

OPTIONS GUIDE



EXCELLENCE IN EVERYTHING

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PRINCIPAL'S WELCOME

When choosing your GCSE options there are some important factors for you to consider and hopefully this booklet will help provide some guidance when making these decisions. You need to think about your personal strengths and what type of subjects you enjoy, but also where your choices may take you in the future. This involves thinking about what it is you want to do after you have completed Year 11.

The Sixth Form Bolton is the only specialist Sixth Form in Bolton and the largest provider of A Level studies in the borough. Our teachers only concentrate on advanced level programmes for students aged 16-19. We support and guide students to achieve the best qualifications and all-round experiences to prepare them to move on to university or employment. As well as excelling academically, our aim is to provide a well-rounded, holistic education focussing on academic, personal and professional skill development. If you have the potential to be a Sixth Form student you will be joining one of the highest performing colleges in the country.

Whatever pathway you choose, we hope this guide helps you make better informed choices along the way.



Stuart Merrills
Principal



Scan here to watch our
welcome video

CHOOSING YOUR GCSE OPTIONS - TOP TIPS

1. IDENTIFY WHICH GCSE SUBJECTS ARE COMPULSORY

There are some subjects where there is no choice at all. You will always have to study Maths, English and Science. Your school may also insist on a language or Religious Studies.

2. DECIDE WHICH SUBJECTS YOU ARE GOOD AT AND ENJOY

What subjects do you enjoy studying at the moment? Ask your teachers what will be covered and how it will be assessed at GCSE. You'll be spending two years studying your options so it's really important that you enjoy them!

3. LET THE CHOICES BE YOURS

Don't just choose what your friends are doing! Do what you want to do.

4. CHOOSE THE SUBJECT NOT THE TEACHER

Don't pick a subject based on your current teacher. The teacher that you have now might not be the one who teaches you for GCSE.

5. THINK ABOUT YOUR FUTURE THEN WORK BACKWARDS

If you have a definite career goal or university course in mind, look at the entry requirements and work backwards. Will you need certain post-16 qualifications and if so, are there any particular subjects that you need to study at GCSE?

6. STRIKE A BALANCE

If you don't know what you'd like to do in the future, make sure your options are balanced and not too limiting.

7. GET ADVICE FROM THE RIGHT SOURCES

Your teachers are best placed to offer advice on what their subjects cover at GCSE. Careers Advisers can also help - they are trained professionals and can support you with your career plans and GCSE choices.

8. STAY CALM!

Remember, help will never be far away!

HERE ARE SOME REALLY USEFUL RESOURCES ONLINE:



National Careers Service



BBC Bitesize Careers



icould Buzz Quiz



UCAS Find a Career

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?



For more B6 Careers information scan here

STUDENT VOICE

ZAKIYAH LIMALIA

Previous School:
Bolton Muslim Girls' School

Qualifications Gained:
A Level Accounting A*,
Economics A, Graphic Design A*
and AS Level Core Mathematics A

Progressed onto:
Level 7 Apprenticeship at Saffery Champness,
Association of Taxation Technicians

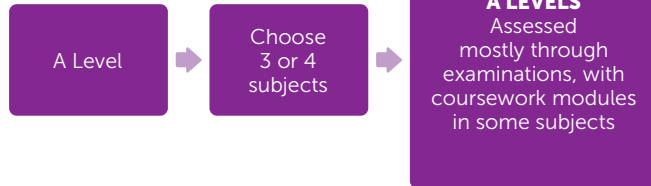


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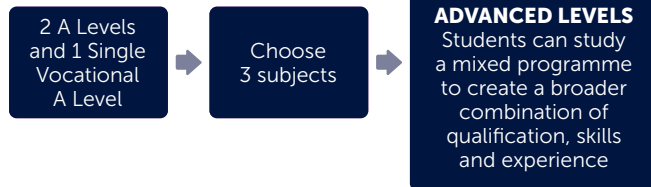
“The support I received from being involved in the Apprenticeship Academy gave me the opportunity to gain all the skills I needed to get through the assessments and interviews involved in the application process. The specialist information provided for degree apprenticeships has been second to none, with ongoing support from the careers team. If you’re thinking of going for an apprenticeship, it’s definitely worth signing up for the Apprenticeship Academy.”

STUDY PROGRAMMES

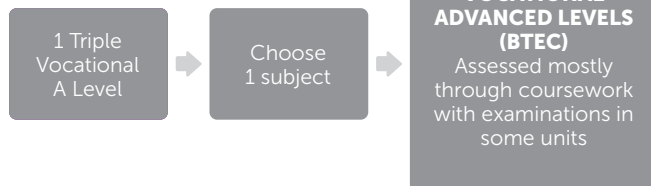
ACADEMIC PROGRAMME



MIXED PROGRAMME



VOCATIONAL PROGRAMME



STUDENT VOICE

JACK LIGHTBOWN

Previous School:
Ladybridge High School

Currently Studying:
A Level Accounting,
Economics and
Physical Education



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“I enrolled at B6 because I felt that it was the right place for my education and they offer programmes alongside my courses that will be beneficial to me. I am part of the Rugby Development Pathway, where I gain expert advice from professionals within this field. My coaches have developed a tailored training programme so that I am able to achieve my goals.”

A LEVEL SUBJECT LIST

- 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
- Media Studies
- Photography
- Physical Education
- Physics
- Politics
- Psychology
- Religion, Ethics & Philosophy
- Sociology
- Spanish
- Urdu (Enrichment Option)



VOCATIONAL SUBJECT LIST

SINGLE VOCATIONAL ADVANCED LEVEL SUBJECTS

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

DOUBLE VOCATIONAL ADVANCED LEVEL SUBJECTS

- Music Technology
- Performing Arts

TRIPLE VOCATIONAL ADVANCED LEVEL SUBJECTS

- Art & Design
- Business
- Children's Play, Learning & Development
- Health & Social Care
- Information Technology
- Public Services (Uniformed)
- Science (Applied)
- Sport Science



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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.

VOCATIONAL SUBJECTS:

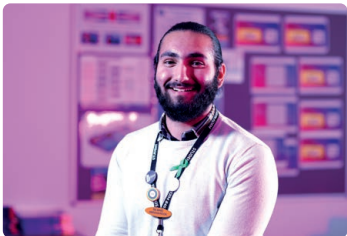
Students will be expected to have five GCSEs at grade 9-4, or a Merit in a relevant vocational Level 2 Diploma (or equivalent). In addition, students will need a grade 4 in GCSE English Language and a minimum grade 3 in Mathematics.



Entry Requirements



Explore Courses



THE HONOURS PROGRAMME

Are you going to achieve mainly grades 7, 8 or 9 in your GCSEs?

Specialist support for Oxbridge and Russell Group University applications including:

- Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)
- Specialist university application guidance
- Summer schools and residential
- Cambridge Shadowing Scheme
- Masterclasses



For more information scan here

"YOU WILL BE TUTORED BY SPECIALIST STAFF TO HELP YOU OBTAIN PLACES AT OXFORD, CAMBRIDGE AND RUSSELL GROUP UNIVERSITIES"



STUDENT SUCCESS



SALMA FARAH



UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD

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

ENRICHMENT

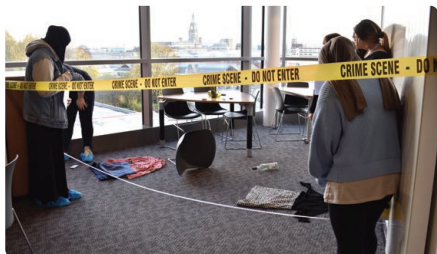
As a student at The Sixth Form you will have the opportunity to take part in a wide range of enrichment activities. These are provided to ensure that you leave our Sixth Form with more than just an excellent grade profile. The face-to-face clubs and our new B6 Enrich virtual platforms are designed to help you stand out from the crowd and become fully equipped for life after The Sixth Form. The activities we offer support you to gain skills in new areas, develop existing skills, make new friends and take part in a range of leisure activities either on your own or with a group of friends.



For more Enrichment information scan here



For The B6 Academies scan here



PROFESSIONAL GROWTH PROGRAMME

At The Sixth Form we recognise that for our students to become successful professionals, students must develop both their academic abilities and work readiness. The Professional Growth Programme supports you to develop your employability skills and industry knowledge through engaging live sessions and interactive online content, developed with industry experts and tailored to your career aspirations. The Professional Growth Programme gives you the best possible chance of professional success beyond your studies.



STUDENT VOICE

EBONY HAYHURST

Previous School:
Harper Green School

Currently Studying:
A Level Business, Drama & Theatre Studies and Mathematics with Honours Programme



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“My experience at B6 this far has been an incredible one. I have been presented with a broad variety of opportunities and experiences, all of which have contributed to my personal development. Through careers appointments and the Professional Growth Programme available to us at college, I have the utmost confidence that I can succeed in the future and have already built a network of almost 300 industry professionals via LinkedIn. These connections have since contacted me with job offers, invites to events, and valuable advice. I now have two internships and a work placement with EY Foundation, and it’s all thanks to the help I received at B6.”

RESULTS

WE ARE A CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE FOR A LEVEL AND VOCATIONAL A LEVEL COURSES.

The Sixth Form continues to maintain year-on-year impressive outcomes for students.

RESULTS FROM 2022

100% PASS RATE IN
75% OF SUBJECTS

99% PASS RATE FOR
A LEVEL COURSES

75% BTEC EXTENDED DIPLOMA
STUDENTS ACHIEVING
DISTINCTION* OR DISTINCTION

97% OF STUDENTS PROGRESS TO
UNIVERSITY, APPRENTICESHIPS
OR EMPLOYMENT



STUDENT VOICE

QURATULAIN AHMED

Previous School:
Smithills School

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



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“I chose to attend The Sixth Form because I had the opportunity to take part in the RAY programme whilst still at high school. I really enjoyed this and the experience it gave me. I am also part of the Honours Programme and have been given the opportunity to complete an EPQ which allowed me to gain extra skills and UCAS points. When I leave The Sixth Form I am hoping to progress to University to do a degree in Journalism.”



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