

Frequently asked questions

How and when do I apply?

[You can apply now on our website.](#) The deadline for applications is 15th February 2021. You should expect to hear from us regarding your application in March 2021.

I'm a Year 11 student at another school – can I apply to TCA Sixth Form?

The majority of our students have previously attended Thomas Clarkson Academy, however around 20% of our students have previously attended other local academies, schools and colleges. We welcome external applicants and efforts are made to support students who are new to academy to ensure a smooth transition. This includes a comprehensive induction programme.

Will I be invited for interview?

We aim to interview all of our students once they have received their offers. The purpose of the interview is to ensure you are happy with your choice of A Levels and also to offer guidance and support in terms of achieving your goals.

How many subjects can I apply for?

The large majority of our students apply for and complete three A Levels, however some students take four A Levels. Universities will accept anyone with three A Levels; taking four is not an Oxbridge requirement.

What enrichment activities are on offer at TCA Sixth Form?

We offer a range of extra and super curricular activities which enhance your journey towards your next steps. These include debating society, yoga and trips linked to both careers and individual subject areas. We are also offering a cultural residential trip to London in February 2021 which will be open to both year groups.

Additionally we offer the Scholars Programme and the EPQ – find out more here about this qualification [here](#).

[See our website for more information on enrichment activities.](#)

Is there additional support available for students with special educational needs or disability?

We have a wealth of experience of working with students with a whole range of needs and have a specialist team available who work with individual students.

If you have an Education Health and Care Plan and intend to enrol with us in September 2021, then please ask for a member of our team to be invited to your annual review in Year 11. This is to ensure that we are able to anticipate your needs and to support you with transition to post-16 study. Similarly, if you currently have any kind of exam access arrangement, we will work with you to review that evidence and to provide the most appropriate support.

Is there financial assistance available?

The Government's 16-19 Bursary Fund provides support through the Sixth Form to students who face financial barriers to participation in education. This money is available to help students pay for

clothes, transport and resources. In addition, we provide free meals for eligible students through our cashless catering system. Further details will be provided during the induction period.

What pastoral support is available?

At TCA we have a strong team who support you with your individual needs. We have a team of experienced and dedicated form tutors who are supported by a Head of Year and Head of Sixth Form. Additionally, our pastoral and safeguarding teams work with individuals in Sixth Form should you require additional support. We are an incredibly inclusive Sixth Form and we adapt our curriculum to meet the needs of individuals.

Do I attend school all day as a Sixth Former?

Yes. Our day begins at 8.30am and finishes at 3.55pm. Sixth Form students have a dedicated study area where they complete their independent work. They have access to PCs, the library and a wealth of other resources.