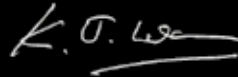


# WORKING AT BSIX

We asked members of staff why they like working at BSix.  
We hope their comments give you a flavour of what it is like to work at the College.



Ken Warman  
Principal



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**Kizito Anyanwu** is Head of Business, Health and Public Services and is on the College Management Development Programme

"Working at BSix is interesting, fulfilling and provides a unique experience. It is interesting as the student cohort includes young adults who are the first in their family lineage to attend a Further Education College. BSix strives to support them to achieve their ambition. There are also students who started their ESOL courses or joined without formal qualifications and have through the support offered by BSix progressed to Level 3 courses and subsequently to higher education institutions. The complex background of our student population means that teachers often act as social worker, counsellor, father, mother, etc culminating in several success stories. I enjoy and like working at BSix as the package offered to students helps in raising aspirations and breaking boundaries. Although the ambitions of a lot of our students are plagued by a myriad of constraints – family, social, financial and academic issues- staff expectation of students remains high. Expectation is the springboard for miracles. This has engendered the proven record of significant achievement within a complex context and the delivering of improvements in challenging situations. I do not want to indulge in self praise, but sometimes it is good to say the truth - BSix provides a lot of CPD opportunities for staff to help impart knowledge to students, has high expectations of students, motivates, supports, inspires and increases employability opportunities for young adults. Its learner focused approach to pedagogy appeals to me."



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**Sandra Bent** is Student Services Manager and is studying for the Coaching Diploma

"As Student Services Manager my role is to support students in overcoming barriers to their academic, personal and professional development. This is important to me because academic, personal and professional development has always been top of my agenda.

I really enjoy working in an environment which facilitates and is conducive to learning for both students and staff and after five years I still find my role challenging and rewarding.

At BSix, Senior Management encourages career progression and has worked hard to create opportunities for all staff to reach their full potential. In the past three years I have attended various in-house training sessions, completed my NVQ4 Advice and Guidance and I am now studying the Coaching Diploma initiated by BSix and accredited by Middlesex University.

'Aspire, Study and Achieve', is the sentiment for both students and staff. This is what makes BSix the place to be."



**Jamie Duff** teaches History and Politics, is the NUT branch secretary and is a staff governor

“I have worked at BSix since 2003 and have found BSix to be a dynamic and rewarding environment in which to work. The richly diverse mix of students who study at the College combined with the high levels of mutual support and solidarity among colleagues are the main reasons why I enjoy working here. Within my department I feel that my professional judgement is respected and that I am trusted to get on with teaching. I feel I have become a better teacher through working at BSix.”



**Philip Elliott** is Deputy Principal: Curriculum and Quality and is studying for the MA in Teaching and Learning

“My first reaction to this question is... I really like the people, the students, the staff, the parents and everyone involved with the College. But to look further into why the people are so engaging I would say that what characterises those involved with the College is a unity of purpose and a desire to achieve the best we can, for our students and for each other. This desire is expressed in many ways I really appreciate, in generating ideas, in putting the work in to turn those ideas into reality, in being creative, in being aspirational, in being... BSix.

The culture at BSix is not just expressed in a mission statement or a set of ‘values’, it is expressed in everyday exchanges between everyone who works here, both staff and students and it is demonstrated by the daily commitment of those who come every day and do their very best’.”

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**Tina Jawanda** teaches Art and is on the Aspiring Leaders programme

“This is my second year working at BSix Sixth Form College and I have gained a vast amount of knowledge as well as developing my skills as a teacher. Senior leaders at the College have offered me a lot of training, guidance and support with which I have managed to accomplish better results, retention and even become an examiner and moderator for AQA exam board.

I am currently on the Aspiring Leaders programme which the College has organised to help me progress into management positions. We have weekly training sessions in which we meet professionals in and out of college, that teach us about all areas within the College, from appraisals to finance. To accompany the training i am also being mentored by the middle management and the Principal of the College.

Having taken up the Aspiring Leaders Programme I have found it very enjoyable plus I have become more motivated and determined to further develop my career at BSix Sixth Form College.”

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**Natalya Silcott** teaches Mathematics and is studying for the MA in Teaching and Learning

“I particularly enjoy working at BSix because of the collaborative approaches to the teaching and learning of Mathematics employed by the Maths team. We are encouraged to engage with theory related to Mathematics education and our views on how Mathematics is learned and how it is should be taught are continually challenged.”



**Asif Rahman** is our Reprographics Technician, was winner of the “Unsung Hero” Star Award December 2009 and sits on the cross-college Quality and Equality Task Group

“Fundamentally, I like working at BSix because the staff, from management to teachers to support staff, are down to earth.” “Real people”. Staff here reflect the backgrounds of our students and that is very rare in education.”