

B6 CELEBRATION BROCHURE





Introduction

Happy new year and welcome to our biannual newsletter celebrating all things B6.

This newsletter celebrates our student success and highlights just a few of the many career enhancing activities our students have engaged with this last term. I hope you enjoy this whistle-stop tour of what makes The Sixth Form Bolton a wonderful place to learn.

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THE SIXTH FORM BOLTON CELEBRATE GOOD OFSTED REPORT

Staff and students at The Sixth Form Bolton are delighted to once again be recognised as a Good college following a recent Ofsted inspection.

The Ofsted report commended the many positive practices that are taking place across all aspects of The Sixth Form. Amongst the many highlights from the report, standout comments state that:

- *"Leaders create a safe, secure environment" where "students feel safe and well supported."*
- *"Students are positive about their learning" and "they are ambitious and have clear aspirations for their future."*
- *"Students develop their confidence and resilience to help them achieve and progress in their studies."*
- *"Most students progress to university" and "many are proud they are the first in their families to access higher education."*

Inspectors praised the quality of teaching, stating that "teachers are well qualified" and "students benefit from effective teaching strategies."

Focusing on employability, Inspectors recognised that "students have access to meaningful work-related opportunities" and "receive effective, impartial careers advice and guidance."

Overall, the report confirms the good quality of teaching and learning and that "students enjoy their courses, achieve well" and "their results are above the national average."

[Read our Ofsted Highlights brochure here.](#)



SUCCESS AT SHE INSPIRES AWARDS

The Sixth Form Bolton were extremely proud to sponsor the She Inspires Awards 2023 and on Thursday 23 November, a group of the students, alumni, governors and staff were delighted to attend the awards night at Bolton Whites Hotel hosted by BBC North West Presenter, Annabel Tiffin. Founded by Gulnaz Brennan, the awards aim to highlight and celebrate inspiring women trailblazers in Bolton and further afield.

We were thrilled to be shortlisted under a number of categories. Amongst the many worthy winners on the evening, B6 celebrated:

- First-year Sport Science student, Grace Robinson was delighted to win the Young Achiever award.
- Sixth Form Alumni member, Sannah Adam scooped the Rising Star Award.
- The Sixth Form Careers Team were crowned Education Team of the Year.
- Deputy Principal, Sandra McManus won the Person With a Mission Award. Sandra has worked in 16-19 education for the last 34 years and she has developed the Sixth Form's flagship Women into Leadership programme.

Congratulations to all the finalists and winners!



B6 LAUNCHES INSPIRING STUDENT LEADERSHIP PROGRAMMES

This term, we relaunched our inspirational Women into Leadership Programme and welcomed students onto our brand new Prosper Programme. Both leadership programmes seek to remove as many barriers as we can for our female and male students in order that they are able to follow their chosen paths in life and careers. The programmes will offer our students many opportunities including workshops on Self-Leadership, Personal Finance and Delivering Presentations as well as talks by a wide range of inspirational guest speakers.



Hywel Roberts, Guest Speaker, at Prosper Launch



Women into Leadership Launch



Prosper Launch Activity



Women into Leadership Launch

STUDENTS ENJOY B6 ENRICH DAY

Earlier this term, The Sixth Form's students enjoyed a full day off timetable to take part in a huge variety of Enrichment activities. Enrichment teaches new skills and builds on existing subject knowledge to make sure students stand out from the crowd when applying for university or employment. It is also a great way to make new friends and have fun! The wide range of exciting opportunities on the day included a variety of external trips and visits, as well as on-campus activity promoting positive fitness, mental health and wellbeing.



Art Enrichment



CPR Enrichment



Crime Scene Investigation



Drama Enrichment



Trip to Liverpool



Peoples History Museum



Rivington Pike Walk

ART UNVEILED AT THE TRAFFORD CENTRE

Talented Art students from The Sixth Form Bolton have witnessed their work in the spotlight during a public art reveal at Trafford Palazzo, in TraffordCity. Working in partnership with Peel, owners of TraffordCity, 10 first-year Art students completed a 3x3 square metre piece of artwork over a six-week period.

The mixed-media art mural which celebrates the heritage and history of TraffordCity can now be admired by visitors to Trafford Palazzo, located on the ground floor by the Metrolink.

Completed in June 2023, the contemporary piece is embellished with hand-drawn and hand-made elements, digital art, textiles and painting, designed to reflect Trafford Park's diverse heritage, also highlighting the role it continues to play in our city today.



Art unveiling with B6 staff and students



Artwork: Trafford Park - Past, Present and Future



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B6 STUDENTS EXCELLING IN SPORTS

A number of students at The Sixth Form have been celebrating success in their chosen sports. The Sixth Form have recently launched a bespoke Sports Performance Pathway, a training and development programme for young athletes who compete at a high level in any sport. The programme supports students to achieve their academic studies whilst still progressing in their professional sport.

Oliver Crooks, Grace Taylor, a former Sharples High School student and Grace Robinson a former Westholme School student all swim for Bolton Metro Swim Squad. Recently Oliver, Grace Robinson and Grace Taylor all travelled with Bolton Metro to compete in an international meet in Saint Dizier in France.

Oliver, a former Ladybridge High School student is the northwest regional champion in his age bracket for 200m butterfly. Ted Lee, a former St James's High School student, is a White belt in Jiu-Jitsu and recently won two gold medals at the Empire Grappling: Greater Manchester Open.

Congratulations and good luck to our hardworking athletes in the future competitions!



Grace Taylor and Oliver Crooks, Swimming Champions



Ted Lee, Jiu Jitsu Champion

ASPIRATIONAL FUTURES ACADEMY LAUNCHES

Our Futures Academy, now in its seventh year, offers a specialised one-year programme of study for able and ambitious students who want to go far in health-related industries by giving them a 'competitive' edge.

Twenty students were selected following a rigorous selection process which included a letter of application and an interview with our Health and Social Care department.

Our first session, delivered by NHS staff from Bolton Royal, featured a talk from two Children's Nurses and included a masterclass on fracture repair. An excellent introduction to the course which was received warmly by all in attendance.

Our long-standing partnership with the Beaumont Hospital continues to flourish and grow. In November the first pairing of students were sent working alongside Doctors, Surgeons and Nursing staff. During the week's placement, students were exposed to Pharmacy, MRI, and observation of surgeries including Arthroscopic surgery (knee) and Perineoplasty (Gynecologic).

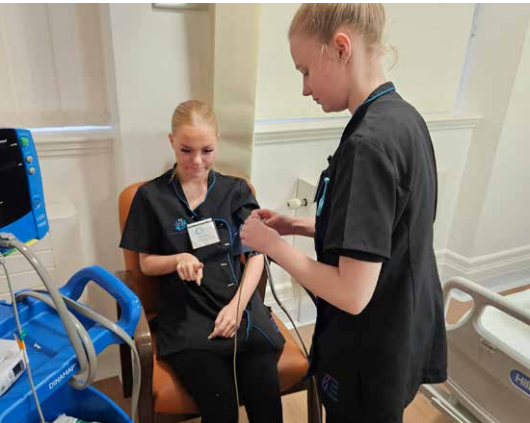
We are very proud of our students and look forward to seeing their progress over the year and beyond.



Futures Academy Launch



NHS staff from Bolton Royal Hospital



Hospital Placement

FANTASTIC WIDENING PARTICIPATION

Each year, the B6 Careers Team promote a wide range of Widening Participation schemes delivered by employers and universities, which are designed to help under-represented groups into competitive degree courses and careers.

At The Sixth Form, over 70% of our students are the first generation to go to university and similarly we have high numbers in receipt of college bursaries and free school meals. These are the kind of criteria that the organisations offering these programmes are looking for in the students who take part and these students will gain immense benefits from signing up to these schemes.

This term, many of the organisations offering Widening Participation schemes have visited us at B6 to give the students more information about their programmes.



Lancaster Access Programme



Manchester Access Programme



Social Mobility Foundation - Aspiring Professionals Programme

STUDENTS EXCEL IN COMPETITIONS

Each year, our very talented students engage in a range of regional and national competitions. This term saw our Maths students sit the UKMT Senior Maths Challenge and achieved Bronze, Silver and Gold certificates. Five students have now progressed through the subsequent rounds, meaning they scored in the top 5% of students nationally and will compete in the international rounds!

The Sixth Form Debating Society recently celebrated success in the prestigious English Speaking Union's Schools' 11-18 Mace following an external heat (debate) on Zoom against Bury Grammar School. Aimun Tala, Radiance Adegboyegal and Ushnah Durrani presented for the proposition arguing that Esports/games are not real sports. The hard work of the students paid off as they are now through to the next round in the New Year.

Our Law Society students participated in the Bar Mock Trial in association with Young Citizens, an all day event at Minshull St Crown Court. Students competed in three trials against other schools and finished a respectable third place.



Debating Society



Law Mock Trial



UKMT Senior Maths Challenge

INSPIRATIONAL GUEST SPEAKERS

The revolving door of outstanding guest speakers and visiting employers are endless at The Sixth Form! Throughout the term our students have benefited from inspirational encounters with a host of companies, including Greater Manchester Police, The Royal Marines, university guest lecturers, and industry professionals. We were also delighted to welcome back former B6 student Tom Withington who shared his valuable journey into Tattoo Artistry with our aspiring artists. Thanks Tattoo Tom!



Cyber Crime Officer Talk



B6 Alumni Tom Withington



Lisa Kelly English Guest Lecturer



Lindsay Banks, University of Bolton



Water Bear, The School of Music



Elsie Linley, University of Cambridge

DRAMA STUDENTS PREPARE FOR LEGALLY BLONDE

Shows on 26th and 27th March at Sharples School

Our Performing Arts Academy Production of Legally Blonde can be seen at Sharples School on the 26th and 27th March 2024 - tickets on sale from January at The Sixth Form. More info to follow on our website. Current Performing Arts student, Maria Ehiamen, has been working her magic helping with the choreography.



TRIPS AND VISITS

Life at B6 includes many opportunities to enhance skills both on and off campus. Students recently benefited from a wide range of exciting trips and visits, all designed to broaden horizons, raise aspirations and strengthen that breadth of knowledge.



Go Ape



Police Museum



Football Festival



RHS Bridgewater Field Trip



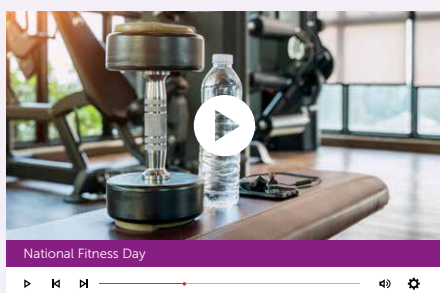
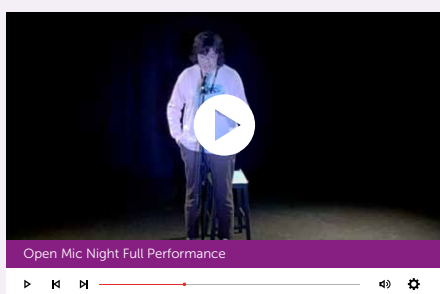
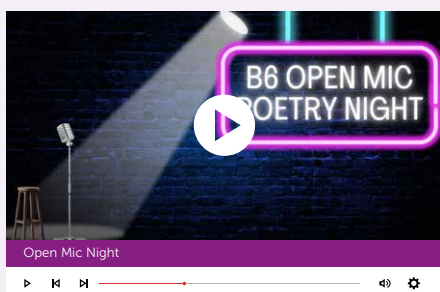
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VIDEO SELECTION

Please enjoy a selection of videos from our busy first term.



[Spotify link to poetry nights](#)

As our students settle back into college life after the Winter break, we look forward to another hardworking and action-packed term ahead. I do hope you have enjoyed this snapshot of life at The Sixth Form Bolton. For more good news stories please follow us on social.

Stuart Merrills
Principal

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