



ACHIEVE YOUR POTENIAL







2026

OPEN EVENTS

WEDNESDAY 8 OCTOBER 2025

Open Evening 5:00pm - 8:00pm

-to include a 30 minute quiet session 5:00pm-5:30pm*

SATURDAY 22 NOVEMBER 2025

Open Day 10:00am - 1:30pm

-to include a 30 minute quiet session 10:00am-10:30am*

'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

Application deadline: Friday 30th January 2026



Apply here









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ACHIEVE YOUR POTENTIAL

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.

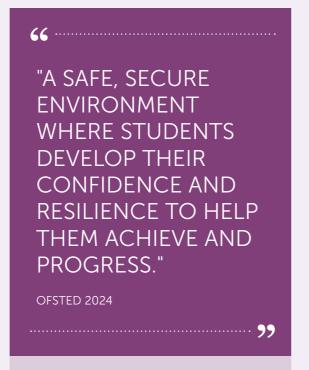
We will support and guide you to achieve the best qualifications and all-round experiences to ensure that you are well prepared to move on to university, apprenticeships or employment. You will benefit from high quality teaching and outstanding student support. We also offer an extensive enrichment programme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

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 in September.



Stuart Merrills
Principal





Scan to enjoy our welcome video



WHY CHOOSE B6?



OUTSTANDING PASS RATE



EXCEPTIONAL PROGRESSION

onto university and degree apprenticeships



THE ONLY
SPECIALIST SIXTH
FORM COLLEGE
IN BOLTON



ACADEMIC, VOCATIONAL AND MIXED PROGRAMMES AVAILABLE



FANTASTIC TOWN CENTRE LOCATION



AWARD
WINNING
CAREERS ADVICE
AND GUIDANCE



PERSONALISED PASTORAL SUPPORT



CAREER AND LIFE ENHANCING ENRICHMENT PROGRAMME



PROFESSIONAL GROWTH PROGRAMME FOR ALL LEARNERS



PRESTIGIOUS HONOURS PROGRAMME



DIGITAL
TEACHING AND
LEARNING IN
THE CLASSROOM



OFFICIALLY RATED GOOD BY OFSTED

DIGITAL TEACHING AND LEARNING

At The Sixth Form Bolton, we are dedicated to providing an innovative and engaging learning environment. Our students benefit from Showbie, a digital platform that allows teachers to offer timely, high-quality feedback in various forms, helping students track their progress and improve.

Our teaching methods are dynamic and flexible, using a range of digital tools and apps to create an interactive learning experience. This approach keeps lessons engaging while allowing students to develop their skills in a way that suits their individual needs.

We understand the importance of technology in the workplace and ensure our students are well-prepared for the future. By integrating digital tools into everyday learning, we help students build essential digital skills that will enable them to succeed in a fast-paced, technology-driven world - both in their studies and future careers.

OUTSTANDING FACILITIES



View our outstanding facilities by taking our virtual tour





















YOUR NEXT STEPS

RESULTS

We are a centre of excellence for Academic and Vocational 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.

97%

A LEVEL PASS RATE

99.5%

VOCATIONAL STUDENTS ACHIEVING HIGHER-GRADE PASSES

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR 2025 LEAVERS!







IN 2024

546

STUDENTS
PROGRESSED TO
OVER 50
UNIVERSITIES

- University of Manchester
- University of Liverpool
- Lancaster University
- University of York
- University of Leeds
- University of Sheffield
- University of Nottingham
- University of Edinburgh
- University College of London
- University of Cambridge
- Durham University
- Imperial College London
- Newcastle University
- Oxford University
- University of Southampton
- University of Warwick
- Aberystwyth University
- University of Strathclyde
- Hull York Medical School
- Plymouth University
- University of Aberdeen

AROUND

97%

OF B6 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.

Millie Adamson

Former school:

Westhoughton High School

Progression:

Degree Apprenticeship in Civil Aerospace with Rolls Royce

Grades Achieved:

Triple Vocational Applied Science (D*D*D*)



Alexandria Stones

Former school: Bedford High School

Progression:

University of York to study Law

Grades Achieved:

A Level English Literature (A)
A Level Politics (A)

A Level Law (A*)

Extended Project Qualification (A)



"I'm really happy with the results I received. My Physics lessons have been the highlight for me. Thanks to all the teachers for all their support."

Adil Khan

Former school:

Progression

The University of Manchester to study Aerospace Engineering

Frades Achieved

A Level Psychology (A)
A Level Mathematics (A



Amina Batool

Former school:

Bolton Muslim Girls' School

Progression:

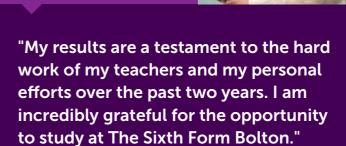
Level 7 Legal Solicitor Apprenticeship with TLT LLP in Manchester

Grades Achieved:

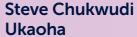
A Level Law (A*)

A Level Sociology (A)

A Level Politics (A)



"I would like to thank my teachers for always going above and beyond, and for bringing me up from a C in Year 1 to an A in Year 2!"



Former school: Ladybridge High School

Progression:

University of Liverpool to study Medicine

Grades Achieved: A Level Biology (A)

A Level Chemistry (A)
A Level Mathematics (A)

Extended Project Qualification (A)





Coran Simpson

Former school:Bolton St Catherine's Academy

Progression: Imperial College London to study Physics

Grades Achieved:
A Level Physics (A*)
A Level Chemistry (A*)
A Level Mathematics (A*)
A Level Further Mathematics (A)

"I would like to thank the Maths department who have gone above and beyond in terms of support offered, I wouldn't be where I am today without them."

WE ARE BOLTON

Bolton Town Centre is the place to be if you're looking for a great mix of shopping, food, and fun! Whether you're grabbing a bite to eat, catching a movie, or just exploring, there's always something to do. You can check out the Market Place Shopping Centre, visit the local street markets, or relax at one of the many hangout spots, including beautiful Queens Park.

The Bolton Museum and Art Gallery offer local culture, and the Library is a great spot for reading or studying. With a perfect blend of history and modern energy, Bolton really is the place to be.

Images by B6 photography students: Charlie Ashworth, Ellie Wilkinson, Phoebe Adams, Natalia Mayo Lamas, Oliver Coyle.











MADE AT B6

Our B6 alumni have gone on to achieve incredible success in their careers, from top positions in business to creative industries, healthcare, sport and beyond. We're proud to have helped shape their journey, providing the skills, support, and opportunities they needed to excel.



Lauren Patel

Studied:

Performing Arts, Music and Media Studies

Life after B6: Professional Actor.

Credits include Everyone's Talking About Jamie and BAFTA Award Winning Wallace & Gromit: Vengeance Most Fowl



Jack Lightbown

Studied:

Accounting, Economics,
Physical Education and Sport
Development Pathway

Life after B6:

Professional Rugby Player
- Sale Sharks Senior Rugby
Academy



Dr Thomas Proctor

Studied:

Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics and Physics

Life after B6:

Working as a doctor at Oldham Hospital

CHOOSING YOUR STUDY PROGRAMME

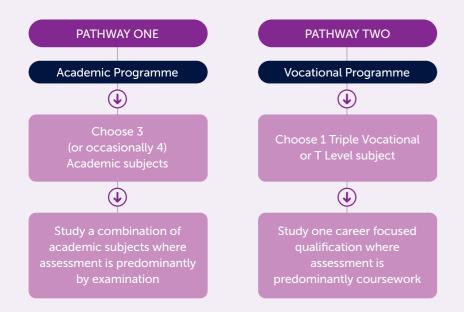
At The Sixth Form, we offer a wide range of Academic and Vocational subjects.

ACADEMIC SUBJECTS:

- A Levels
- Alternative Academic Qualifications (AAQs)

VOCATIONAL SUBJECTS:

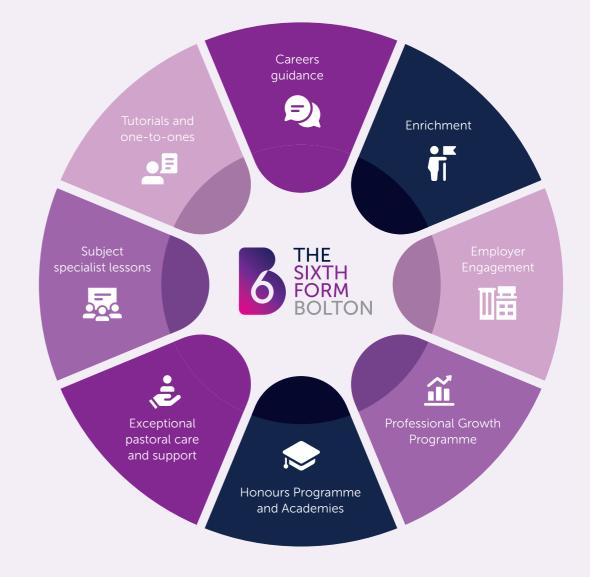
- Single Vocational, Double Vocational and Triple Vocational
- T Level





"UNIVERSITIES WELCOME STUDENTS WITH BOTH VOCATIONAL AND ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS"

YOUR TWO-YEAR STUDY PROGRAMME ALSO INCLUDES:



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

ACADEMIC SUBJECTS

A Levels and AAQs

- Accounting
- Art (Fine Art)
- Art, Craft & Design
- Biology
- Business
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- Computing (AAQ)
- Digital Games Production (AAQ)
- Drama & Theatre Studies
- Early Childhood Development (AAQ)
- Economics
- English Language

- English Language & Literature
- English Literature
- Film Studies
- French
- Geography
- Graphic Design
- Health & Social Care (AAQ)
- History
- Information Technology (AAQ)
- Law
- Mathematics
- Mathematics Further
- Mathematics Core (AS Level equivalent)

- Media Studies
- Mental Health & Well-being (AAQ)
- Photography
- Physical Education
- Physics
- Politics
- Psychology
- Religion, Ethics & Philosophy
- Science (AAQ)
- Science (Medical) (AAQ)
- Sociology
- Spanish

VOCATIONAL SUBJECTS

T Levels

• Education and Early Years

Single Vocational

- Business
- Criminolog
- Law (Applied)
- Music
- Music Technolog
- Performing Arts
- Public Services (Uniformed)
- Sport Science

Double Vocational

- Music Technology
- Performing Arts

Triple Vocational

- Art, Design, and Communication (UAL)
- Business
- Public Services (Uniformed)
- Sport Science



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

A Levels and AAQs

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

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 Subjects

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

Triple Vocational Subjects

Students will be expected to have a minimum of five GCSEs at grade 9-4, including a grade 4 in GCSE English Language and a minimum grade 3 in Mathematics.

Additional Course Requirements

A number of subjects, including Science and Mathematics have higher entry requirements. Please visit our website for the latest entry requirements for each subject.



View our latest entry requirements here



Explore all courses here

Entry requirements and courses are subject to change throughout the year.

ACADEMIC PROGRAMMES

A Levels and AAQs:

- Study three (or occasionally four) A Levels and/or AAQ subjects
- 38 subjects to choose from
- Two-year course
- A Levels assessment is predominantly by examination
- AAQs assessment is a mix of examinations and course work
- Opportunity to join the Honours Programme and complete the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)
- GCSE Mathematics resit may be taken where appropriate, alongside a main programme of study

Academic subjects will appeal strongly to students who:

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



View our wide range of academic subjects here



WHAT IS AN AAQ?

AAQ stands for Alternative Academic Qualification, a new type of Level 3 qualification, designed to complement A Levels, offering a pathway to higher apprenticeships and university.



A minimum of two GCSEs at grade 5 and three at grade 4, including English Language and Mathematics.

Individual subjects may have specific and higher entry requirements

STUDENT SUCCESS

Anisha Mohammed

Former school:

Harper Green School

Destination:

University of Oxford to study Philosophy, Politics and Economics

Grades Achieved:

A Level History (A*)

A Level Mathematics (A)

A Level Politics (A*)

Extended Project Qualification (A*)



"I'm overjoyed with my results.
The application process for Oxford was really tough and I'm so proud of myself for achieving my dream.
Thank you to all the teachers and my progress coach for supporting me every step of the way."



VOCATIONAL PROGRAMMES

Triple Vocational and T Levels:

- Study one subject
- Equivalent to three A Levels/AAQs
- Two-year course

Single Vocational Subjects:

- Study up to three subjects
- Combine with A Levels and AAQs
- Each subject is equivalent to one A Level/AAQ
- Double subjects available in Music Technology and Performing Arts (two of your subject choices)
- Assessment is predominantly coursework with some exam/externally assessed units
- GCSE English Language and Mathematics resit may be taken where appropriate, alongside a main programme of study
- Substantial industry placements for selected courses

Studying a Vocational Programme 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 higher apprenticeships





A minimum of five GCSEs at grade 9-4, including a grade 4 in GCSE English Language and a minimum grade 3 in Mathematics.

Individual subjects have specific and higher entry requirements.



View our wide range of Vocational subjects here



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
- 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.

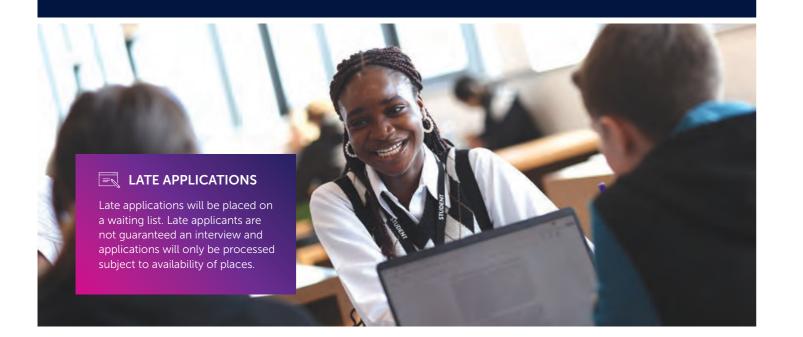
HERE TO HELP

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 30 JANUARY 2026

Apply here



APPLICATION JOURNEY

Complete the checklist below to join us this September.



Wednesday 8th October 2025 5:00pm-8:00pm

Saturday 22nd November 2025 10:00am-1:30pm



Applications open on Friday 3rd October 2025.

Apply by Friday 30th January 2026 to secure your place.



Book your interview via your applicant portal.

Attend your interview in-person at The Sixth Form Bolton.





Attend New Student Day on Wednesday 1st July 2026.



Enrol with us from GCSE results day. You will be allocated a date and time in advance.

YOUR DAY AT B6

A typical day at The Sixth Form Bolton is different for every student as you will have your own unique timetable based on the subjects you have chosen.

- All 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.
- The 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 independent study.
- Free breakfasts are available for all students each day from 8am-8.25am

The full Sixth Form day is shown on the outline timetable provided - remember you are only in for 15 hours!



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 CAREERS

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 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
- Access to a range of university and employer widening participation schemes



WORK EXPERIENCE

- All first-year students are expected to complete a live project brief and are encouraged to undertake work experience outside of college time
- 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
- LinkedIn Lounge



Riza Patel

Essa Academy
A level Accounting, Business and
Economics

Progression: Accounting Apprenticeship Level 7 with KPMG

"Being part of the apprenticeship programme with exciting workshops to network with professionals in the fields you are interested in has been great. My careers appointments and the help of the careers team has allowed me to become a suitable and successful candidate."



Charlie Mortimer

Thornleigh Salesian College
A level History, Politics, Sociology and
Honours Programme with EPQ

Progression: University of Glasgow to study Politics

"I was really unsure about my future when I started but thanks to the careers department, I have been able to research which area I would like to eventually work in. I am interested in a career in the civil service and by studying Politics I hope to achieve that aim."

PROFESSIONAL GROWTH PROGRAMME

Our unique and exciting Professional Growth Programme (PGP) allows you to explore your career goals and ambitions via sector-specific pathways. As part of your pathway, you will develop the labourmarket 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 three-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 programme for academically gifted students.

The Honours programme is an additional pathway for students who aspire to progress onto highly competitive courses at prestigious universities including Oxford, Cambridge and those in the Russell group. The programme also supports those pursuing degree apprenticeships. As part of the programme, you'll be expected to commit extra time each week to this extensive 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
- Academies in science and law
- Participation in prestigious university access programmes such as The University of Manchester's Manchester Access Programme
- Cultural trips and visits



Explore in more detail here

STUDENT SUCCESS



Daniel Lewis

St Gabriel's RC High School

A Level Geography, Politics, Sociology and Honours Programme with EPQ

Progression: University of Leeds to study Transport Studies

"The Honours Programme does not just allow you to complete academic opportunities it also offers personal development, networking and enrichment opportunities. All first-year Honours students go on a trip to Go Ape in Rivington to allow for you to meet people and make friends. Definitely worthwhile!"

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



Abdi Aden

Mount St Joseph RC High School Triple Vocational Business

Progression: Supported Internship Programme with Lancashire County Council

"The Cocoon has really made a difference to me as someone who is visually impaired. I often need to rely on others for support and knowing that I can rely on my fellow students and my teachers has made my experience here great."



Ebony-Jane Standish

Fred Longworth High School A Level English Language, English Literature and Single Vocational Law

Progression: Open University to study Education

"The Cocoon is a place to go when I need some quiet time. The learning services team and my teachers are amazing and highly supportive, and I would definitely recommend The Sixth Form Bolton."



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 5 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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