

# B6 CELEBRATION BROCHURE





## Introduction

Welcome to our biannual newsletter celebrating all things B6. Here at The Sixth Form we believe in developing the whole person, this includes harnessing a wide range of personal and professional skills both in and outside of the classroom. 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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# EXCEPTIONAL CAREERS GUIDANCE

A huge congratulations to our dedicated Careers Team who recently achieved the respected Quality in Careers Standard, the single national quality award for careers education, information, advice and guidance (CEIAG). The Sixth Form is proud to have been assessed for fully meeting all the accreditation criteria incorporating the intricate Gatsby Benchmarks.



# STUDENTS QUALIFY AS MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AIDERS

We are so very proud of the 25 students who have recently qualified as Mental Health First Aiders (MHFAider®). Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) is a voluntary training course which teaches people how to identify, understand and help someone who may be experiencing a mental health issue. This follows The Sixth Form's recent achievement of Gold status by the Carnegie Centre of Excellence for Mental Health - Further Education Mental Health Award.

Sarah Ball, our Assistant Principal, is a qualified MHFA Adult trainer so offers this course to all of our students and staff each academic year. MHFA doesn't teach us to be a therapist, but it teaches us to listen, reassure and respond, even in a crisis – and even potentially stop a crisis from happening. The students learnt to recognise warning signs of mental ill health and develop the skills and confidence to approach and support someone whilst keeping themselves safe.



# CELEBRATING OXBRIDGE SUCCESS

Students from The Sixth Form Bolton have received offers to study at some of the top universities in the country including the universities of Oxford, Cambridge, and several Russell Group institutions.

Amongst those celebrating exceptional success is A Level student Grace Higginson who has received a coveted offer from the University of Oxford. The former Turton High School pupil competed against students from across the UK to secure an offer to study Law at the prestigious St Anne's College.

Another student celebrating an impressive offer is former St. Mary's Catholic High School pupil Philippa Lloyd. Pippa is currently excelling in A Level Mathematics, Further Mathematics and Economics at The Sixth Form. Pippa was delighted to receive an offer from the University of Cambridge to study Economics at St Catharine's College. We wish Grace and Pippa the very best of luck in their future endeavours!



Grace Higginson



Philippa Lloyd

# SIX NATIONS RUGBY SUCCESS

Rugby Academy student Jack Lightbown was recently selected to represent England in the Under 18s Six Nations squad. The A Level PE student travelled to Dublin for two weeks as part of a 26-man squad and made an appearance in every game, making his debut appearance against France.

Jack said, "I had an amazing experience in Dublin, being part of an international squad was a great feeling. Being one of the youngest on the squad I learnt a lot from both my experienced teammates and my coaches. The highlight of the tournament for me was beating Ireland 56-14."

**Congratulations Jack on a fabulous achievement!**



# OUTSTANDING GCSE RESULTS

We are delighted to celebrate the success of students who have achieved exceptional GCSE English and Maths results. Students have shown incredible resilience, studying GCSEs alongside their main study programmes, securing life-changing qualifications to support their future career progression.

This year's November resit results of 52% pass rate in English and 43% pass rate in Maths is a tremendous achievement and one that is significantly above the national benchmark for colleges and Sixth Forms in the country. GCSE resits are available for those students who had previously not yet achieved a grade 4 or above.



Vocational Science student Nana Baidoo achieved a fantastic Grade 7 in English



Science student Adaeze Onaga celebrated an outstanding Grade 8 in English



# CAREERS DAY 2023

Last term we hosted our annual 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 representatives from over 50 universities and companies.



# INSIGHTFUL EMPLOYER ENGAGEMENT

At The Sixth Form we are proud of the many opportunities we afford our students with regular and meaningful engagement with employers. This term saw a number of insightful encounters with a range of employers, including Hewlett Packard, AECOM, Fujitsu, and Microsoft to name just a few! We were also delighted to host on campus our first ever Women in Digital Technologies Day and an Apprenticeship Academy Mock Assessment event.



Work placements with AECOM



Apprenticeship Academy Mock Assessment



Hewlett Packard Workplace Safari



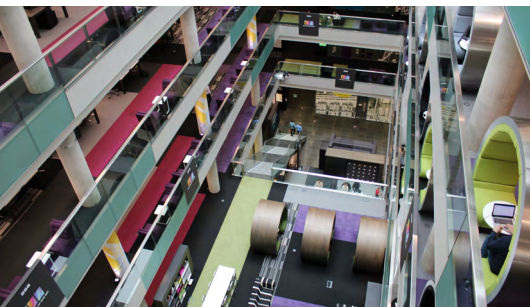
Women in Digital Technologies Day

# BBC WORK EXPERIENCE

In April, students were invited for a work experience opportunity at the BBC. The students were working on projects with their research and development team which explored the range of technology related roles at the BBC and in Broadcast and creative media careers. The students had to pitch their original ideas which had to consider current technology like artificial intelligence and virtual world environments and develop platforms of the future to access services. They also met with the technologists at the BBC Blueroom for a behind the scenes look at current innovations that the BBC are exploring.

*"It is always a pleasure having students from The Sixth Form Bolton join us, and the group this time typified what I have come to expect from B6 students. They were brilliant, so polite, confident and so enthusiastic, especially within areas that were relatively new to them."*

**Marvin McKenzie, Volunteer Manager, BBC.**



# INSPIRATIONAL GUEST SPEAKERS

The revolving door of outstanding guest speakers and visiting employers are endless at The Sixth Form! Throughout the year our students have benefited from inspirational encounters with a host of companies, including the Ambulance Service, The Royal Marines, university guest lecturers, industry professionals and even a live post mortem! We were also delighted to welcome back former B6 student Dr Tom Proctor, who shared his valuable journey into medicine with our aspiring medics. Thanks Tom!



Lancaster University Physics Seminar



Fire Service Demo



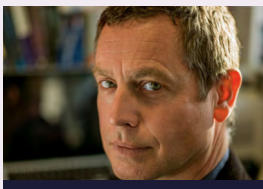
Post Mortem Live



Dr Tom Proctor, B6 Alumni



Royal Marines Talk



Q&amp;A with Dr Chris Doves, Writer



Dr Rebecca Monks, Psychology talk

# WOMEN INTO LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME

Our unique Women into Leadership Programme continues to grow from strength to strength. Throughout the winter and spring term we have continued to offer high quality encounters with employers and representatives from social enterprise and the public sector. The insightful, inspiring and informative talks and workshops have enabled everyone to take some tips and guidance away and use this to shape their own futures.

Some of our group secured relevant and meaningful work experience via the group who came to support our Women into Leadership Luncheon in December. The luncheon was a fantastic networking event enjoyed by all.

As the summer term comes to a close, we will be inviting our learners to a final series of workshops and inspirational talks and our close of year Educational and Social Visit to Liverpool University and the Waterfront Museums.

Best wishes to all our fantastic Women into Leadership group who leave us to progress on to their next steps this summer. Just remember, you are all natural and well-equipped leaders. Go and seek out your own fabulous career.

**Sandra McManus**

Deputy Principal



Women into Leadership Employer Visit



Women into Leadership Luncheon

# TRIPS, VISITS AND EXHIBITIONS

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.



Criminology visit to Shrewsbury Prison



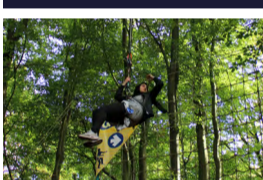
Media workshops with the BBC



UCLan forensic science masterclass



CPLD students at Edge Hill University



Honours trip to Go Ape



Insight Day with Microsoft



Jodrell Bank

A huge congratulations to our Art students who had their work exhibited as part of the Bolton Museum Open Art Exhibition. Also, a big shout out to our talented Performing Arts students who recently performed a new play called Strangers Like Me, at The Home Theatre in Manchester as part of the National Theatre Connections Festival.



Bolton Museum Open Art Exhibition



Strangers Like Me performance

# NATIONAL MOCK TRIAL

Law Society students are celebrating exceptional achievement in the regional heat of the prestigious Bar National Mock Trial Competition. Placing a respectable second place, The Sixth Form Law Society team competed as lawyers, witnesses and court staff against eleven other colleges and schools in the North West. The budding lawyers presented cases on a range of real-life scenarios across four intense rounds, all presided over by a working Judge. A huge well done to all that competed!



# B6 RICH

Our B6 Rich and curriculum teams have had an extremely busy term, from celebrating diversity, to working with our students to raise money for charity, and highlighting important issues that affect our society. There is always something to be proud of at B6!



Culture Day



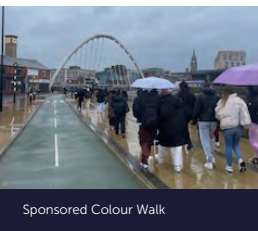
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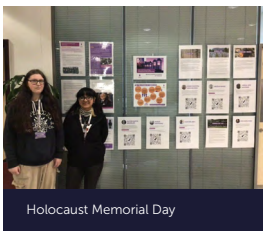
Proud Trust



Business Charity Fundraising



Sponsored Colour Walk

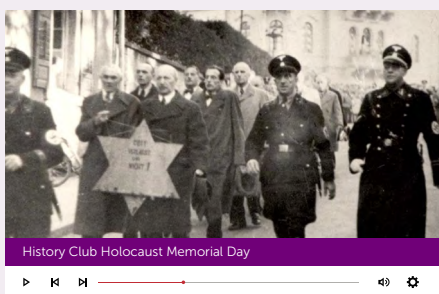
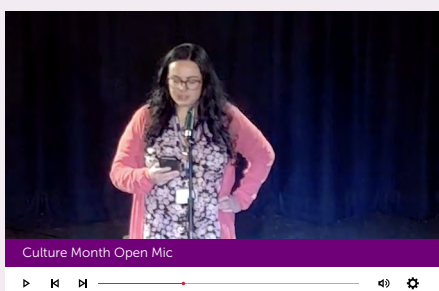
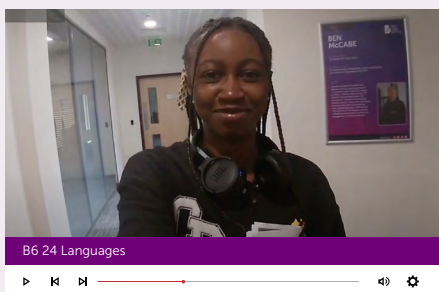


Holocaust Memorial Day



# VIDEO SELECTION

Please enjoy a selection of videos celebrating the diverse and inclusive culture that embodies The Sixth Form Bolton family.



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 at their Lost Prom!

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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