



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. I know this improving trend will continue.

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. Following another strong set of results in

the summer of 2020, 100% of our students who applied to university received offers. This 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.



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

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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 ”

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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.



SEE WHERE TCA WILL TAKE *You*

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
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:

Max Hamilton
"TCA's professional environment allows students to flourish and develop their skills. With modern amenities and helpful teachers, education thrives in the Academy. Despite coming from a different secondary school, I felt welcomed by everyone that I met; now in Year 13, I can say that I've been able to develop my skills and prepare for life at university. One of the many things I love about the Sixth Form is the amount of support provided when applying for university."

"I have progressed in my subjects significantly and will use the abilities I have discovered in Sixth Form for life, alongside the confidence I have gained through the many opportunities for success here. When it comes to results day next year, I know I'll definitely miss the friendliness and positivity that flows through Thomas Clarkson Academy's Sixth Form."

Clodagh Williams
"TCA Sixth Form has allowed me to grow intellectually and become a more independent learner. The teachers always have our best interests at heart and really value our progress and education. All staff who work with us are so supportive and push us to achieve our ambitions and goals."

"I chose to stay at Sixth Form as I really enjoy the atmosphere and support that the teachers give us. Being only a small Sixth Form, it allows us to have a closer bond with our teachers, which makes it easier for them to guide you and provide support."

Louise Peart
"TCA Sixth Form provides you with unique opportunities that allow you to grow and develop your understanding within your chosen A levels. The best part about attending

"TCA Sixth Form is brilliant and the teachers are helpful – I would not choose to be anywhere else"

LOUISE

Sixth Form is the way in which you're treated as a young adult. I've been at TCA since Year 7 and I've developed positive relationships with the teachers as well as students. The teachers have got to know us on an intellectual level and they know what we are capable of, which is why I decided that Sixth Form was the best option for me. The teachers are supportive in terms of your career path and are willing to do anything in their power to get you to that final destination. Overall TCA Sixth Form is brilliant and the teachers are helpful and I would not choose to be anywhere else other than here."

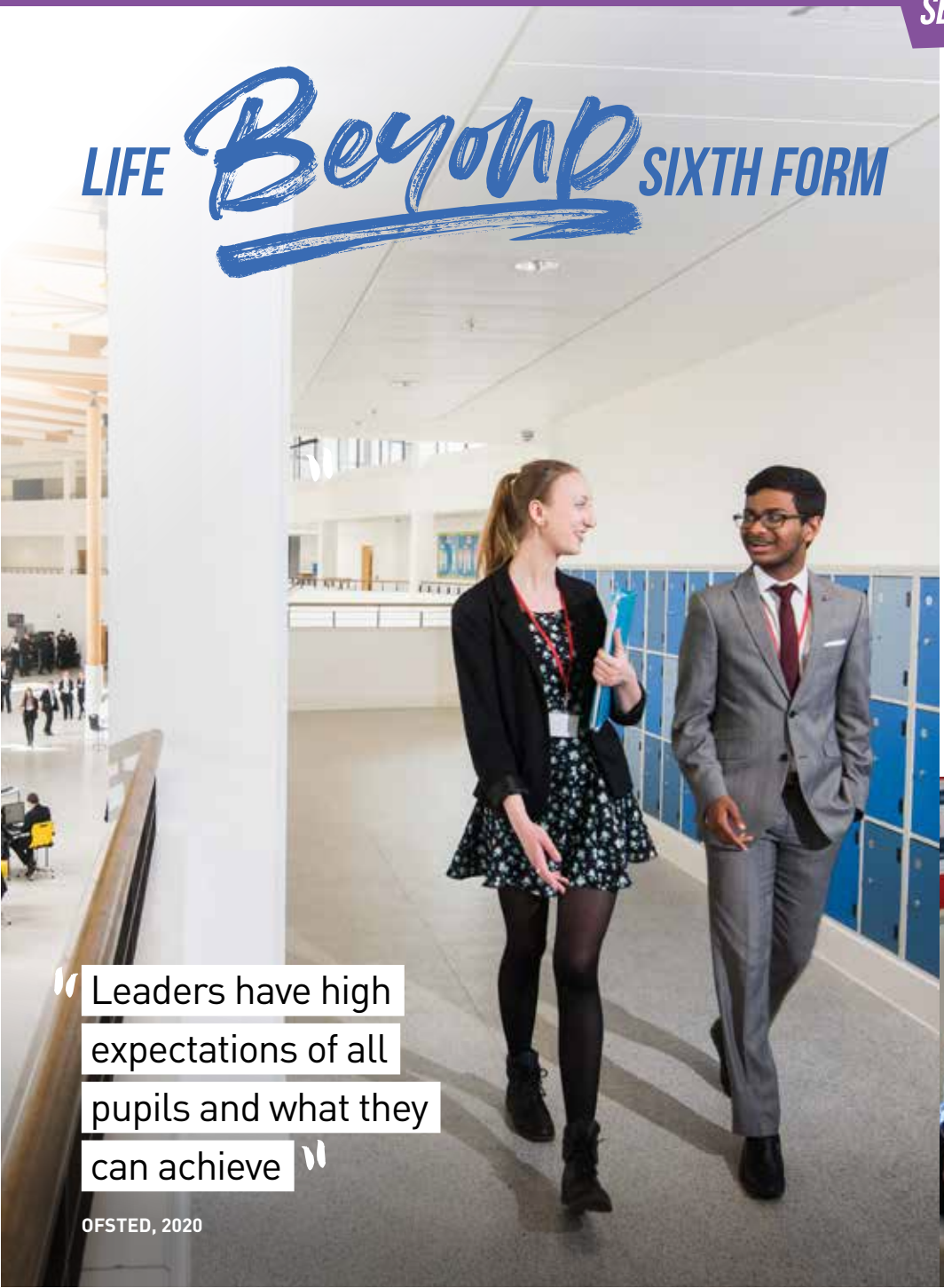
Beth Summers
"There are a range of subjects to choose from in Sixth Form, which is good as all students have different interests and different goals they want to achieve. These subject choices and the support from teachers have helped me build my confidence and my knowledge."

Grantas Vendzinskas
"TCA Sixth Form treats you differently than just a student. You're looked at as a young adult, responsible for your own learning and progressing through A levels. However, you still get support from teachers if you need to."

"I like how Sixth Form provides you with independence and complete ownership of your learning as it will give you everything in return for what you've put into it, which is why I have decided to stay on. Sixth Form also taught me how to turn information into knowledge, and it's no longer just remembering information – you have to apply it."

"On top of that, Sixth Form develops your personal skills and qualities that are essential in the world of work."

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.

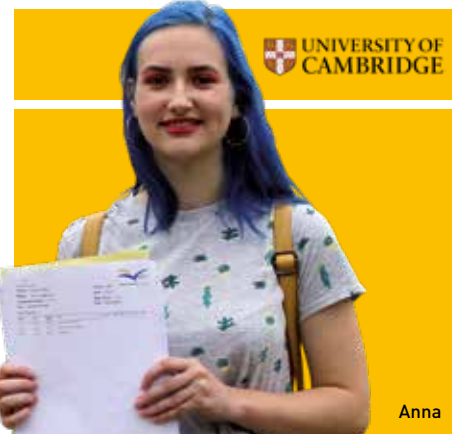
He encouraged Year 12/13 students to aim high when it comes to university applications.

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."

Teagan Lee

Former Head Girl Teagan Lee was excited to secure a place at Lancaster University where she is studying creative writing and film.

She said: "As soon as I opened my email from UCAS and found out I'd got in, there was a huge sense of relief."



Teagan

Join us

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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to be successful ”

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