

SIXTH FORM

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Bolingbroke
Academy

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OUR VISION

Our Sixth Form combines the **highest of expectations** with **increased independence, responsibility** and **endless opportunities** for our students. Sixth Formers are **leaders** within the wider Bolingbroke family. They access a **rich, rewarding and tailored** set of experiences that raise aspirations and offer up **fresh opportunities** in a **uniquely small, personalised** environment. We pride ourselves on **knowing, nurturing** and **developing** every student.

The Sixth Form is based on **powerful learning relationships** between students and a team of **exceptionally committed teachers**, willing to do whatever it takes to achieve our mission of preparing students for optimum **success at A-Level and beyond**. We offer a **bespoke, challenging and engaging curriculum** with a range of academic courses alongside a varied skills-focused programme for all learners.

We ensure that every student here **realises their potential**, achieves **outstanding outcomes** and acquires **wider skills and experiences** that will prepare them to venture into the world beyond Bolingbroke with **curiosity, compassion** and **courage**.

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WELCOME FROM THE PRINCIPAL & DIRECTOR OF SIXTH FORM

We are delighted to introduce you to Bolingbroke Academy Sixth Form. You are about to embark on an amazing stage of your life and education – Bolingbroke Sixth Form offers a first-class educational experience - it really is a fantastic place to be, learn and grow.

We believe that all of our students here have the potential to achieve exceptional things. This shared belief combined with a superb learning environment, consistently outstanding teaching, fantastic relationships and excellent facilities means that our Sixth Form is thriving. We are glad that you are considering joining our KS5 community on this journey.

We hold our BE BOLD values of Bravery, Excellence, Being 100%, Opportunities, Leadership and Determination at the core of what we do here. We are unique in that our relatively small intake means that we truly know every student's strengths, needs, hopes and aspirations. This is powerful not only in terms of superb outcomes for our young people, but also in building a sense of trust, community and family here at school.

The positive atmosphere in the Sixth Form is palpable – we are sure that you will be impressed by the working environment, love of learning, independence, focus on achievement and compassion for one another here.

The intellectual rigour and academic curiosity fostered by our expert teaching team and embraced and cultivated by our students is truly impressive. Our students strive for personal excellence as well as a grounded commitment and desire to positively impact their wider community and society.

Ms C Edis
Principal

Ms C Orchin
*Assistant Principal,
Director of Sixth Form*

A photograph of two young women in a library. The woman in the foreground is smiling broadly, looking towards the right. She has curly brown hair and is wearing a grey blazer over a white blouse with a red tie and a red skirt. In front of her is an open book. The woman in the background is seen from the side, wearing a yellow top. The background shows bookshelves filled with books.

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Exceptional teaching

Every student known as an individual - highly personalised support and guidance

EPQ
(Extended Project Qualification)
for all

A rich and rewarding set of extra-curricular opportunities



Structured programme with increasing independence

Extensive university visit opportunities and UCAS application support

Rigorous, two-year university preparatory courses

Two types of tutoring support - Civitas and Academic

FIRST CLASS LEARNING ENVIRONMENT



We have created a learning environment where every Sixth Former will be able to excel.



These include:

- **Dedicated Sixth Form area** with a suite of new classrooms
- **Excellent ICT provision**
- Well-resourced and spacious **laboratories** and **specialist classrooms**
- Well-stocked **library** and **Key Stage 5 independent learning zone** with access to extensive digital resources

PATHWAYS AND ADMISSION CRITERIA

4 A-levels + EPQ

GCSE Average point
score of 7.5+

Grade 7 in English
and Mathematics.
9-7 in other subjects.

3 A-levels + EPQ

GCSE Average point
score of 6+

Grade 6 in English
and Mathematics.
6 in other subjects.

Professional Pathway

BTEC Applied Science
(equivalent to 2/3 A-levels)

GCSE Average point
score of 4.5+

Grade 4 in English and
Mathematics. 5 and
above in other subjects

GRADE COMPARISON

9-1	A-G
9	A*
8	A
7	
6	B
5	C
4	
3	D
2	E
	F
1	G

SUBJECT	MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENT
Art	6 in GCSE Art
Biology	6 in GCSE Biology
Chemistry	6 in GCSE Chemistry
Computing	6 in GCSE Mathematics
English Literature	6 in GCSE English Literature
Geography	6 in GCSE Geography
German	7 in GCSE German
French	7 in GCSE French
Further Mathematics	8 in GCSE Mathematics

SUBJECT	MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENT
History	6 in GCSE History
Mathematics	7 in GCSE Mathematics
Music	6 in GCSE Music
Physics	7 in GCSE Physics
Psychology	6 in GCSE English and GCSE Mathematics
Philosophy	6 in GCSE Religious Studies or 7 in GCSE English
Spanish	7 in GCSE Spanish
BTEC Applied Science	5 in GCSE Science (Triple or Double)

OUR COURSES

Facilitating A-Levels

Mathematics
Further Mathematics
Biology
Chemistry
Physics
English Literature
Geography
History
French
German
Spanish

Broadening A-Levels

Art
Computing
Music
Philosophy
Psychology

Other Qualifications

Professional Pathway -
BTEC L3 in Applied Science

Extended Project Qualification

Core Mathematics
Duke of Edinburgh Award
LAMDA - Acting and
Public Speaking
ABRSM
Sports Coaching L1/2





The EPQ is central to our curriculum vision at Bolingbroke Sixth Form.

The EPQ

The Extended Project Qualification is an integral part of our Academic Tutoring programme at Bolingbroke. We have adopted the tutorial model used at some of the most prestigious universities in the world and placed it in our school setting. While most sixth forms offer this to a select group of 5-10 students in y13, our focus on high expectations, determination and excellence means that we offer EPQ for all in y12 – this has yielded uniquely outstanding results.

Students select their main area of subject interest and are paired with a subject expert, working together with a small seminar group of peers. They then embark upon a year of academic exploration based around their project of choice. Not only does this prepare them for the rigours of University study, but it also fosters key skills in self-management,

research, discipline and communication. It is for this reason that it is so well respected as a qualification.

The projects take a year to complete and culminate in either a 5,000 word 'dissertation-style' essay or the production of an artefact with a specific and researched purpose. Recent topics ranged from the inclusion of mental health in Victorian literature to the failure of Sparta, the revival of taxidermy to the importance of the Higgs-Boson, demonstrating the sheer creativity and intellectual calibre of our sixth form, enabled by the excellent teaching and academic mentoring provided throughout.

2018 y12 EPQ results:

A*-B: **70%**

A*-C: **95%**

Professional Pathway BTEC Applied Science

For students who wish to access higher level study or employment in Science through a route other than A-level, our Professional Pathway could be the route for you.

Professional Pathways is an innovative programme of study offered at Sixth Forms across the Ark network designed

in close collaboration with partners from the commercial and public sector. At Bolingbroke, those on this pathway will study towards the BTEC Extended Diploma, worth 3 A-levels, in a programme that integrates academic study with extensive work experience opportunities, work readiness and career mentoring programmes.



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TRANSITION TO SIXTH FORM LIFE

Yes, Sixth Form is different. Different because you are treated as adults who want to study and be here. However, it is hard work and requires a commitment to study beyond your A level courses. This will enable you to achieve your ambitions and goals in life.

There are several things we do to support this:

- Summer school and bridging projects
- An Induction residential visit for all Year 12's
- Support from an experienced Civitas and Academic tutoring team
- Study periods to familiarise all Sixth Formers with the notion of independent study.
- Workshops in goal setting and taking responsibility for tracking your progress in order to realise your academic potential.



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Freedom and responsibility go hand in hand. In choosing to join this Sixth Form, we assume you are committed, enthusiastic and mature enough to accept the challenges inherent in your new role. You will be role models for the rest of the academy, acting as leaders and mentors to younger students.

What can students expect from us?

- Exceptional subject expertise delivered in an innovative and engaging way.
- A strong, personalised support programme coordinated by your personal tutors.
- A distinctive subject-specific curriculum enrichment programme through your subject tutors.
- Access to a wide range of 'off-spec' opportunities.
- An unwavering dedication to ensuring you meet your full potential.

What do we expect from students?

- A mature and responsible approach to life in the Sixth Form.
- Adherence to our behaviour for learning code.
- To demonstrate high levels of focus, commitment and mutual respect.
- To develop into self-motivated, thoughtful, independent learners.
- To act as role models to the rest of the school through smart and professional personal presentation and leadership within the House system.
- An unwavering dedication to ensuring you meet your full potential.



UNIVERSITY & CAREERS SUCCESS

In today's competitive climate, universities and employers demand that students display experience of, and a commitment to, additional activities which support their academic aspirations.

We therefore pledge to provide you with opportunities specially tailored to your pathway. This will ensure that you have experiences beyond the confines of the syllabus which broaden your understanding, curiosity and passion for learning in your chosen field. Our provision will support you in demonstrating this in your applications and interviews.

These opportunities will include:

- Civitas tutoring focused on ensuring the development of exceptional independent learning skills and habits.
- Academic tutoring focused on developing deep and well-rounded subject knowledge and application.
- Extensive university visits programme.
- Personalised UCAS application and interview preparation to support Russell Group Entry.
- Work experience placements, workplace visits and employability workshops.
- Bespoke Oxbridge support programme for identified students.
- Opportunities to meet undergrad/post-grad students/working professionals while you are studying.
- Study visits both in UK and abroad.
- An exceptional curriculum enrichment programme to broaden the learning experience from the purely recreational to those based on citizenship and community work.
 - Duke of Edinburgh Award
 - Debating Society
 - Drama Society
 - Sports Teams & Coaching Opportunities

We work with a wide range of outstanding institutions which provide extensive opportunities for students to broaden their studies.





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STUDENT VOICE AND LEADERSHIP

All Sixth Form students are seen as leaders in the Academy. Indeed, each student carries out duties and acts as a constant role-model to our younger pupils.

All year 13 students act as reading mentors to our younger pupils, spending 25 minutes each day developing teaching and leadership skills. Key students also lead in specialised areas such as sport, music, drama or in individual subjects.

We also have key links within the local community where students are encouraged to volunteer at nursing homes, playgroups and businesses during enrichment time.

Senior Prefects and The Student Senate

Senior Prefects are students who express an interest in formal student leadership at Bolingbroke Academy in December of Year 12. They apply formally and are selected to carry out this important role on the basis of their application, their attitude and attainment in the Sixth Form. From the Senior Prefect team, the Sixth Form and all staff elect a Head of School (this can be a boy or girl), another Head Student and two Deputy Head Students. These are very important roles awarded to outstanding students who have a proven track record of exhibiting leadership and determination.

This then becomes the Student Senate. The Senate is required to carry out specific duties in order to support staff and pupils. They also work closely with the Pupil Panel to ensure community cohesion throughout the school. They attend KS3 and KS4 assembly, take key roles at whole school events and represent everything that is great about Bolingbroke. This prepares them and gives them a lasting confidence for the leadership roles we know they will adopt in society in later in life.





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LIFE IN THE SIXTH FORM

Sixth Formers will be expected to act as role models for younger students and play a role in the life of the Academy. As Sixth Formers you will be expected to follow a dress code that sets an example to others. You will be smart and professional in your personal presentation.

We believe that a professional dress code promotes fairness and equality for all students in the Sixth Form.

As well as giving students a more adult image, the dress code strikes a balance between celebrating individuality, recognising the importance of setting an example to the younger members of the school community, and preparing for dressing for the professional workplace.

- Boys – smart suit (ties optional)
- Girls – smart dress, skirt or trousers with jacket
- Smart shoes



Bolingbroke Academy students benefit from the use of a dedicated Sixth Form area, which includes space for relaxation, private study and a Sixth Form ICT Suite.





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APPLICATION PROCEDURE

How to apply for a place at Bolingbroke Academy Sixth Form

- Internal and external applicants attend our Open Morning in October
- All applicants complete an online application form via the Sixth Form page on the Academy website (<http://arkbolingbrokeacademy.org/sixth-form/applications>)
- External applicants will need to identify a reference from their current school. This is normally the form tutor, Head of House or Head of Year.
- The deadline for submissions is the first week in December.
- Tours can be arranged upon request.
- Every applicant will have a one to one guidance meeting in January and conditional offers will be made in writing.
- A series of events will be organised to bring internal and external applicants together before starting Year 12.
- In the summer term, after GCSE exams have finished, we hold a Sixth Form Induction day with taster sessions.
- Students will be given Bridging Projects to complete over the summer to bridge the gap between GCSE and A Level courses, enabling them to get off to a flying start in September.
- On GCSE Results Day in August, applicants will have an enrolment interview to confirm admission and course choices.

www.arkbolingbrokeacademy.org/sixthformentry





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