

# **B6 CELEBRATION** BROCHURE











### Introduction

We're excited to share the latest news and achievements from life at B6. At The Sixth Form Bolton, we're all about supporting our students to grow both personally and professionally - whether that's in the classroom or through the many opportunities available beyond it.

In this edition, we're shining a spotlight on some of the incredible things our students have been up to over the past term, from career-boosting experiences to impressive personal achievements.

We hope you enjoy this quick look at what makes The Sixth Form Bolton such a vibrant and inspiring place to learn and grow.

#AchieveYourPotential

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# OXBRIDGE SUCCESS

Second-year students at The Sixth Form Bolton have been delighted to hear back from their university applications recently with a number of students receiving offers from highly prestigious universities.

Inioluwa Eniola, a former Sharples School student, who studies A Level Chemistry, Mathematics, Further Mathematics and Physics alongside the Extended Project Qualification at The Sixth Form, has secured an offer from Mansfield College at Oxford University to study Mechanical Engineering.

#### Inioluwa said:

"I'm really happy to have received my offer from Oxford! I went to the UNIQ summer residential there and knew that it was somewhere I'd love to study. I was drawn to The Sixth Form because of its reputation for academic excellence and the supportive environment provided by both the teaching and non-teaching staff. I was confident that I would be surrounded by fellow students who would challenge me intellectually and help me grow both academically and personally."

We wish Inioluwa the best of luck in his A Levels and look forward to sharing in his success on results day!



Inioluwa Eniola

### AMAZING APPRENTICESHIP PROGRESSION

A second-year Sixth Form Bolton student was over the moon to find out that she's been selected for an AAT Level 4 & ACA qualification apprenticeship with the prestigious KPMG.

Former Essa Academy student, Riza Patel, currently studies A level Accounting, Business Studies and Economics and is a member of The Sixth Form's bespoke Apprenticeship Academy. Riza was delighted to receive her offer from KPMG, a multinational professional services network, and one of the Big Four accounting organisations.

The Sixth Form Apprenticeship Academy supports second-year students who wish to secure higher and degree level apprenticeships after sixth form. The programme helps students to understand the competitive recruitment process and learn how to write strong applications and master interviews, with the goal of securing a highly competitive apprenticeship. We really do have amazing success!



Riza Patel

### EXCELLING AT THE EDUCATE NORTH AWARDS 2025

Everyone at The Sixth Form Bolton was delighted to hear that their Women into Leadership Programme had won the Student Experience Award – HE/FE Sector category at the prestigious Educate North Awards.

The Education North Awards highlight world class achievements across the University, HE, FE and Sixth Form sectors in the North of England. The event was held at the iconic Hilton Manchester Deansgate on Thursday 3 April.

The Women into Leadership Programme is dedicated to breaking down barriers and empowering the next generation of female leaders with the tools, knowledge, and confidence to succeed in their chosen paths.

As well as winning the Student Experience Award, The Sixth Form Bolton were also finalists in two other categories at the awards: the Digital Teaching & Learning team in the Digital Education and Development Award and our Aspiring to STEM initiative in the Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics (STEM) Initiative Award.



Staff from The Sixth Form Bolton celebrating



Annabel Jackson, Student Leadership Co-ordinator





## INSPIRING STUDENT LEADERSHIP PROGRAMMES

The past few months have been truly exceptional for the Student Leadership Programme. We've had the privilege of welcoming a host of inspiring guest speakers who've shared their expertise and experiences with our students.

### Highlights have included:

- Vasiliki Delimpasi, Senior Software Developer at Booking.com, who delivered an empowering session on Women in Tech
- Danny Wilson, Managing Director of Operations at Manchester City FC, who gave insight into leadership at the highest level of sport
- A Public Speaking Masterclass with Irfan Kawari
- A Leadership Development Workshop led by Nigel Rothband
- An Effective Communication Workshop with communication expert Victoria Sykes
- And an inspiring session from Tom Watt actor, writer, and broadcaster

We're also thrilled to share that our Women into Leadership Programme has won the Student Experience Award – HE/FE Sector category at the prestigious Educate North Awards.

To continue the celebration, we recently held our annual inspirational Women into Leadership Luncheon. We've also just returned from a fantastic trip to Liverpool and to the Anderton Centre for a Leadership Activity day.

Finally, we want to say a huge congratulations and thank you to all the students who've taken part in this year's Student Leadership Programmes. Your energy, enthusiasm, and engagement have made every session something truly special.

### Annabel & Nick Student Leadership Coordinators











SPRING EDITION 2025

### PERFORMING ARTS GO ON TOUR

First-year Diploma in Performing Arts students have been working in close partnership with The Harmony Youth Project and Mothers Against Violence UK to create a powerful performance highlighting the issue of knife crime within the local community.

Following a successful tour to schools across Bolton, where valuable feedback was gathered, the production is now entering its next phase of development. This summer, the enhanced performance will be filmed, with the final footage set to serve as a vital educational resource. Both organisations will use the material in schools to support their ongoing efforts to raise awareness about the serious risks and consequences of carrying knives. Well done to our amazing performing arts students!



Performing Arts Go On Tour

# **B6 CAREERS DAY**

Last term we hosted our annual B6 Careers Day. A wide range of universities, training providers and employers attended the inspirational event, giving all of our first-year students the opportunity to attend degree taster sessions, employer talks and talks on UCAS and student finance. They also had the chance to visit our Careers Marketplace with over 60 universities and companies



# AWARD WINNING CAREERS TEAM

The Sixth Form Bolton has yet again been accredited to the Matrix Standard, demonstrating the high-quality careers advice and guidance they provide to our students.

The Matrix Standard is the international quality standard for organisations that deliver information, advice and/or guidance (IAG), either as their sole purpose or as part of their service offering.

#### Roger Chapman, Head of the Matrix Service for The Growth Company said:

"This is a fantastic achievement for The Sixth Form Bolton, and I would like to congratulate the team on their success. We believe that at the heart of high-quality advice and support services are strong leadership, excellent service and a focus on continuous improvement, all underpinned by effective use of the resources available. The Matrix Standard is designed to benchmark organisations against best practice in these areas. With their accreditation success, The Sixth Form Bolton is working to provide the best possible support to their clients."

#### Congratulations to our fabulous Careers Team!



Award Winning Careers Team

# SPORTING SUCCESS AT B6

A first-year student from The Sixth Form Bolton has recently returned from Sweden where she represented England in the under 18s shot put.

Alani Dumbuya, a former Westhoughton High School student has taken part in athletics since she was eight and joined Leigh Harriers Athletics Club when she was 11. She studies A level Biology, Physical Education and Psychology and Level 3 Core Maths at The Sixth Form.

She took part in the event as part of her preparation to compete for Great Britain on an international scale. She excelled at the event with a 16.64 metre throw in the 3kg shot put competition adding over a metre to her PB and taking her to 10th in the European rankings for U18 shot.

#### Alani said:

"I was really happy with my result. I came to The Sixth Form because of their excellent Sports Performance Pathway. The pathway allows me to fit my studies in around my training and gives me extra support as we have access to a sports performance coach and exclusive use of a new fitness suite. All of the staff are really supportive at The Sixth Form."

Congratulations Alani, we can't wait to see what you do next!



### INSPIRATIONAL GUEST SPEAKERS AND WORKSHOPS

The revolving door of outstanding guest speakers and visiting employers are endless at The Sixth Form! Throughout this term our students have benefited from inspirational encounters with a host of visitors, including BBC Sports Journalist and Editor Colin Paterson, Actor, Writer and Broadcaster, Tom Watt, the Army, Navy, university guest lecturers, and countless industry professionals. Students were also delighted to take part in a range of exciting career focused workshops.



BBC Sports Journalist and Editor Colin Paterson





Greater Manchester Police



Life at B6 is full of exciting opportunities - both in and out of the classroom.

Whether you're building new skills on campus or heading out on inspiring trips and visits, there's always something to get involved in. These experiences are all about helping students discover new interests, aim higher, and explore the world beyond their everyday routine.









Future Works



Medical School at Royal Bolton Hospita





Edge Hill University



Once again, we had an amazing term packed full of B6 Rich events. Check them out below and don't forget to follow us on Instagram.

### **B6 POETRY SLAM:**

Following the success of our Open Mic Poetry Nights, B6 hosted the first ever B6 Poetry Slam. It was absolutely brilliant. Once again, our students showcased amazing talent for spoken word and produced some incredible, heartfelt poems. Congratulations to our Slam Winner Tianna and a special thanks to our guest judges, Shakquille Millington, Noor Iman, Andrew Howard and Romina Ramos.





#### **RED NOSE DAY:**

B6 raised over £200 for Red Nose Day. There was a Cosplay parade around town and the release of The Big B6 Joke Book Vol. 3. Fancy a giggle, check it out.

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#### Read the Big B6 Joke Book Vol. 3 here

#### WORLD BOOK DAY:

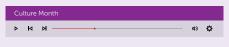
B6 celebrated world book day in style with the return of the Big B6 Book Swap and staff recommending their favourite reads on Instagram. Check them out @b6richevents.

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### CULTURE MONTH:

February was Culture Month at B6. There were amazing activities, delicious cultural food and hundreds of incredible outfits. The month was rounded off with a special Open Mic Poetry event that you can hear on Spotify and the release of the first ever B6 Culture Digital Magazine. This year's B6 Culture languages video also shows off

the brilliant diversity of B6.





Open on Spotify here

### Read the B6 Culture Magazine here

As the academic year is drawing to a close, we wish all of our students the very best in the remainder of their examinations and final assessments. We will also be wishing a very sad but fond farewell to our second-year students. I do hope you have enjoyed this snapshot of life at The Sixth Form Bolton. For more good news stories please follow us on our social media channels.

Stuart Merrills Principal

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