

2025

OPEN EVENTS

SATURDAY 5 OCTOBER 2024 Open Day 10:00am - 1:30pm

-to include a 30-minute quiet session 10.00am-10.30am*

THURSDAY 28 NOVEMBER 2024

Open Evening 5:00pm - 8:00pm

-to include a 30-minute quiet session 5.00pm-5.30pm*

'Reduced numbers session - places will be reserved for visitors with special educational needs and disabilities, including those with social or sensory challenges.



Book your place here

APPLY NOW

Don't miss the deadline! Friday 31 January 2025



Apply here



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EXCELLENCE IN EVERYTHING

PRINCIPAL'S WELCOME

The Sixth Form Bolton 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.

"STUDENTS ARE POSITIVE ABOUT THEIR LEARNING, ARE AMBITIOUS AND HAVE CLEAR ASPIRATIONS FOR THEIR FUTURE"

OFSTED 2024



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









YOUR FIRST CHOICE

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



OFSTED INSPECTION

Ofsted
Good
Provider

We were inspected by Ofsted from: 17 October to 20 October 2023.



The Ofsted report commended the many positive practices that are taking place across all aspects of The Sixth Form.



View the full Ofsted report here

"A SAFE, SECURE
ENVIRONMENT WHERE
STUDENTS DEVELOP
THEIR CONFIDENCE AND
RESILIENCE TO HELP THEM
ACHIEVE AND PROGRESS."

OUTSTANDING FACILITIES



View our outstanding facilities by taking our virtual tour































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 72% OF SUBJECTS



PASS RATE FOR A LEVEL COURSES



BTEC EXTENDED DIPLOMA STUDENTS ACHIEVING HIGHER-GRADE PASSES



OF STUDENTS PROGRESS TO UNIVERSITY, APPRENTICESHIPS OR EMPLOYMENT

STUDENT SUCCESS

Join the high number of students who progress on to university, employment or career focused apprenticeships each year.

Blaise Heywood-Tattersall

Former school:

St Ambrose Barlow RC High School

Progression:

University of York to study Psychology

Achievement:

A Level Drama & Theatre Studies (A*) A Level English Language & Literature (A*) A Level Psychology (A*)



"Hard work really does pay off. I would like to thank the teachers for all their help, and the college for providing outstanding resources over the last two years."

James Barr

Former school: Smithills School

Progression:

University of Strathclyde to study Microbiology and Immunology

Achievement:

Triple Vocational A Level in Applied Science (D*D*D*)



Mohammad Kala

Former school: Essa Academy

Progression:

Imperial College London to study Mathematics and Computer Science

Achievement:

A Level Further Mathematics (A*)

A Level Mathematics (A*)

A Level Physics (A)

Extended Project Qualification (A)



Aamena Makkan

Former school:

Bolton Muslim Girls' School

Progression:

Degree Apprenticeship in Software Testing at Fujitsu

Achievement:

Triple Vocational Advance Level in Information Technology (D*D*D*)

Core Mathematics Qualification (A)

"I've really enjoyed my time at The Sixth Form; making friends, laughing with teachers and the great memories in the classrooms."



Eva Pollitt

Former school:

Fred Longworth High School

Progression:

Loughborough University to study Sport and Exercise Science

Achievement:

A Level Biology (A)
A Level Physical Education (A)
A Level Psychology (A*)
Core Maths Qualification (A)

"Loughborough University is one of the best in the country for Sport. A big thank you to all the staff and teachers who have helped me get here." "My vocational course was brilliant as it allowed me to develop my IT skills to a much higher level. As a result, I now have a place at a top university."

Franklin Ugwu

Former school:

Bolton St Catherine's Academy

Progression:

University of Liverpool to study Computer Science with Software Development

Achievement:

Triple Vocational Advanced Level in Information Technology (D*D*D*)



CHOOSING YOUR STUDY PROGRAMME

All students follow a two-year full-time study programme, consisting of their chosen course(s), tutorial, skills development, work experience and enrichment. At The Sixth Form, we offer a wide range of:

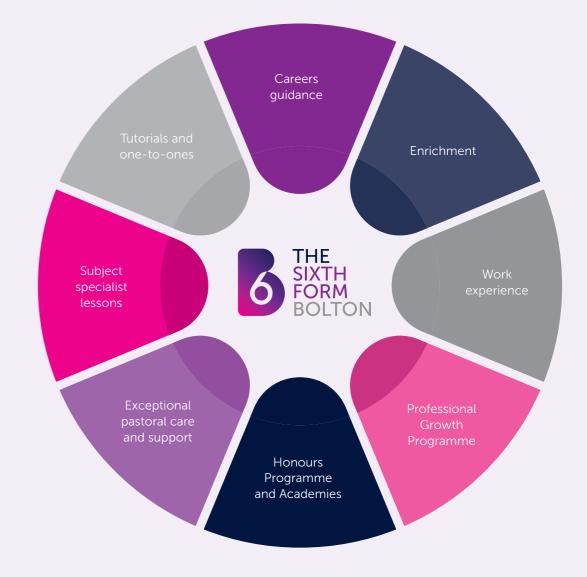
- A Levels
- Single Vocational Advanced Levels
- Triple Vocational Advanced Levels

Depending on your talent, career ambitions and qualifications, you can choose one of three pathways.



"UNIVERSITIES WELCOME STUDENTS WITH BOTH VOCATIONAL AND A LEVEL QUALIFICATIONS"

YOUR TWO-YEAR STUDY PROGRAMME ALSO INCLUDES:



At The Sixth Form, we believe in developing the whole person, not just your academic skills.

A LEVEL SUBJECTS

- Accounting
- Art (Fine Art)
- Art, Craft & Design
- Biology
- Business
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- Drama & Theatre Studies
- Economics
- English Language
- English Language & Literature
- English Literature
- Film Studies
- Geography
- Graphic Design
- History
- Law
- Mathematics
- Mathematics Further
- Mathematics Core (AS Level equivalent)
- Media Studies
- Photography
- Physical Education
- Physics
- Politics
- Psychology
- Religion, Ethics & Philosophy
- Sociology
- Spanish

VOCATIONAL ADVANCED LEVEL SUBJECTS

SINGLE VOCATIONAL ADVANCED LEVEL SUBJECTS

- Business
- Children's Play, Learning & Development
- Criminology
- Health & Social Care
- Information Technology
- Law (Applied)
- Music
- Music Technology
- Performing Arts
- Psychology (Applied)
- Public Services (Uniformed)
- Science (Applied)
- Sport Science

DOUBLE VOCATIONAL ADVANCED LEVEL SUBJECTS

(Equivalent to 2 x A Levels)

- Music Technology
- Performing Arts

TRIPLE VOCATIONAL ADVANCED LEVEL SUBJECTS

- Art, Design, and Communication
- Business
- Health & Social Care
- Information Technology
- Public Services (Uniformed)
- Science (Applied)
- Sport Science

T LEVEL SUBJECT

• Education and Early Years



A LEVELS

A Levels:

- Study three (or occasionally four) A Level subjects
- 29 subjects to choose from
- Two-year course
- Assessment is predominantly by examination
- Opportunity to join the Honours Programme and Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)
- GCSE Mathematics resit may be taken where appropriate, alongside a main programme of study

A Levels will appeal strongly to students who:

- Have enjoyed academic teaching and learning at school
- Thrive from examinations being the main form of assessment
- Wish to study traditional subjects such as English, History, Mathematics etc at a higher level
- Have aspirations for a career where A Levels are presently the preferred entry route. eg. Medicine, Veterinary Science, Law



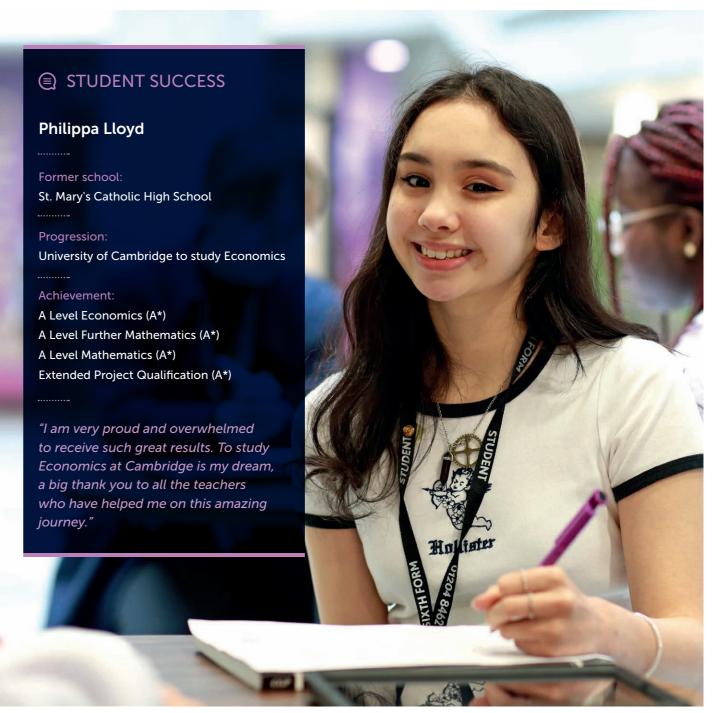
View our wide range of A Levels here





Two GCSEs at grade 6 and three GCSEs at grade 5/4 including English Language and Mathematics. Or eight GCSEs at a minimum of grade 5.

Individual subjects have specific and higher entry requirements.



SINGLE VOCATIONAL ADVANCED LEVELS

Single Vocational Advanced Levels:

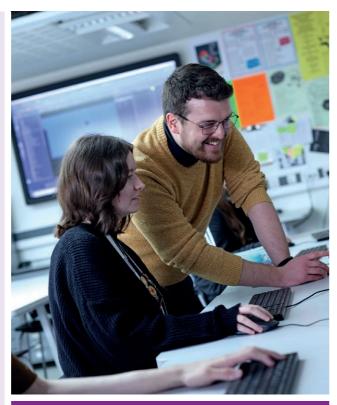
- Study three subjects
- Each subject is equivalent to one A Level
- Can be taken alongside other Single Vocational Advanced Levels as well as A Levels
- 13 Single Vocational Advanced Levels and 29 A Level subjects to choose from
- 2 Double Vocational Advanced Levels available (equivalent to two A Levels)
- Two-year course
- Assessment is mostly coursework with some exam/ externally assessed units
- GCSE Mathematics resit may be taken where appropriate, alongside a main programme of study

Studying Single Vocational Advanced Levels, or a mixed study programme, will appeal strongly to students who:

- Wish to keep their options open by studying a mixture of subjects
- Find exams more challenging and are stronger in their course work
- Have aspirations of progressing onto university, employment or career focused apprenticeships



View our wide range of Single Vocational Advanced Levels here





Two GCSEs at grade 6 and three GCSEs at grade 5/4 including English Language and Mathematics. Or eight GCSEs at a minimum of grade 5.

Individual subjects have specific and higher entry requirements.



TRIPLE VOCATIONAL ADVANCED LEVELS

Triple Vocational Advanced Levels:

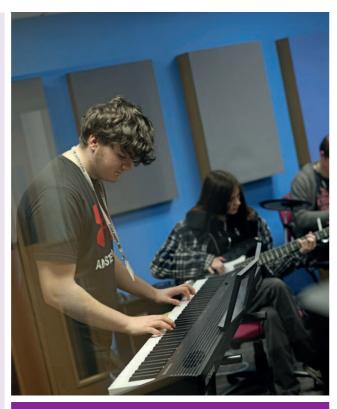
- Study one subject
- Equivalent to three A Levels
- Assessment is mostly coursework with some exam/ externally assessed units
- GCSE English and Mathematics resit may be taken where appropriate, alongside a main programme of study
- Substantial industry placements for selected courses

Studying a Triple Vocational Advanced Level will appeal strongly to students who:

- Have an interest in a career or a specific vocation
- Are keen to learn new skills through a mix of practical and theoretical learning
- Find exams more challenging and are stronger in their course work
- Have aspirations of progressing onto university, employment or career focused apprenticeships



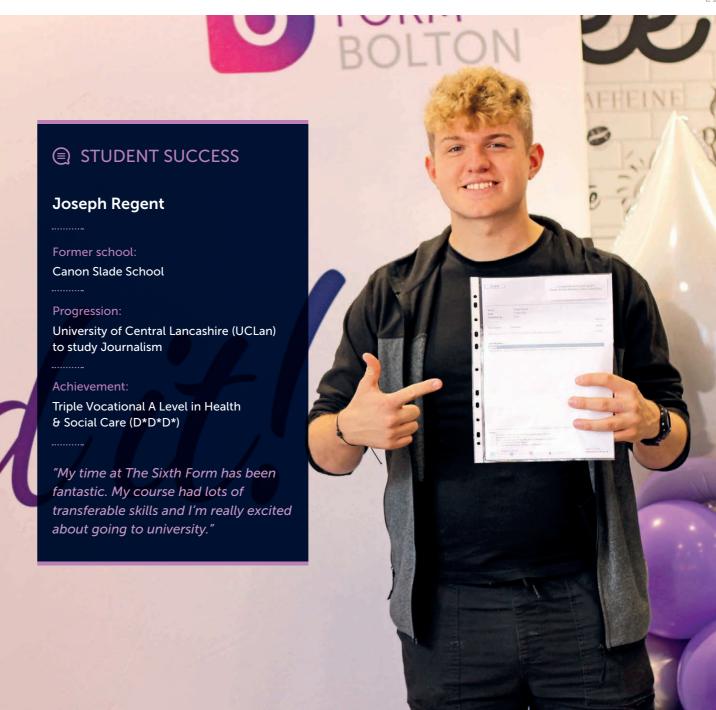
View our wide range of Triple Vocational Advanced Levels here





Five GCSEs at grade 9-4 including a grade 4 in GCSE English Language and a minimum grade 3 in Mathematics.

Individual subjects may have specific and higher entry requirements.



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.

Entry requirements are subject to change throughout the year.





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.



View our latest entry requirements here



Explore all courses here

OFQUAL GCSE GRADING CHART

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

You can apply to study at The Sixth Form Bolton via our 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 The Sixth Form

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.



DON'T MISS THE DEADLINE
FRIDAY 31 JANUARY 2025

Apply here

APPLICATION TIMELINE



Applications open:

4 October 2024 12 noon

STEP 2

Open Events:

Saturday 5 October 2024 Open Day 10:00am - 1:30pm

Thursday 28 November 2024 Open Evening 5:00pm - 8:00pm

STEP 3

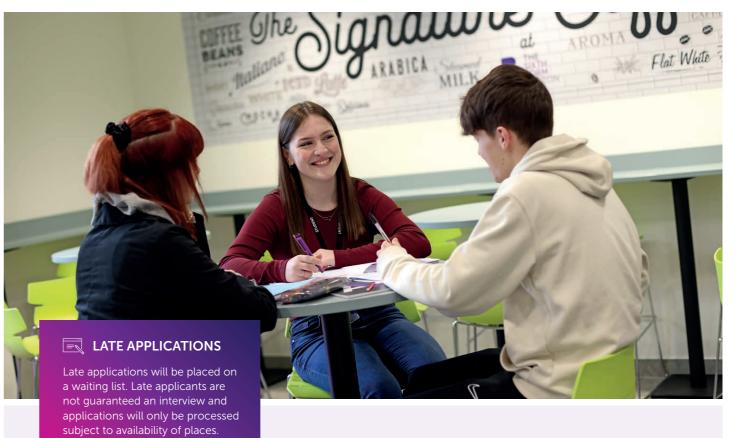
Application deadline:

Friday 31 January 2025 12 noon

STEP 4

Interviews:

Interviews are held from November - March



STEP 5

Offers:

Offers will be made at interview

STEP 6

New Student Day: Wednesday 2 July 2025

STEP 7

GCSE Results Day: Thursday 21 August 2025

Enrolment:

Enrolment is from Thursday 21 August 2025. It is essential that you attend your enrolment appointment in order to secure your place



YOUR DAY AT B6

You will have your own unique timetable based on the subjects you have chosen.

Students are in college for approximately 15 hours per week. This includes your subject lessons, tutorial and Professional Growth Programme. You may then add additional activities such as enrichment, B6 academies and EPQ onto your timetable.

Your 15 hours will be spread across the week, Monday-Friday. You may have some mornings or afternoons free, or breaks in your timetable. You do not need to stay on campus during breaks, however, we recommend that you use this time to prioritise private study.

Free breakfasts are available for all students each day from 8am-8.25am in the B6 Bistro and Rooftop Restaurant.

The full Sixth Form day is shown on the outline timetable provided.



Discover what makes B6 unique



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
P1	P1	P1	P1	P1
8:40 - 10:00	8:40 - 10:25	8:40 - 10:25	8:40 - 10:25	8:40 - 10:20
Break 10 minutes	Break 10 minutes	Break 10 minutes	Break 10 minutes	Break 10 minutes
P2	P2	P2	P2	P2
10:10 - 11:40	10:35 - 12:20	10:35 - 12:20	10:35 - 12:20	10:30 - 12:05
Break 10 minutes	P3 Break or	P3 Break or	P3 Break or	P3 Break or
	Group Coaching	Group Coaching	Group Coaching	Group Coaching
	12:25 - 13:00	12:25 - 13:00	12:25 - 13:00	12:10 - 12:45
P3	P4	P4	P4	P4
11:50 - 13:10	13:00 - 14:35	13:00 - 14:35	13:00 - 14:35	12:45 - 14:05
P4 Break or Group Coaching 13:15 - 13:50	Break 5 minutes	Break 5 minutes	Break 5 minutes	Break 25 minutes
P5	P5	P5	P5	P5
13:50 - 15:05	14:40 - 16:15	14:40 - 16:15	14:40 - 16:15	14:30 - 15:50
P6 15:10 - 16:30				





ENRICHMENT

Sixth Form 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. View our latest offer 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.

























B6 ACADEMIES

As a student at The Sixth Form Bolton, you will have the opportunity to join one of our career enhancing academies.

Taken alongside your chosen subjects, our unique academies enhance your learning experience by offering specific career related experiences and skills-based activities.

Popular academies include:

- Apprenticeship Academy
- Futures Academy
- Performing Arts Academy
- Football, Cricket and Sports Performance Pathway

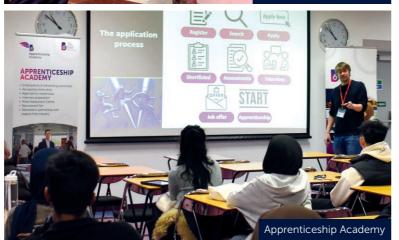




Explore B6 Academies



















CAREERS AND EMPLOYABILITY

CAREERS PROGRAMME

Our award-winning careers team offer a wide range of services to support your progression onto university, employment or an apprenticeship:

- Impartial careers guidance appointments with a gualified 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
- Strong links to local and national employers for placement opportunities
- Support and guidance on how to find work experience
- Opportunities to attend workplace safari days
- Employer led live briefs







Discover more about careers here

THE APPRENTICESHIP ACADEMY

The Apprenticeship Academy supports second-year 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 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:

- Applications masterclass
- Interview workshop
- Mock assessment centre
- Trip to the National Apprenticeship show





Gizem Hasanova

Little Lever School

A Level Biology, Chemistry, Psychology and Core Mathematics Qualification Progression: Hull York Medical School to study Medicine

"I'm so grateful to have had access to the Careers Team during my time at The Sixth Form, not only did they help me by providing information on what I needed to do to apply for medicine, but they also gave me incredible opportunities such as observing surgeries which really helped develop my skills and increased my motivation."



Sagib Patel

Harper Green School

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

Progression: Degree apprenticeship with Sellafield for Nuclear and Mechanical Engineering

"Throughout my time at The Sixth Form, I've been fortunate enough to partake in many 1:1 career sessions which ultimately led to me being able to realise what my personal and professional goals are. I believe these sessions really helped me secure offers from Russell Group Universities, degree apprenticeships and flight schools. The support from the Careers Team is amazing, they put on many sessions and the Apprenticeship Academy's mock assessment centre definitely helped me secure Degree Apprenticeship offers. The careers team also helped me secure a work placement with Northstone, they're fantastic at what they do!"

PROFESSIONAL GROWTH PROGRAMME

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

You will 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. PGP lessons will appear on your timetable and are a compulsory part of your study programme.

PGP runs over two years and adapts with each stage of your journey at The Sixth Form. Each pathway is supported by a leading employer who has created the content to ensure that students are work/industry ready.

We currently have 9 pathways to choose from:

- ✓ STEM
- Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary
- ✓ Law and Public Services
- ✓ Health and Social Care
- Business and Finance
- Creative
- ✓ Computing and IT
- Education
- ✓ Sport and Leadership





HONOURS PROGRAMME

A bespoke aspirational programme for academically gifted students.

The Honours Programme is an additional pathway for students whose aspirations are to progress onto highly competitive courses at top universities, such as Oxford, Cambridge, Russell Group universities and also degree apprenticeships. As part of the programme, you'll be expected to commit extra time every week to this intensive support pathway.

As part of the Honours Programme, you will benefit from:

- Tailored support for specific applications to medical professions, Veterinary Science, Dentistry, Law, Mathematics and applications to Oxbridge and Russell Group universities
- The opportunity to study the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)
- Honours tutorial and skills development programme
- Access to the prestigious Cambridge University HE+ programme
- Opportunity to join the Oxford University Humanities Pembroke North Project
- Academies in science and law
- Participation in prestigious university access programmes such as The University of Manchester
- Cultural trips and visits



Explore in more detail here

STUDENT SUCCESS



Anisha Mohammed

Harper Green School

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

Progression: University of Oxford to study Philosophy, Politics and Economics

"The Honours Programme has been paramount in helping me secure my place at the University of Oxford. The teachers are so helpful and extremely knowledgeable with regards to the application and selection process. I also really benefited from the cultural trips and visits."



STUDENT SUPPORT

We are here to help. There will always be support and guidance available for you during your time with us, including:

Student Information - a student helpdesk for timetables, ID cards, paying for trips, finance and bursaries, advice about anything!

Progress Coaches - located on the ground floor, they monitor your progress and offer group and individualised support and guidance throughout your time with us.

The BSafe Safeguarding Team - The Sixth Form is fully committed to the safety and wellbeing of all our students and has a team of specialist safeguarding officers on site, known as The Sixth Form 'BSafe' team.

Student Liaison - a visible team dedicated to ensuring a safe and respectful environment for all.

Learning Services Team - Learning Services offer bespoke support for learners with a variety of additional needs, including:

- Specialist one-to-one support
- Links with external support agencies
- Study support
- Quiet study areas
- Mentoring
- Health and wellbeing service
- Academic skills



Lexie Leack

The Elton High School A Level Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics and Honours Programme with EPQ

"The Cocoon and its staff have always been extremely welcoming and I know I always have a place to go if I'm stressed, need to chill or catch up on work. Without their assistance I would be struggling immensely around B6 and in class. I am forever grateful for everything they do for me."



Jack Bancroft

Nisai Virtual Academy Triple Vocational A Level Applied Science

"The learning service team have been the current that made my journey flow and without them I would have hit a dam and really struggled. With their help and the pastoral/safeguarding team to turn to for support, my college journey has been next to perfect and I've loved every minute. I wouldn't have come so far or been offered five places at university without the encouragement of those kind hearted welcoming and accepting members of staff, I cannot fault any of them. All my thanks to the learning services team, you have my infinite gratitude."



FIND US

The Sixth Form Bolton is easy to get to and is located right at the heart of Bolton town centre.

The Sixth Form Bolton

Deane Road, Bolton, BL3 5BU

TRAIN AND BUS (BOLTON INTERCHANGE)

The nearest train and bus station is Bolton Interchange, which is a 7 minute walk from The Sixth Form. There are easy links from Chorley, Bury, Walkden, Leigh, Salford, Wigan and Blackburn.

For further information on train and bus fares and times go to: **www.tfgm.com** or speak to Student Information at The Sixth Form on 01204 846215

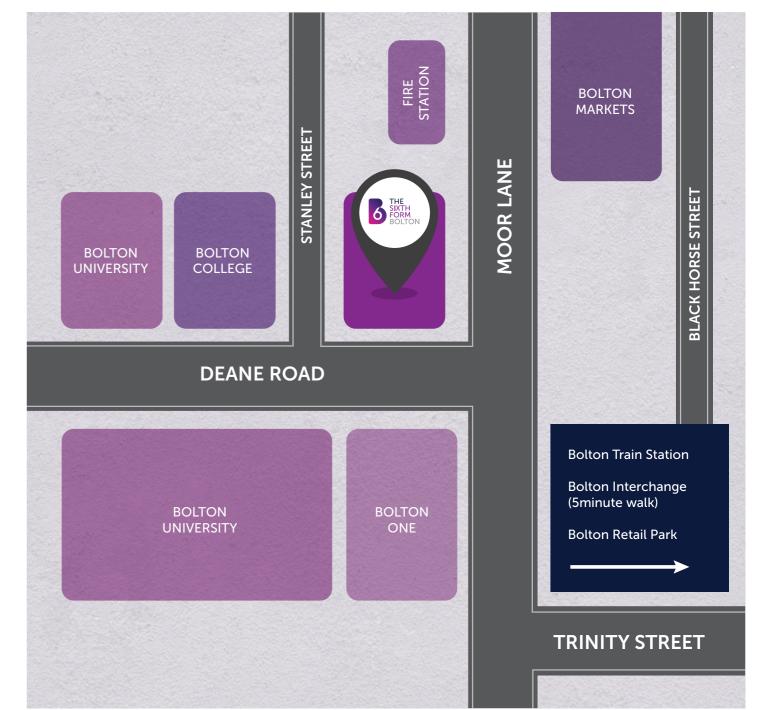
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