judged, informed choices about the optional subjects they choose. To help students with this process, they will receive guidance from subject teachers and senior leaders - this will include a 1-2-1 interview.

When your child has decided on their subject choices, you will need to complete the 'Final Options Form' that can be found on the last page of the Options Booklet. This should be returned to Mrs Milligan either by email: [Sharon.Milligan@robertsutton.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:Sharon.Milligan@robertsutton.staffs.sch.uk) or hard copy, by no later than Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March. This tight deadline is in anticipation of further changes to the UK Government's response to the Coronavirus outbreak.

We thank you for your continued support during this very challenging time.

Yours faithfully

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