

# Y9 Options 2024



## Pathway to Success

All of you need to leave Moor Park with appropriate qualifications

You need to be able to compete locally, nationally and internationally

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 (English Baccalaureate)

Top Universities say it opens more doors to more degrees

English

Maths

Sciences

Geography/History

A language (Spanish)

Lenovo

#### Need to achieve minimum grade 4 in all the subjects above

### EBACC

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

It is a benchmark for universities to check that applicants have a solid academic foundation on which to build.

The Ebacc is particular group of GCSE subjects that are usually looked on favourably by universities

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



## 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 <sup>th</sup> April	Options Assembly
	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	Dedicated Options Area on School Website will launch. Here you will find lots of information about options including a copy of the options booklet and this presentation
	Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	Selecting subjects you wish to try as part of our options taster day (form time)
	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Options taster day
	Wednesday 24th April	CIAG and EBACC assembly
	Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 9 Parents Evening and Year 9 student reports
2	Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> April- Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Options interview with a member of SLT
	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	Options selection form is launched on teams in the Y9 area
	Friday 3rd May	Deadline for Option form to be returned on teams

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

## Things NOT to consider

#### 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

# When talking to parents





There are no easy options





# 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 3<sup>rd</sup> May to make your decision.

All students must select a minimum of 1 blue subject as part of their options.				
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 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.				
** Only students in set 1 and 2 maths can select the GCSE computing				

# Options area on the school website

#### **Subject Area Introductions**







**OPTIONS BOOKLET** 

OPTIONS POWERPOINT

**ENGLISH BACCALAUREATE INFO** 



All options subjects are dependent on staffing and the number of students opting for the subject.



excellent teaching

Key Staff involved in the process who you can speak to regarding options

Mrs Tolson Mrs Roberts Teachers

Year 9 Tutors

Staff completing the options interviews

> Mr Corbett Mrs Roberts Mr Barker Mrs Shallcross