



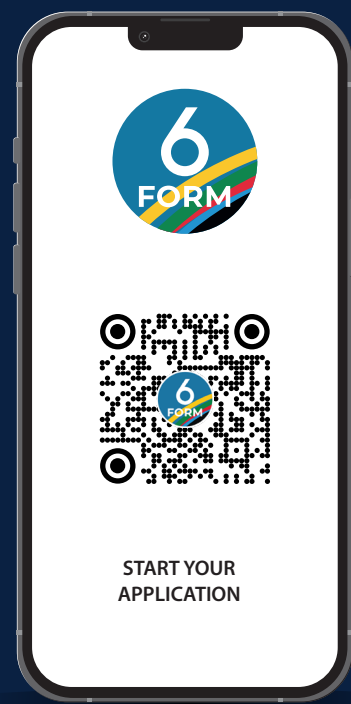
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WELCOME FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Of key importance when choosing a Sixth Form is the “next step”. We offer considerable guidance and support so students are able to progress to the next stage in their development, whether that is further learning at university or college, embarking on a high-quality apprenticeship or entering the world of work.

Welcome to our vibrant, caring Sixth Form.

Derby Moor Spencer Academy has a successful and friendly Sixth Form where students make excellent progress and are fully prepared for the next stage of their lives.

Whether you are already studying at our academy or joining us from elsewhere, you will receive a warm welcome from all our staff and students.

We believe that every student, regardless of background or personal circumstance, can achieve. We know that strong outcomes are grounded in the best teaching and learning experience, which ensures that all students will aspire to be the best they can be. Therefore we work hard as a team to develop the capacity of all members of our academy community. This is reflected in the rapid improvement seen in student outcomes over the last few years.

It is our aspiration that our students become the best candidates in their chosen fields. This means that

they can confidently compete for places on the best apprenticeships, at the best universities and, ultimately, in the national and global jobs market. Our destinations data shows that our students are fulfilling that aspiration by securing places at the most prestigious universities and on the most competitive apprenticeship programmes. We believe that the employability experiences and focus upon independence in Sixth Form is the key factor in preparing our students for the next stage in their careers.

We believe in high standards of behavior, effort and application which support student success. Our Sixth Form intake is varied; therefore we ensure a consistency of approach so that every student can receive the individual support that they require to make progress.

A Sixth Form is so much more than examinations, however, and we are proud to live our value of community by ensuring that students have regular opportunities to participate in an extensive range of activities that support their development.

Thank you for taking the time to explore Derby Moor Spencer Academy. A prospectus can only tell you so much, and I would strongly encourage you to take an opportunity to visit us and see us in action.

Scott Doyle, *Principal*

INTRODUCTION

Welcome to Derby Moor Sixth Form, an ambitious, caring and diverse community where you will be challenged to achieve your very best. Throughout your time with us, you will be encouraged, supported and inspired by our dedicated staff to make excellent progress and take your next steps with confidence.

We offer a broad range of courses alongside an exciting programme of enrichment, careers and personal development opportunities. As a Sixth Former, you will become an important role model within our school community, with opportunities to take on leadership roles and contribute to whole-school events. Our strong employer links provide valuable opportunities to meet professionals, develop your skills through mock interviews and gain insight into the world of work. We also host conferences that enable students to explore ambitious opportunities, including studying at Oxford or Cambridge.

Together, these experiences will help you raise your aspirations, build confidence and independence, and make informed choices about your future.

We are proud of the destinations our students achieve. Over 75% progress to university, significantly above the national average, while others secure highly competitive pathways, including degree apprenticeships with employers such as Rolls-Royce and JCB, and places to study Medicine.

Last year, our students achieved the highest progress of any large Sixth Form in Derby. Whether you are joining us from Derby Moor or another school, you will be warmly welcomed into our community, supported to achieve highly and encouraged to take your next steps with ambition and confidence.

Mrs S Gardiner – *Head of Sixth Form*



UNLOCK YOUR POTENTIAL

Welcome to Derby Moor Spencer Academy Sixth Form! Join us where our core values of Aspiration, Achievement, High Expectations, and Community come alive every day. Here, you'll find a supportive environment that encourages personal growth and empowers you to reach your fullest potential. Together, let's embark on an exciting journey towards your future!

Unlock Your Potential!

At Derby Moor Spencer Academy Sixth Form, we're dedicated to inspiring every student to achieve excellence. Our dynamic curriculum challenges and excites, guided by passionate educators who tailor their approach to your unique strengths and interests.

Supportive Environment & Community

We create a welcoming and inclusive community where every voice is valued. With strong pastoral support, you'll feel safe, confident, and ready to excel both academically and personally.

Beyond the Classroom

Engage in a variety of extracurricular and enrichment activities—from cooking on a budget to leadership roles—that enhance your skills and foster your growth. We believe in developing well-rounded individuals who are ready to make a positive impact.

Future-Ready Education

Prepare for success with personalised career guidance and strong connections to local businesses and universities. We equip you with the skills and confidence to pursue your dreams, whether in higher education or the workforce.



JOIN US!

At Derby Moor Spencer Academy Sixth Form, you're not just a student; you're part of a vibrant community ready to support you on your journey. Let's build your future together!



WHAT IS IT LIKE TO STUDY IN THE SIXTH FORM?

At Derby Moor, you can choose from a broad range of A Level and vocational qualifications, with options to complete an EPQ or an Additional Language A Level. We have high expectations of our Sixth Formers, who act as role models for the wider school community. We will support you to develop effective study habits and become increasingly independent. Our Study Centre and dedicated study spaces around school provide environments for focused independent study, and you can also earn the privilege of home study during timetabled sessions.

Alongside your studies, our enrichment and personal development programme helps you develop the confidence, skills and independence needed for life beyond school. Opportunities include learning to cook on a budget, first aid, DIY and UCAS support. You will take part in trips and be encouraged to engage with super-curricular opportunities that develop your curiosity. You can also become part of our Student Leadership Team, actively coordinating events and volunteering opportunities across the school.

We are strongly careers-focused, with employers regularly delivering workshops, networking opportunities and mock interviews. Alongside completing a week of work experience, we promote external opportunities, including university taster days and employer insight workshops, to help you explore possibilities and make informed choices about your future.

Your wellbeing and individual needs are important to us. Our dedicated Sixth Form Team and tutors provide tailored pastoral and academic support, including additional mentoring programmes for students with SEND and those applying to Oxbridge, Medicine and Dentistry.

We want your time at Derby Moor to be enjoyable, purposeful and rewarding. You will be part of a supportive community that expects a lot from you and gives you the support, opportunities and encouragement to achieve a lot in return. We will help you develop the knowledge, skills, confidence and ambition to succeed in your next steps and look forward to celebrating with you along the way.





COURSES AND ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

To study A Levels, we expect x5 grade 5 GCSE's or more including 5 in English and Maths. Depending on the A Level subject you choose, there may be a higher entry requirement for that subject – please check the entry requirements for specific subjects on the website.

For BTEC qualifications, we expect x5 grade 4 GCSE's or more including 4 in English and Maths.

Entry requirements:

<https://derbymoorspencer.org.uk/entry-requirements/>

A list of all courses:

- A level English Language
- A level English Literature
- A level Media Studies
- A level Business Studies
- A level Geography
- A level History
- A level Psychology
- A level Sociology
- A level Religious Studies with Philosophy and Ethics
- A level Physics
- A level Biology
- A level Chemistry
- A level Maths
- A level Further Maths
- A level Urdu
- A level Panjabi
- A level Spanish
- A level Product Design
- A level Textiles
- A Level Art
- A Level French
- Other Level 3 Courses
- BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Sport and Exercise Science
- BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Sport and Exercise Science
- BTEC National Extended Diploma in Sport and Exercise Science
- BTEC Extended Certificate in Performing Arts
- BTEC Extended Certificate in Business
- BTEC Extended Certificate in Applied Science
- BTEC Extended Certificate in Information Technology
- BTEC Extended Diploma in Health and Social Care
- BTEC Extended Certificate in Health and Social Care

Courses will run subject to sufficient student demand and staffing, so the final programme offered each year will vary.

EXTRA AND SUPER CURRICULAR AND ENRICHMENT

Astral Programme

The Spencer Academy Trust proudly offers the Astral Programme, designed to support you in preparing for life after the age of 18. This comprehensive programme encourages you to engage in both extracurricular and super curricular activities, equipping you with the skills and experiences necessary to secure the next step in your career—whether that's gaining admission to university, securing an apprenticeship, or landing a job. You get time to complete elements of this programme within form time.



Extended Project Qualification

We offer the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ). It is a valuable qualification that fosters independent research skills and critical thinking, allowing students to explore a topic of personal interest in depth. It serves as excellent preparation for university by mirroring the demands of higher education.

Future and careers – what next ? where do students go?

Our aim is to ensure that every student, regardless of background, can realise and achieve their aspirations. We proudly hold the Career Mark Platinum Award, recognising our exceptional careers provision. We have strong links

with local employers, including JCB, Cooper Parry, Alstom, Rolls-Royce, Lubrizol and PwC, with whom we work in partnership to provide opportunities for students to explore career pathways. These include workplace visits, careers fairs, employer talks, mock interviews, university visits and assessment centre practice. Each year, students will receive an interview with an external employer to develop their interview skills and receive feedback. Students also benefit from impartial careers guidance appointments with our specialist Post-16 careers adviser from Luminate Careers. We also have additional days set aside to equip students with the information, guidance and skills they need to make informed choices about their next steps.

We are proud of the exceptional range of high-quality destinations our students enter. Around 75% progress to university, both locally and across the globe. Some recent popular university choices have included Durham, Nottingham, Leicester and Derby. We provide additional mentoring for those making applications for early-entry courses and degree apprenticeships. We are excited to share that several of our students have successfully secured highly competitive university places for example to study Medicine alongside a range of degree apprenticeships with renowned organisations such as JCB, Rolls-Royce and AtkinsRéalis. These opportunities reflect our commitment to helping students pursue ambitious pathways for their future careers.



STUDENT VOICE

Khubaib Ahmed

I decided to join Derby Moor Sixth Form because in Year 11 my teachers were really encouraging and helped me a lot; not only with academics but they provided me different opportunities to develop different skills that would be helpful in future. I study Maths, Chemistry and Biology. I want to go university and study Medicine and with the support the whole sixth form team has shown me, it seems lot less harder than I thought get onto such a competitive course. I would suggest Derby Moor Sixth Form to all those people who have high aspirations and even higher expectations from themselves.



Sumaya Yasir

I decided to continue my studies at Derby Moor because I recognised the support and encouragement all the teachers gave me, pushing me to do my best during GCSE's. They would always go the extra mile to give us the best chance of reaching our potential by holding interventions after school, providing helpful feedback on work and helping us find the most effective ways to revise. Thus, I knew this support would be highly beneficial during my A-levels to help me succeed. Additionally, I have been provided with many opportunities to ensure I can gain a myriad of skills to develop myself as a more well-rounded, confident individual but also to aid my university application for medicine; the sixth form team have organised for us to visit universities such as Loughborough and Nottingham for insight days and other opportunities I have been given include peer mentoring year 11's, volunteering at open evenings and different cultural events held here and programmes such as Nottingham scholars and Derby scholars. Additionally,

although school can be stressful – especially sixth form – the teachers understanding, encouragement and belief along with the amazing friendships and sense of community here at Derby Moor have really made my time through this period easier and more enjoyable.

Avar Mahmud

I am a year 13 student studying Biology, Chemistry and English literature, I've been studying at Derby Moor since I was in year 7 and one of the main reasons I decided to continue studying here for Sixth Form was because of the sense of community that has been built here which creates a safe and comfortable environment for me to be able to learn as well as socialise which I feel have both helped me to develop as a student. Our teachers, I think are a key aspect of making up our community as they are always accommodating to the needs of each individual student as well as students as a collective.



Alborz Abdi

Choosing to stay on for sixth form was an easy decision for me. I've only been part of this school since the last few months of year 11 and the sense of community here feels like a second home. The teachers are truly dedicated and experts in their fields, always pushing us to excel and supporting us every step of the way. I love the collaborative environment where we can share ideas and grow together as students. It's a place where I know I can thrive both academically and personally. I am looking forward to applying for Medicine and I am gaining lots of support from staff to help me pursue my career aspirations.

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How do I apply?

You will need to apply via our website and set up an account with a system called Applicaa. Please use a personal email address, as you will receive updates throughout the admissions process. The application form requires you to submit personal details, predicted grades and the courses you would like to apply for. Please consider your course choices carefully before submitting.

You will receive updates about your application and will need to log in to accept invitations to interviews, induction day and enrolment via this system. If you have any questions about the application process, please email:

✉ sixthform@derbymoorspencer.org.uk

How will I know I will fit in as an external student?

Derby Moor Sixth Form is an exceptionally welcoming community. We push each other to be the best we can be and work together to achieve our goals. As an external student, you will have the opportunity to get to know your peers during our induction day. We also provide additional support for external students during their first few weeks in the Sixth Form.

Will there be an interview?

Applicants successful at the initial application stage will be invited for an interview, typically taking place from February to March. We encourage you to prepare for this important meeting, where we will discuss your subject choices and future aspirations. Please bring your most current predicted grades and record of achievement. We can also discuss alternative subject choices or back-up options to help you make a confident start to your courses in September.

Can I swap subjects?

We understand that choosing your subjects is an important decision and can be difficult. During the first month of Sixth Form, there may be some flexibility to change course choices, subject to availability and meeting the entry requirements for the new subject. However, learning begins immediately, so students who change subjects will need to catch up on missed work. This will ensure they are in the strongest possible position to succeed on their chosen course.

What financial support is available for students?

We want all our students to be successful and are committed to helping them overcome any barriers they may face, including financial barriers. Our Post-16 Bursary is available to support eligible students with the costs associated with their education. Students can apply for bursary support each academic year by completing the application form with their parent or guardian. Applications will be reviewed to determine what support can be provided.

What is the typical workload for students?

At Derby Moor, we have high expectations of our students. We expect our student community to work hard in lessons and independently to achieve highly and fulfil their aspirations. Students are expected to complete one hour of independent work outside each one-hour lesson. You will have dedicated independent study sessions during the school day to complete some of this work, alongside the opportunity to earn the privilege of home study. This means you may be able to sign out at lunchtime to study from home on certain days.

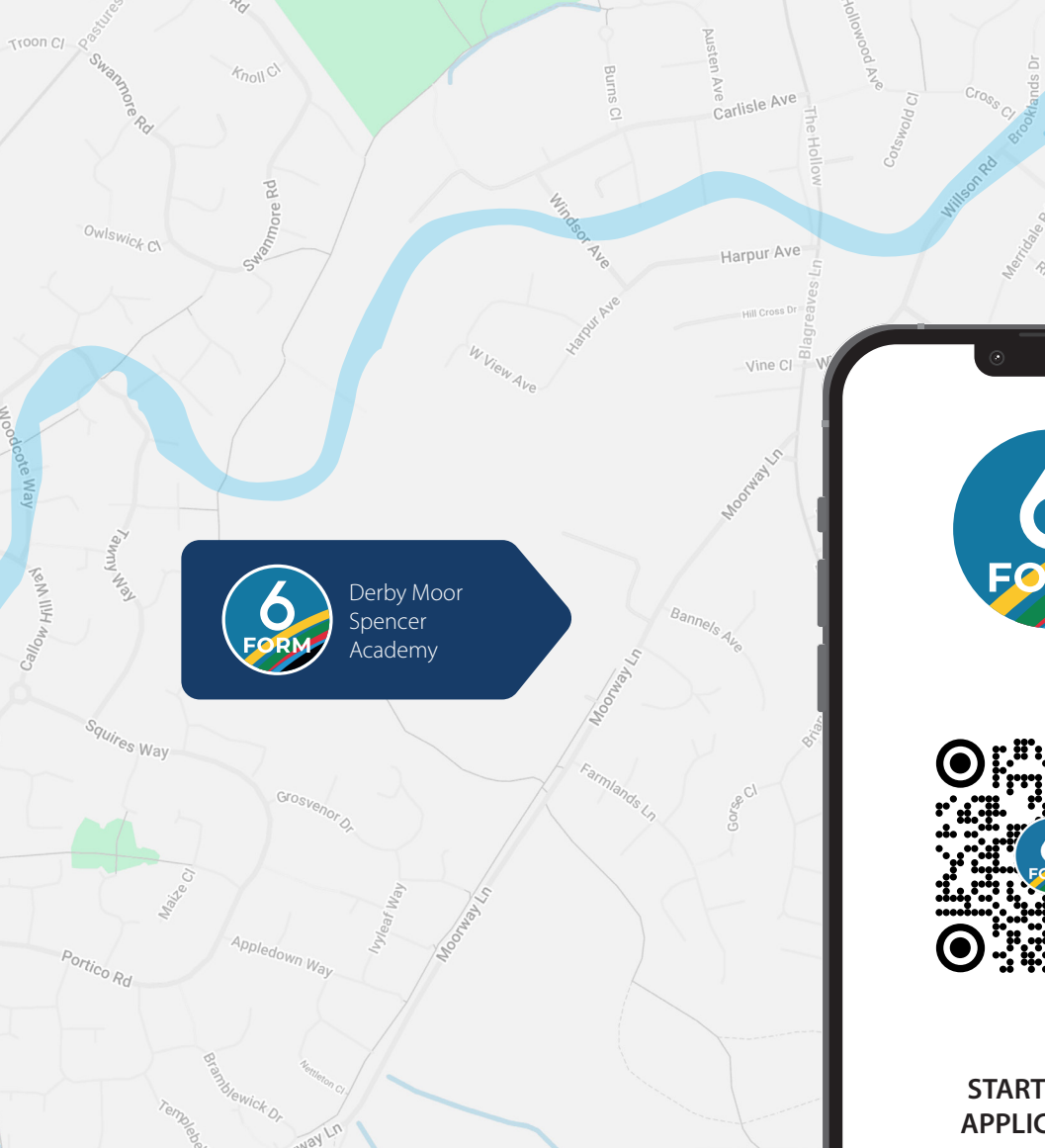


About Spencer Academies Trust

Spencer Academies Trust is a family of schools spread across Derbyshire, Nottinghamshire, and Leicestershire. We are proud to provide quality education for over 16,000 children and young people from a diverse array of communities, guided always by our core values: aspiration, partnership and responsibility. We have 6 Sixth Forms who work collaboratively to ensure that we offer the widest opportunities for all our students. We are exceptionally proud of our results which places us in the top 10% nationally. These results enable our students to progress to a wide range of destinations at some of the most competitive institutions and courses including Oxford, Cambridge and Medicine, and higher apprenticeships at companies like Rolls Royce. We work closely with partners both locally and nationally, including University of Cambridge and University of Nottingham. All of our Sixth Forms provide the very best pastoral care so that each student feels that they belong to our family, as we prepare them to become well rounded world citizens with a bright future ahead of them.

Susan Sharp, Executive Director of Post 16

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