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PRINCIPAL'S WELCOME

We are the only specialist Sixth Form in the town and the largest provider of A Level studies in the borough. Our teachers concentrate on programmes that are for students aged 16-19. Our state-of-the art town centre campus provides students with the very best facilities to support their chosen programme of study. The Sixth Form has a culture of high aspirations and expectations; we are very proud of our students and their exceptional levels of achievement and progression.

As a student at The Sixth Form, we put you at the heart of everything we do. Our staff are committed to ensuring that you achieve your potential! In becoming a Sixth Form student, you will be joining one of the highest performing colleges in the top 10% of the country.

We will support and guide you to achieve the best qualifications and all-round experiences to ensure that you are well prepared to move on to university or employment. You will benefit from high quality teaching and outstanding student support. We also offer an extensive enrichment programme that will enable you to widen your sixth form experience through a broad range of activities.

We believe that the sixth form experience is about developing the whole person not just academic skills.

Due to our continued high levels of student success, demand for a place at The Sixth Form has continued to increase over the years and I would urge interested students to apply as soon as the application process opens.

I very much look forward to welcoming you to our Sixth Form and seeing you at one of our open events. Visit the various departments, talk to staff and students and discover for yourself the opportunities that await you at The Sixth Form Bolton.



Stuart Merrills - Principal



Scan here to watch our welcome video



"WE WILL SUPPORT AND GUIDE YOU TO ACHIEVE THE BEST QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCES YOU CAN"

Stuart Merrills
Principal





WHY CHOOSE B6?

- 1 Outstanding pass rate
- 2 Exceptional progression onto university, employment and apprenticeships
- 3 The only specialist Sixth Form College in Bolton
- 4 Diverse curriculum offering A Levels, Vocational and Mixed Programmes
- 5 Fantastic town centre location
- 6 Award winning careers advice and guidance
- 7 Personalised pastoral support
- 8 Career and life enhancing enrichment programme
- 9 Bespoke Professional Growth Programme for all learners
- 10 The Honours Programme for preparation onto the country's most prestigious universities

OUTSTANDING FACILITIES

As a student at The Sixth Form, you will have access to modern learning spaces and the latest equipment and technologies, ensuring you develop the skills needed to progress into your chosen career. All your learning is based in one centre which houses a range of outstanding facilities that are meticulously maintained and continuously updated.



View our outstanding facilities by taking our virtual tour



Roof-top restaurant



Study Areas



Bistro



Theatre



Science Labs



Recording Studio



Careers Hub



Fitness Suite



Music Studio



RESULTS

We are a centre of excellence for A Level and Vocational A Level courses.

The Sixth Form Bolton is pleased to celebrate another year of outstanding Advanced Level results, affirming our position as a nationally high achieving Sixth Form College. With students studying both academic and vocational qualifications performing above national benchmarks, leavers are now celebrating progressing onto top universities, or into apprenticeships and employment. This year's exceptional results reflect the sheer hard work, dedication and motivation of our students and the ongoing support from experienced teachers.



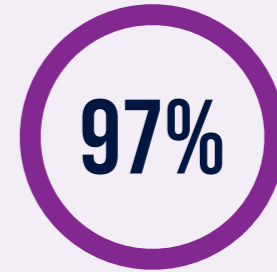
PASS RATE IN 76% OF SUBJECTS



PASS RATE FOR A LEVEL COURSES



BTEC EXTENDED DIPLOMA STUDENTS ACHIEVING HIGHER-GRADE PASSES



OF STUDENTS PROGRESS TO UNIVERSITY, APPRENTICESHIPS OR EMPLOYMENT

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR 2023 LEAVERS!

YOUR STUDY PROGRAMME

We are an inclusive Sixth Form and welcome applications from all students irrespective of secondary school location. To support you in choosing your study programme, impartial advice and guidance is offered during interview and enrolment to ensure you are on the right course for you.

All students follow full-time programmes, consisting of their chosen course(s), tutorial, skills development, work experience and an enrichment programme. There are also many opportunities to add to your programme through extra qualifications and activities.

A LEVELS OR VOCATIONAL ADVANCED LEVELS?

The main difference between these courses is that A Levels are assessed mainly through examinations, with coursework modules in some subjects. Vocational Advanced Level courses are mainly coursework based, with examinations or external assessments in most subjects.

Deciding whether to study an A Level or a Vocational A Level course can be confusing. To maximise options, we offer students the opportunity to mix Single Vocational A Levels with A Levels to create a broader combination of qualifications and skills. Universities welcome applications from students with both Vocational A Levels and A Level qualifications.

"UNIVERSITIES WELCOME APPLICATIONS FROM STUDENTS WITH BOTH VOCATIONAL A LEVELS AND A LEVEL QUALIFICATIONS"

A LEVELS	SINGLE VOCATIONAL ADVANCED LEVELS	TRIPLE VOCATIONAL ADVANCED LEVELS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three (or occasionally four) A Levels • Two-year course • Assessment is predominantly by examination • Honours Programme • GCSE Mathematics resit can be taken where appropriate, alongside a main programme of study 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equivalent to one A Level • Can be taken alongside other Single Vocational A Levels and A Levels • Combination of three single Vocational A Levels or A Level mixed programme • Two-year course • Assessment is mostly coursework with some exam / externally assessed units • GCSE Mathematics resit can be taken where appropriate, alongside a main programme of study 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equivalent to three A Levels • Choose one subject • Two-year course • Assessment is mostly coursework with some exam / externally assessed units • GCSE English and Mathematics resits can be taken where appropriate, alongside a main programme of study • Substantial industry placements for selected students

ALL STUDENTS WILL BENEFIT FROM:



TUTORIALS



PROFESSIONAL GROWTH PROGRAMME



ENRICHMENT



B6 ACADEMIES



WORK EXPERIENCE

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“WE ARE ONE OF VERY FEW SIXTH FORMS/COLLEGES IN THE REGION THAT CAN ALLOW YOU A MIXED PROGRAMME, COMBINING A LEVEL STUDY WITH VOCATIONAL SUBJECTS”

A LEVEL SUBJECTS

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• Art (Fine Art)	35
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• Business	38
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VOCATIONAL ADVANCED LEVEL SUBJECTS

SINGLE VOCATIONAL ADVANCED LEVEL SUBJECTS

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• Performing Arts	66
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• Sport Science	80

DOUBLE VOCATIONAL ADVANCED LEVEL SUBJECTS (Equivalent to 2 x A Levels)

• Music Technology	66
• Performing Arts	67

TRIPLE VOCATIONAL ADVANCED LEVEL SUBJECTS

• Art, Design, and Communication	34
• Business	39
• Health & Social Care	55
• Information Technology	58
• Public Services (Uniformed)	74
• Science (Applied)	77
• Sport Science	81

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• Education and Early Years	47
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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

LEVEL 3 ADVANCED COURSES

A LEVELS

Students studying three A Levels will be expected to have a minimum of two GCSEs at grade 6 and three GCSEs at grade 5/4 including English Language and Mathematics at grade 5/4 or above. Or eight GCSEs at a minimum of grade 5.

Students studying four A Levels will be expected to have a minimum of six GCSEs at grade 7, 8 or 9 including English Language and Mathematics at grade 6 or above.

SINGLE / DOUBLE VOCATIONAL ADVANCED LEVELS

These may be taken alongside A Level courses and are subject to the same entry criteria.

TRIPLE VOCATIONAL ADVANCED LEVELS

Students will be expected to have a minimum of five GCSEs at grade 9-4, or a Merit in a relevant Vocational Level 2 Diploma (or equivalent). In addition, students will need a grade 4 in GCSE English Language and a minimum grade 3 in Mathematics.



ADDITIONAL COURSE REQUIREMENTS

A number of subjects, pathways and academies have additional entry requirements. Please visit our website for the latest entry requirements for each subject.



Scan here to see our entry requirements



Scan here to explore courses



OFQUAL GCSE GRADING CHART

NEW GRADING STRUCTURE	PREVIOUS GRADING
9	A*
8	A
7	
6	B
5	C
4	
3	D
2	E
1	F
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APPLY TO STUDY AT B6

You can apply to study at The Sixth Form Bolton via the College website using the online application form. The application process is managed by the Admissions Team who will oversee the following key stages:

- the online application
- your interview
- your formal offer
- and your enrolment to college

When you apply, you will be asked to create an 'applicant portal' through which future communications and appointments will be managed. The email address and password you use for this will be very important, please do not use your school email.

HERE TO HELP

If you have any queries at all regarding your application, or if you require support to complete your application, please contact the Admissions Team on 01204 846215 or you can email admissions@bolton-sfc.ac.uk.



Scan here for more information on applying

APPLICATION TIMELINE

DON'T MISS THE DEADLINE

WEDNESDAY 31 JANUARY 2024

STEP 1:



Applications open:
Friday 6th October 2023,
12 noon

STEP 2:



Open Events:
Saturday 7 October 2023
10:30am - 1:30pm

Wednesday 22 November 2023
5:30pm - 7:30pm

Tuesday 23 January 2024
5:30pm - 7:30pm

STEP 3:



Application deadline:
Wednesday 31 January
2024, 12 noon

STEP 6:



Late Applications:
Late applications will be placed on a waiting list. Late applicants are not guaranteed an interview and applications will only be processed subject to availability of places.

STEP 5:



Offers:
Offers will be made at interview.

STEP 4:



Interviews:
Interviews are held from November - March.

STEP 7:



New Student Day:
Thursday 11 July 2024

STEP 8:



GCSE Results Day:
Thursday 22 August 2024

STEP 9:



Enrolment:
Enrolment is from Thursday 22 August 2024. It is essential that you attend your enrolment appointment in order to secure your place.

ENRICHMENT

College is much more than just your academic qualifications.

At The Sixth Form Bolton we believe in developing the whole person, as we want you to achieve your full potential in and out of the classroom. As a B6 student, you will have the opportunity to take part in our extensive enrichment programme, this includes a wide range of career and life enhancing activities, clubs and societies.



Activities vary each year and are tailored to student demand. To see our latest enrichment offer scan here.

Enrichment teaches you new skills and builds on your existing subject knowledge to make you stand out from the crowd when applying for university or employment. It is also a great way for you to make new friends and have fun.



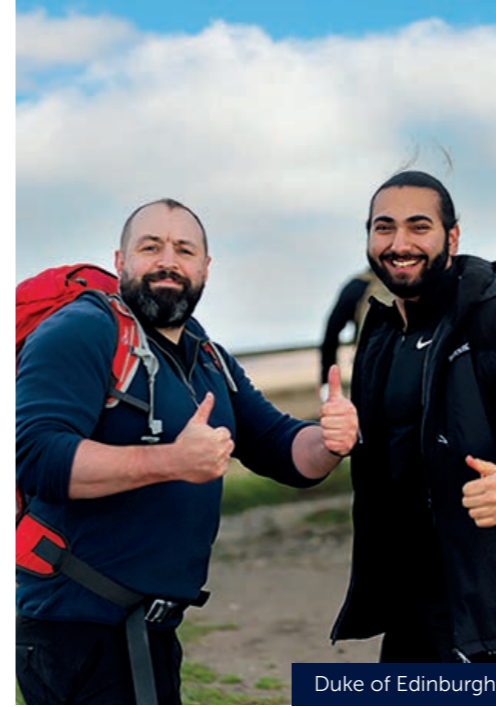
Music Performances



Performing Arts Academy



Sports Academies



Duke of Edinburgh



First Aid



Geography Field Trip



Psychology Club



Women into Leadership



Trips and Visits



Debating Society



Girls Football

CAREERS AND EMPLOYABILITY

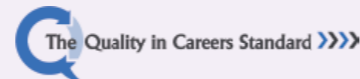
CAREERS PROGRAMME

An individualised programme of careers support is available to all students and includes:

- Impartial careers guidance appointments with a qualified Careers Adviser
- Guest speakers from higher education, helping students to explore degree courses, student life and the university application process
- Numerous careers talks from a range of employment sectors
- Support with the UCAS application process
- Advice on job seeking, including: CV writing, applying for degree apprenticeships and interview preparation
- Annual Careers Fair, giving students the opportunity to meet with multiple universities and employers and to find out more about their post sixth form options
- Bespoke events within the curriculum and across the wider college, linking subjects to career exploration and labour market information, including: work-related project briefs and visits to a variety of workplace and university settings

WORK PLACEMENTS

- All first-year students are expected to complete a one-week work placement
- Links to local and national employers for placement opportunities
- Support and guidance on how to find work experience
- Opportunities to attend a workplace safari day
- Employer led live briefs



Scan here to view more careers information.

THE APPRENTICESHIP ACADEMY

The Apprenticeship Academy supports students who wish to secure higher and degree level apprenticeships after sixth form. This programme helps students to understand the recruitment process and learn how to write strong applications and master interviews, with the goal of securing a highly competitive apprenticeship.

The Academy offers final year students a package of workshops and masterclasses delivered by employers, apprenticeship providers, and members of our B6 Alumni. These sessions are complemented with bespoke 1:1 guidance delivered by our Careers Team. Students in the Academy will receive monthly sessions, including:

- Employability and networking
- Applications masterclass
- Interview workshop
- Mock Assessment Centre
- Q&A session with B6 Alumni members



Catherine Rhodes

Dean Trust Rose Bridge Academy

A Level Biology, Chemistry, Physics and AS Level Core Mathematics

Enrichment: B6 Band, Science Academy, Student Ambassador

"The Sixth Form Bolton drew me in for its great facilities, beneficial town centre location and the interesting course content. I have really enjoyed the college band practice as it has allowed me to make friends and share my musical interests. The careers team are really helpful; they have given me useful information about university as well as my career and course options for the future. They were also really supportive in finding a work experience placement within a sector I am interested in and I received their help in creating a CV. The careers team also helped me to perfect my personal statement to offer me the best chance at the university of my choice. I am hoping to go to the University of Central Lancashire (UCLan) to study Forensic Science."



Aamena Makkan

Bolton Muslim Girls' School

Triple Vocational A Level Information Technology and AS Level Core Mathematics

Enrichment:

"The firm support and guidance that came from the Careers Team and the Apprenticeship Academy empowered me to acquire vital skills that have become the foundation of my professional growth. They have been there every step of the way, helping me not only to secure a fantastic degree apprenticeship, but also to develop crucial skills that are essential in the workplace and tech industry. I am forever grateful for their instrumental role in shaping my abilities and propelling me towards success."

PROFESSIONAL GROWTH PROGRAMME



Our unique and exciting Professional Growth Programme allows our students to explore their career goals and ambitions via sector-specific pathways. As part of their pathway, students will develop the labour-market awareness and employability skills necessary to succeed within their chosen field.

Students acquire this knowledge via a combination of self-led online learning in our professional growth suite and through a six-week programme of practical employability sessions.

All of our learners will choose a pathway to follow over their two years at The Sixth Form. Each pathway is supported by a leading employer who have helped shaped the content that our students will cover.

We currently have 10 pathways to choose from:

Open Pathway
Aimed at learners still formulating their career plans. They will be able to select relevant modules to support their personal journey.

STEM Pathway
Incorporating wider Science, Maths, Engineering and Sustainability careers. Some exciting career opportunities here beyond those usually considered.

Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary
Aimed at learners looking to progress to Medicine, Dentistry and other medical related careers.

Health and Social Care Pathway
For those planning careers in Childcare, Health and Social Care, Social Work, Midwifery, Mental Health, Paramedic etc.

Law and Public Services
Ideal for learners pursuing careers as Solicitors, Police, Probation Officers, Prison Officers or to work in local Government or the Civil Service.

Business and Finance Pathway
A broad spectrum pathway for those planning to go into any aspect of business and finance. Business modules set by employers in the local area.

Creative Pathway
A focused creative pathway aimed at those who wish to work in Film, Media, creative or performing arts.

Computing and IT Pathway
For those experienced in IT and Computing, looking to develop industry standard skills.

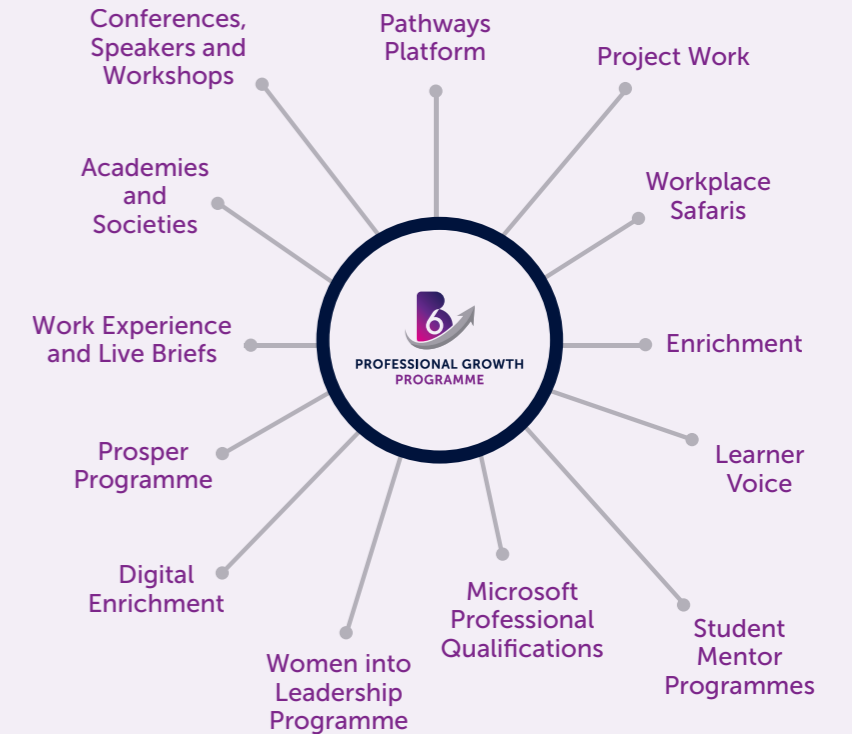
Education Pathway
Ideal for students who are considering a career in teaching after they complete their studies.

Sport and Leadership Pathway
This is ideal for learners who are studying sports subjects, or who are looking for opportunities to develop their leadership skills.

Our Professional Growth Programme is complemented by a variety of enrichment opportunities that align with each pathway and allow students to further develop their employability skills.

The diagram highlights some of the activities that learners engage in to enable them to develop essential work and life skills needed for their next steps.

In the second year, learners build specific skills to support progression onto university, apprenticeships, training and employment. They also focus on study skills as they prepare for examinations whilst still being able to access enrichment and wider learning opportunities.



HONOURS PROGRAMME

If you achieve mainly grades 7, 8 or 9s in your GCSEs then this may be the group for you!

Our Honours Programme is designed for our most able students, particularly those aspiring to progress onto the most prestigious and competitive universities. As part of the programme you will be tutored and coached by specialist staff, as well as engage in a range of activities designed to stretch and challenge you academically.

Honours students benefit from:

- Completing the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)
- Specialist university application guidance and support
- Summer schools and residentials
- Oxbridge and Russell Group university access programmes
- Masterclasses
- Career enhancing enrichment opportunities



STUDENT SUCCESS



Salma Farah



Previous school:

Bolton Islamic Girls' School

Now attending:

The University of Oxford - Worcester College
studying **Politics, Philosophy and Economics**

Qualifications gained:

**A Level Economics A*, Law A*, Politics A,
AS Level Core Mathematics A and EPQ A**



Scan here for more
Honours Programme
information

SCIENCE ACADEMY

Are you passionate about Science?

If you are likely to achieve five or more GCSEs at grades 5 and above, including Science and Mathematics subjects, then you may wish to be considered for our Science Academy. The Science Academy has two strands, the Medical Pathway and the STEM Pathway.

Medical Pathway: This is aimed at students wishing to pursue a career in Medicine, Dentistry or Veterinary Science. You must have five or more GCSEs at grades 7, 8 or 9 including Science and Mathematics. You will study two or more Science/Mathematics subjects at A Level (i.e. two subjects from Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Mathematics).

STEM Pathway: This is aimed at students with a general interest in science and aspiring to pursue a career in science. You must have five or more GCSEs at grade 5 and above including Science and Mathematics. You will study two or more Science/Mathematics subjects at A Level or the Vocational A Level Extended Diploma in Applied Science.

What can you expect?

- Laboratory practical activities
- Coaching and mock interviews for university applications - including the MMI (Multiple Mini Interview used in medical school applications)
- Opportunity to participate in debates on science related issues
- Support in completing the UCAT assessment (University Clinical Aptitude Test)
- Dissections - in class and an opportunity to attend Med-Soc
- Support in reference writing
- Guest speakers
- Trips and visits
- Raising money for charity
- Presentation and awards evening



PERFORMING ARTS ACADEMY

The Performing Arts Academy, established with the help of the Octagon Theatre, Bolton, is for those students wishing to pursue a career in the industry and achieve their dreams of making it to the screen or stage.

The Performing Arts Academy is designed to improve your chances of receiving drama school and university offers, and helps you establish links with casting agents and professionals in the industry. You will gain automatic entry to the academy if you are enrolled on a performing arts course at The Sixth Form.

What can you expect?

- Exclusive skills development workshops provided by a range of visiting professionals focusing on areas such as characterisation, script writing, directing and those all-important audition skills
- A chance to perform in large scale productions and musicals at professional theatres such as The Lowry, gaining you that critical professional experience
- Talks from TV professionals and actors
- Mentoring programmes
- A chance to study for LAMDA exams (London Academy of Dramatic Arts) through Sterling Academy
- Free professional headshots
- Casting workshops
- 1:1 tuition to focus on individual skills development and audition monologues

Follow us on Instagram @b6_performingarts



POLICING ACADEMY

Are you interested in joining the Police or want to gain an insight into Policing in England?

The Sixth Form Policing Academy is a programme designed to inspire, challenge and support students interested in joining the Police. It allows students to gain a practical understanding of the application process, initial training and life in the force.

What can you expect?

Delivered by experienced former Police officers, the programme covers topics to develop your knowledge and understanding in a range of areas including: caution, arrest, burglary, theft, drugs and public order. You will also gain information and tips on the application process.

Students will take part in skill development exercises, gain an insight into the life of a new recruit and have the opportunity to undertake the Police entry tests. Interested students will be selected at the end of their first year via an application and interview process. You must study either the Single or Triple Vocational A Level in Public Services to be eligible for selection.



LAW SOCIETY

Are you thinking of studying Law, a related subject at a top university, or going on to a legal apprenticeship after The Sixth Form? Our Law Society will further enhance your studies and help you develop essential skills.

What can you expect?

- Start to develop the skills of a lawyer, including: thinking creatively, problem solving, presenting and persuasive arguments
- Attend workshops run by legal professionals and universities
- Participate in moots and mock trials, including as a member of The Sixth Form team in the prestigious University of Law Mooting Competition and the Bar National Mock Trial Competition

Follow us on Twitter @BSFCLaw

SPORTS ACADEMIES

Our Sports Academies offer you a fantastic opportunity to develop and excel in a wide range of competitive sports. The Sixth Form has partnerships with Daisy Hill FC and the Bolton Cricket League and is supported by the Lancashire Cricket Board.

The Sixth Form offers the following sports academies:

- Boys and Girls Football
- Boys and Girls Cricket
- Sports Performance Pathway - a bespoke training and development programme for young athletes who compete at a high level in any sport

Benefits of attending the Sports Academies:

- Individualised high-quality coaching delivered by our specialist coaches
- Nutrition and fitness advice and guidance
- Full Academy match and training kit provided free of charge
- Compete in National Academy Leagues and British Colleges Framework

Training sessions, venues and facilities:

- Football training and Academy fixtures take place at Hacken Lane
- Cricket training takes place at Bolton Indians Sports and Social Club
- Cricket Academy fixtures take place at a variety of high-quality local clubs
- Sports Performance sessions take place in the B6 Sports Science suite and at Hacken Lane



Academy teams compete in regular AOC fixtures and competitions against other colleges on Wednesday afternoons. Each Academy runs alongside academic classes and all students will follow a full-time programme of study.

Academy sessions include:

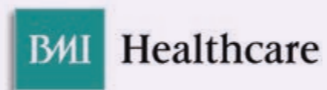
- Speed and agility
- Skill development
- Performance techniques
- Video analysis
- Diet and nutrition
- Etiquette and conduct

Application process:

If you wish to apply for a place on one of the academies, you should indicate in the box on the main application form. You will be invited for a standard admissions interview and once you have been offered a place you will be invited to attend separate trials. You may also be asked to submit references from relevant sports teachers at your school or your sports coach.



FUTURES ACADEMY



The Futures Academy is a brilliant programme to prepare Health and Social Care students for a career within the health care sector.

Futures Academy 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.

What can you expect?

- Exposure to many employers and health related industries
- Work placements at Beaumont Hospital where you will learn how patients are referred/admitted to the hospital and observe various departments such as radiography, physiotherapy, pharmacy and clinical governance
- Masterclasses and guest speakers with a range of leading NHS practitioners
- Experience an overnight stay in London visiting various health related museums and lectures including visits to the Florence Nightingale Museum, The Old Operating Theatre and a West-End show
- Trips to fantastic university taster days including Edge Hill University and the University of Salford
- Free uniform provided with a nurses watch and name badge
- 90% of Futures Academy students embark on a health-related degree course, including nursing, midwifery and paramedic science



What does the academy entail?

You will study a Level 3 Extended Diploma in Health & Social Care at The Sixth Form. Alongside your programme, your placement will be with The Beaumont Hospital (BMI Health Care), which will consist of one-week (total of 35 hours) covering a range of department care from nursing, radiography, physiotherapy and observing medical surgery.

The selection process for Futures Academy will take place in your first year and if selected, you will carry out your placement during a selected month in your first year. This programme will prepare you perfectly for health-related degrees at university. It will build your experience in the health care sector, expanding on the theoretical study in class by transferring this within practical settings, helping you to stand out during the university application process. The Futures Academy programme is subject to limited places and involves a selection process run by The Sixth Form and BMI Health Care.

Roashaan Farhan

Essa Academy

A Level Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics and Honours Programme with EPQ

Enrichment: Science Academy, Student Ambassador

"The Sixth Form was the best choice for me, it is close to home, has a great reputation and fantastic feedback from previous students. I have really enjoyed being part of the Science Academy. It's interesting and informative, and you get to take part in a wide range of activities, my favourite was the rat dissection. The Science Academy has provided me with crucial information about applying for science courses at university and the UCAT practice was extremely helpful. My advice for future students would be to pick your subjects carefully, choose the ones you'll enjoy and excel in. I am now hoping to study Biological and Medical Sciences at the University of Liverpool."



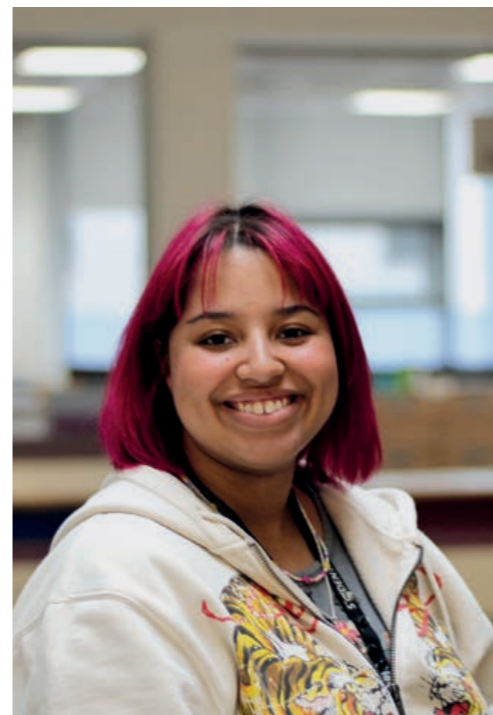
Blaise Heywood-Tattersall

St Ambrose Barlow RC High School

A Level Drama & Theatre Studies, English Language & Literature and Psychology

Enrichment: Leaner Voice, Peer Mentor, Performing Arts Academy, Open Mic Poetry, Student Ambassador

"I was really impressed by the pastoral support that is offered by the learning services team as well as the subjects on offer as I wanted a very specific combination, and The Sixth Form was able to accommodate this. I would definitely recommend studying Psychology as it's fun and interesting and I have gained lots of transferrable skills throughout my studies. Get involved in everything no matter how small and have fun as college doesn't last long enough. My favourite memory of my time at B6 is the trip to York, it was an amazing opportunity and helped me to decide which university to go to. I now plan to study Psychology at the University of York."



STUDENT SUPPORT

PASTORAL CARE

Your Progress Coach will oversee all your well-being, progress and achievements; working closely with your teachers, parents or carers and help to support you to manage your personal and academic progress. Tutor group sessions take place weekly throughout the year and are an important and compulsory part of your timetable. Here you will focus on a range of topics from healthy lifestyles, progression planning and developing an advanced level mindset. You will meet regularly with your Progress Coach for a 1:1 meeting to review your progress and to agree personal performance targets. You will take part in a variety of Learner Voice activities to help shape The Sixth Form and have the opportunity to join an active Learner Voice group or become a Student Governor or Ambassador.

Learning mentor support is available to help you develop advanced level study skills and provides access to specialist advice from external support agencies.

LEARNING RESOURCE CENTRE (LRC)

The LRC provides a breadth of support for your learning. The online resource library, student intranet, TEAMS and Google virtual learning environment (VLE) complement the traditional range of books, journals and learning resources. Practical help is available to assist with researching for homework, coursework or assignments.

STUDENT AND PARENT PORTALS

The Student Portal can be accessed anywhere through The Sixth Form's intranet or website and provides information and regular updates about your attendance, exams, and performance reviews as well as your current timetable. The Parent Portal is available through our website and in addition to the information on attendance and progress, it provides regular news updates and all student progress reviews for the year.

SAFEGUARDING

Safeguarding is defined by the government as *'The process of protecting children from abuse or neglect, preventing impairment of their health and development, and ensuring they grow up in circumstances consistent with the provision of safe and effective care that enables children to have optimum life chances and enter adulthood successfully.'*

The Sixth Form is committed to the safety and well-being of all students and has specialist safeguarding officers who work under the remit of the BSAFE Team. The BSAFE Team work with students who are experiencing difficulties, ensuring that they are safe and supported. Access to the Safeguarding Policy can be found on our website.

SUPPORTIVE | FOCUSED | BRILLIANT

SPECIFIC LEARNING NEEDS OR DISABILITIES

If you have a specific learning difficulty or a disability requiring learning support, please ensure that you tell us about your needs when you apply. Early applications to the College are advised to enable us to liaise directly with you, the staff in your school and your parents or carers. This helps us to have a clear understanding of your support needs when we apply for specific high needs support funding, where appropriate. Transition visits to The Sixth Form start whilst you are still in Year 11. The Cocoon is a safe space within The Sixth Form for well-being activities and some time to practice self-care for students supported by our Learning Services team.

RELIGIOUS FESTIVALS

As a diverse, multi-faith community, The Sixth Form recognises that students and their families will want to celebrate religious festivals when they occur. To facilitate your participation in celebrations, a day's leave is allowed if these festivals occur during the week in term time.



The Cocoon

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

The Sixth Form offers the following benefits to students:

- All courses are FREE
- Trips/educational visits that are essential for the course will be FREE
- Other trips/educational visits may be subsidised
- Transport to essential Sixth Form related activities will be FREE
- Examinations will be FREE for the first entry

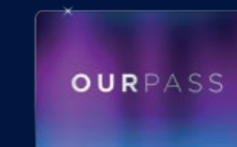
Full details can be found on our website.

Funds are available to support the following:

- Student bursary
- Free school meals
- Travel costs to The Sixth Form for those students who live outside Greater Manchester boundaries

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ACCOUNTING

A Level

Why study Accounting?

Qualified accountants are highly paid, valued individuals. They have an influence on everything you will see and do in life. A qualification in accounting will always be beneficial - whether it is used professionally or personally.

Students will build knowledge and understanding of key concepts, principles and techniques that they can apply to real-life scenarios, developing the ability to solve problems logically, analyse data methodically, make reasoned choices and communicate effectively.

What's covered?

In the first year, you will study topics from both financial and management accounting areas. An introduction to the role of the accountant in business, types of business organisation, the double entry model, verification of accounting records, accounting concepts used in the preparation of accounting records, preparation of financial statements of sole traders, partnerships and limited company accounts, analysis and evaluation of financial information and accounting for organisations with incomplete records.

In the second year, students will further develop their knowledge and understanding of Financial and Management Accounting. This unit of study includes budgeting, marginal costing, standard costing and variance analysis, absorption and activity-based costing, and capital investment appraisal.

Future Opportunities

Many students progress into a financial management career including: budget analyst, chartered accountant, economist and banker. For any student considering a leadership or management position, an understanding of accounting is a major benefit.

ART, DESIGN, AND COMMUNICATION

Triple Vocational A Level

Why study Art & Design?

This is an in-depth, full-time, art and design course, where you will explore specialist techniques and processes associated with areas such as design, sculpture, fine art, photography, print making, illustration and textile, fashion and surface pattern design.

What's covered?

There are six units to this course: Unit 1: Creative Process Developing, Unit 2: Creative Practise, Unit 3: Responding to a Set Brief, Unit 4: Researching a Specialist Industry Practice, Unit 5: Specialist Technical Skills Development and Unit 6: Specialist Creative Outcome. You will study units 1-3 in year one and units 4-6 in year two. All units are internally assessed, however units 3 and 6 will be subject to external moderation. Throughout the course, you will explore a wide range of projects. What makes this course unique is that most, if not all of these projects are live briefs, you will work with real clients, gaining sought after industry experience in an area of the visual arts you are most interested in pursuing as a career. You will build a portfolio of work that will give you access to universities, apprenticeships and the workplace.

Future Opportunities

Many students go on to study art and design at pre-degree foundation level, or a BA degree. Students have gained employment in many areas of art and design such as interior design, surface pattern design, graphic design, industrial and commercial product design, as well as photography, animation, film/video, advertising and illustration.

STUDENT VOICE



Mollie Turner

St Ambrose Barlow RC High School

A Level Fine Art, Graphic Design, Mathematics and Honours Programme with EPQ

"All of the teachers here help to push and challenge you further. I have loved studying Art because of the creative freedom you get. It's a relaxed yet challenging environment which is something I have thrived in. I love listening to the teachers talk about their passions and passing down their knowledge to me, they clearly love what they do. I now hope to study Graphic Design at the University of Huddersfield and then potentially progress onto a Master's Degree in Fine Art."

ART (FINE ART)

A Level

Why study Art?

This is the course for you if you enjoy the challenge of drawing, printmaking and painting. You will explore alternative approaches, processes and techniques with a wide and varied range of media and materials.

What's covered?

You have the choice to work within a range of pathways that include: drawing, painting, printmaking and sculpture. You will build up an innovative and exciting portfolio of work that will stretch and challenge your artistic ability and support you in progressing on to a university course. Students also participate in a range of field trips and educational visits.

Future Opportunities

Many students go on to study art and design at pre-degree foundation level, or a BA degree. Further study and career opportunities within art and design include art history, surface pattern design, fine art, 3D design, teaching, architecture and museum or gallery curating, as well as wider opportunities in creative industries such as advertising and fashion.



ART, CRAFT & DESIGN

A Level

Why study Art, Craft & Design?

This course is for students who wish to explore and refine their skills in a wider range of art, craft and design techniques. You will learn both traditional and digital techniques and processes allowing you to interpret the project themes in a unique and personal way.

What's covered?

You will explore a wide range of art, craft and design pathways such as: fashion, surface pattern design, embroidery, felting, wire work, 3D design, painting, printmaking, photography and illustration to produce a specialised portfolio. You will balance your creative skills with studying art, craft and design history, gallery visits and research tasks.

Future Opportunities

Many students go on to study art and design at pre-degree foundation level, or a BA degree. Possible career pathways include: fine artist, illustrator, photographer, textile designer, surface pattern designer, art and design teacher/lecturer, fashion designer, fashion stylist, interior designer, costume designer, gallery curator, sculptor and animator.



STUDENT VOICE



Harmeet Singh

MGN Public School, India

A Level Biology, Chemistry, Single Vocational A Level Business, AS Level Core Mathematics and EPQ

Enrichment: Learner Voice President, Student Governor, Lead B6 Ambassador, Duke of Edinburgh and Be Kind Ambassador

"The annual Culture Day is definitely one of my core memories, as I was able to perform in front of the entire college and share my culture with others. My favourite subject has been Biology. I love how practical the course is. My advice to new students is to take advantage of the many offers at B6 such as the enrichment programme, as it will benefit you both personally and professionally. I am now hoping to study Wildlife Conservation at the University of Salford."

BIOLOGY

A Level

Why study Biology?

Would you like to contribute towards the cure for dementia, help develop techniques in genetic engineering, save an endangered species from extinction or motivate future generations of potential scientists at school, college or university? Perhaps you simply have a fascination with the living world and wish to learn more about its processes and interactions.

What's covered?

Year 1 of the specification builds on work covered at GCSE including biological molecules, cells and organisms. Year 2 builds on studies in the first year and leads on to studying genetics, populations, evolution and ecosystems.

Future Opportunities

Career opportunities include medicine, pharmacy, dietetics, forensics, ecology, science journalism, research, conservation, biotechnology, genetics, veterinary science, physiotherapy, biochemistry and dentistry. There are also many biology related degree programmes at university.



STUDENT VOICE



Cordelia McNamara

St Ambrose Barlow RC High School

A Level Biology, Chemistry and Psychology, AS Level Core Mathematics and Honours Programme with EPQ

"I decided to come to The Sixth Form after finding out how friendly all of the staff were and they really helped me when choosing my A Levels. Biology and Chemistry have been my favourite subjects; I really enjoy all the practical activities and feel the lessons are planned around making the subject as engaging as possible. The best advice I would give to the new students is to pick the subjects you enjoy the most because you will be diving into them for two years. I am hoping to study Pharmacology at the University of Liverpool."

BUSINESS

A Level

Why study Business?

In the fast-paced and exciting world of business, there are endless possibilities. This established and highly successful subject provides an excellent springboard into the dynamic world of business and appeals to a broad range of students with diverse interests. It is one of the most varied and interesting subjects available and is very well regarded by both employers and universities. Business would be a great course choice for any student considering a professional career or running a business.

What's covered?

You will study a broad range of topics such as marketing, finance, operations management and business strategy. You will also develop your knowledge of the business environment in which organisations have to operate. On this course, you will gain high level analytical and problem-solving skills; these skills will be useful to you throughout your life and are highly valued by potential employers and universities.

Future Opportunities

Successful students have progressed on to a variety of higher education courses including business, law, economics, accounting and marketing. Others have chosen to enter directly into employment in areas such as retail management and leisure and tourism. There are many opportunities for progression onto business related degree courses, higher apprenticeships or degree apprenticeships.

BUSINESS

Single Vocational A Level

Why study Business?

You will study the core disciplines in business through a real 'hands-on' approach. Each operational area is linked to a real business case study. Units will have a slightly different focus and some will be based around practical activities. The course involves a variety of learning methods including: group work, presentations, industrial visits, guest speakers from industry and interactive activities. Some of our teachers are senior examiners helping to maximise your skills and grades.

What's covered?

You will develop an understanding of different business areas; these include marketing, finance, human resources and exploring the business environment. During the course you will develop your employability skills and enhance your key attributes that businesses are looking for.

Future Opportunities

Business qualifications lead into most industries with many students studying business, accounting, economics and law at university or seeking employment within a business. This course is a useful starting point for those students considering a career in the practical business world, but would also like to combine their study with other subjects.



BUSINESS

Triple Vocational A Level

Why study Business?

You will learn about business through focused assignments and assessments based on real business functions, giving you hands-on experience of businesses in action. You will be involved in presentations made by visiting speakers and visit businesses to see how they operate. In the second year, you will be able to choose from three different pathways: core business pathway, work experience pathway or accounting pathway.

What's covered?

You will explore business activity such as different aspects of human resource management, business resources and the use of both traditional and internet marketing. You will be introduced to accounting, marketing research, team development, international business and have an opportunity to investigate starting a small business. Some selected students have the opportunity to complete 50 days of work placement in the second year.

Future Opportunities

This is a well-established and recognised qualification welcomed by universities. Our students have progressed on to study degrees in business administration, accounting, marketing, retail, distribution, business law, business information systems and teaching, whilst others choose to pursue a higher apprenticeship route.



STUDENT VOICE

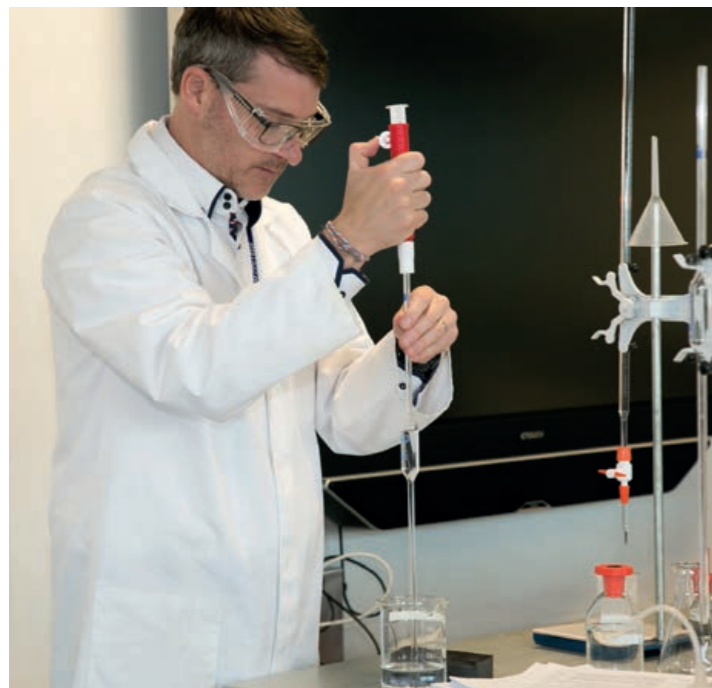


Jawad Ali Akhtar

Sharples School

A Level Accounting, Spanish, Single Vocational A Level Business and AS Level Core Mathematics

"I applied to The Sixth Form after recommendations from my family and teachers and because of its town centre location. The choice of a mixed programme was great for me as I can do both coursework and exams. One of my favourite memories is the culture day which brings together students from different backgrounds and religions. My favourite subject has to be Accounting mainly because of the teacher, his way of teaching and making the lessons fun. I am hoping to study Accounting and Finance a Manchester Metropolitan University."



STUDENT VOICE



Samar Chaudhry Rani

Harper Green School

A Level Biology, Chemistry and Mathematics

Enrichment: Science Academy

"I really enjoy the extracurricular activities that you get to do as part of the Science Academy. It also links really well to my favourite subject Chemistry. I love that Chemistry involves problem solving and analytical thinking, skills that play to my strengths. My advice to new students would be to choose your subjects wisely, especially those that you will enjoy, stay as organised as possible, especially in your first year and manage your time well. After taking a gap year I am hoping to study Medicine."

CHEMISTRY

A Level

Why study Chemistry?

Chemistry is central to understanding many key areas of science and offers an array of employment and education opportunities. Through studying a range of diverse topics, you will develop a number of highly desirable transferable skills. These include problem solving, data analysis, numeracy, logical thinking and working safely in a laboratory environment. Chemistry is an essential A Level for students wishing to pursue a career in medicine.

What's covered?

You will explore the periodic table, looking at trends in properties and reactivities of different elements. You will learn about transition element chemistry and the many colourful compounds they can form. You will meet a plethora of different organic compounds and design your own synthetic routes between them.

Future Opportunities

Many students progress to university and become doctors, pharmacists, dentists and forensic scientists. It is also useful for careers in biological sciences, the pharmaceutical industry, analytical chemistry, chemical engineering and geological exploration. Chemistry is an exciting STEM subject that can lead to many career possibilities.



STUDENT VOICE



Maryam Farhan

Bolton Muslim Girls' School

A Level Biology, Chemistry, Psychology and AS Level Core Mathematics

Enrichment: Student Ambassador

"I have really enjoyed studying science at The Sixth Form. My favourite memory from my time here was the biology trip to Formby Beach. My favourite subject has to be Chemistry, I like the role that maths has to play, as well as the theory element of this course. Enjoy your time at B6, try your best and make memories and friends for life. My next step is to go to Manchester Metropolitan University and progress onto teaching in the future."

STUDENT VOICE



Nusayba Hussain

Smithills School

A Level English Literature, Psychology, Single Vocational A Level Children's Play, Learning & Development and AS Level Core Mathematics

Enrichment: Time to Read Mentoring Programme, Mental Health First Aid Training, Emergency First Aid Training

"I took part in the Time to Read mentoring programme, and since building my relationship with the school I have continued to support them throughout my two years at B6. My favourite subject has been Children's Play, Learning and Development as it is linked with the career that I would like to progress into. After leaving B6, I aim to achieve my Higher Level Teaching Assistant qualification."

CHILDREN'S PLAY, LEARNING & DEVELOPMENT

Single Vocational A Level

Why study Children's Play, Learning & Development?

This course will introduce you to a wide range of interesting and enriching topic areas relevant to early years practice, from the practical skills needed for looking after children to psychological theory of development. You will gain an understanding of the development of children and how this influences their progress as they grow.

What's covered?

This course allows you to develop core specialist knowledge so that you understand the skills required by the sector. These include child development, play and learning, and early years curriculum. You will undertake a minimum of fifty hours work experience in at least one setting with children from birth to eight years, this is to ensure you develop your practical skills and have experience of working with children. You will be assessed by coursework, examinations and demonstrations.

Future Opportunities

This is a respected route for those who wish to progress to higher education to study subjects such as primary teaching, play therapy, youth work and community liaison within the sector.



COMPUTER SCIENCE

A Level

Why study Computer Science?

This is a logical subject where you will learn how to solve complex, multidimensional problems which require imagination and sensitivity to technological, moral, legal and scientific issues. Technology touches almost every aspect of our lives, from the cars we drive, to the films we watch, to the ways businesses and governments communicate with us. Understanding different dimensions of computing is part of the necessary skill set whether you want to be a scientist or develop the latest must-have application.

What's covered?

You will study a range of theories, including programming, system development and computer architecture. You will investigate programs, data structures, algorithms, logic, programming methodologies and the impact of computer science on society. There is also a strong focus in Year 1 around practical programming. This will provide you with the tools needed for when you start your chosen piece of coursework on creating a programmed solution to a problem.

Future Opportunities

Career options are broad and the skills you develop can be applied to a range of different careers and courses at higher education. These can include, artificial intelligence, software development and engineering, data administration, IT project management, IT support and maintenance or games development.

STUDENT VOICE



William Norris

Harper Green School

A Level Computer Science, Single Vocational A Level Information Technology, AS Level Core Mathematics and EPQ

"I wanted to study at B6 as it was local and offered the subjects that I wanted to do, especially the mixed programme. My favourite subject has been Computer Science, I have a personal enjoyment in the subject and it has given me a great background ready for university. My advice to Year 11's would be to work hard in your first year as it makes your second year easier. When I finish at B6 I am hoping to study Computer Science at Aberystwyth University."

STUDENT VOICE



Lucy Glover

Fred Longworth High School

A Level Law and Psychology and
Vocational A Level Criminology

"B6 offered all the courses I wanted to study, I could do a mixed programme and it has a good law reputation. I would recommend studying Law or Criminology to anyone who has a passion for it. I really enjoyed the trip to Shrewsbury Prison, it was insightful and covered criminology, forensic psychology, law, history and sociology. After leaving The Sixth Form I hope to study Law and Criminology at the University of Sheffield."

CRIMINOLOGY

Single Vocational A Level

Why study Criminology?

Criminology is a modern and innovative course which looks at crime from the perspective of both criminals and victims. The subject teaches a critical analysis of the criminal justice system, whilst also examining the motives of criminals. This course is especially appealing to those who wish to pursue a career in forensics or criminal psychology.

What's covered?

The course is focused on assessing biological, individualistic and sociological theories of crime including: changing awareness of crime, criminological theories, crime scene to court room and crime and punishment.

Future Opportunities

This qualification will allow you to gain the required knowledge and skills to be able to consider employment within a range of aspects of the criminal justice system, law or the police, including the courts, national probation service and tribunal service, or the national offender management service.



STUDENT VOICE



James Campbell

St Ambrose Barlow RC High School

A Level Drama & Theatre Studies,
English Literature & Language and Film Studies

Enrichment: Performing Arts Academy

"I had heard lots of positive things about The Sixth Form, and I was looking to go somewhere different than everyone else in my school. I have thoroughly enjoyed all my subjects whilst at B6, all of them work well together and I feel that I have developed my understanding of each part of the creative industry. I am hoping to study Creative Writing & Drama at Liverpool John Moores University. The best advice I could give to new students would be to pick subjects that complement each other and those that you are passionate about."

DRAMA & THEATRE STUDIES

A Level

Why study Drama & Theatre Studies?

This course focuses on the practical and theoretical study of drama and theatre performance. The teachers draw on their expertise gained from working professionally in the industry and students are encouraged to develop their creativity and confidence. The Performing Arts Academy, set up with support from the Octagon Theatre, Bolton, and enrichment programmes are designed to support students who wish to pursue a career in the industry.

What's covered?

You will develop a range of analytical and practical skills by exploring various theatre styles relating to both classic and contemporary theatre. Your skills will develop as a performer of scripted plays and you will become disciplined in the art of set and lighting design, devising new material, directing, and rehearsing. You will study practitioners, perform in a number of scripted and self-devised plays and see live performances. You are examined through a mixture of live performance, coursework and written examinations.

Future Opportunities

This course sets up the foundation for a career in areas such as acting for stage and TV, musical theatre, broadcasting, presenting, directing, stage management, journalism and teaching. Theatre also prepares you for other careers such as law and public relations. The options are endless and all down to those transferable skills!

STUDENT VOICE



Philippa Lloyd

St Mary's Catholic High School

A Level Economics, Mathematics, Further Mathematics and Honours Programme with EPQ

Enrichment: Women into Leadership, Student Voice, Podcasting, Student Ambassador

"I chose to study at The Sixth Form because I liked the modern style of the building and I got a good feeling from the place. I am hoping to study Economics at the University of Cambridge so the Cambridge trip we took with the Honours Programme is one of my fondest memories of my time here at B6. I have really enjoyed studying Further Mathematics, I love how the difficulty has improved my work ethic and commitment."

ECONOMICS

A Level

Why study Economics?

Economics helps you understand how we need to make the best possible use of the world's scarce resources. It plays a big part in politics and society and will help you understand the decisions made by individuals, businesses and governments. You will study how the UK and international economies work and the implications of government decisions. You will also study the psychology behind individual decision making. Economics will improve your analytical, evaluative and critical thinking skills and is a subject which is well respected by universities.

What's covered?

Economics has two major components: Microeconomics and Macroeconomics. Microeconomics looks at decisions that affect the individual such as the prices of goods and services, why footballers earn more than doctors and why governments tax certain goods or make them unlawful. Macroeconomics looks at what governments can do to help generate more income in the economy, reduce the number of people unemployed, keep inflation low and to encourage international trade.

Future Opportunities

Economics can lead to a variety of careers including: financial or management consultancy, investment banking, accounting, the legal profession, retail, distribution, politics, local government and journalism. Economics graduates are, on average, amongst the highest income earners nationally.

STUDENT VOICE



Hajrah Khan

Bolton Muslim Girls' School

Triple Vocational A Level Children's Play, Learning and Development

"I have really loved the work experience side of my course; it has helped me to develop my independence and confidence in working within the early years sector. I really enjoyed going on the forest school trip as it developed my teamwork skills and was a great opportunity to make new friends. I would really recommend studying a childcare course as you are always active and receive so much support. I am now hoping to achieve my degree in Early Childhood Studies at Edge Hill University."

EDUCATION AND EARLY YEARS

T Level

Why study Education and Early Years?

This highly practical course will introduce you to a wide range of interesting and enriching topic areas relevant to early years practice, from practical skills for looking after children to psychological theory of development.

What's covered?

You will acquire an understanding of the Education and Early Years sector from ages 0-19 years. This will include the theory of child development and how to support children and young people in education. It will also develop your knowledge and understanding of safeguarding, health and safety, managing behaviour and how to effectively work with parents, carers and wider families. You will carry out a minimum of 750 hours work placement, which will be in a variety of settings, where you will be able to perform observations and assessments of children and young people whilst also developing your skills in being a reflective practitioner. In addition to the core content, you will complete the occupational specialism, as an early year's educator, specialising in the age range of 0-7 years. You will be assessed by written examinations, synoptic assessment, assignments, employer-set project and assessed observations in work placement.

Future Opportunities

On successful completion of the course, you will gain the Early Years Educator status, which will provide you with access to employment in childcare or to an apprenticeship. T Levels also come with UCAS Tariff points, which will support you progressing onto higher education to study degrees such as primary education, working with families and social work.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

A Level

Why study English Language?

If you enjoy analysing contemporary written and spoken language from a variety of media and composing your own texts, then A Level English Language will provide you with the opportunity to develop your skills in a lively and stimulating environment. You will study and enjoy ideas and theory about various types of language, including: language and technology, language and occupation, language and gender, accent and dialect, language change and the language of political correctness.

What's covered?

You will have the opportunity to discuss and analyse various types of writing including: newspapers, guide books and scripts. You will also explore how language changes over time and varies across the world.

Future Opportunities

Many English Language students frequently progress to higher education. The skills developed on this course are useful if you intend to progress into teaching, journalism, law, writing, marketing and advertising. A high-level command of English is a required skill in many career pathways and this qualification is highly valued by both employers and universities.



STUDENT VOICE



Lawrence Dwomoh

Canon Slade School

A Level English Language, English Literature and Psychology

Enrichment: Law Society

"I have really enjoyed studying English Literature at B6, the books you study are great and I would definitely recommend the course to a new student. As part of my enrichment, I got to compete in the Regional Law Mock Trials with The Sixth Form, I was really proud as we came second in the region and we were able to visit Bolton Crown Court. Because of this experience I now hope to become a barrister in the future."

ENGLISH LANGUAGE & LITERATURE

A Level

Why study English Language & Literature?

Can't decide on language or literature? This is a wide-ranging English course with opportunities for original writing alongside the study of spoken language, literary and non-literary texts. Lively participation in class activities, workshops and debates plus a willingness to enjoy writing tasks will be important factors in your success. As you would expect, the main focus is how language creates and shapes meanings in all the texts studied.

What's covered?

You will study a mixture of modern plays, novels, poems and analyse extracts for linguistic features. From these texts you will develop an understanding of language, rules of conversation and context.

Future Opportunities

This combined course is useful for demonstrating breadth of skill in English and could lead directly to degree courses in teaching, journalism, writing and advertising. A high-level command of English is a required skill in many career pathways. This qualification is highly valued by both employers and universities and can be combined with science, art, business or humanities subjects.



STUDENT VOICE



Alexandria Stones

Bedford High School

A Level English Literature, Law, Politics and Honours Programme with EPQ

Enrichment: Learner Voice, Law Society, Student Ambassador

"I wanted to branch away from my high school and this college immediately drew my attention. The courses were amazing and the staff and teachers were so friendly and welcoming. I am proud to be a Student Governor and a member of the Learner Voice. After B6 I am hoping to study Law at the University of Oxford."



STUDENT VOICE



Holly Hargreaves

Sharples School

A Level English Literature, History, Sociology and Honours Programme with EPQ

Enrichment: Women into Leadership, Security and Intelligence Project, Student Ambassador

"I wanted to study at The Sixth Form because of the Honours Programme and I also liked the close-knit community. The teachers are all enthusiastic about the subjects they teach which makes learning here enjoyable. History and English Literature have been my favourite subjects to study, they are fascinating and the content continues to get more and more interesting as you progress. I now plan on studying English Literature and History at York St John University."

ENGLISH LITERATURE

A Level

Why study English Literature?

If you are interested in the techniques employed by authors to create characters and situations and how texts reflect our lives and relationships, then this course is for you. You will read, study and enjoy modern novels and plays, some 19th century texts, some Shakespeare and review a wide range of writing. Additionally, we will discuss texts in performance, how they work on stage and screen and not least in imagination.

What's covered?

The course is designed to give you the opportunity to enjoy a wide variety of novels, poems and plays and study a range of traditional and modern texts of different styles and periods.

Future Opportunities

Both universities and employers value and respect an A Level in English Literature. Former students have progressed to humanities courses at university and careers in journalism, law, teaching and lecturing. A high-level command of English is a required skill in many career pathways.



STUDENT VOICE



Daniel Morris-Broome

St James's CE High School

A Level Film Studies, Media Studies, Single Vocational A Level Music Technology and AS Level Core Mathematics

Enrichment: Script Writing Club, Student Ambassador

"I have loved taking Film Studies as you get a real appreciation of cinema and I really enjoy the discussions we have in class. I would 100% recommend this course if you have a real passion for film. It has been so interesting making short films and the college trip to the BBC and Film & Media Museum was amazing. My goal now is to study Film and Screen at BIMM Institute Manchester."

FILM STUDIES

A Level

Why study Film Studies?

Film Studies is designed to develop critical understanding of the film industry and its relevance to audiences in the visual media saturated society we now live in. This course will help you develop analytical and evaluative skills by considering ideological approaches, spectatorship narrative and genre. You will also develop sophisticated research skills and there are many employability skills naturally embedded due to the nature in which you will learn.

What's covered?

You will analyse a variety of films by comparing and contrasting subject matter and techniques. The coursework topics will enable you to use your understanding to develop film scripts, storyboards and concentrate on areas of particular personal interest. There is an option to produce your own short film too! This course will also develop your skills in lighting, cinematography, sound and camerawork and you will analyse this across British cinema, global cinema, independent cinema, documentary and classic Hollywood, which are amongst the students' favourite topics.

Future Opportunities

As well as careers in the film industry, this course is a good option if you wish to pursue a career in professions such as marketing, advertising, production, media, journalism and teaching. It is respected by higher education institutions and provides a range of transferable skills. With the growth of Media City in Salford, there are a wide range of potential career pathways available.

STUDENT VOICE



Taranjeet Singh

MGN Public School, India

A Level Economics, Geography, Mathematics and EPQ

Enrichment: Learner Voice Leader, Be Kind Ambassador, Mental Health and Student Ambassador

"My favourite subjects are Economics and Geography. The Geography field trips have made learning fun and interesting. In Economics, learning about how economies around the world work and how governments make their decisions has been so fascinating. The best advice I would give to the new students would be to join different clubs around the college and to enjoy the college environment and these next two years of study. Last but not least, respect your teachers and your peers and always be kind. I am hoping to study Aviation Logistics and Management with Commercial Pilot Training at Buckinghamshire New University."

GEOGRAPHY

A Level

Why study Geography?

Our amazing world is explored throughout this course; from human populations to the impact of global warming; from destructive natural hazards to man-made future challenges! Geography examines the environment around us, how it affects us and most importantly, how we can live on our planet in a sustainable way.

What's covered?

You will study a balance of physical and human geography and many of the global issues studied on the course have integrated elements of both. Topics include tectonic processes and hazards, coastal landscapes, water and energy insecurity, globalisation, superpowers, regeneration and migration. Geography offers the opportunity to study current real-world issues which require global solutions. The course requires a minimum of five days compulsory fieldwork which may be conducted as single day visits or a residential. Fieldwork days are great fun, informative and develop essential skills.

Future Opportunities

Geography graduates are amongst the most employable, as the subject is a combination of the facts of science and the understanding of the arts, that equip you with a range of highly sought-after skills. Many students progress to university and careers such as environmental science, marine biology, engineering, travel and tourism and environmental management.

STUDENT VOICE



Joe Stones

Bolton St Catherine's Academy

A Level English Language, Geography and Law

Enrichment: Law Society, Learner Voice and Security and Intelligence Project

"I was really impressed during the talk given by The Sixth Form Principal so I knew I wanted to come here. This year, I enjoyed taking part in the Law Mock Trial with the Law Society. We got to compete against other colleges and act as barristers and witnesses which has inspired me to study Law at university. My advice to the Year 11's would be to work hard for your GCSE's but try not to worry too much, everything will be just fine!"

GRAPHIC DESIGN

A Level

Why study Graphic Design?

Graphic Design is an area of employment growth in the UK. Effective designers have a keen visual awareness combined with excellent visual communication skills both verbally and on paper. They embrace new technologies, love to experiment, are sticklers for detail and always meet deadlines. Studying Graphic Design will allow you to explore and develop these skills, create unique and innovative graphic design and work in a professional studio environment.

What's covered?

Observational drawing underpins all that you do on this course. You will work within the following specialist pathways: graphic design, illustration/animation, typography and lettering, advertising and branding. You will explore both traditional and digital image-making techniques, photography, idea generation techniques and relevant contextual research skills. To study A Level Graphic Design you must have access to either a computer or laptop from home in order to complete your practical based homework (4.5hrs a week). You will have free access to the Adobe Creative Cloud suite of applications which you will need to access from home in order to develop your design skills to the necessary standards to meet the A Level criteria. Please ensure your computer or laptop is powerful enough to run these software applications.

Future Opportunities

Many students go on to study art and design at pre-degree foundation level, or a BA degree. Our students have progressed onto careers such as graphic design, illustration, motion graphics, animation and art or gallery directing.

HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE

Single Vocational A Level

Why study Health & Social Care?

Do you want to make a difference to peoples' lives? Health and Social Care is a growing area of national importance and career opportunities. This course will enable you to develop the knowledge and the practical skills required for a range of diverse careers within the growing sector. Skills developed include: cognitive and problem-solving, critical thinking, intrapersonal skills, self-management, adaptability and resilience.

What's covered?

This course provides an introduction to the health and social care sector and is a combination of examination and coursework in the relevant topics of: human lifespan development, working in health and social care, and meeting individual care and support needs. You will gain knowledge, understanding and skills that underpin the study of the health and social care sector, as well as a breadth of experiences that will prepare you for further study or employment.

Future Opportunities

This course provides a broad educational base to move into higher education or employment within the health and social care sector including: nursing, social work, counselling, teaching, midwifery, mental health care, radiography and podiatry.



STUDENT VOICE



Lauren Barnes

Dean Trust Rose Bridge

A Level Sociology, Single Vocational A Level
Children's Play Learning & Development and
Health & Social Care

"I applied to B6 as I really wanted to do a mixed programme and not a lot of colleges let you do that. I think studying Health & Social Care would benefit everyone as it teaches you how to make society a safe and fair place for everybody and it draws attention to diversity. I have also really enjoyed the Children's Play, Learning & Development course, there have been fantastic placement opportunities and I would recommend this course to anyone hoping to work with children as its engaging and interesting. I am now hoping to study Primary Early Years Education at Edge Hill University."

HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE

Triple Vocational A Level

Why study Health & Social Care?

Do you want to make a difference to peoples' lives? Health and Social Care is a growing area of national importance and career opportunities. This course enables you to develop the knowledge and skills required for working in a range of settings within the health or social care sector. If you have an approachable, trustworthy, enthusiastic and compassionate nature, this course may be for you! You will have the opportunity to apply for the Futures Academy in the first year - a course designed to boost academic and career prospects, including a placement at a private hospital. See page 30 for more details.

What's covered?

This qualification is an in-depth study of the health and social care sector. Assessment is a combination of examination and coursework. The content of the qualification incorporates topics relevant across the health and social care sector including: human lifespan development; anatomy and physiology; research; meeting individual care and support needs; work experience; principles of safe practice and promoting public health. You will also undertake a minimum of 100 hours of work experience as part of the course.

Future Opportunities

Many students progress to higher education and into careers including: nursing, midwifery, occupational therapy, physiotherapy, speech therapy, social work and many more.



STUDENT VOICE



Megan Haslam

Little Lever School

A Level English Literature, History, Politics and Honours Programme with EPQ

Enrichment: Politics Club, Student Ambassador

"I would definitely recommend doing History, you learn so much that's still relevant today and it is the reason why I am planning on studying it at university. The trips are also really enjoyable and interesting, and you get to expand your knowledge outside of the classroom. My advice to Year 11's would be to enjoy what time you have at The Sixth Form and to make sure that you pick something you really enjoy. I am hoping to study History at The University of Edinburgh."

HISTORY

A Level

Why study History?

History has created modern society and is important to our understanding of the world we live in. People mistakenly see history as something 'fixed' when in fact the past is open to interpretation and history changes. The victors re-write their nation's past and give it their own 'spin'. Ignorance of history prevents us from putting current world conflicts into their proper context. Study history and you will never be taken in by 'spin' or become a victim of propaganda. You will always demand: "Where is the evidence? Prove what you claim is true."

What's covered?

You will study the history of more than one country or state; this will allow you to develop a strong sense of historical perspective. You will also develop an understanding of the complexity of the historical process, and the interrelationships between ideas, individuals and circumstances that contribute to change and development. During the course you will examine significant historical events such as The Quest for Political Stability: Germany 1871-1991 and The Making of Modern Britain 1951-2007, with coursework on The Tudor Rebellions.

Future Opportunities

With high-level skills of investigation, communication and presentation, history graduates are highly employable in all sectors of the economy. Career pathways include accounting and banking, law, civil service, media and IT.

STUDENT VOICE



Max Barnes

Albany Academy

A Level History, Religion, Ethics & Philosophy and Sociology

Enrichment: Debating Society and Learner Voice

"I found that the subject choices at B6 suited my needs and it has a great town centre location. My favourite memory of The Sixth Form has to be the History trip to the Slavery Museum, I found it very enjoyable and eye opening. My favourite subject has been History as it has a valuable importance and greatly supports my other subjects. When choosing your courses make sure you pick subjects that you will enjoy and join in whatever enrichment is on offer to you. When I leave The Sixth Form I am hoping to study History at The University of Manchester."

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Single Vocational A Level

Why study Information Technology?

Hardly any aspect of life is untouched by technology, from the workplace to control systems in the home. This vocational course will give you the knowledge, understanding and skills you need to use computers effectively, developing your practical skills as well as your creativity and technical know-how.

What's covered?

You will learn how to communicate effectively in person and through digital media covering areas of information technology such as: IT systems, using social media in business, databases, website development and data modelling. The skills you learn will enable you to develop practical abilities in managing information using computer systems, digital marketing, creating and managing websites and how computers work as systems.

Future Opportunities

Many students progress to degree courses including IT, media communications, business, communication and computer systems and electronic communication systems. Career opportunities include website design, computer graphics, training and technical support.



STUDENT VOICE



Franklin Ugwu

Bolton St Catherine's Academy

Triple Vocational A Level Information Technology

"I decided to study here as it felt like a great place to learn and a place that would help me progress onto higher education. Within my IT course, the computer games development unit has been my favourite as it allowed me to gain experience in an area I am really interested in and learn more about how it links to other parts of IT. After leaving The Sixth Form I plan to study Computer Science with Software Development at the University of Liverpool."

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Triple Vocational A Level

Why study Information Technology?

High level computing and IT skills are essential in the digital world we inhabit. In science, engineering, social and economic aspects of society, technology is the underpinning theme that helps progress. Studying this course, you will develop expertise, become a proficient critical thinker with the ability to solve problems and work effectively with emerging technologies.

What's covered?

You will learn how to program as well as develop your skills in using graphics software and a variety of business applications. You will study units such as IT systems, cyber security, databases and IT service management. There are also opportunities to develop your skills in website design and development, computer games development, digital graphics and mobile application development. Selected students also get the valuable opportunity to complete an extensive industry placement in the second year.

Future Opportunities

Students progress to higher education courses including: IT, media communications, business and communication systems. Career opportunities include website design, computer graphics, training and technical support, computer gaming, marketing and digital media.

STUDENT VOICE



Grace Higginson

Turton High School

A Level English Literature, History, Politics and Honours Programme with EPQ

Enrichment: Women into Leadership, Student Ambassador, Girls Football and Netball

"The staff here are great and all of the teachers are really knowledgeable about their subject. I found that the environment is really supportive and it is great to be in a place dedicated to A Levels. I really enjoyed attending a talk with politics by the Speaker of the House of Commons. I was fascinated hearing about his job. I am looking forward to studying Law at university."

LAW

A Level

Why study Law?

If you are given too much change by a shop can you keep it? If you trespass on someone else's land and get injured can you sue the land owner for compensation? What are your rights if you buy goods that turn out to be faulty? Should a "mercy killing" be classified as murder or not? Law is a vital part of our society and affects all our lives. Find answers to these types of questions and develop your knowledge and skills in a challenging subject!

What's covered?

The course provides an introduction to law at pre-degree level. You will develop a range of skills including the ability to analyse hypothetical scenarios and apply legal rules and principles to solve problems. Topic areas include the nature of law and the English legal system; criminal law; the law of tort and contract law. To enhance your learning, there are visits to the Crown and Magistrates' Courts and The Sixth Form's Law Society competes in the Bar National Mock Trial Competition and organises events involving legal professionals and universities.

Future Opportunities

This qualification will equip you well for university. Alternatively, it is excellent preparation for a higher apprenticeship scheme with a top legal firm after The Sixth Form. Law is a very useful skill in a wide range of careers including: business, marketing, insurance and journalism.

STUDENT VOICE



Aaron Speak

Mount St Joseph Catholic School

A Level English Literature, Law, Religion, Ethics & Philosophy and Honours Programme with EPQ

Enrichment: Learner Voice, Law Society, Debating Society, Chess Society, B6 Magazine, Mental Health First Aid Training, Student Ambassador

"B6 places every student at the heart of everything, whether it's the outstanding learning services staff or the expert subject tutors, I knew that coming to B6 was the best decision. My favourite subject has to be Law as it plays to all my strengths as an autistic student. I am now planning to study Law at The University of Law until postgraduate where I would then like to qualify as a barrister."

LAW (APPLIED)

Single Vocational A Level

Why study Law?

Study the law of negligence, homicide and property offences. How do the courts decide who should be punished? How does the English legal system deal with offenders? These and other questions about our law are asked during the course. If you are interested in criminal and civil law, this course could be for you. You will learn how the law is applied through various case studies.

What's covered?

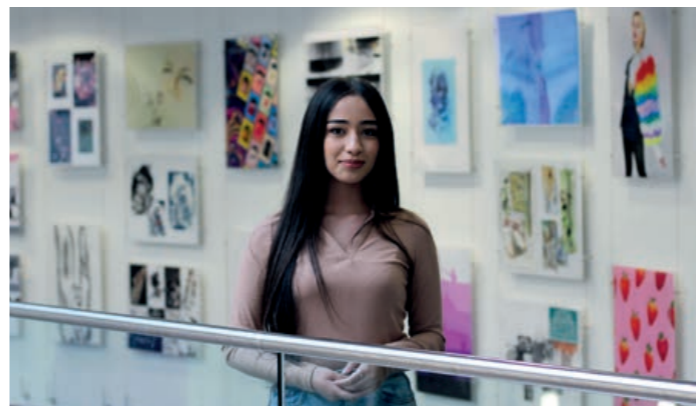
The course is a mixture of external assessment and internal coursework. This course includes dispute solving in the English law, investigating aspects of criminal law and the legal system, applying the law to homicide and property offences and aspects of the law of tort. Applied Law is generally associated with students pursuing a career in a law related role within the business sector. The course focuses on the civil and criminal court structure, the ways in which laws are enacted and key aspects of offences and negligence.

Future Opportunities

The course will give you the opportunity to develop a range of skills, techniques and attitudes essential for successful performance in the working world. Successful completion will enable you to access university degrees to study within the field of law or enhance your employment opportunities and higher apprenticeships within the legal sector.



STUDENT VOICE



Ania Karen

Sharples School

A Level Biology, Chemistry and Mathematics

Enrichment: Student Ambassador and Women into Leadership

"I had heard good things from my friends about B6, it was local and I knew this was the place where I could be myself. My favourite memory from my time at B6 has to be my Mathematics lessons, they are so fun and engaging and the Maths department really make you want to learn. I also really enjoyed all of the talks that we got to attend and the various maths challenges I got involved in. I am planning to become a data scientist or a software engineer, so I plan to study Mathematics at Manchester Metropolitan University."

MATHEMATICS

A Level

Why study Mathematics?

To study maths is to develop an exceptionally broad and desirable skill set that sets you apart and equips you with logical thinking and problem-solving skills alongside resilience and a robust work ethic. Our enthusiastic and supportive department will ensure you know more and learn more because with maths everything is possible!

What's covered?

You will be introduced to exciting new pure mathematical concepts like differentiation, exponentials, logarithms and integration. The applied section of the course is split into two areas. In statistics you will perform calculations to analyse and interpret data. In mechanics, you will learn how particles remain stationary or move using Newton's Laws of Motion.

Future Opportunities

Having an A Level in Mathematics will provide you with the opportunities to access elite universities and a wide range of high-profile careers including: coding, data analysis, engineering, stock broking, actuary, programming, accountancy, teaching, plus science related roles and much more.



 STUDENT VOICE


Karen Stockton

Outwood Academy Hindley

A Level Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics and Honours Programme with EPQ

Enrichment: Learner Voice

"I decided to come to The Sixth Form because I loved the support that was available and how friendly the staff came across. My favourite memory has to be the Biology Olympiad in first year and Maths Inspiration. If you love maths then definitely study Mathematics here, the maths tutors are so passionate about what they do. I am now hoping to study Mathematics at the University of Exeter."

MATHEMATICS - FURTHER

A Level

Why study Mathematics?

This is the perfect course for further mathematicians seeking to extend their own abilities. You will be inspired and challenged by the vast range of material on offer including complex numbers, matrices and hyperbolic functions. The extra subject knowledge allows for connections to be made within topics and a deeper understanding of how broad, yet interlinked, maths really is. Our supportive and enthusiastic team will teach you how to solve these challenging and exciting problems.

What's covered?

Students will choose A Level Mathematics and Further Mathematics as two of their subjects. The starting point for much of A Level Further Mathematics is the content and techniques taught within A Level Mathematics. The two compulsory pure maths modules not only introduce new topics, but also develop previously covered content, refining and extending techniques and applicability. The remaining two modules can be chosen from a range of areas including further pure maths, further statistics and further mechanics.

Future Opportunities

The skills and qualities learnt by further mathematicians mean they are highly prized students who are sought after by elite universities and leading employers. A wide range of careers await you such as: finance investment, actuary, programming, software development, accountancy, business analysis, teaching, plus science related roles and much more.

 STUDENT VOICE


Han Zhang

Sharples School

A Level Business, Computer Science and Mathematics

"I would recommend taking Mathematics to new students if they enjoy Maths at high school. Personally, I love maths as I enjoy working with numbers and unknowns. My favourite memory so far has to be the Maths trip we took to Chester where we explored the application of mathematics such as physics, statistics and probability. When picking your subjects choose carefully, over the next two years you are working towards your future and even your dreams. I am planning to continue my journey onto a degree in Mathematics at The University of Manchester."

MATHEMATICS - CORE

AS Level

Why study Mathematics?

This is an ideal addition to the programme of any driven and committed Level 3 learner. Alongside your complete Level 3 programme you have the chance to extend your maths skills beyond GCSE and gain an AS qualification which is recognised and sought after by universities and employers. Core Mathematics cleverly supports topics within Sciences, Economics, Business, Computing, Psychology and many more subjects.

What's covered?

This course focuses on day-to-day applications of maths rather than the theoretical and abstract ideas. You will learn invaluable techniques which include calculations of APR, mortgage repayments and normal distribution analysis. Additionally, the course develops your logical approach to problem solving and the ability to explain your argument through a clear and concise solution.

Future Opportunities

Core Mathematics will support any university undergraduate course, apprenticeship or employment application and will demonstrate your commitment to further developing your mathematical skill set.



MEDIA STUDIES

A Level

Why study Media Studies?

Being media literate is essential in modern society! Students are encouraged to explore and reflect critically on a wide range of media platforms including TV, newspapers and social media. Media Studies is an extremely successful course that has a mixture of academic and practical content.

What's covered?

You will develop your skills on how to read the media from a variety of different platforms such as radio, TV, newspapers, magazines, advertisements, film marketing and social media sites. You will develop an understanding of why the media represents social groups in a certain way and how audiences interact with media producers. You will also use your newly developed media skills to produce your own TV programme, music video or magazine and fully functioning website. You will engage in both mainstream and niche media products and study the impact of conglomerates in the industry, as well as the social and cultural effects of the media that shape our perception.

Future Opportunities

Students mainly pursue careers within media, but the skills developed are essential to a variety of other professions such as teaching, social media, website design, advertising, journalism or TV and film production. It is respected by higher education institutions and provides a range of transferable skills. With the growth of Media City in Salford, there are a wide range of potential career pathways and higher apprenticeships available too.

MUSIC

Single Vocational A Level

Why study Music?

If you have a passion for music or singing then this course could be for you! Music A Level provides you with the opportunity to develop a range of skills and techniques essential for musical performance, including compositional and professional practice, all of which are essential if you want to work within the music industry.

What's covered?

This is a very practical course with active, fun lessons where you will gain hands-on experience in the art of performance skills and performing techniques. You will have the chance to study different genres of music such as pop, classical and jazz, and the sessions are designed for you to further develop your own instrumental or vocal skills with the opportunity to experience solo and ensemble performance. You will also learn some essential musical theory.

Future Opportunities

Students go on to study traditional music and music technology degrees and can specialise in community, commercial and world music. Careers include popular and classical music, theatrical performance, film and television, computer gaming and advertising.



STUDENT VOICE



Jake Thornley

St James's CE High School

A Level English Literature, Film Studies and Single Vocational A Level Music

Enrichment: B6 Band

"Studying at B6 has helped me both expand on my previous interests of literature and music, as well as discover new passions such as Film Studies. Music is a good course to take if you have an interest in music, as it is a diverse course that will expand your comprehension of how to not just play your instrument, but teach you to compose, arrange and give you an insight into the music industry. I am hoping to attend Liverpool John Moores University to study Film Studies."

MUSIC TECHNOLOGY

Single Vocational A Level

Why study Music Technology?

This is a very practical course that will enable you to develop a range of skills including music production, studio recording and mixing, along with studying the sound and music industry. The teachers draw on their expertise gained from working professionally as both musicians and music producers.

What's covered?

This is a practical course assessed through the application of skills and coursework. The sessions enable you to independently use our industry standard recording studios and rehearsal rooms to gain experience similar to the professional industry. You will learn how to mix and create your own music, as well as essential practical skills which will help you in the creative industry.

Future Opportunities

This course can lead to creative careers within music production, studio recording, live sound engineering, becoming a DJ, TV and film sound technician or sound designer.



MUSIC TECHNOLOGY

Double Vocational A Level

Why study Music Technology?

This course is designed for those students who have a real passion for music production and/or are considering a career in the music production and recording industry. This double award equates to two A level subjects, allowing you to study one other complementary subject alongside such as Music, Performing Arts, IT, Film or Media. The course provides you with intensive tuition by teachers who produce music professionally and use their contacts and wealth of experience to provide you with the best opportunities. You will develop essential skills including: music production, studio recording and mixing, along with studying the sound and music industry.

What's covered?

This is a practical course assessed through the application of skills and coursework. The sessions enable you to independently use our industry standard recording studios and rehearsal rooms to gain experience similar to the professional industry. You will learn how to mix and create your own music as well as essential practical skills which will help you in the creative industry.

Future Opportunities

This course can lead to creative careers within music production, studio recording, live sound engineering, becoming a DJ, TV and film sound technician or sound designer.

PERFORMING ARTS

Single Vocational A Level

Why study Performing Arts?

This is a highly practical course where you will gain and develop a range of performance disciplines. Your teachers have worked in the professional industry and use their experiences to help you devise and develop performances. This is an intense but fun course where you will have the opportunity to develop your own theatre company and create original work, providing you with organisational and leadership skills which will benefit you in any career path.

What's covered?

This course is designed to give you a 'tool box' of performance skills in a range of different styles and genres. You will be involved in live performances and will see external theatre productions and work with visiting professionals. You will develop essential research and written skills as you learn about different theatre companies and practitioner work. This is a practically demanding subject, with energetic lessons alongside crucial development of your English skills. You will be assessed through the rehearsal process, journals, examination, coursework and performance, meaning you leave The Sixth Form as a well-rounded student ready for progression.

Future Opportunities

This course prepares you for further study at university, dance or drama school and sets up the foundation for a career in areas such as acting for stage and TV, musical theatre, presenting, directing, stage management, theatre company manager, journalism and teaching.

PERFORMING ARTS

Double Vocational A Level

Why study Performing Arts?

This course is designed to create industry professionals for stage and screen and develop essential skills needed for a future in performance related careers. You will develop performance skills including acting, voice and movement in a highly practical environment, as well as develop essential research and written skills. You will create a theatre company and experience a range of career paths in the industry, meaning you develop more than just performance skills.

What's covered?

You will be involved in many live performances, coached in voice acting, movement in performance and character interpretation. You will see external theatre productions, alongside working with industry professionals and agencies. This is a practically demanding subject, with energetic lessons and you will be assessed through the rehearsal process, examination, coursework and performance.

Future Opportunities

Many students progress onto drama or dance school, or university. The skills developed are transferable and desirable in other careers including law and public relations related careers. Future careers may include becoming a dancer, actor, director, stage manager, teacher, drama therapist or choreographer.



PHOTOGRAPHY

A Level

Why study Photography?

Photography is the art of observation, finding something interesting in an ordinary place, conveying the world through your eyes, it is not about the things you see but the way you see them. You will explore different genres of photography including documentary, street photography, experimental imagery, portraiture, studio still life and fine art photography.

What's covered?

Explore your creativity by learning a diverse range of digital photography techniques as well as experimenting with analogue photography, traditional darkroom techniques and alternative processes. In the second year, you will apply these skills and techniques to produce coursework as well as a portfolio to demonstrate your creativity to prospective employers and universities. This qualification will encourage you to explore and develop specialist photography skills in a creative and innovative setting. Trips are an important aspect of the course, both locally and nationally as well as travelling abroad.

Future Opportunities

Students mainly progress to university and then into careers within photography or the design industry, as well as gaining apprenticeships. Studying photography enhances creative problem-solving skills required by future employers. Career pathways include fashion photography and styling, editorial photography, photojournalism, studio photographer, travel photographer, sports or freelance photographer.

STUDENT VOICE



Jack Lightbown

Ladybridge High School

A Level Accounting, Economics, Physical Education and AS Level Core Mathematics

Enrichment: Rugby Academy

"I first enrolled at B6 because I felt that it was the right place for my education, and they offered bespoke programmes alongside my subjects that I felt would be beneficial to me. I am part of the Rugby Development Pathway, where I can gain expert advice from professionals within this field. With this support, I have been able to develop my own tailored training programme so that I am able to achieve my goals."

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

A Level

Why study Physical Education?

Are you fascinated by the human body? Have you ever wondered why some people can run faster than others? How drugs enhance performance in sport? What gives Olympic champions the psychological edge over their competitors? How technology can advance sports performance? Then A Level PE is the course for you.

What's covered?

This course offers you an opportunity to perform or coach a sport and develop your knowledge of human movement, performance and behaviour. You will study applied anatomy and physiology, skill acquisition, sport in society, exercise physiology, sports psychology and technology in sport. To study A Level PE, you must play or coach sport at a competitive level in order to complete the non-exam assessed component of the course. You will also have the opportunity to complete the Level 2 Gym Instructor course, a nationally recognised award, which qualifies you to work in any gym in the UK.

Future Opportunities

A Level Physical Education is an excellent base for a university degree in physiotherapy, sports science, sports management, healthcare or exercise and health, as well as complementing further study in biology, psychology, nutrition and many more. This course opens up a range of career opportunities including physiotherapy, sports science, sports coaching, personal training or teaching.

STUDENT VOICE



Megan Broad

Fred Longworth High School

A Level Art, Craft & Design, Mathematics, Physics and Honours Programme with EPQ

"I chose The Sixth Form because of its location and how welcoming and passionate the teachers were at the open event. Physics has been my favourite subject to study, I have found it so interesting and I like the depths you can go into. A favourite memory of my time at The Sixth Form has been watching the performances on Culture Day, I like that I got to experience so many different cultures. I am now looking forward to studying Physics at Lancaster University."

PHYSICS

A Level

Why study Physics?

Would you like to study a science which underpins our newest and future technologies? Physics underpins all science and engineering and is crucial to careers in aerospace and automobile engineering, medical sciences, electronics and space exploration. Physicists are crucial in developing the quickest computers, the fastest cars and the tallest buildings. Physics will challenge and stretch your imagination, analysing everything from the smallest particle to the universe itself.

What's covered?

You will solve problems in mechanics, from firing projectiles to designing strong bridges. You will investigate how electrical circuits operate and the formation of wave patterns. You will delve into the mysterious world of quantum physics and study satellite systems, electric and magnetic fields, nuclear physics and astrophysics.

Future Opportunities

Physics is essential in pursuing careers in astronomy, space science and engineering-related disciplines, with engineering being an area where there is a great shortage of qualified people. Physics is also highly regarded in diverse fields such as medicine, computer science, mathematics, optometry, dentistry, geology, chemistry and biology.



STUDENT VOICE



Saqib Patel

Harper Green School

A Level Geography, Mathematics, Physics and Honours Programme with EPQ

Enrichment: Learner Voice, Debating Society

"The Sixth Form has a great town centre location, and the flexibility around timetables and breaks is great for religious and social commitments. I would highly recommend the Physics course here; it's challenging but also rewarding and the teachers work hard to ensure the units are engaging. The Honours Programme is certainly worth enrolling in. My next step after college is to train at an industry leading flight school with an embedded Aviation Management Degree."

POLITICS

A Level

Why study Politics?

The emphasis is on the here and now, therefore awareness and interest in current affairs and news is essential. You should enjoy developing ideas and opinions of the world around you. Discover what makes your parents vote the way they do, or not in some cases! Politics is extremely important as it affects our everyday lives. Politicians pass laws that relate to everything we do, from driving, paying taxes, education, health, law and order and the environment.

What's covered?

The focus for the first year is on British politics which includes the Prime Minister, Parliament, voting behaviour and voting systems, the civil service, party ideology and pressure groups. In the second year, you will investigate four ideologies: conservatism, socialism, liberalism and feminism and look at these in action. American politics is also covered across both years so you will learn about the differences between American and British politics.

Future Opportunities

Politics is a very well regarded A Level and is held in high esteem by all universities, including Oxbridge. This course could lead to a career in the civil service, social work, journalism, administration, local government, finance, banking or politics.



STUDENT VOICE



Anisha Mohammed

Harper Green School

A Level History, Mathematics, Politics and Honours Programme with EPQ

Enrichment: Debating Society, Learner Voice, Urdu Enrichment, History Club and Politics Club

"Politics and History are great courses to study if you want to learn more about different people's stories. I really enjoyed expanding my historical knowledge on the humanities trip to Liverpool where we visited The International Slavery Museum and The Tate. I also like the range of enrichment opportunities at B6, as I am part of so many different clubs and societies that run alongside my studies. I am hoping to study Philosophy, Politics and Economics at university."

PSYCHOLOGY

A Level

Why study Psychology?

Are you interested in people and wish to gain an understanding of human behaviour and the factors which influence us to behave in different ways? This course offers explanations of why humans behave and think as they do. Psychology will allow you to study psychological theories in a scientific manner and then apply them to everyday life. How do you define intelligence? Why do we conform? Do we have control over our own behaviour? What is 'abnormality'?

What's covered?

You will examine areas of cognitive, social, biological and developmental psychology such as memory, attachment and psychopathology. You will explore the relationship between psychological knowledge and social, cultural and contemporary issues. You will look at applications of psychology to areas of human behaviour such as stress and mental illness. Psychology is a subject requiring a high standard of written communication, with biological and mathematical elements to the course.

Future Opportunities

Knowledge of psychology is useful in any career that involves working with people. Careers that directly employ your psychological knowledge include forensic, clinical occupational and educational psychology, as well as advertising, sport, business, marketing and human resources.



STUDENT VOICE



Bunguke Gemama

Bolton St Catherine's Academy

Single Vocational A Level Business, Health & Social Care and Psychology

"The Sixth Form is in such a good town centre location and is convenient for public transport. The support and pastoral care that is available is fantastic. My favourite memory of my time at B6 has to be the culture day as the college is so diverse it brought students together from different backgrounds. The subject I enjoy most is Psychology and that is why I am hoping to go to the University of Huddersfield to study Psychology."

PSYCHOLOGY (APPLIED)

Single Vocational A Level

Why study Psychology?

Whatever career you pursue, a background in psychology will enhance your employability. Studying psychology can help you understand yourself and other people by learning about aspects of human behaviour that help you in daily life. You will benefit from an understanding of human behaviour, be it social interaction, language and communication, human motivation and emotion, or the process of decision-making. Psychology provides an excellent training in analytical thinking and scientific research methods that are applicable to a broad range of careers.

What's covered?

This course has a practical focus on the application of psychology. It covers the key approaches to psychology – cognitive, social, learning and biological and will provide you with an insight into areas such as: treating mental health issues, exploring key psychological theories, conducting research and understanding addiction and stress. In the second year optional unit the focus is on studying psychopathology and students can choose to research various topics within psychology when conducting a research project. This course is ideal for students who thrive in an engaging and hands-on style of learning environment.

Future Opportunities

The units on this course are geared towards preparing students for a career in the Health and Care sector which includes different mental health roles. However, other career opportunities also include: clinical, counselling, educational roles, forensic, sport and exercise psychology, social services, teaching or academic research.

PUBLIC SERVICES (UNIFORMED)

Single Vocational A Level

Why study Public Services?

The course is designed to develop your skills, discipline and knowledge to equip you for a career within the public service sector, including the Police, Fire Service, Ambulance Service, Prison Service and Armed Forces. You will also have the opportunity to take part in various day and residential trips to put your skills to the test.

What's covered?

This course includes diverse units such as behaviour and discipline, introduction to criminology, police powers and teamwork, leadership and communication in the public services. You will be assessed through externally set exams and internally set written and practical activities. You will also have the opportunity to complete the Level 2 Gym Instructor course, a nationally recognised award, which qualifies you to work in any gym in the UK. Public Services students also have the opportunity to apply for our exclusive Policing Academy, see page 27 for more details.

Future Opportunities

This qualification is designed for students who are considering employment in the uniformed public services. Studying Public Services will enhance your skills and experience needed to either directly join the services or to study related subjects at higher education level.



STUDENT VOICE



Olivia Archer

St Ambrose Barlow RC High School

Single Vocational A Level Applied Science, Public Services and Criminology

"When I first visited The Sixth Form I felt really welcomed, the teachers I spoke to were really enthusiastic and passionate about their subjects too. My favourite memory is when we took part in Operating Theatre Live. It allowed us to take part in dissections which gave us an insight into the inner workings of the body. I now hope to go to UCLan to study Paramedic Science so I can become a paramedic for the NHS. Don't be afraid to get involved with activities because it allows you to meet so many new people who can make your sixth form experience really enjoyable."

STUDENT VOICE



Holly Sibson

Fred Longworth High School

Triple Vocational A Level Public Services

Enrichment: Football Academy

"I came to The Sixth Form as it was highly recommended by friends. My favourite memories of my time at B6 have to be all the football matches and tournaments I have taken part in as part of the Football Academy. I really enjoy studying Public Services here, it's the best course to take if you are thinking about going into the public sector as it covers a variety of different careers."

PUBLIC SERVICES (UNIFORMED)

Triple Vocational A Level

Why study Public Services?

The course is designed for those interested in careers in the uniformed services including the Police, Ambulance Service, Fire Service, Paramedics and the Armed Forces, and will develop your skills, discipline and knowledge for a career within the wider public service sector.

What's covered?

You will study a broad range of units including responding to emergency incidents, police powers, leadership, teamwork and communication, physical preparation and global affairs in the uniformed public services, and have the opportunity to work with a variety of uniformed public service organisations. The course uses practical activities, presentations, and involvement with local public services to enhance your learning experience. You will be assessed through externally set exams and internally set written and practical activities. All students will complete a one-week residential trip to put their knowledge, skills and teamwork to the test! You will also have the opportunity to complete the Level 2 Gym Instructor course, a nationally recognised award, which qualifies you to work in any gym in the UK. Public Services students also have the opportunity to apply for our exclusive Policing Academy, see page 27 for more details.

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RELIGION, ETHICS & PHILOSOPHY

A Level

Why study Religion, Ethics & Philosophy?

Do you want to study an A Level that will stretch your mind, introduce you to great thinkers and give you a qualification respected throughout higher education? Do you enjoy debating the big issues such as whether God exists? This course is for students who value the opportunity to explore issues concerning human life and existence.

What's covered?

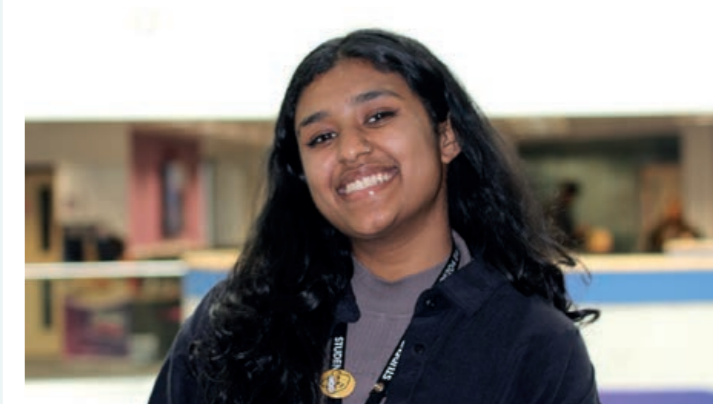
The course explores three main areas of study: Ethics, Philosophy and Christianity. You will therefore gain an understanding of a wide variety of approaches to understanding the world around us. Beliefs and values are discussed critically and reflectively. You will be assessed by three examinations after two years of study.

Future Opportunities

Students who have a qualification in Religion, Ethics and Philosophy can move into a wide variety of professions, as the skills that you will develop in analysis and argument are transferable and are valuable in a range of careers. Many students progress into careers within the civil service, teaching, journalism, nursing and law.



STUDENT VOICE



Aarshiya Sarkar

The Lowry Academy

A Level Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics and Honours Programme with EPQ

"The smaller class sizes and less crowded atmosphere was one of the largest contributors in my decision to attend B6. I really enjoyed studying Maths and Chemistry because of the teaching styles of the teachers and the structure of the lessons. I would 100% recommend Maths to any new students. When I leave The Sixth Form I am hoping to study Maths and Philosophy at the University of Manchester."

SCIENCE (APPLIED)

Single Vocational A Level

Why study Applied Science?

Do you enjoy learning science in a practical way? Do you have a particular interest in applications of science in medicine and clinical work? This course is designed to provide a specialised work-related qualification that covers biology, chemistry and physics. If you work best through practical investigations and want to understand how science affects the world, you should consider this course. An ability to carry out and analyse scientific work are skills highly respected by employers and universities.

What's covered?

Throughout the course you will study the principles of all three sciences and apply your understanding to practical investigations. The optional unit selected covers human body systems and the importance of maintaining an internal environment. The course provides a base for university studies and careers in health care and food nutrition.

Future Opportunities

Students' progress to study health care related programmes or biomedical sciences. It is an essential requirement for careers such as: occupational health, radiotherapy, physiotherapy, sports science or laboratory work. It combines well with Single Vocational A Level Health & Social Care and Children's Play, Learning & Development; especially if you are considering going into nursing, midwifery or social care.

STUDENT VOICE



Anganile Kanthonga

Ladybridge High School

Triple Vocational A Level Applied Science

Enrichment: Women into Leadership

"As part of the Applied Science course, I cover biology, chemistry and physics but I struggle to pick my favourite as I enjoy them all. They all include interesting practical's and they all challenge me in different ways. I don't work well in exam conditions so by doing a coursework driven course allows me to still get the best results. I would recommend doing this course as it opens up so many different opportunities for the future. My plans are now to go to the University of Central Lancashire (UCLan) to study adult nursing."

SCIENCE (APPLIED)

Triple Vocational A Level

Why study Applied Science?

Applied Science is an in-depth practical science focused course that also leads to a broad range of careers from engineering, business, pharmacy, zoology, biochemistry and forensic science. The course is less weighted towards examinations, therefore if you are interested in a career involving practical work in a science-based organisation and prefer portfolio-based assessment of your scientific investigations, then this course will appeal to you.

What's covered?

Throughout the course you will study the principles of all three sciences to include: cellular biology, systems of the body, biochemistry, genetics, medical physics, electrical circuits and the application of chemistry to practical techniques. There is a combination of external and internal assessed coursework units, the course provides a thorough base for university studies, apprenticeships and careers in science, health care and food nutrition.

Future Opportunities

Career opportunities exist in the science industry, education, medical science and research laboratories. The course provides a route into higher education to study subjects such as optometry, pharmacy, radiography, physiotherapy, audiology, podiatry, biomedical sciences, operating department practice, nursing, neuroscience, forensic science, nutrition, dental technology, orthotics and civil engineering.

STUDENT VOICE



Bushraa Maroof

Sharples School

Triple Vocational A Level Applied Science

Enrichment: Women into Leadership

"My brother studied at The Sixth Form Bolton which encouraged me to apply as he had such a great experience there. All the staff make sure students do their best and teach to the highest standards. I have really enjoyed studying Applied Science here at B6. I have got to experience all areas of science throughout the course and it has shown me that by taking the applied science route you can still progress onto the same courses as if I had done A Levels. I am hoping to continue my studies at the University of Salford studying Radiography."

STUDENT VOICE



Quratalain Ahmed

Smithills School

A Level English Language, Media Studies, Sociology and Honours Programme with EPQ

Enrichment: Student Ambassador

"I discovered The Sixth Form from taking part in the RAY programme when I was younger, I really enjoyed the experience so I knew it was where I wanted to study. I have loved studying Sociology and would recommend this subject as there are so many career options that studying sociology lends itself to. When I leave The Sixth Form, I am planning to study Sociology at The University of Manchester."

SOCIOLOGY

A Level

Why study Sociology?

Sociology is the study of how society is organised and how we experience life. If you are interested in the wider debates such as how social class, gender and ethnicity can have an impact on your chance of success, then Sociology may be for you. Sociology is a subject that is valuable in any career, it is the study of society after all!

What's covered?

Throughout the course you will develop your understanding of topics including families and households, education, and sociological research methods. Continuing onwards in the second year, you will consider crime and deviance and how influential the media is in defining our behaviour. You should be prepared to discuss and debate ideas in order to learn and experience how events can be interpreted in a variety of ways.

Future Opportunities

Sociology is important for any career involving the general public including: teaching, police, social work, healthcare or human resource management, as well as market research and social science research.



STUDENT VOICE



Willow Stephenson

Canon Slade School

A Level Psychology, Religion, Ethics & Philosophy and Sociology

Enrichment: Debating Society, Religion Studies Podcasting, Student Ambassador

"The Sixth Form has good subject choices and was conveniently close to home. My favourite subject has to be Sociology as it is interesting and enjoyable and very relatable to real life. I particularly enjoyed the Religion Parish Church visit as this is of great interest to me. My advice to Year 11's would be to choose subjects that you are going to enjoy studying and that help you in your future pathway. After B6 I am hoping to study Sociology and German at The University of Manchester."

SPANISH

A Level

Why study Spanish?

Spanish is one of the most widely spoken languages from Central and South America, Spain, United States and even the Philippines. This course offers an exciting opportunity if you have been successful in your study of GCSE Spanish or if Spanish is your first language. You will develop your ability to communicate in one of the world's most widely spoken languages.

What's covered?

You will study four themes that address a range of social issues and trends, as well as aspects of the political and artistic culture of Spain including: changing family structures, the world of work, the impact of tourism in Spain, media, music festivals and traditions. Assessment is completed in the second year in the form of listening, reading and translation, and a written and speaking examination.

Future Opportunities

Language qualifications are welcomed by employers and it is a great skill to have in the global work market. In addition, Spanish is one of the top five languages used in business, and employers value the transferable skills. A language qualification prepares you for careers with good communication skills including business, management, law, international marketing, teaching and journalism.



SPORT SCIENCE

Single Vocational A Level

Why study Sport Science?

Being involved in sport is no longer just about competing. Sport Science is a growing area that allows us to develop a knowledge and understanding of the human body, health and elite performance. Are you curious how science can enhance performance in sport? Do you want to know how to help an athlete become faster, fitter or stronger? If so, then this is the course for you.

What's covered?

The course includes units such as anatomy and physiology, sports psychology and biomechanics with the focus being on the science of sport and sporting performance. You will be continually assessed through exams, written assignments, presentations, projects and case studies. You will also have the opportunity to complete the Level 2 Gym Instructor course, a nationally recognised award, which qualifies you to work in any gym in the UK.

Future Opportunities

This course prepares you for a career in the sports industry or progression onto higher education to study degrees within the field, including areas such as sport and exercise science, physiotherapy, sports rehabilitation, coaching and teaching.



STUDENT VOICE



Katarzyna Stefania

Ladybridge High School

A Level Business, Fine Art and Single Vocational
A Level Sport Science

Enrichment: Netball and Gym Instructor
Qualification

"I wanted to come to The Sixth Form as I knew there were good opportunities for me on the Sport Science course. I really enjoy the dissections as it helped me to understand the anatomy unit better. My teachers are so helpful and I love that I have been able to work towards achieving my Level 2 Gym Instructor qualification. I am now hoping to study Sport and Exercise Science at Bangor University."

SPORT SCIENCE

Triple Vocational A Level

Why study Sport Science?

Sport Science is a growing industry. As competition gets fiercer, more and more is required of athletes in order for them to be at the top of their game. In today's sporting world, they need knowledge and understanding of what the body is capable of and how to reach new levels, and it is research conducted by sports scientists that can make this happen. Sport Science is a diverse area that covers anatomy, nutrition, rehabilitation, psychology, fitness testing and training, coaching and technology in sport.

What's covered?

You will study a wide range of units including anatomy and physiology, sports psychology, coaching for performance and fitness, field and lab-based fitness testing and sports massage. You will be assessed continuously throughout the two years through a variety of methods including exams, case studies, written reports and presentations. You will also have the opportunity to complete the Level 2 Gym Instructor course, a nationally recognised award, which qualifies you to work in any gym in the UK.

Future Opportunities

This course leads to a range of careers including nutritionist, physiotherapist, sports scientist and PE teacher. Many of our students have progressed to study subjects such as sport science, sports rehabilitation, sports therapy and physical education at degree level. The qualification also develops a range of techniques, personal skills and attributes essential for successful performance in both working life and higher education.

STUDENT VOICE



Ismael Patel

Eden Boys School

Triple Vocational A Level Sport Science

Enrichment: Cricket and Football Academy

"I have really enjoyed all the practical sessions as part of this course and love that we get to use the fitness suite as part of our studies. I am also part of the Cricket and Football Academy where I get to continue to build my skills and compete against other colleges. My advice to new students would be to get involved in sports here as it's such a great opportunity to make new friends."



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