## Y9 Options 2024



All of you need to leave Moor Park with appropriate qualifications


Competition for College and University places is tough. You need to secure outstanding progress and attainment in your KS4

To ensure that you secure the best possible examination grades to access further education, employment or training, students will need to lay successful foundations by selecting the right options now

## EBACC <br> (English Baccalaureate)

Top Universities say it opens more doors to more degrees

## English

Maths
Sciences
Geography/History
A language (Spanish)

Need to achieve minimum grade 4 in all the subjects above


The government's ambition is to see $75 \%$ of pupils studying the EBacc subject combination at GCSE by 2022, and $90 \%$ by 2025 .

The Russell Group has named languages as subjects that open doors to more degrees at universities. (The Russell Group is a group of 24 universities with a shared focus on research and a reputation for academic achievement)

## Types of Qualification \& Combinations

## GCSEs

The most common qualification on offer is a GCSE

Most GCSEs are assessed solely through exams at the end of the course, and a small number are still assessed through a combination of Controlled Assessment throughout the course \& exams at the end of the course

## BTECs and NCFE

Specifically tailored to build the skills necessary to successfully gain employment in the subject area.
These qualifications are Government approved courses and are assessed through assessment in school throughout the course and between 20-40\%
exam at the end of the course


## Compulsory courses in Years 10 \& 11



GCSE English and English
Literature
(2 GCSES)


GCSE Religious
Education
(1 GCSE)


Physical Education
This is a
non-examination
course



PDWB including core ICT

# Option courses in Y10 \& Y11 

In addition to the
compulsory core
subjects, you can opt for 3 additional subjects.
You will choose 1 subject from each of the 3 blocks.

ONE of your options must be either: Geography

History
Spanish

You will have 2.5 lessons a week for each subject

It is very important that you choose subjects which will allow you to achieve your full potential, therefore there will be lots of guidance to support you.

| Monday $15^{\text {th }}$ April | Options Assembly |
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| Monday $15^{\text {th }}$ April | Dedicated Options Area on School Website will <br> launch. <br> Here you will find lots of information about <br> options including a copy of the options booklet <br> and this presentation |
| Wednesday $17^{\text {th }}$ April | Selecting subjects you wish to try as part of <br> our options taster day (form time) |
| Tuesday 23 |  |

Your ambitions \& further education

What teachers, parents/carers, older siblings, KS4 students think about your plans

Attendance \& punctuality

How you currently engage in the subject \& how this might impact in the future

Reserve Choices
You may not always get your first choice so think carefully about your reserve choice subjects


## The teacher

We do not know who will be teaching the course for the next 2 years

## Friends

They may be a great support, but you may have different ambitions, so choose the subjects YOU want to do!
'Easy options'
The courses have been recently
rewritten. These do not exist


# Options Booklet 


compulsory subjects are at the front of the booklet Option subjects are in alphabetical order.


Put your name on your booklet

## You have until Friday 3rd May to make your decision.

| All students must select a minimum of 1 blue subject as part of their options. |  |  |
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| Block 1 | Block 2 | Block 3 |
| GCSE History | GCSE History | GCSE Spanish |
| GCSE Geography | GCSE Business | GCSE Geography |
| GCSE Computing** | BTEC Health and Social | GCSE Food Preparation and <br> Nutrition |
| GCSE 3D design | GCSE Triple Science* | GCSE Music |
| GCSE Art | GCSE PE | GCSE Business |
|  | NCFE Engineering |  |
| * Students will be informed if they are able to select triple science. <br> ** Only students in set 1 and 2 maths can select the GCSE computing |  |  |

# Options area on the school website 

Subject Area Introductions



All options subjects are dependent on staffing and the number of students opting for the subject.
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# Key Staff involved in the process who you can speak to regarding options 

Mrs Tolson<br>Mrs Roberts

Year 9 Tutors Staff completing the options interviews

Mr Corbett
Mrs Roberts
Mr Barker
Mrs Shallcross

