

SEE WHERE TCA WILL TAKE YOU



Thomas Clarkson Academy

# SIXTH FORM



*A valued member of the*

**Brooke Weston Trust**





"Sixth Form students want to learn, and adults prepare them well for their future."

Ofsted, 2020



## 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 and matching these in 2023. In the past two years, we have supported students in securing places at prestigious universities, such as Imperial, Kings College London, University of Cambridge, 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. This was continued in 2023 despite the national trend.

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.

100%

100% of university applicants secured places.

Why choose us?

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

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

# Studying at Thomas Clarkson Academy

## The TCA Difference

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 students who attend TCA Sixth Form are issued with their own laptop to work on both in the building and at home. As a Microsoft Showcase School, we pride ourselves for ensuring our students are computer literate; students will use OneNote, Microsoft Teams and Office365 as part of their day to learning. Using these technologies to collaborate with teachers and other students is key to ensuring we have an outstanding learning experience.

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.

## Life Beyond Sixth Form

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.

"Leaders provide helpful careers advice and guidance to broaden pupils' aspiration."  
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# Courses

SCAN THE QR CODE TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT OUR COURSE OFFER



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	Drama	Further Mathematics	Philosophy & Ethics
Biology	Economics	Geography	Physics
Chemistry	English Literature	History	Polish
Computer Science	Film	Music	Product Design
Dance	French	Mathematics	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 9-5 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 6 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 and Personal Development

## 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.

## Work Experience

All Year 12 students will be provided with a professionally managed one-week work experience placement. This will be a high quality placement designed specifically to meet the individual's career aspirations.

## 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.

Our curriculum includes a residential team building weekend at the beginning of each academic year, fully funded. We also offer our annual city break which alternates between London and a European city. In 2023 we took the Eurostar to Brussels and in 2024 we are heading to London.



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

Ofsted, 2020

# What our students have to say

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"I 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 have thoroughly enjoyed my time here, so it seemed like a natural progression to go to TCA's own Sixth Form. The Sixth Form is quite small which enables us to have a closer bond with our teachers and 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!"

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"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!"

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I love TCA for the persistent effort of every staff member to achieve. TCA is 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!"

# Alumni Success Stories



"Leaders ensure that Sixth Form students have the support required to be successful."

Ofsted, 2020



**Ellie Smith**

In 2023, Ellie became our second student to be accepted into The University of Cambridge to read English Literature. Ellie achieved two A\*s and one A. Ellie has joined Jesus College and regularly updates us on her exciting adventures.



**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."

**Brooke Weston Trust**



**Proven track record:**

Over 30 years of making a difference

## Thomas Clarkson Academy is a valued member of the Brooke Weston Trust

Our mission at the Brooke Weston Trust (BWT) remains steadfast and unwavering – 'to transform educational performance in the communities where we work to improve student achievement by removing the barriers to learning and providing opportunities for personal development.'

Lead by our CEO Dr Andrew Campbell for a decade, we have maintained a long-term commitment to high-quality education since 2008. BWT is a family of schools, each with its own unique character, meeting the needs of the local communities we serve.

Our values reflect our culture of high expectations and ambition for all – each of our employees is asked to consider 'is this good enough for my child' when making decisions that affect the students in our care.

Our schools, both Primary and Secondary, are based across Northamptonshire and Cambridgeshire and as of 2023, all are Ofsted rated as good or better. We work together collaboratively sharing best practice and new ideas, our strengths, and talents to achieve the best for your children, both in education opportunities and enhancing life chances for every one of our young people, encouraging and nurturing their ambitions and potential.

Over each academic year, there are so many opportunities for our students to meet, compete, celebrate their successes, grow, and develop in amazing ways to enter the world as adults who are enabled to shape their own futures.

**Ambition for All**

**High Expectations**

**Excellent Teaching & Support**

**Working Together**

**Contributing to Society**

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