



Thomas Clarkson Academy

SIXTH FORM



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Welcome

“Thank you very much for your interest in Sixth Form life at TCA. As you prepare for your Year 11 GCSE examinations you should also be thinking about the next step in your academic career. Whether or not you are considering university, high quality apprenticeships or further training, there are many good reasons for joining the Sixth Form at TCA.

In the summer of 2020, we saw a record number of students secure places at prestigious Russell Group universities, including the University of Cambridge, the University of Liverpool and King’s College London. This trend has continued in 2021, with students securing places at Imperial College London, The University of Leeds and UEA.

Ultimately the subject choices you make must be right for you and your career aspirations. As you begin to consider which subjects you may wish to study, it is very important that you seek advice from the

variety of different sources available to you in school and through our many links with external companies.

We will expect anyone joining the Sixth Form at TCA to work hard, dress in a business-like manner and be punctual. We expect you to take full advantage of the support offered by our dedicated and experienced staff.

We also hope you will take advantage of our varied extra-curricular activities. We will provide you with everything you need to make your Sixth Form years an excellent academic and social experience. You just need to supply the motivation and commitment.

This prospectus also includes the views of current students which I hope you find useful. I hope you will be joining us in September, and I look forward to welcoming you to our Sixth Form.”

RICHARD SCOTT
Principal



“Sixth Form students want to learn, and adults prepare them well for their future”

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OUR SIXTH FORM

The aim of the Sixth Form is to help you to gain the qualifications needed for your future learning and career.

Our pledge is that each and every student who studies here will leave us with the tools and knowledge necessary to excel in their next step in life. Whether it is academic or vocational qualifications for entry into university or the world of work, we will provide the best possible education.

In order to achieve this we will offer you a wide range of courses to choose from. We provide a variety of A Level courses as well as Level 3 BTEC qualifications and have an expert team of teaching staff who provide first-class tuition.

Our A Level track record is impressive. Following another strong set of results

in the summer of 2021, for the third year running, 100% of our students who applied to university received offers. This has included offers from prestigious Russell Group universities, including Oxbridge.

We expect from you, hard work, dedication and commitment to your future. There will be an emphasis on managed independent working and you will be expected to put in additional hours of study to achieve the best results possible.

Your progress will be supported by teaching staff and your own personal tutor. This will enable you to develop both your academic abilities and the skills you will require for either further study or employment.



WHY CHOOSE US?



OUTSTANDING OPPORTUNITIES

100% of university applicants secured places.



RUSSELL GROUP

Students are now securing places at Russell Group universities, including the University of Cambridge.



OFSTED SUCCESS

Our Ofsted Good rating demonstrates the commitment by our staff to providing the young people of Wisbech with a ‘ticket for life’.

NUS EXTRA CARD



Our Sixth Form students are also eligible for an NUS extra card which entitles them to great savings across a range of brands. For the cost of just £12 per year our students can buy items at a reduced price.

Study

“ Leaders want pupils to gain qualifications that will act as ‘tickets for life’ and help pupils to move on successfully to the next stage of education or employment ”

OFSTED, 2020

Being a member of Thomas Clarkson Academy Sixth Form is a privilege. You will study in a first-class, modern learning environment with two areas dedicated solely for Sixth Form students, complete with computers and quiet study space.

All lessons will take place in specialist learning suites tailored to meet the needs of all courses with access to the latest technologies and equipment.

In line with our whole academy philosophy, we expect our Sixth Form students to have a business-like attitude and appearance. As part of this you will attend each day, for the full day, using any free periods to carry out independent study.

You will also be part of one of the academy’s three learning communities, be a member of a Sixth Form specific tutor group and will be expected to set a good example to younger students, acting as a role model and mentor.



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COURSES

Post-16 education is a crucial stage in your learning and we will give you thorough guidance to ensure you choose the right courses in line with your career aspirations.

A LEVEL

Art
Biology
Chemistry
Computer Science
Dance
Drama
English Literature
Film
French
Further Mathematics
Geography

History
Music
Mathematics
Philosophy & Ethics
Physics
Polish
Product Design
Psychology
Sociology

BTEC LEVEL 3

Business

Food Science & Nutrition
Health & Social Care
Sport

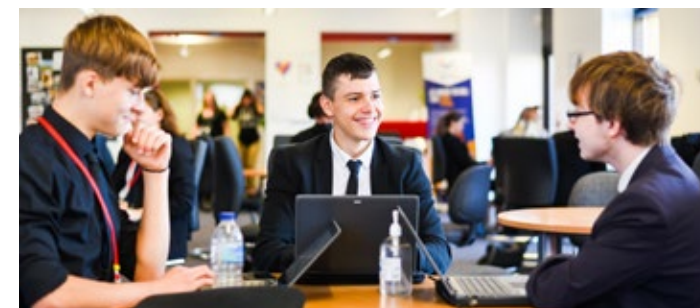
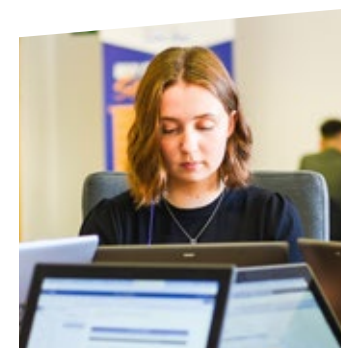
ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Those wishing to study at Sixth Form need to secure five 9-4 grade subjects. Those choosing A Levels need a grade 6 in selected subjects to study them at A Level (maths, physics,

chemistry, biology, English). A grade 5 is required in all other subjects that students wish to study at A Level.

Those opting for BTECs need to secure a merit in their selected BTEC subjects.

Please note that the final courses that we run may be different to those listed. This will be due to whether the course is viable.





ENRICHMENT

At TCA we understand that universities and employers look for more than excellent academic success. Our students are given opportunities to develop essential skills outside the classroom.

We have developed an extensive Session 6 enrichment programme that will open up a wide range of different experiences to you. It is important that you take as much as you can from this programme, as it will help you to develop new skills and manage the transition between school life and early adulthood.

Within our specifically designed Session 6 programme, you will take part in and lead a variety of different sessions to build skills such as teamwork and communication.

There are also opportunities to take part in the running of the academy. A student leadership team is selected from the Sixth Form and our Sixth Formers lead our Student Voice, a school-wide forum which ensures students' suggestions and comments are fed back to the Academy's senior leadership team.

TRIPS

Sixth Form students enjoy a wide variety of trips to complement their academic studies and expand their cultural capital and personal development. These range from field and theatre trips, to skiing trips and other residentials.

There are plans to introduce a residential city break for Sixth Form students in the next academic year.

WORK EXPERIENCE

All Year 12 students will be provided with a professionally managed two-week work experience placement.

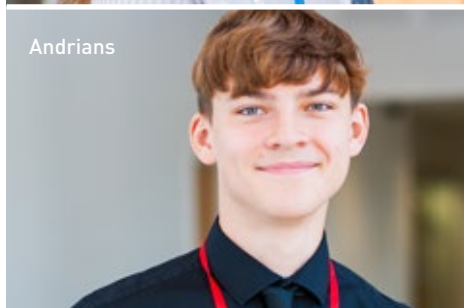
This will be a high quality placement designed specifically to meet the individual's career aspirations.

“ Leaders provide helpful careers advice and guidance to broaden pupils’ aspiration ”

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Additional CEIAG support includes a highly successful Mock Interview Day led by senior executives from recognised national companies as well as organised high quality work experience.





WHAT OUR STUDENTS SAY:

Jenna

I personally chose TCA sixth form because the teachers always have our best interests at heart and are so supportive and help us to realise our potential. I have been at TCA since year 7 and I have thoroughly enjoyed my time here so it seemed like a natural progression to go to TCA's own sixth form, I would definitely choose TCA sixth form because the sixth form is quite small which enables us to have a closer bond with our teachers which therefore allows us to have more guidance and support to help us succeed at every level. Additionally, the career guidance available is outstanding. TCA sixth form is amazing, I would not choose to go anywhere else.

Ed Phoon

The best part about TCA Sixth Form is the high quality level of education you receive

from all of the teachers. They are experts in their fields, extremely knowledgeable about their subjects, and are the reason why I was able to progress so well and flourish in Sixth Form. In addition, the facilities here are fantastic - everyone is provided with laptops to do their work on, and the casual atmosphere of the Sixth Form area is really relaxing. If you're interested in coming here, I highly recommend it!

Andrians

I love TCA for the persistent effort of every staff member to achieve. I love TCA for being more than just a school, with teachers being more than just lesson providers and staff members being more than just 'doing their job'. Everyone exceeds their expectations, and that's why for people like me can say with pride - "I went to Thomas Clarkson Academy!"

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ANDRIANS

Marcin

TCA Sixth Form has a wide range of strategy's and tactics to tackle any type of student that allows each individual to reach their final goal or destination. Being in secondary school prior to sixth form, since year 7 I have learnt and received so much useful information from teachers that looking back I wouldn't have chosen a different school.

Teachers got to know me personally and intellectually, so they were able to provide me with the right materials for me to be able to succeed in school.

Also, being an EAL student has helped me through out school as well as sixth form and help me build confidence and the ability to support others.

LIFE *Beyond* SIXTH FORM



"Leaders have high expectations of all pupils and what they can achieve"

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TCA will guide you through the crucial decisions and options facing you through your Sixth Form education. We ensure you have developed all the necessary skills, achieved the required grades and developed the knowledge to excel on your chosen path.

All students have access to a specialist careers adviser to support you in making your Post-18/19 decisions. The CEIAG team will work closely with Sixth Form staff to assist you through applications, personal statements and the UCAS process.

There is also specific support for those wishing to apply to Russell Group universities.

With frequent off-site visits to career fairs, university campuses and skills shows, as well as regular guest speakers from a number of organisations, we provide you with a range of experiences to inform your decisions.



Success Stories

Here's what some of our most successful students are planning next:

Anna Ivaskevica

Anna became TCA's first-ever Oxbridge student after securing a place at the University of Cambridge. Her top grades included A* in history, A* in English and an A* in chemistry.

She said: "When I found out I'd got into Cambridge I was extremely happy. I really hope that other students will see it is possible and that being a woman, or an immigrant, or working class doesn't stop you from getting the best education you can."

"I had some brilliant teachers at TCA over the years and it was so nice how everyone got behind me – both students and staff – when I was going through the interview process."

Mantas Jonaitis

Mantas secured a place at the University of Liverpool to study accountancy and finance after achieving an A* in maths, a B in computer science and D in business.

He encouraged Year 12/13 students to aim high when it comes to university applications.

Louise Plater

Louise also gained a place at a Russell Group university, the University of Nottingham, to study maths and is looking forward to deepening her knowledge of a subject she really enjoys.

Saleh Ahmed

Saleh moved on to the University of East Anglia where he is studying computer



Anna



Mantas



Louise



Saleh

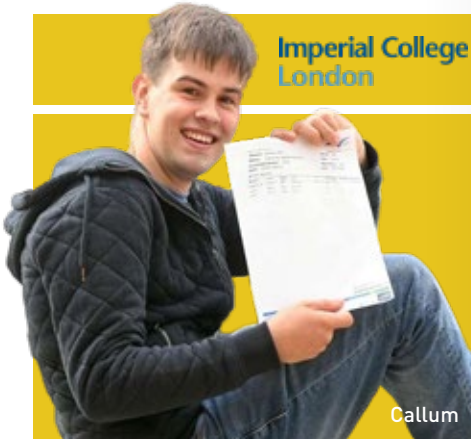
science and is hoping to become a software engineer or work in data science.

On results day he said: "I'm extremely happy to be able to progress forward and move on to the next step."

Callum Sturman

Callum received A*s in Chemistry and Maths and an A in Physics, he is now at Imperial College London studying Chemical Engineering.

He said: I appreciate all the help my teachers gave me to help me to achieve my dream of studying at Imperial.



Callum

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HOW TO APPLY


Applications to our Sixth Form can be found on the Sixth Form section of our website: www.thomasclarksonacademy.org

To speak to the Head of Sixth Form please call **01945 585237** or email ahornby@thomasclarksonacademy.org

"Students value the distinctiveness of the Sixth Form while still feeling part of the school community"

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Leaders ensure that
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the support required
to be successful

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