

# B6 CELEBRATION BROCHURE





## Introduction

As we move into the spring term, we are pleased to share the latest edition of our newsletter, celebrating life at B6.

In this issue, we highlight a range of student achievements and offer a glimpse into some of the opportunities and experiences that have shaped the past few months.

We hope you enjoy this snapshot of what makes The Sixth Form Bolton a supportive, ambitious and engaging place to learn.

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# FUTURE MEDICS SHINE WITH OFFERS

Students applying for Medicine and related courses are celebrating a growing number of university offers. With national competition rising, it is wonderful to see so many learners securing places, with more offers arriving each week.

Jomi Ogunrewo, formerly of Bolton St Catherine's Academy, has received an offer to study Medicine at Lancaster University. Melanie Kneale Baird, who joined from Unsworth Academy, has offers from the University of Aberdeen and the University of Leeds. Dana Albu Fahad, previously at GEMS Cambridge International School, Sharjah (UAE), has secured an offer from the University of Central Lancashire.

We also congratulate Anya Patel, formerly of Sharples School, who studies A Level Biology, Chemistry and Psychology alongside the Honours Programme with EPQ and Core Maths. She has received an offer to study Veterinary Medicine and Surgery at the University of Nottingham, reflecting her commitment to animal science.

These successes highlight students' determination and the support of teachers, Progress Coaches and the Careers team. We look forward to celebrating further offers throughout the term.



Jomi Ogunrewo



Dana Albu Fahad



Melanie Kneale Baird



Anya Patel

# SUCCESS AT OXBRIDGE

Second year students at The Sixth Form Bolton are celebrating exceptional university offers, including offers from Oxford and Cambridge. With these highly competitive courses attracting global applicants, the achievements are particularly impressive.

Hamdan Nasir, formerly of Harper Green School, has received an offer from Homerton College, University of Cambridge, to study Natural Sciences. He studies A Level Mathematics, Further Mathematics and Physics alongside the Honours Programme and EPQ, where he explored the Dark Forest Theory.

Ailsa Fox, who joined from Darwen Aldridge Community Academy, has secured an offer from Wadham College, University of Oxford, to study Biochemistry. She studies A Level Biology, Chemistry and Psychology, alongside the Honours Programme and an EPQ, achieving an A\* for her project on crime in the media.

These offers reflect both students' hard work and ambition, and the Sixth Form community is proud to see them take this next step.



Ailsa Fox



Hamdan Nasir

# STUDENT LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME

Term 2 has been a busy and inspiring period for our Student Leadership Programme, with students taking part in sessions led by guest speakers including Danny Wilson (Manchester City), Michael Shaw (Marks & Clerk) and Irfan Kawari, focusing on leadership, career pathways and public speaking.

In March, Mini Minds Matter delivered a session on self-belief and mindset, followed by Gulnaz Brennan, Founder of She Inspires, who spoke about resilience. April saw the return of the Women into Leadership Luncheon, where students networked with industry professionals. Congratulations to Charlotte Senior, who received the Outstanding Contribution award.

Students also demonstrated confidence by speaking to over 100 attendees at a parent event. The programme concluded with exciting visits to The Anderton Centre and the University of Chester.

Well done to all involved in our largest Student Leadership Programme to date.



Women into Leadership Luncheon



University of Chester trip



Danny Wilson (Manchester City)



Anderton Centre

# 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 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.



# PERFORMING ARTS IN THE SPOTLIGHT

It has been an exciting term for Drama and Performing Arts at B6, with students showcasing creativity, confidence and talent across a range of projects.

Year 1 Performing Arts students began with the annual School Tour, performing a powerful piece on dangerous internet trends and identity, receiving excellent feedback across Bolton. Year 1 A Level Drama students created an original performance inspired by *The Crucible*, exploring the impact of rumours, while BTEC Year 1 students presented imaginative end of year shows using physical theatre and verbatim techniques.

Year 2 students concluded their course with a final showcase celebrating their achievements. The term ended with a vibrant production of *The Wizard of Oz*, performed to sold out audiences over Easter. It has been a brilliant term, and we are incredibly proud of our students' hard work and creativity.



Wizard of Oz Cast



Performing Arts Go On Tour



Tin Man

# TUCANOS TAKE ON SHOWCASE

Our B6 band, the Tucanos, recently delivered a beautiful performance at the Victoria Halls in Bolton, appearing as the opening act for the Harmony Youth Project's premier annual Cultural Showcase Celebration. The event highlighted a diverse programme of performances across multiple artistic disciplines, bringing together young talent from across the borough.

Harmony Youth Project is a long-established Bolton-based charity dedicated to supporting young people through creative arts, mentoring and community initiatives, helping to build confidence, skills and opportunities while also supporting families in need. As part of the celebration, the newly appointed Mayor of Bolton, Councillor Mohammed Iqbal, attended and formally recognised participants' achievements by presenting certificates and awards, marking the occasion as a significant moment of civic pride and community recognition.

Well done to band members, Ash Campion, Gabriel Ferreira De Souza, Alice Kerfoot, Marshall McGuinness and Freya Warr.



# FUTURE HONOURS GRADUATION

Year 10 pupils from six local schools recently celebrated their graduation from The Sixth Form Bolton's Future Honours Programme with a special visit to Lancaster University.

The programme introduces high achieving pupils to critical thinking and academic enrichment through a series of after school masterclasses held throughout Year 10. Students take part in mixed school sessions, a Debate Night, an Employability workshop and two activities within a specialist strand such as Future Engineers, Marvellous Medics, Expressive Arts or Future World Leaders.

The year concluded with a campus visit to Lancaster University, where pupils enjoyed a guided tour, a study skills workshop led by student ambassadors and a graduation ceremony recognising their commitment and achievements.



Lancaster University



Lancaster University

# B6 POETRY SLAM 2026

The Sixth Form Bolton was thrilled to host the return of the B6 Poetry Slam, celebrating an impressive range of spoken word talent from across the college. The event opened with an energetic Open Mic Forum before students took on the main challenge: writing and performing an original poem in just 24 hours.

We were delighted to welcome back alumni poets Blaise, Isaac, Amber and Tianna as guest judges, who also performed for the audience.

This year's winners were:

**1st Place: Luiz Ferreira**

(Bolton St Catherine's Academy)

**2nd Place: Niamh Seymour**

(Fred Longworth High School)

**3rd Place: Aimee Gaskell**

(Mount St Joseph RC High School)

Congratulations to all who took part. The creativity and confidence on display made this one of our most memorable Slams yet.



# T LEVEL STARS OF EDUCATION AND EARLY YEARS

This term marks a proud milestone for our very first cohort of T Level Education and Early Years students, all of whom have successfully secured employment as they complete their course. Their dedication on placement and in the classroom has set a fantastic standard for future groups.

A special congratulations goes to Mariam Yousaf, who has been nominated by her teachers for T Level Student of the Year. Mariam has shown outstanding commitment throughout her studies and placement, consistently going above and beyond in her role. She is now working as an Early Years Practitioner to support her ambition of progressing into nursing next year.

We are incredibly proud of everything this pioneering group has achieved and look forward to seeing their continued success as they move into the next stage of their careers.



T Level Education & Early Years

# ACTIVE TRAVEL DAY INITIATIVE

Sport and PE students at The Sixth Form Bolton partnered with Bolton Council and Transport for Greater Manchester to deliver an Active Travel Day, encouraging more sustainable travel.

As part of a Live Brief project, students planned and ran the event, gaining experience in delivering a real initiative. Held in the Sixth Form Hall, it attracted strong interest from across campus.

Activities included a one minute cycle challenge, step challenge and town centre scavenger hunt, with prizes for participants. Bolton Council representatives also promoted road safety and the benefits of active travel.

The event encouraged students to reflect on everyday journeys, highlighting how many can be completed on foot. Staff praised the students for creating an engaging and impactful experience, supporting healthy lifestyles, sustainability and community partnership.



Active Travel Day



Active Travel Day

# INSPIRING GUEST SPEAKERS AT B6

This term our students have had the chance to hear from a fantastic range of guest speakers, including industry professionals, community leaders and returning alumni. Highlights have included sessions with Warburtons, DESNZ, former Deputy Principal Sandra McManus, Magistrates in the Community, Skill Supply, Gulnaz Brennan from SheInspires and researchers working in STEM and dementia studies. We were also delighted to welcome back several former students who shared their journeys beyond B6. Their insights, advice and enthusiasm have made this a truly inspiring term for our learners.



Warburtons



Dementia - Dr Williams



Former Students - Pippa &amp; Anisha



Nisa Ahmad - DESNZ



Sandra McManus

# EDUCATIONAL TRIPS AND VISITS

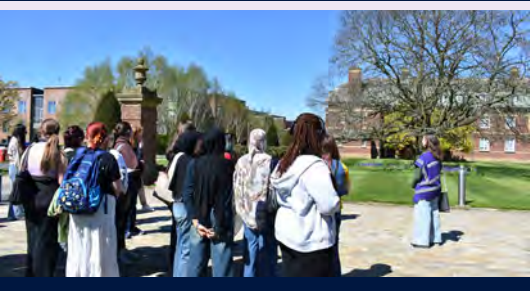
It has been an exciting term for enrichment at B6, with students taking part in a wide variety of trips designed to broaden their horizons and connect learning to the real world. Highlights have included conservation work at Chester Zoo, university visits to Cumbria, Edge Hill and the University of Greater Manchester, and two Workplace Safaris to DiSH and AECOM. Students also represented B6 at the Next Gen Entrepreneurs Competition at Lancaster University and took part in a Health Insights visit at the University of Cumbria. These experiences have given learners valuable insight into future careers, university life and the skills needed beyond the classroom.



DiSH Workplace Safari



Next Gen Challenge at Lancaster



University Trips



University of Cumbria



AECOM Workplace Safari



Teacher Day at Edge Hill

# B6 RICH

**It has been a busy and exciting term for our Learner Voice community.**

January marked the launch of B6 Learner Voice Online, our new website created to showcase the brilliant work of our student representatives and give learners a clear platform to share their ideas with senior leaders, governors and the wider community. You can take a look at the site here: <https://b6learnervoice.my.canva.site/>

February was Culture Month, a celebration of the diversity that makes B6 such a vibrant place to study. Staff and students shared their culture through traditional dress, food and music, and we hosted a culture themed Open Mic Poetry Night. You can listen back on Spotify, and the 2026 edition of B6 Culture is now available to read online.

World Book Day brought the return of the Big B6 Book Swap and our much loved Cosplay Competition, with staff and students bringing their favourite characters to life. This year's trophy went home with an Ewok.

Across the term, students have continued to build their wider skills and earn B6 Coin. Our latest "B6 Richest Students" have been announced, celebrating those who have gone above and beyond in their engagement.

We also welcomed back the B6 Poetry Slam, showcasing an incredible range of spoken word talent from both students and staff. Congratulations to our winner, Luiz, and runners up Niamh and Aimee. It was a pleasure to have alumni poets Blaise, Isaac, Amber and Tianna return as guest judges. The event will soon be available to listen to on The B6 Rich Podcast.

It has been a fantastic term for student voice, creativity and community spirit, and we are excited to see what our learners achieve next.



World Book Day



Culture Day



Poetry Slam

## Looking ahead

As we come to the end of another busy and inspiring term, we want to say a heartfelt goodbye and good luck to our second year students. You have contributed so much to the life of B6, and we are incredibly proud of everything you have achieved. We cannot wait to see where your next steps take you.

At the same time, we are already looking forward to welcoming our new students in September. A fresh year brings new ideas, new faces and new opportunities, and we are excited to see our next cohort join the B6 community.

Wishing everyone a wonderful summer and a bright start to the year ahead.

**Stuart Merrills**

Principal

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