Welcome to Blackfen Sixth Form



Miss Brewer, Assistant Headteacher, Head of Sixth Form

As Head of Sixth Form at Blackfen I welcome you. You are making very important decisions about your next steps in life and it is crucial that you make the right choices. Whether you are staying on from year 11 or joining Blackfen from elsewhere we can ensure that you will be supported throughout your academic journey in the Sixth Form. When you finally leave us we aim to ensure that you are ready to face the challenges of the wider world whether that might be continuing studies onto degree level, taking up a higher level apprenticeship or embarking on a career. The skills and qualifications we aim to provide you with will set you up for a successful and fulfilling future.

The Sixth Form at Blackfen is highly successful and has moved from strength to strength as it has grown over the years. Students have an excellent choice of subjects (both academic and vocational) in a setting where they are supported and challenged to succeed through developing a growth mind-set. Our students are highly successful in securing places at a wide range of universities, including Russell Group as well as some outstanding higher level apprenticeship.

Although gaining an academic education is our core purpose we fully believe that our students should develop their personal skills. We aim to build confident and resilient young people who will be successful in the competitive world. Students take part in an enrichment programme where they can learn new skills, participate in sport, support lower school students or contribute to local charities or within the wider community. Students also complete on-line courses in wide and varied areas in order to compliment and enhance their programme of study.

Programme of Study

Students in year 12 will be placed on a programme of study dependent on their GCSE results on entering the Sixth Form. Our aim is to place students on courses where they will be most successful.

There are two main routes:

A Level courses:

Five GCSEs at grade 5 or above including English Language. Plus a minimum of grade 4 in Maths. Students must also meet the subject specific grade requirements.

BTEC courses:

Five GCSEs at grade 4 or above including English Language. Students must also meet the subject specific grade requirements.

Most students will study a total of 3 A Level/BTEC courses

A few students who have very high GCSE grades can select to study 4 A levels

Most Level 3 qualifications also have subject specific entry requirements. Level 3 courses are 2 years in duration. A Level examinations are taken at the end of Year 13 (Linear) BTEC examinations take place throughout the course.

Year 13 Students can opt for the Extended Project qualification (EPQ) starting in the summer term of year 12 in addition to their programme of study.

The programme of study for Sixth Form students also contains the following compulsory components:

- Daily Tutor time/PSHE
- Timetabled Supervised Study periods
- Enrichment programme
- Work Experience

For more information on our current courses please look under individual subject headings on our website.



Courses on offer

Students will generally select three Level 3 subjects.

Students can select either an A Level or BTEC route.

Students can complete a combination of A level and BTEC courses.

Students with very high GCSE grades can select four A Level subjects. This will be discussed with individuals where applicable.

A Levels

(2 year Linear)

Biology
Business
Chemistry
Dance
Drama
English Literature
Fine Art
French
Geography
History
Law
Maths
Media
Photography
Politics
Psychology
RS
Sociology
Textiles

BTEC Extended Certificate

(2 year course)

Accounting & Finance (T Level)
Business
Creative Media & Production
Health & Social Care
ICT
Law
Science
Sport

Core Maths **AS Level**

EPQ Extended Project Qualification



Welfare and Student Support

Pastoral care is a key component in supporting our students to achieve academically. Students are supported in a number of ways throughout their time in the Sixth Form. All students are placed in a tutor group, this group meets daily with their form tutor. In these sessions students follow a programme of activities and topics relating to academic progress and social/moral development. Examples of topics are: Study Skills, growth mindset development, driver safety education, dangers of alcohol and drugs, politics, healthy lifestyles, mental health and crime & justice. With the support of their tutor students are mentored through target setting and academic monitoring. Students also enjoy a range of interform competitions and events including: MasterChef, Carol competition, weekly quiz and sports. Students also attend a PSHE workshops throughout the year.

There is a Student Support Manager available at all times as well as an external careers advisor. The Sixth Form is managed by an Assistant Headteacher (Head of Sixth Form) and a Deputy Head of Sixth Form. Parents are fully encouraged to play a part in their child's academic journey and are expected to attend parent information evening and student review evenings. There is regular communication with parents through Edulink. Students use 'Teams' for daily messages and teaching resources.









Destinations

University

Brunel University of London: Law

City St George's, University of London: Business Economics: Communication; PR and Advertising; Law LLB; Biomedical and Healthcare Engineering (with placement)

Escape Studios: Concept Art and Experience Design (Integrated Masters)

Goldsmiths, University of London: Psychology with Forensic Psychology

King's College London, University of London: Social Sciences, Sport and Exercise Medical Sciences

Lancaster University: Law

Liverpool John Moores University: Business with International Business Management

LMA: Acting and Performance

Northeastern University London: Law

Norwich University of the Arts: Fine Art (with Integrated Foundation Year)

Queen Mary University of London: Politics; Law with Business; International Business Analytics with a Year in Industry; Psychology with a Year Abroad

Rose Bruford College: Costume Production

Royal Holloway, University of London: Politics and International Relations

The University of Law: Law

University of Brighton: Criminology and Sociology; Robotics and Mechatronics Engineering with Integrated Foundation Year

University of Essex: International Relations and Modern Languages; Conservation Biology and Ecology with Professional Placement

University of Gloucestershire; Law (Individual Rights)

University of Greenwich: Criminology and Criminal Justice; Nursing (Adult Nursing); Primary Education Studies; Paramedic Science; Criminology and Criminal Psychology; BA Events Management & Innovation; Games Development; Law with Criminology; Nursing (Children's Nursing);

University of Hertfordshire: Business Analytics and Artificial Intelligence; Fashion and Fashion Business

University of Kent: Psychology with a Year in Professional Practice; Electronic and Computer Engineering including a Foundation Year (4 years); Architecture

University of Leicester: Law with a Social Sciences, Arts and Humanities Foundation Year

University of Nottingham: Nursing (Adult)

University of Portsmouth: Early Childhood Studies; Primary Education with Qualified Teacher Status

University of Reading: Accounting and Management With Placement Experience; Law

University of Roehampton: Speech and Language Therapy

University of South Wales: Football Coaching, Development and Administration

University of Southampton: International Relations; History

University of the Arts London: Graphic Design; Public Relations

University of the West of Scotland: Accounting

University of Westminster, London: Accounting and Finance

University of Winchester: Primary Education with QTS

Vogue College of Fashion: Fashion Communication & Industry Practice

Destinations

Employment & Apprenticeships

NG Bailey: Quantity Surveyor apprenticeship Level 4

CBRE: Engineering apprenticeship Level 3

HR: Apprenticeship Level 4

Mechatronics and Robotics: Apprenticeship Level 4

Farrer & Co Law: Law Apprenticeship Level 3

KPMG: Auditing Apprenticeship Level 7

Police Constable: Apprenticeship Level 6

Nursery: Apprenticeship Level 3

CIS Security: IT Apprenticeship Level 3

JP Morgan: Business Administration. Employment

BMS Group: Sales and Marketing Apprenticeship Level 3

Balfour Beatty: Advanced apprenticeship - Level 3

Classified Central Media Broadcast Production: Higher apprenticeship - Level 4

Developed Controls: Advanced apprenticeship - Level 3

European Information Technology: Advanced apprenticeship - Level 3

Frankham Consultancy Group: Degree apprenticeship - Level 6

GCP Facilities Company: Higher apprenticeship - Level 4

Guildmore Ltd Construction: Higher apprenticeship - Level 4

Hays Travel: Advanced apprenticeship - Level 3

KPMG: Degree apprenticeship - Level 6

Laing O'Rourke: Degree apprenticeship - Level 6

Met Police: Degree apprenticeship - Level 6

MFS Investment Management: Higher apprenticeship - Level 4

Price Bailey: Degree apprenticeship - Level 6

TFL: Higher apprenticeship - Level 4

Trevellyan Insurance Brokers: Advanced apprenticeship - Level 3

Zurich Insurance: Advanced apprenticeship - Level 3

Euroclear: Employment

Doughty Street Chambers: : Employment

Jaguar: : Employment

Maples Group Law Company: : Employment

Riverside Financial Consultancy: : Employment

Fashion Retail Academy: Digital Marketing, College

Careers and Progression

We are proud of the diverse range of destinations our students pursue. Whatever this may be university or higher level apprenticeship. Whatever route our students wish to pursue there is support available at all stages. In Year 12 students take part in a 'next steps' programme where they are introduced to the University application process and applying for apprenticeships. This is followed in the Spring Team with a 'next steps' information evening for parents/carers. During National Apprenticeship week we run a series of talks from outside speakers and set up virtual workshops for students to find out more about apprenticeships.

Year 12 students are fully supported to apply for taster courses, insight days and virtual work experience as well as preparing for attending university open days.

In the Summer Term we run a series of UCAS workshops to start preparing University personal statements. Students are registered with Unifrog to support them with the application process for university or apprenticeships and for careers support.

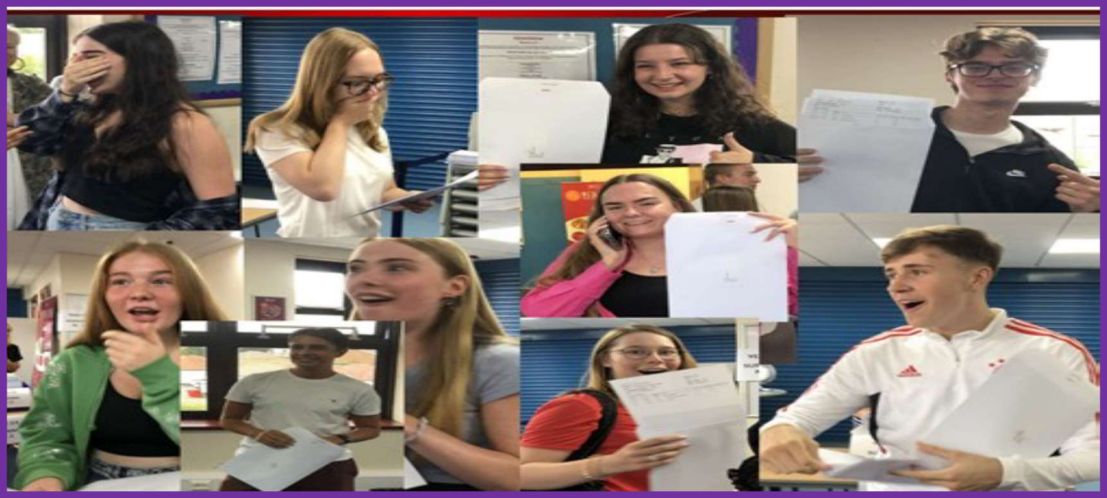
Students wishing to pursue an apprenticeship route are assisted with searching and applying for these posts and will be given a one to one mock interview.

Students can request a careers interview with our independent careers advisor at anytime during the year. Students can access careers guidance and support in the 'careers hub' in the sixth form building.

All students will complete a number of online courses during their time in the Sixth Form. These courses are offered by some of the top universities and apprenticeship providers in the country and are really helpful in preparing students for university courses or for specific careers.

All year 12 students complete a work experience placement. Students are encouraged to seek a placement that will not only challenge them but will help them gain experience in a field related to their future career.

The EPQ (extended Project Qualification) is taken by a number of students as an additional qualification in Year 13. This is excellent preparation for degree type research projects and highly regarded by University admissions tutors.



Super Curricular Programme

All students in year 12 are required to complete an enrichment programme. They have to plan their programme of activities and keep a record on Unifrog of completed activities:

Personal Finance BTEC qualification

Oracy BTEC qualification

Mentoring

Lessons from Auschwitz project

Volunteering / Charity work

Blackfen Library volunteering

Wider Reading

On-line courses

U18 Football Team

First Aid

Deaf Awareness

Drama / School production

UCAS Convention

Mental health ambassadors

Sixth Form Leadership

Charity events

Sutton Trust Summer Schools

London Taster Course programme

Work Experience programme

CPR training

UCAS Workshops

Day Trips

Residential Trips



