

Subject: Massive Online Open Courses (MOOCs)

Future Learn

Introduction

MOOCs are free online courses offered by universities and specialist organisations around the world. Courses last between two and ten weeks so students will often complete several different MOOCs over the course of the year. The wide variety of topics to study may be used to support A level courses or extra-curricular interests and are a valuable demonstration of independent learning for university applications.

Course Content

Students will be encouraged to choose courses which relate to their current courses or future plans. Future Learn courses are divided into weeks. These contain various activities that should be completed within each week, building knowledge through a sequence of straightforward steps to aid learning.

Assessment

To be eligible for a Certificate of Achievement, students must complete 90% of the steps in a course, attempt every test question in the course, and score over 70% on average across all course tests. However, there is no cost to study for a MOOC and no requirement to obtain a certificate. On completion of each course the students inform their class teacher. They are then free to choose another MOOC of relevance to their interests.

Course requirement

No previous experience is necessary.

Who do I speak to?

Mrs Lucy Gallagher or Sixth Form Heads of Year

Costs and UCAS (including off-site visits, textbooks, courses)

There are no costs for this course nor UCAS points - however completing them in addition to your studies will look favourably on any application.