

# B6 CELEBRATION BROCHURE





## Introduction

Welcome to our biannual newsletter celebrating all things B6. Here at The Sixth Form we believe in developing the whole person, this includes harnessing a wide range of personal and professional skills both in and outside of the classroom. This newsletter celebrates our student success and highlights just a few of the many career enhancing activities our students have engaged with this last term. I hope you enjoy this whistle-stop tour of what makes The Sixth Form Bolton a wonderful place to learn.

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# CELEBRATING OXBRIDGE SUCCESS

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

Man Chun Kwok, who studies A Level Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics, Further Mathematics and Honours Programme with EPQ at The Sixth Form, has secured an offer from the amazing Homerton College at the University of Cambridge to study Chemical Engineering.

Anisha Mohammed, a former Harper Green student, was over the moon to secure an offer from Merton College at the University of Oxford to study Philosophy, Politics and Economics. Anisha currently studies A Level History, Mathematics, Politics and Honours Programme with EPQ at The Sixth Form.

**Congratulations you two, we can't wait to celebrate with you on results day!**



Man Chun Kwok



Anisha Mohammed

# MEDICAL MARVELS

Congratulation to the high number of second-year students receiving offers for Dentistry, Medicine and Veterinary Science this year!

Gizem Hasanova, a former Little Lever School student who studies A Level Biology, Chemistry, Psychology and Core Mathematics at The Sixth Form was delighted to receive an offer for Medicine at York Hull Medical School.

Awais Muhammad, a former Harper Green student who studies A Level Biology, Chemistry and Mathematics with the Honours Programme and EPQ, was over the moon to receive an offer for Dentistry at The University of Manchester.

Everyone at The Sixth Form was also delighted to hear that Gabrielle Hope, a former Westhoughton High School student, had secured offers for Veterinary Science from several universities with the University of Nottingham being her first choice.

**Such a tremendous achievement, we are all so very proud of you!**



Gabrielle Hope, Awais Muhammad and Gizem Hasanova

# AMAZING APPRENTICESHIP PROGRESSION

Two Apprenticeship Academy students were over the moon to find out that they have been selected for apprenticeships with the prestigious Rolls Royce. Zarah Patel a former Sharples School student, and Millie Adamson, a former Westhoughton High School student fought off fierce competition to achieve their place!

Both students have secured Engineering Degree Apprenticeships which will give them fully sponsored BEng degrees from the University of Derby along with the unrivalled experience they will gain from working for Rolls Royce.

**Another amazing example of achieving your dreams at B6!**



Zarah Patel and Millie Adamson

# STUDENTS QUALIFY AS MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AIDERS

We are so very proud of the 13 students who have recently qualified as Mental Health First Aiders (MHFAider®).

Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) is a voluntary training course which teaches people how to identify, understand and help someone who may be experiencing a mental health issue. This follows The Sixth Form's recent achievement of Gold status by the Carnegie Centre of Excellence for Mental Health - Further Education Mental Health Award. Sarah Ball, our Assistant Principal, is a qualified MHFA Adult trainer so offers this course to all of our students and staff each academic year. MHFA doesn't teach us to be a therapist, but it teaches us to listen, reassure and respond, even in a crisis - and even potentially stop a crisis from happening. The students learnt to recognise warning signs of mental ill health and develop the skills and confidence to approach and support someone whilst keeping themselves safe.



# UKMT CHALLENGE

23 of our students achieved a medal certificate in the UKMT Senior Maths Challenge with five students achieving a gold certificate! Special congratulations to George Regan whose score was so good that he qualified for the prestigious British Mathematical Olympiad.



UKMT Senior Maths Challenge



George Regan



# EDUCATE NORTH AWARDS 2024

We were delighted to attend the 10th Annual Educate North Awards, as finalists in the Health and Well-being category. The prestigious awards highlights world class achievements across the University, HE, FE and Sixth Form sectors in the North of England.

**What an inspirational night spent with colleagues implementing innovative practices in the education sector!**



Educate North Awards 2024

# B6 CAREERS DAY

Last term we hosted our annual B6 Careers Day. A wide range of universities, training providers and employers attended the inspirational event, giving all of our first-year students the opportunity to attend degree taster sessions, employer talks and talks on UCAS and student finance. They also had the chance to visit our Careers Marketplace with over 60 universities and companies.



# LEADERSHIP PROGRAMMES

Our trailblazing leadership programmes continue to go from strength to strength. Both leadership programmes seek to remove as many barriers as we can for our female and male students in order that they are able to follow their chosen paths in life and careers. This year, the programmes have offered many opportunities including workshops on nutrition and fitness, poetry writing, personal development, finance and delivering presentations, as well as talks by a wide range of inspirational guest speakers. To finish the year, the students will be enjoying a cultural visit to the wonderful city of Liverpool!



Women in Tech Day



Prosper Programme



Women into Leadership Luncheon



RAF Leadership Talk



Welcome to B6 STEM, where the spirit of innovation thrives and dreams take flight! As we look back on the incredible year that was 2024, we're thrilled to summarise the remarkable achievements and milestones of B6 STEM.

**Dynamic Events and Activities:** B6 STEM hosted a diverse range of events and activities that ignited curiosity and fostered a love for STEM among students, showcased through dynamic presentations on display screens around the college. Highlights included celebrating National Engineering Week, Women in Science Week and even Space Day!

**Engaging Trips:** Medicine Taster Day at Edge Hill provided students with a unique opportunity to delve into the world of medicine, offering hands-on experiences, informative sessions, and engaging workshops. Upcoming trips: Biomedical Masterclass and STEM Faculty Taster Days at Lancaster University.

**Innovative Competitions:** The STEM Creativity Day Competition showcased the ingenuity and creativity of students, encouraging them to explore STEM in new and exciting ways.

#### Engaging Talks:

- Dive into Biomedical Engineering with Oliwia Piekarska from Denmark.
- Explore Spatial Engineering with Metrology and Survey Engineer Bart Swiderski from Australia.
- Discover Robotics Thermomix with Justyna Korzak-Wegrzyn.



Lancaster University



Robotics Thermomix Talk



Edge Hill Medicine Trip



# PRODUCTION OF LEGALLY BLONDE

Students from The Sixth Form Bolton gave an outstanding performance of *“Legally Blonde, The Musical”*. The B6 Performing Arts Academy is made up of both first and second-year students from a diverse range of subjects including Law, Maths, English, Business, IT, Music, Film and Media, Music Technology, Performing Arts and Drama.

The production was directed by Samantha Lawther, Head of Performing Arts & Media and Olivia Cort, Teacher of Performing Arts. The show was a resounding success with huge audiences on both evenings. Sam Lawther was delighted with the productions saying:

*“I am so proud of the students and creative team for putting this show together in such a short amount of time. I hope they enjoyed it as much as I did. The rehearsals may have been full of laughter but everyone worked their socks off like professionals and it paid off. Thank you very much to everyone who was involved.”*



# SPORTING SUCCESS

A huge congratulations to former B6 student and Alumni, Emily Carney, who was delighted to find out that she has been selected as a match official for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.

Emily Carney, a former Mount St Joseph Catholic School student, left The Sixth Form in 2016 with A Levels in Physical Education, Psychology and Law. Whilst studying, Emily played football for the Sixth Form girls' team and refereed some of the boys' matches. Everyone at The Sixth Form is extremely proud of you and looks forward to following your success!

Rugby Academy student Jack Lightbown has just been offered a full-time contract with the world-renowned Sale Sharks! The former Ladybridge School student will join the over 18 squad this September.

**Congratulation Jack on a fabulous achievement!**



Emily Carney



Jack Lightbown

# OUTSTANDING GCSE RESULTS

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

This year's November resit results of **64%** pass rate in English and **41%** pass rate in Maths is a tremendous achievement and one that is significantly above the national benchmark for colleges and sixth forms in the country. GCSE resits are available for those students who had previously not yet achieved a grade 4 or above.

A Level student Cami Wong is celebrating double success after achieving an astonishing grade 7 in her English Language and an exceptional grade 8 in Mathematics. Cami joined The Sixth Form having only just moved to the country from Hong Kong. Arriving with no formal qualifications, Cami missed the opportunity to sit any GCSE exams in her home country or in the UK. After only just two months of lessons, Cami sat the exams for the first time in November and achieved the A-A\* grade equivalents.



Cami Wong

# TRIPS AND VISITS

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



Bolton Council Workplace Safari



Salford University Tech Day



Bridgewater Field Trip



BBC MediaCity



Politics London Trip



Forest School



Asda Workplace Safari



University of Oxford



# INSPIRATIONAL GUEST SPEAKERS

The revolving door of outstanding guest speakers and visiting employers are endless at The Sixth Form! Throughout the year our students have benefited from a wide range of inspirational encounters, including the BBC, RAF, university guest lecturers, industry professionals and even a live medical workshop!



BBC Apprenticeship Talk



RAF



Women in Tech Day



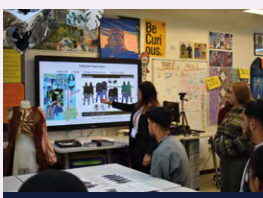
Lancaster University Access Talk



Water Bear School of Music



Poetry Workshop



University of Bolton Fashion Lecture

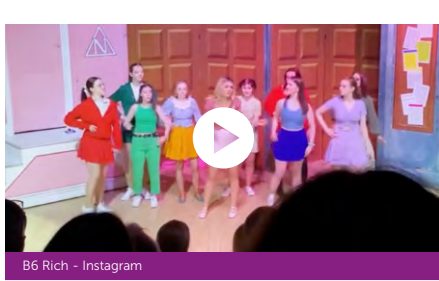
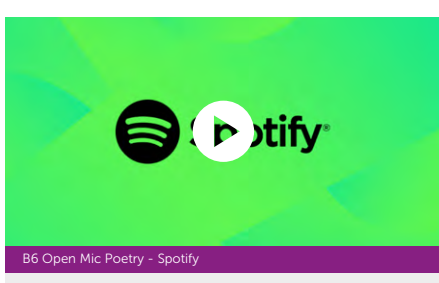
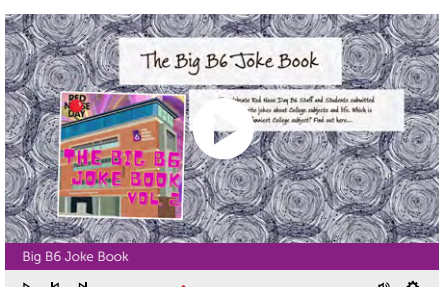
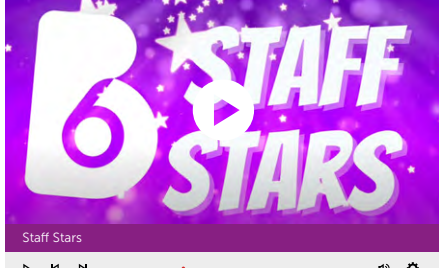
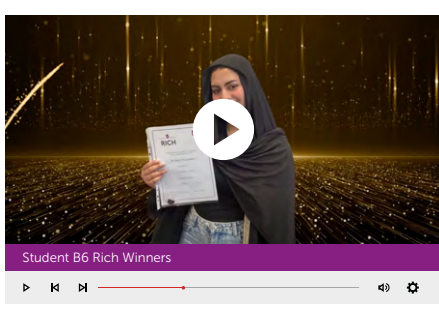
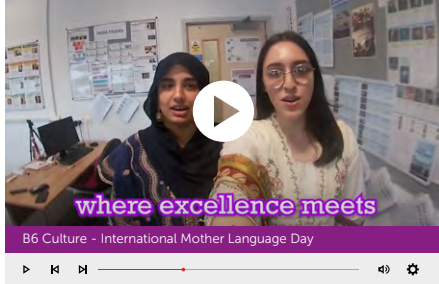


The University of Manchester Access Programme



# VIDEO SELECTION

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



As the academic year is drawing to a close, we wish all of our students the very best in the remainder of their examinations and final assessments. We will also be wishing a very sad but fond farewell to our second-year students. I do hope you have enjoyed this snapshot of life at The Sixth Form Bolton. For more good news stories please follow us on social.

**Stuart Merrills**

Principal



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