



Thomas Clarkson Academy

SIXTH FORM



SEE WHERE  
TCA WILL  
TAKE *You*



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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.**

We are continuing our trend of fabulous results, with 2022 results being our best ever on record. In the past two years we have supported students in securing places at prestigious universities, such as Imperial, Kings College London, University of Manchester and The University of York.

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

## 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. Our best ever results in 2022; with an

average grade of B, in the summer of 2022, for the fourth year running, 100% of our students who applied for university received offers.

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.



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

OFSTED, 2020

# 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.



## 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

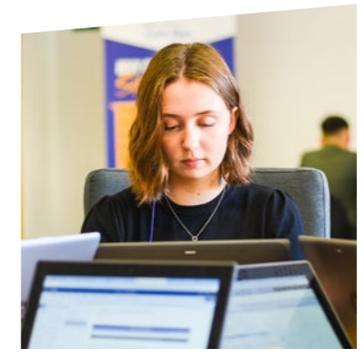
### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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 residential.

There are plans to introduce a residential city break for Sixth Form students in the next academic year. In 2022 we took students on a cultural residential trip to London and the whole 6th Form cohort are attending an outwards bounds weekend in Lincolnshire.

In 2023 we are heading through the tunnel to Belgium!

## 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 ”

OFSTED, 2020

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.

## Saleh Ahmed

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



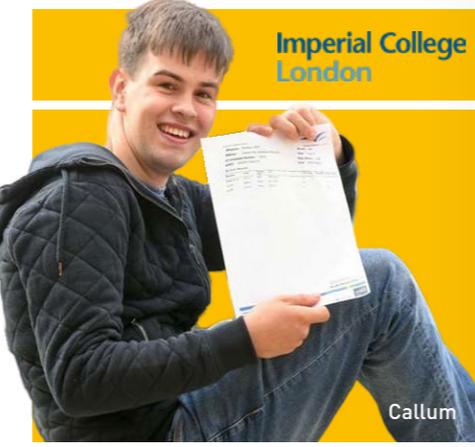
Anna



Mantas



Saleh



Callum

## 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.

## Vlad & Andrians

Both Vlad and Andrians are embarking on psychology degrees - Vlad is currently studying at Kings College London and Andrians at the University of Manchester. Between them they achieved 4 A\*s. and A and 2 Bs.



Vlad & Andrians

# Join us

## HOW TO APPLY

Applications to our Sixth Form can be found on the Sixth Form section of our website: [www.thomasclarksonacademy.org](http://www.thomasclarksonacademy.org)

To speak to the Head of Sixth Form please call **01945 585237** or email [ahornby@thomasclarksonacademy.org](mailto: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  
Sixth Form students have  
the support required  
to be successful

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Good  
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