




# WHICH WAY NOW?

**OPTIONS 2024**  
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# OFSTED February 2022

- ▶ Leaders have been particularly successful in bringing about positive change in key stage 4. Older pupils follow a wide range of academic and vocational subjects. The curriculum in key stage 4 is well organised and carefully thought through.




**Montgomery Academy**

# Which way now?



## Options Booklet 2024






**FCAT**  
The best we can be

# Compass Curriculum

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## Montgomery Academy Options Evening

### Thursday 8th February 2024

in Option Talk in Assembly Hall at 5pm and 6pm

Students and representatives from Blackpool 6th Form College will be available

Room

| Room |
|------|
| E2   |
| E4   |
| E5   |
| E6   |
| E8   |
| T1   |
| T4   |
| T6   |
| T7   |
| D1   |
| D2   |
| D3   |
| D6   |
| D7   |
| D8   |
| D9   |
| D10  |



Following rooms to find out more:

- Photography (GCSE)
- Science (GCSE) and BTEC in Digital Information Technology (BTEC)
- Food Preparation and Nutrition (GCSE)
- Information Technology (BTEC)
- Enterprise (Business Studies) (BTEC)
- Child Development (GCSE)
- Religious Studies (GCSE) and Eduqas Level 1/2 Technical Award in Sport & Coaching Principles (Technical Award)
- Travel and Tourism (BTEC)
- Geography (GCSE)
- History (GCSE)
- French (GCSE)
- English, Maths and Science



### Options Evening Feedback 2024

Please take a few minutes to feedback by clicking the QR code below.



Points to remember:-

**YOU make the  
decision**



Points to remember:-

**YOU** choose the  
subjects **YOU**  
enjoy



Points to remember:-

**YOU choose the  
subjects YOU are  
good at**



Points to remember:-

**Ask for  
guidance**



# Points to remember:-

**There is an Option  
'Taster' morning  
where you will be able  
to see what 4 option  
subjects are like.  
(Friday 8th March)**





# Points to remember:-

You will all receive an Option Discussion where a member of staff will advise you about your choices.

(Thursday 29th February and Friday 1st March)



# CORE SUBJECTS

You will all study the following subjects:-

- \* **Mathematics (G.C.S.E.)**
- \* **English Language (G.C.S.E.)**
- \* **English Literature (G.C.S.E.)**
- \* **Science - either 2 or 3 G.C.S.E.s**



**The core subjects will give you the equivalent of 5 or 6 G.C.S.E. qualifications.**

**In addition to this you will choose three options.**



# OPTION CHOICES

In addition to the core subjects there are 3 Option Blocks.

**OPTION BLOCK 1 - Choose 1 subject (this is a guided choice)**

**OPTION BLOCK 2 - Choose 1 subject**

**OPTION BLOCK 3 (+ COMPASS offer) - Choose 1 subject**



# PSHRE and Core PE

You will also experience PSHRE sessions covering a series of topics including personal and social education, religious studies, relationships, sex education, citizenship, money management, careers and life skills. Everyone still does Core PE.



# The English Baccalaureate

The English Baccalaureate (Ebacc) recognises where students have secured a G.C.S.E. grade 4 (standard pass) or 5 (strong pass) or better in the following:-

- \* **English**
- \* **Mathematics**
- \* **Two Sciences - one can be Computer Science**
- \* **French**
- \* **Either Geography or History**

This is a nationally recognised and sought after performance framework and, where appropriate, we encourage and support students in working to achieve it. (Labelled **EB** in the booklet)



# FCAT Compass Curriculum Offer

- ▶ If you choose this then one of your option subjects will be completed at college on Friday afternoon.
- ▶ Leave school approx. 12:30pm
- ▶ 3 hours study
- ▶ You will return to school at approximately 4:30pm from Blackpool and Fylde college and 5:15 if you attend Myerscough college

## YEAR 9 OPTIONS FORM 2024

**For illustration - to be submitted online**



| OPTION 1                | X / Res | OPTION 2  | X / Res | OPTION 3  | X / Res |
|-------------------------|---------|---|---------|---|---------|
| Computer Science (GCSE) |         | Art and Design (GCSE)                           |         | Art and Design (GCSE)                           |         |
| Geography (GCSE)        |         | Art specialising in Photography (GCSE)          |         | Art specialising in Photography (GCSE)          |         |
| History (GCSE)          |         | Child Development(CN Cert)                      |         | Child Development(C N Cert)                     |         |
| French (GCSE)           |         | D & T Food Preparation and Nutrition (GCSE)     |         | D & T Food Preparation and Nutrition (GCSE)     |         |
|                         |         | Design Technology (GCSE)                        |         | Design Technology (GCSE)                        |         |
|                         |         | Drama (GCSE)                                    |         | Drama (GCSE)                                    |         |
|                         |         | Enterprise (Business Studies) (BTEC)            |         | Enterprise (Business Studies) (BTEC)            |         |
|                         |         | French (GCSE)                                   |         | French (GCSE)                                   |         |
|                         |         | Geography (GCSE)                                |         | Geography (GCSE)                                |         |
|                         |         | History (GCSE)                                  |         | History (GCSE)                                  |         |
|                         |         | Media Studies (GCSE)                            |         | Media Studies (GCSE)                            |         |
|                         |         | Music (GCSE)                                    |         | Music (GCSE)                                    |         |
|                         |         | Religious Education (GCSE)                      |         | Religious Education (GCSE)                      |         |
|                         |         | Physical Education (GCSE)                       |         | Physical Education (GCSE)                       |         |
|                         |         | Sports and Coaching Studies (Eduqas Tech Award) |         | Sports and Coaching Studies (Eduqas Tech Award) |         |
|                         |         | Digital Information Technology (BTEC)           |         | Digital Information Technology (BTEC)           |         |
|                         |         | Travel and Tourism (BTEC)                       |         | Travel and Tourism (BTEC)                       |         |

If you have any further queries please contact Mr Gordon or Mrs Montgomery in school or via email:

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Please note the following:

**You may not choose GCSE PE and Level 1/2 Technical Award in Sports and Coaching Principles**

**It is not advisable to choose GCSE Computing and BTEC Digital Information Technology**

**In order to access the Ebacc you must choose either Geography or History or both and French**

GCSE - General Certificate of Secondary Education

CN Cert - Cambridge National Certificate

BTEC - Business and Technology Education Council

**Compass Curriculum College Option Indication**  
Blackpool & Fylde Bispham Campus: (back to school at approx 4:30)

Esports

Engineering

Public Services

Hair and Beauty

Construction

**Myerscough College (back to school at approx 5:15)**

Animal studies

Equine studies (Level 1)

Agriculture

Horticulture

Motor Vehicle (Level 1)



# Different types of qualifications

- ❖ GCSE
  - ❖ BTEC Tech Awards
  - ❖ Cambridge National Certificates
  - ❖ Eduqas Technical Award
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- ❖ **ALL OF THESE QUALIFICATIONS ARE EQUIVALENT IN POINTS VALUE TO 1 GCSE**

## Option Block 1 - Guided Choice

Computer Science (GCSE)

French (GCSE)

Geography (GCSE)

History (GCSE)

**All of these courses will lead to a qualification equivalent to 1 G.C.S.E. and are part of the EBacc**

# Option Block 2

Art and Design (GCSE)

Art specialising in Photography (GCSE)

Child Development(CN Cert)

D & T Food Preparation and Nutrition (GCSE)

Design Technology (GCSE)

Drama (GCSE)

Enterprise (Business Studies) (BTEC)

French (GCSE)

Geography (GCSE)

History (GCSE)

Media Studies (GCSE)

Music (GCSE)

Religious Education (GCSE)

Physical Education (GCSE)

Sports and Coaching Studies (Eduqas Tech Award)

Digital Information Technology (BTEC)

Travel and Tourism (BTEC)

# Option Block 3

Art and Design (GCSE)

Art specialising in Photography (GCSE)

Child Development(CN Cert)

D & T Food Preparation and Nutrition (GCSE)

Design Technology (GCSE)

Drama (GCSE)

Enterprise (Business Studies) (BTEC)

French (GCSE)

Geography (GCSE)

History (GCSE)

Media Studies (GCSE)

Music (GCSE)

Religious Education (GCSE)

Physical Education (GCSE)

Sports and Coaching Studies (Eduqas Tech Award)

Digital Information Technology (BTEC)

Travel and Tourism (BTEC)

# Option Block 3 - Compass Curriculum Offer

Blackpool & Fylde College – Bispham Campus- 4:30 finish

Esports

Engineering

Public Services

Hair and Beauty

Construction

Myerscough College - 5:15 finish

Animal studies

Equine studies (Level 1)

Agriculture

Horticulture

Motor Vehicle (Level 1)

# Viability of courses

- ❖ Please note that the options in each block with the lowest student numbers will not run. **Your reserve choices are important and require thinking about.**
- ❖ If your choice and reserve are not running you will need to pick from one of the options that is running.

# Points of note

You may not choose Eduqas Sport and Coaching Studies and GCSE PE as the core elements are the same.

PE department are able to guide choice over appropriate course.

## Misconceptions of GCSE PE and Sport and Coaching Studies

- ▶ Sports and Coaching Studies is considered the “lesser” option compared to GCSE PE.
  - ▶ This is absolutely not true and both GCSE PE & Sport and Coaching Studies are of the same weighting and considered equal when applying for further education
- ▶ GCSE PE and Sports and Coaching Studies are options that just require you to play sport each lesson.
  - ▶ This is the complete opposite with two lessons being theory and one lesson being practical. This is because both specifications are heavily weighted on the theoretical content. Consequently, once the practical element of the course is complete, those practical lessons will then be dedicated to the theory aspect of the course

# Points of note

It is not advisable to choose GCSE Computing and BTEC in Digital Information Technology as both courses have significant proportions that are the same.

It is advisable for students to continue to study a breadth of curriculum to the end of Key Stage 4.





# WHAT NEXT?

- \* Find out as much as you can about all the courses you are interested in (E block/O block/T block)
- Ask your teachers and Progress Tutor for advice  
[c.mcardle@montgomery.fcat.org.uk](mailto:c.mcardle@montgomery.fcat.org.uk)
- Get prepared for your 1:1 Options Discussion 29th Feb and 1st March



# WHAT NEXT?

- Students will have a taster morning on the Friday 8th March where they can sample up to 4 different subjects (they have been choosing these this week)
- **Students will not at this point be able to have a taster from the Compass Curriculum option subjects**



**Your Ideas**

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|-----------------------------------|--|
| <b>Subjects I achieve well in</b> | <b>Subjects I feel less confident in</b> |
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|-------------------------|--|
| <b>Subjects I enjoy</b> | <b>Subjects I do not enjoy as much</b> |
|-------------------------|--|

**Subjects I might need for my possible career**

**Initial thoughts:**

Option choice 1:

Reserve:

Option choice 2:

Reserve:

Option choice 3:

Reserve:



# Then what do we do?

- \* Complete the online options form with one choice AND one reserve choice in each block.
- \* Link will be texted out to you
- \* Option subjects can only run if enough students choose them
- \* If an option is full you may be asked to take your reserve subject
- \* Complete the form online by  
**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024**



# Points to remember :-

- \* YOU make the decision
- \* YOU choose subjects YOU enjoy
- \* YOU choose subjects YOU are good at
- \* ASK for guidance
- \* You cannot change your options in Years 10 or 11

**IT IS YOUR FUTURE**

# Montgomery Academy Options Evening

## Thursday 8th February 2024

Main Option Talk in Assembly Hall at 5pm and 6pm

Refreshments and representatives from Blackpool 6th Form College will be available in L block Dining Room

Then visit the following rooms to find out more:

| Subject   | Room |
|---|------|
| Media Studies (GCSE)  | E2   |
| Drama (GCSE)  | E4   |
| Art specialising in Photography (GCSE)  | E5   |
| Art and Design (GCSE)   | E6   |
| Music (GCSE)  | E8   |
| Computer Science (GCSE) and BTEC in Digital Information Technology (BTEC)                                       | T1   |
| ID & T Food Preparation and Nutrition (GCSE)  | T4   |
| Design Technology (GCSE)  | T6   |
| Enterprise (Business Studies) (BTEC)  | T7   |
| Child Development (CN Cert)   | O1   |
| Religious Studies (GCSE)  | O2   |
| Physical Education (GCSE) and Eduqas Level 1/2 Technical Award in Sport & Coaching Principles (Technical Award) | O3   |
| Travel and Tourism (BTEC)   | O6   |
| Geography (GCSE)  | O7   |
| History (GCSE)  | O8   |
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