

**A Study Programme
to meet your needs
and ambitions**



2020/21

FULLTIME COURSE GUIDE

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PRINCIPAL'S WELCOME

Thank you for reading our prospectus. Hopefully, it will give you some idea of life at the College and illustrate why it is an exciting and supportive place to study.

Clearly I am not a completely impartial observer, but, since taking over as Principal here in May 2018, I have become more and more aware of the many positive features BSix has to offer. In no particular order of importance, I would recommend to you:

- A consistently strong standard of teaching and learning provided by conscientious and deeply committed staff.
- Excellent support and guidance systems, designed to help students cope with any particular problems they might be facing.
- A broad range of interesting and useful enrichment activities which complement the main course of study and allow students to gain additional skills and qualifications.
- Thorough and comprehensive preparation for students' next steps, whether they be in further education, higher education or the world of work.
- Opportunities to continue to develop greater skill and confidence in the speaking and writing of English and the use of Mathematics.

All this in a safe, purposeful and friendly atmosphere responsive to the ideas and opinions of its students.

Don't take my word for what BSix has to offer. Come and visit and, if you like what you see, enrol as a student. Join those of us who are here already in our united efforts constantly to improve all that we do as a college.

Kevin Watson
Principal



2019 EXAMINATION RESULTS

Things are certainly looking up at BSix. Give your own prospects a lift and come and join us!



- 1 AS LEVEL PASS
RATE: UP 25%
- 2 GCSE ENGLISH
PASS RATE: UP 8%
- 3 GCSE MATHS: PASS
RATE UP 6%
- 4 A LEVEL PASS
RATE: UP 4.5%
- 5 VOCATIONAL LEVEL 2
PASS RATE: UP 6%
- 6 VOCATIONAL LEVEL 3
PASS RATE: UP 3%

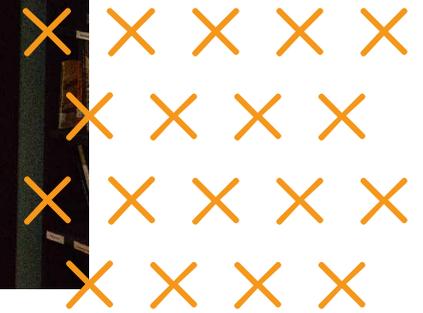
MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of BSix is to develop in its students, and to demonstrate through its staff, the characteristic of being always “open to learning”.

It seeks to achieve this by means of a carefully tailored and suitably challenging individual programme, underpinned by consistently strong teaching, comprehensive support services and a wide range of enrichment opportunities, set within a safe and inclusive learning environment.

Promotion of an openness to learning is at the heart of the College ethos and is a key factor in students acquiring the qualifications, and developing the skills and personal qualities, essential for their continuing success.

THE EXPERT
STAFF
MEMBER...
THE EXPERT
STUDENT



WHY CHOOSE BSIX?

BSix offers a uniquely flexible approach to your Study Programme. Our aim is to make sure that what you study at BSix will be enjoyable, exciting and inextricably linked with careers and your future ambitions.

How are we different to other colleges?

We plan each aspect of the study programme to make sure that it is flexible so that we can adapt it to your needs. For example, you might choose to do a mixed package of A-levels and BTEC certificate qualifications at Level 3.

We are also one of the few colleges in London to offer a programme of GCSE re-sits. For most students studying at Level 2, a vocational course is the best option, not least because of the assessment process which is not primarily exam-based. However, for students with particular needs and aspirations it might be sensible to take GCSEs again. These needs and aspirations may be one of the following:

- A desire to not yet commit to any one vocational area.
- Determination to progress to A-levels as the best path to a given career.
- A period of illness or personal difficulties which led to under achievement at school.
- Having not had the opportunity to sit GCSE exams yet (e.g. overseas students).

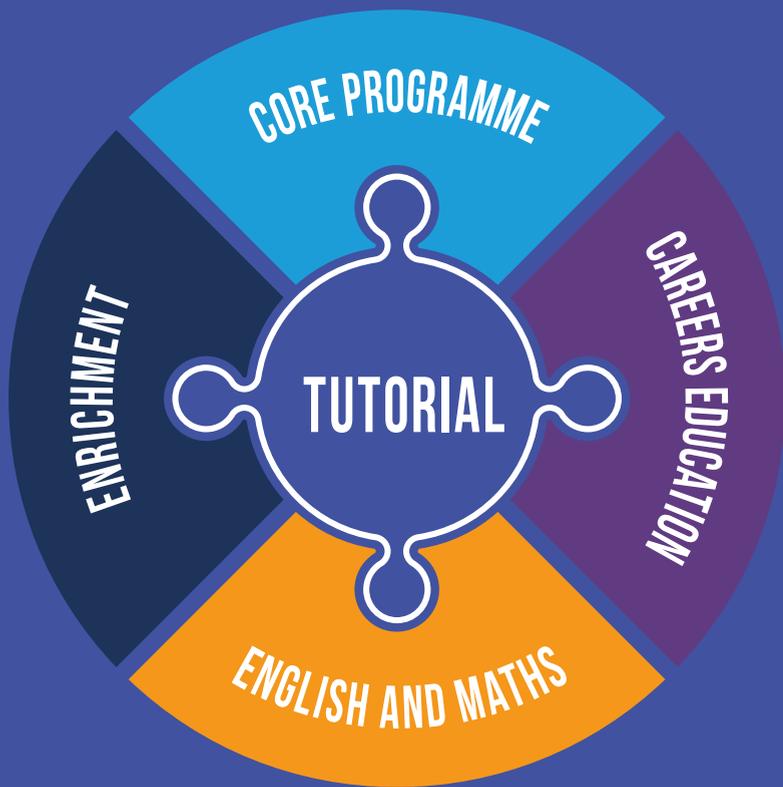
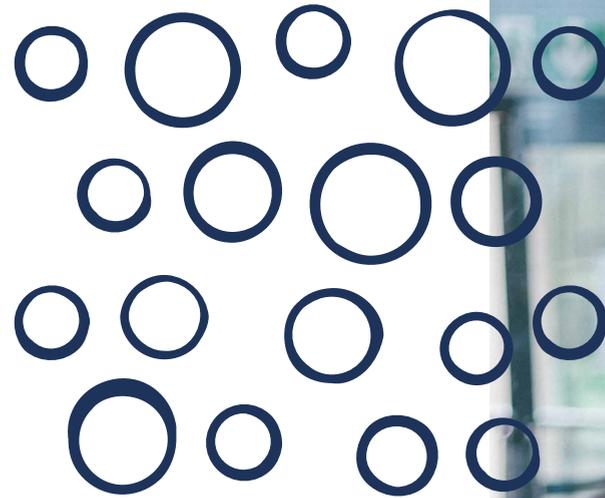
Our GCSE programme is an intensive one-year course and the subject choice is broad, spanning Humanities, STEM and Creative areas. We also offer Entry to Level 2 vocational courses with carefully planned and exciting progression routes.

We are also distinctive in our catchment area. Students currently on roll at BSix are alumni of 190 different schools, and this does not include those who are new to the country from overseas! Students travel to BSix from further afield because of the flexibility of the study programmes we offer. The additional benefit to you of this fact is that you meet many new friends and learn much about different backgrounds and cultures. It represents a unique part of your learning journey with us which will better prepare you for your life and career beyond BSix.

YOUR STUDY PROGRAMME

All students are enrolled on to an individually tailored study programme.

The aim of the study programme is to equip you with the necessary skills to progress on to a further course of study, to a university degree, an apprenticeship and ultimately into employment. Every study programme consists of the below elements:





TUTORIAL

The Tutorial is the core of every students' Study Programme.

Your personal Tutor will be the custodian of your study programme, helping to make sure that you are enrolled on to the best possible combination of courses to meet your needs and help you to achieve your progression ambitions. Your Tutor will be your advocate throughout the year, someone who knows how you are doing on each aspect of your study programme and who is aware of any issues that you may face. Your Tutor is the person you must keep in touch with if for any reason you are not able to attend college. Your Tutor will keep in touch with you and your family.

For most of the weekly tutorial sessions, you will meet as a group and will cover various interesting topics for you to discuss such as:

- Diversity
- Safeguarding
- The environment
- Mental health
- Progression options
- 1-to-1 progress

There will also be a linked programme of Assemblies and speakers.

Find out more about a course: www.bsix.ac.uk



CAREERS EDUCATION

Careers Education is embedded into every study programme. BSix ensures that all students are entitled to impartial and confidential Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance which is student-centred provided by professionally trained staff and meets the professional standards of practice. As part of your study programme, you will undertake a relevant work placement in an industry that is matched to your career ambition.

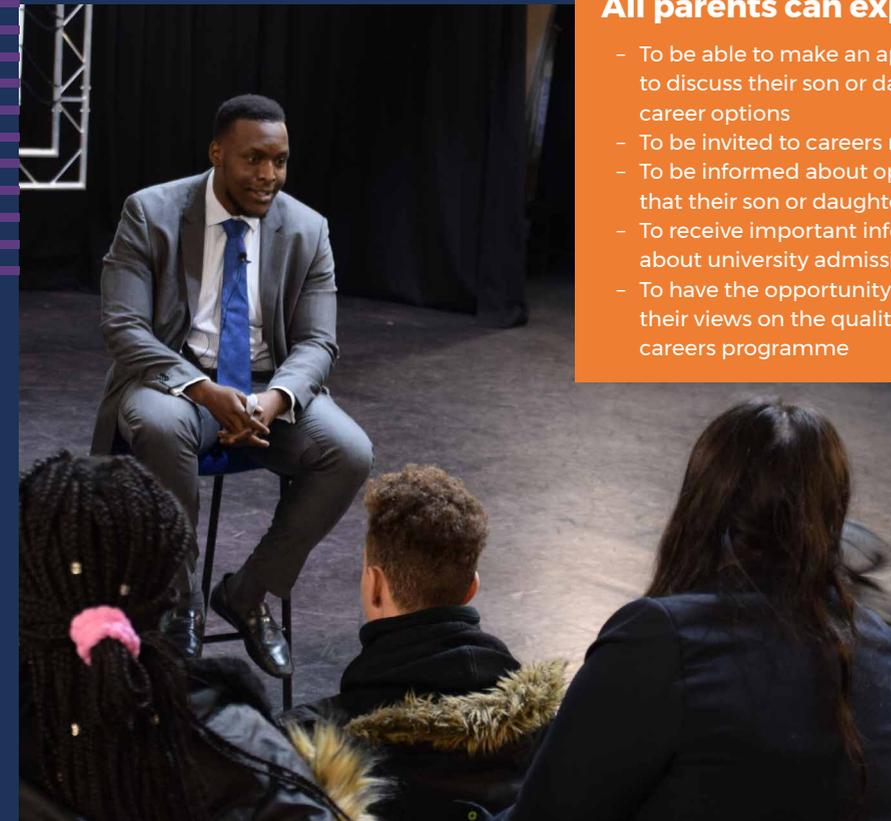
Student Entitlement

All students will have the opportunity to:

- Access careers advice and guidance during college hours staffed by a team of advisors
- Have a 1:1 appointment with a professionally trained impartial careers advisor
- Attend an annual Careers and Progression Fair supported by a range of universities, employers and training providers
- Receive information and advice on applying to university and preparing for the world of work at key points of the year via their tutor
- Explore undertaking work experience or volunteering organised by the Work Experience Coordinator and Duke of Edinburgh lead
- Access information and resources from the library
- Attend insight days and careers events with a range of employers
- Attend a wide variety of in-house HE and employer talks throughout the year
- Receive regular information about opportunities to attend a range of university taster courses and masterclasses
- Access Labour Market information via the College website and Careers Centre
- Receive a weekly bulletin on apprenticeships and college leaver schemes
- Feedback their views on the quality of the careers programme

All parents can expect

- To be able to make an appointment to discuss their son or daughter's career options
- To be invited to careers related events
- To be informed about opportunities that their son or daughter can access
- To receive important information about university admissions
- To have the opportunity to feedback their views on the quality of the careers programme



ENRICHMENT

BSix Sixth Form College believes that all students should have the opportunity to pursue their talents in order to develop their personal character.

Students must pursue at least one enrichment activity as part of the study programme. There are many options and all will provide you with the skills and techniques designed to increase your confidence and wellbeing whilst at the College.

There are three categories of enrichment that you can choose:

- Academic and Creative;
- Outdoor Pursuits and Volunteering;
- Competitive Sports and Fitness Exercise

Most of our enrichment programmes have been developed with a university with accreditation.



The **study programme** enrichment options are:

- Coding Club
- DJing and Music Production
- Dance Company
- Journalism Club
- Beginner Languages Club
- Sports Leadership
- Hackney Citizens Volunteering and Community Organisation
- Knowledge is Power Core Programme (debates and seminars)
- Instrumental and Band Practice
- Photography Club
- Financial Literacy - Managing Your Money
- Environment and Sustainability Club
- Sports Academy*
- Maths Club
- Hackney Shed Drama Company
- Choir
- Student Ambassador Programme
- Creative Writing Club
- Duke of Edinburgh Scheme

The **additional** enrichment options are:

- Gym
- Basketball
- Archery
- Question Time Debate
- Football
- Table Tennis
- Knowledge is Power Seminars
- UK Trips
- Netball
- Boxing
- International Trips
- Reading Club
- Fitness Instructor Programme

*subject to trials



Our sports enrichment is delivered in partnership with the West Ham United Foundation



BSix is one of the first Sixth Form Colleges to have a Premier League Community Hub situated onsite staffed by a member of the West Ham United Foundation.

Find out more about a course: www.bsix.ac.uk

STUDENT VOICE

BSix encourages its students to play a full part in the running of the College.

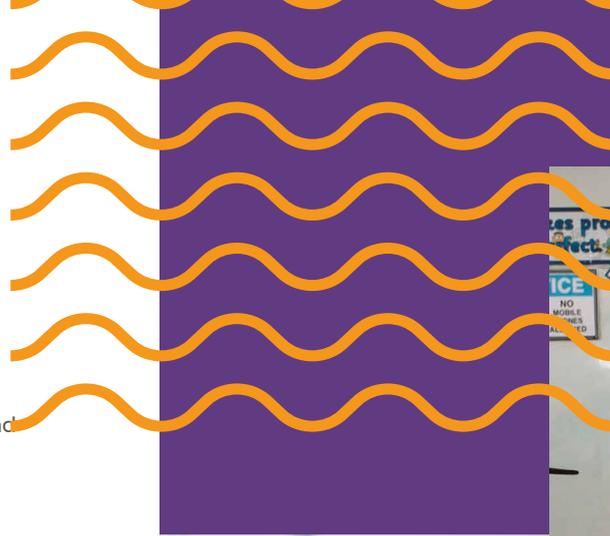
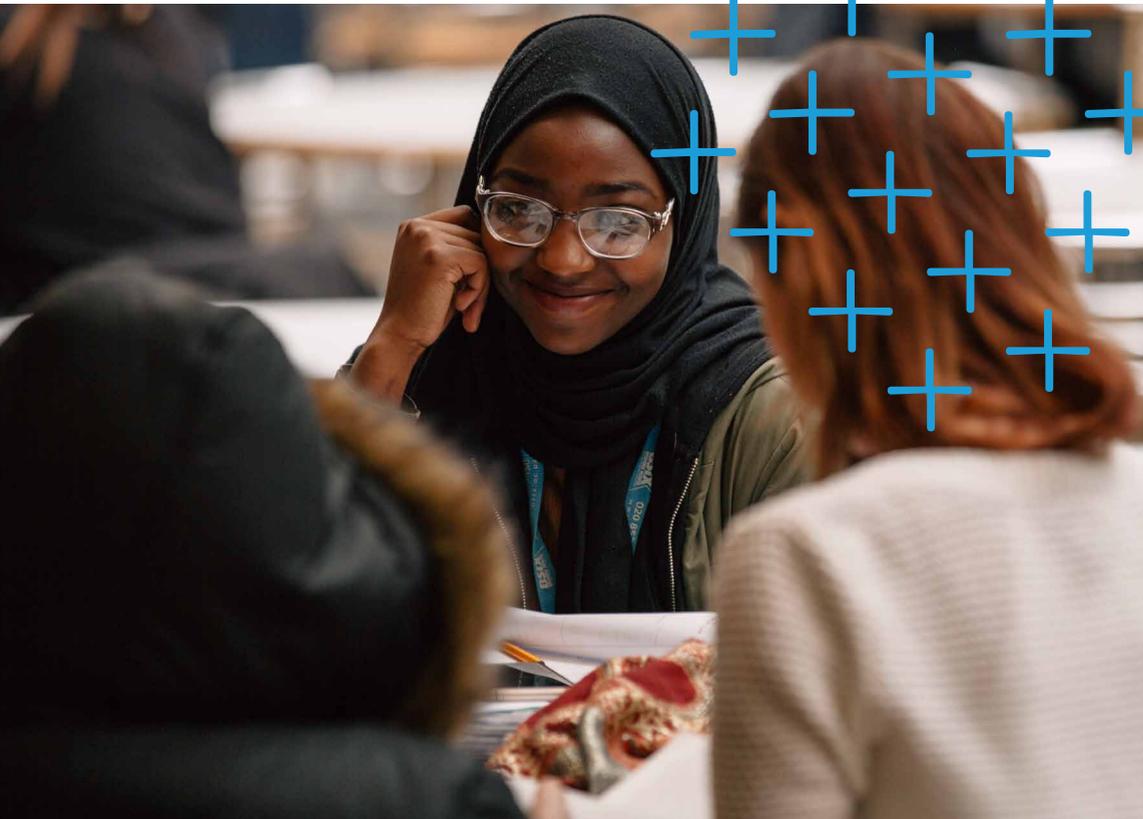
Getting involved in the student voice is a fantastic way to boost your skills for life at BSix and beyond. Stand out from the crowd with universities and employers by showing you are an active member of your community who goes the extra mile.

The student voice programme encourages participation both in the College and in the wider community. Students undergo professional leadership training and meet regularly to assist each other with their roles.

Our students will tell you that the College always listens and will do its utmost to respond to constructive and appropriate suggestions. Ofsted has called our approach “innovative” and “highly responsive”.

You can make your voice heard informally at any time through your tutor or senior member of staff or via one of our more structured channels:

- Class Representatives
- Student Council
- Student Ambassadors
- Student Governors



SUPPORTING YOU

Our Inclusive Learning department aims to ensure that all students have access to support when needed to help you to reach your potential.

The department supports young people with a wide variety of needs - be they learning, physical or emotional - and has an excellent record of helping students to achieve their goals.

BSix is fully accessible with lift access in each block. The College has a mobile hoist and track hoist, and a room suitable for physiotherapy and stretching.

Communication and engagement of parents of young people requiring support is important to the Department and is facilitated by regular Parent Forums and events for information sharing and collaboration with external agencies.



OUR FACILITIES

BSix is a modern sixth form college located in the heart of the East End of London.

Our facilities reflect the fact that we are surrounded by the creativity of Hackney, close to the TECH CITY of Shoreditch and near to the Financial District of Cannery Wharf and the City of London.

Our facilities include the newly built £2million Learning Resource Centre (LRC), Student Services Centre and an outdoor Multi-use Games Area (MuGA).

We have a large number of IT and iMac labs, specialist Science Labs, State-of-the-art Drama Theatre, fully equipped Gym, Music Recording Studio and Photography Studio. We also have a dedicated English and Maths Hub which is open for all students at all levels.



Find out more about a course: www.bsix.ac.uk

CHOOSING THE RIGHT COURSE



To study with us we must receive satisfactory references and you must demonstrate commitment and the will to succeed.

Course Fees

If you are aged between 16 to 18, tuition is free. We have a limited number of 'free' funded places for 19-year olds. Please contact Admissions for further advice: **0800 3892 947** or info@bsix.ac.uk

Overseas Students

We have many 16 - 18-year-old students studying with us who are from overseas but now resident in the UK. We can enrol you only if you have eligibility to study in the UK; for example, if you have an EEA passport or if you have a visa which gives you suitable entitlement. We assess all cases on an individual basis, if you are unsure of your eligibility/entitlement status, please contact our Admissions team on **0800 3892 947** or email info@bsix.ac.uk We cannot accept students who are on student visas.

English and Mathematics

We are committed to making sure that you have the best qualifications possible in English and Mathematics. Employers, universities and other courses in the College will expect you to have reached a suitable standard in these subjects. All students in the College who do not have a GCSE pass at grade 4 (C) or above in Mathematics or English Language will be expected to study towards this level during their time at college.

ENTRY CRITERIA

We have listed a range of courses with relevant entry criteria to help you choose the right level and type of qualification for you. Certain subjects may require specific grades at GCSE, these are listed on the individual course information pages.

Level	Entry Requirements	Progression
Entry Level / ESOL (page 24) One-year course	No qualifications required – suitable for students who achieved below grade 2 (E) at GCSE	Higher-level course having acquired sufficient skills in English and Maths
Level 1 (page 26) One-year foundation course	Grade 2s (E) at GCSE	Level 2 study
Level 2 (page 32) One-year course which gives you a broad understanding of the subject	At least four Grade 3s (D) at GCSE including English or Maths	Level 3 study
GCSE (page 44) One-year intensive course	Five or more Grade 3 (D) results at GCSE previously including English and Maths	A-levels or Level 3 Vocational Programme
Level 3 (page 50) Two-year course, equivalent to three A-levels	At least five Grade 4s (C) at GCSE including English or Maths	University, employment or an apprenticeship
A-level (page 58) Two-year course with exams at the end of second year	At least five Grade 4s (C) at GCSE including English Language and Maths. Some A-levels require specific grades in certain subjects	University, employment or an apprenticeship

ENTRY LEVEL VOCATIONAL COURSES



1 YEAR



2 COURSES

For students with no or few formal qualifications.

These courses will allow you to progress to Level 1 study in the vocational area of your choice. All courses have a strong emphasis on English and Maths skills as well as work related learning. You will develop your communication and employability skills within the tutorial and enrichment activities of your study programme. You will be assessed through coursework.

Entry Level: Work Skills

No formal qualifications required. This course is specifically accessible for students with Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) that can be evidenced with an Educational Health Care Plan (EHCP) or for students who have not been regularly able to access education.

This course combines a range of units that develop teamwork, volunteering, personal and employability skills through practical and academic tasks. You will be assessed through coursework.

Areas of Study

- Work Skills in teamwork, volunteering and CV writing
- Home cooking skills
- Pathway vocational studies in one of the following:
 - Business
 - Health Social and Childcare
 - Media
 - Travel and Tourism
 - Science
- Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme

Progression pathway

Your planned progression pathway would be to a Level 1 course at BSIX or an external supported internship.

Entry Level: ESOL

Your English language skills are assessed at interview and enrolment to evaluate which group you will start your BSIX journey in.

The course is designed to enable students the opportunity to achieve more than one level. Beginners focus on English and Maths. Intermediate and more advanced learners will also study vocational studies in one of the following:

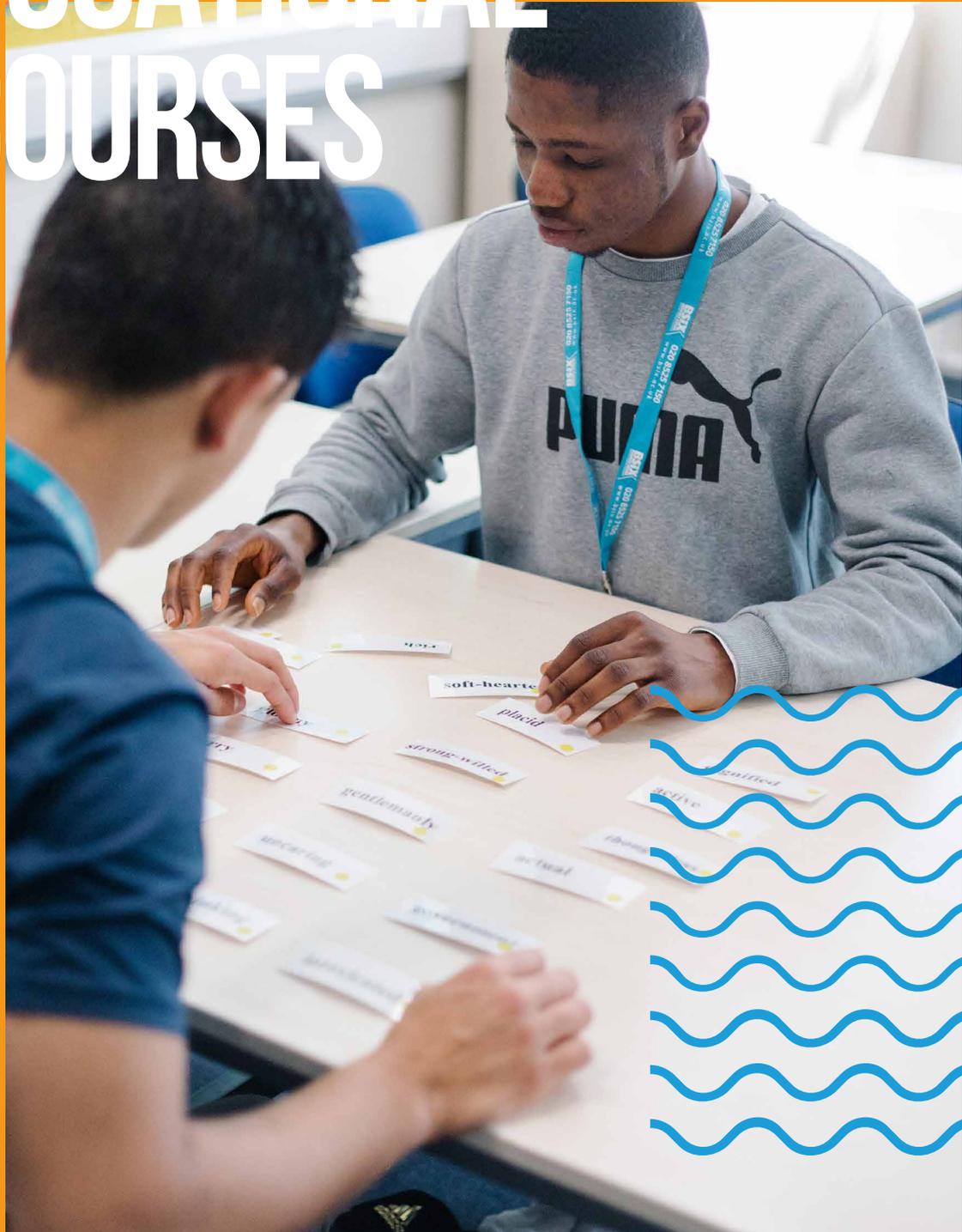
- Business
- Health, Social and Childcare
- Media
- Travel and Tourism
- Science

There are three exam periods through the year. Students are assessed from Entry 1 – Level 2. All ESOL courses offer a range of cultural and work-related experiences that support personal and academic development. The most advanced students will also be enrolled to the Duke of Edinburgh award scheme.

Progression pathway

Students can progress to further ESOL levels of study, Level 1 or 2 vocational courses or a full GCSE programme dependent on their individual achievements.

LEVEL 1 VOCATIONAL COURSES



1 YEAR



8 COURSES

For students working at Entry 3 Level in English and Maths. Students will be predicted or have already achieved mostly Grade 2s in their GCSEs.

These courses will allow you to progress to Level 2 study in the vocational area of your choice. All courses have work related learning to allow you to gain insights into working in the sector you are studying. You will also study English and Maths at functional skills Level 1. You will develop your communication and employability skills within the tutorial and enrichment activities in your study programme. You will be assessed through coursework.

Progression pathway

The natural progression is to a Level 2 vocational course and GCSE English and Maths.





Business & Enterprise

This course introduces you to the world of business and finance and develops practical entrepreneurial skills. You will study a range of BTEC business units and have the practical experience of running your own business as a team by being part of our Young Enterprise Company Programme.

Over the course of the year students create and run real profit-generating businesses under the guidance of an expert business volunteer. BSix students have been mentored by experts at Citi Bank, attending regular meetings at the Canary Wharf London Head Office! This is an ideal course to take your first steps in a business career. The ability to work independently, as well as part of a team, is crucial to being successful in the business world today.

Business & IT

This course introduces you to the basics of ICT and Business Studies. You will learn how to use information systems using Microsoft office tools and learn introductory skills in developing a website. Over the course of the year, you will complete units in both business and IT which are internally assessed. You will also visit local and inner-city London businesses such as Broadgate Circle, Salesforce and KPMG.

Creative Media

The qualification will provide a strong base of skills, enhance self-confidence and develop an understanding of the career demands and opportunities within art, design and media.

The creative sector is constantly growing and evolving. Government figures show that 12% of London's jobs are in the creative sector.

This course introduces you to the research, contextual and practical skills required to further study and work in the creative sector. Project work will cover visual arts, 2D and 3D media using industry standard techniques. Your Final Major Project will be informed by the skills you have developed over the year and will be displayed at the College's annual art, media and music exhibition 'Roots Festival'.

Functional Skills English & Maths

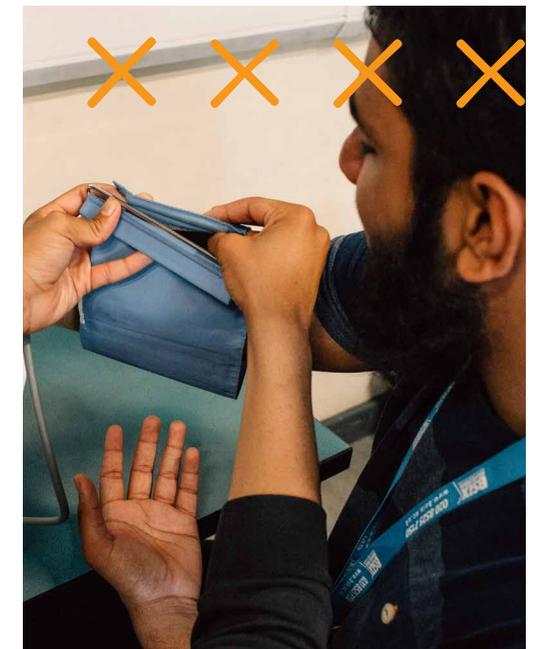
You will have three opportunities to pass exams during the year. Whatever your starting point you can be assessed from Entry Levels up to Level 2 in both subjects. These courses are a vital part of your study programme and will form part of the entry criteria for progression to the next level of vocational study.



Health, Social & Childcare

Combining the three areas of the care industry allows you to study a range of topics. This also provides you with knowledge and experience to progress on to and specialise in one of these areas at Level 2. Additionally, you will study a paediatric first aid course that allows access to employment in nurseries. You will also visit local nurseries to experience their work environment.

The care sector is one of the biggest industries worldwide with the NHS alone employing 1.7 million people in the UK. This course combines three areas of the sector to help you to choose your career path.



Science

This course will provide you with a basic introduction to the applied science sector. You will study topics such as: Carrying Out a Scientific Experiment; Investigating Variations in Plants and Animals; Measuring Waves Used in Technology; Practical Actions to Protect the Environment; Making a Chemical Product; and Investigating Crime Scene Evidence. Assessment is all internally organised and is carried out through a mix of practical tasks, presentations, logbooks and reflective journals and role play.



Supported Internship: Project SEARCH

Bsix is the educational partner for Project SEARCH, which is a programme that helps young people (aged 16–25) with learning disabilities and autism to build necessary work skills within a real work environment. Interns will complete a variety of internships, based on-site at Homerton Hospital or within Hackney Council. The main aim of the programme is for all young people to secure competitive paid employment at the end of the internship.

Project SEARCH is an academic year long internship (October–July) for young people with learning disabilities and autism, in their final year of school or college. It is aimed at students whose goal is paid employment. Interns participate in three department rotations to build skills and develop their career paths.

Travel & Tourism

This course introduces you to the world of Travel and Tourism. The industry is the UK's third largest employer, accounting for 9.5% of total employment. Travel & Tourism also helps develop a range of transferable skills that can be used in other career sectors from marketing and events to public services and business. There will be a variety of educational visits to enhance your learning and skills as part of this new course.



LEVEL 2 VOCATIONAL COURSES



1 YEAR



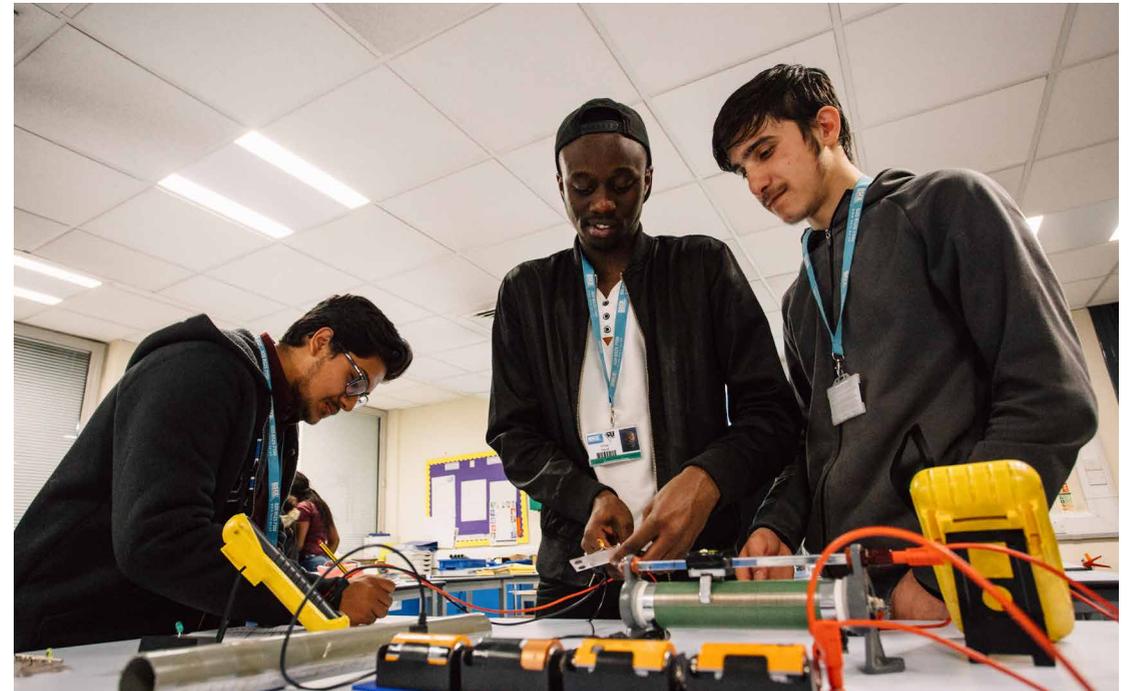
12 COURSES

Students will be predicted to achieve, or have already achieved, four or more Grade 3s in their GCSEs.

These courses will allow you to progress to Level 3 study in the vocational area of your choice. All courses have work related learning to allow you to discover first hand how things run in the sector you are studying. You will also study English and Maths at GCSE if you have not already achieved these. You will develop your communication and employability skills within the tutorial and enrichment activities in your study programme. You will be assessed through coursework as well as exams in certain subjects.

Progression pathway

The natural progression is to a Level 3 vocational course in the subject you studied at Level 2 or a related field of study.



Find out more about a course: www.bsix.ac.uk



Art & Design

Level 2 Diploma University of the Arts London (UAL)

This course will introduce you to core Art & Design skills and techniques such as drawing, painting, photography and sculpture. You will develop skills in 2D and 3D Art topics which will provide you with the underpinning knowledge and skill set to progress on to Level 3. The method of assessment is 100% coursework.

The Creative Industries employment sector in London has followed a consistent pattern of growth over the past 20 years and continues to do so. This course will provide you with work-related learning opportunities to enhance your future job prospects. Your course will be enhanced by educational trips to the creative hubs in the immediate area and you will contribute work to the College's annual Arts 'Roots Festival'.

Specific subject entry criteria:

You need to have either a GCSE Art & Design (or related art subject) or a portfolio of art work.

Business

BTEC Level 2 First Extended Certificate

This course offers you the opportunity to develop the knowledge and practical skills needed for future work in business and industry. The course will help you to develop essential skills for the world of business such as communication, numeracy, customer service, teamwork and IT skills. The course is enriched by exciting activities such as a study trip to a Premier League football club and to a major banking or accounting firm, trips to local businesses for market research and visits by guest speakers from the business sector.

There is a wide range of professions where Business Studies will be beneficial including banking, management, e-business, finance and accounting, human resources, marketing and retail. In London, opportunities for employment are abundant in the retail industry, in manufacturing and in the many other service sectors such as the civil service and the charity sector. You may also consider self-employment and teaching.

Childcare

CACHE Level 2 Certificate Introducing Caring for Children and Young People

The Level 2 Certificate in Introducing Caring for Children and Young People will give students a good understanding of childcare and education, parenting and babysitting. It will also help them to make an informed choice about working with children and young people.

Students will learn how to care for children when babysitting in a home environment. It includes a babysitter's responsibilities to the children they are looking after, their responsibilities to the parent(s), and accident prevention and fire safety. This qualification also introduces students to the responsibilities of being a parent. It covers the welfare and care of babies and young children, the importance of a healthy lifestyle and how to access different types of support for new parents. Assessment is both exam and coursework based.

Creative Media

Level 2 Diploma in Creative Media, University of the Arts London (UAL)

This course will introduce you to core Creative Media skills and techniques in moving image, photography and games development. You will develop skills in video shooting, editing and research, which will provide you with the underpinning knowledge and skill set to progress on to Level 3.

Assessment is purely through coursework. You will have many work-related learning opportunities during the course to enhance your future employability including participation in the annual Creative Industries, 'Roots Festival'.

Engineering

BTEC Level 2 Extended certificate Engineering

The Pearson BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First Award in Engineering provides an engaging, robust, broad-based introduction to engineering. It provides underpinning knowledge, understanding and practical skills that reflect the needs of employers and higher and further education professionals. It presents these skills in a meaningful work-related context, to allow learners to understand theory and application. Assessment is a combination of exams and internally marked coursework.

Achievement at Level 2 provides a suitable foundation for further study within the sector through progression on to a qualification at Level 3, such as the BTEC Level 3 Nationals in Engineering or Electrical/Electronic Engineering.

Specific subject entry criteria:

You need to have achieved a 4 (C) in Maths and your four grade 3s at GCSE must include at least double science.





Health & Social Care

BTEC Level 2 First Extended Certificate

The BTEC Level 2 First Extended Certificate in Health & Social Care focuses on developing practical work-related skills for a future career in a Health & Social Care setting. You will do this by visiting and hearing from professionals and completing projects on realistic work place scenarios. You will gain specific knowledge and skills required to work successfully in the care industry, including visiting experts providing workshops on identifying skills, CV writing and interview techniques. The course covers all aspects of Health & Social Care and provides opportunities for learners to develop key skills, such as improving

own learning and performance and working with others.

There is continuous assessment through written assignments and practical activities. There are also two external examinations which you need to pass to complete the course.

Successful completion of the course can lead on to BTEC Level 3 Health & Social Care.

The Health Care sector provides 1.7 million jobs in the UK alone. Popular careers are in the fields of nursing and social work.



ICT

BTEC Level 2 First Extended Certificate in Information and Creative Technology

This qualification introduces creative and innovative features and is designed to provide specialist work-related skills in IT. We will give you the opportunity to gain a broad understanding, knowledge and skills in the Information Technology sector as well as some aspects of the creative industries, such as computer games development.

Most students progress to Level 3 study at BSix. The skills you develop on this study programme are highly valued by employers. There are a wide range of career opportunities available to you on completion including communications, administration, software and hardware development.

As well as lectures and practical workshops, you will undertake a variety of tasks including research, presentations, teamwork and assignments. Two units will be externally assessed by online tests and the remainder are internally assessed through assignments that are set and marked by your tutors.

Find out more about a course: www.bsix.ac.uk

Music

Level 2 Diploma in Music Performance and Production, University of the Arts London (UAL)

This course will introduce you to core Music Performance and Production skills in composition, popular music performance, recording and DJing. You will develop skills in music theory and music technology which will provide you with the underpinning knowledge and skill set to progress on to Level 3.

Assessment is purely through coursework. You will have many work-related learning opportunities during the course to enhance your future employability including participation in the annual Creative Industries, 'Roots Festival'.

Performing Arts

Level 2 Diploma in Performing Arts, University of the Arts London (UAL)

This course will introduce you to core Performing Arts and Production skills in acting, dance choreography, theatre staging and lighting and singing. You will develop skills in musical theatre production which will provide you with the underpinning knowledge and skill set to progress on to Level 3.

Assessment is purely through coursework. You will have many work-related learning opportunities during the course to enhance your future employability including participation in the annual Creative Industries, 'Roots Festival'.

Sports

BTEC Level 2 Extended Certificate in Sport

If you want to get a job in the sports and leisure industry, then this course is ideal for you. You will study fitness testing and training, practical sport, anatomy and physiology for sport, sports injury, planning and leading sports activities, technical skills and tactical awareness for sport and exercise and fitness instruction. You will be assessed via a combination of observations during practical tasks and written coursework. Assessments throughout the course vary from assignment to assignment, giving you a chance to showcase your development through a variety of methods. This course will progress you to the BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Sport.

Travel & Tourism

BTEC Level 2 First Extended Certificate in Travel and Tourism

Travel and Tourism is an expanding industry and it has grown every year for the past 10 years. One third of new jobs created between 2009 and 2011 were in tourism (ONS employment data). Continued growth has the potential to create 200,000 new jobs in the industry by 2020.

With world class tourist operations in London, the course gives the opportunity for numerous visits, experiences and speakers from the industry to bring the course to life and will enable you to see the vast range of tourist attractions on your doorstep.

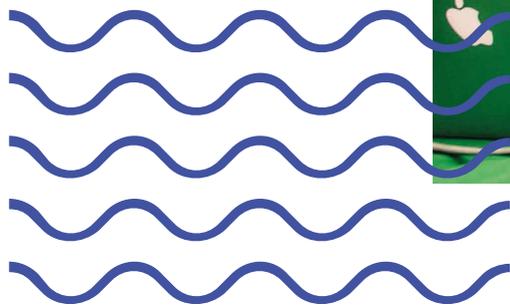
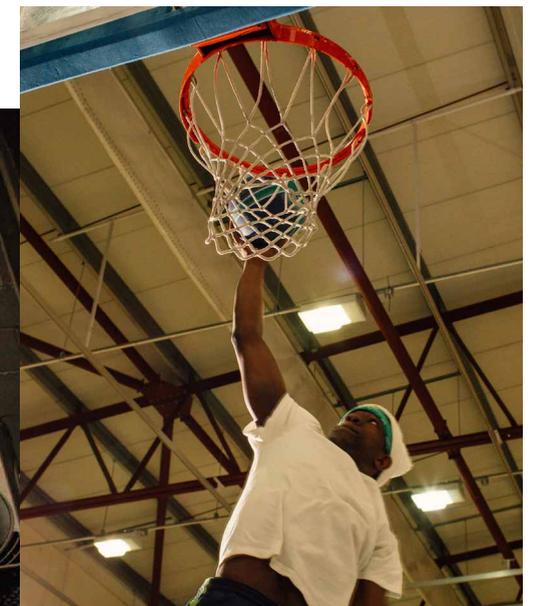
Science

BTEC Level 2 Extended Certificate in Applied Science (RQF)

Do you have an inquisitive mind? Do you want to know how the world around you works? If so, then studying Science at BSix is the right option for you. You will learn and develop your practical and theoretical understanding in Biology, Chemistry and Physics. If you are more confident with coursework than exams, then this is an ideal course for you.

Specific subject entry criteria:

You need to have achieved a 4 (C) in Maths and your four grade 3s at GCSE must include at least double science.



GCSE COURSE OPTIONS



1 YEAR



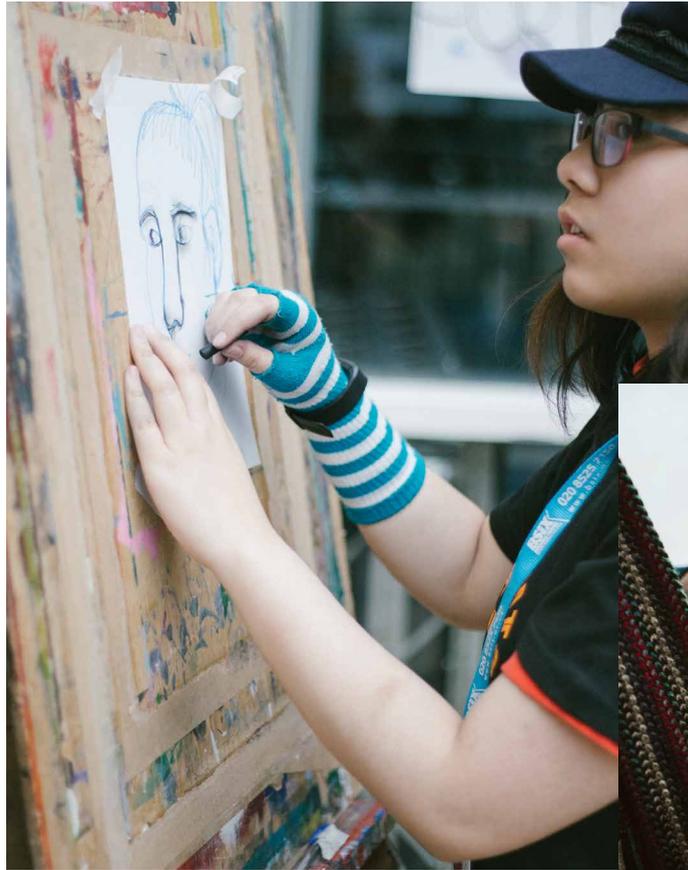
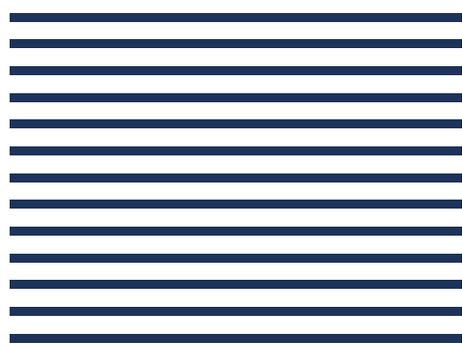
9 COURSES

BSix is one of the few colleges in London to offer a GCSE study programme.

This is an intensive one-year course for students who need an additional year to improve their GCSE grades ready for A-level study or for those who have not had the opportunity to sit GCSE exams previously.

The entry criteria is to have achieved Grade 3s at GCSE including English and Maths or to be assessed at enrolment to be working at this level.





Art & Design GCSE

The GCSE in Art & Design covers areas in artist research, drawing from observation and visual language. You will learn how to translate your creativity into practical art and design pieces. The method of assessment is portfolio based plus an externally set assignment.

Specific subject entry criteria:

Portfolio of art work desirable.

Biology GCSE

The Biology syllabus helps students to understand the world in which they live and take an informed interest in science and scientific developments. Learners gain an understanding of the basic principles of biology through a mix of theoretical and practical studies. They also develop an understanding of the scientific skills which are essential for further study at A-level, also useful in everyday life. As they progress, learners understand how science is studied and practised, and become aware that the results of scientific research can have both good and bad effects on individuals, communities and the environment.

Chemistry GCSE

The Chemistry syllabus enables students to understand the technological world in which they live and take an informed interest in science and scientific developments. Students gain an understanding of the basic principles of Chemistry through a mix of theoretical and practical studies. They also develop an understanding of the scientific skills essential for further study at A-level, and useful in everyday life.

Film Studies GCSE

Film is a powerful medium which inspires a range of responses from the emotional to the reflective as students are drawn into characters, their narratives and the issues films raise. The root of that power is the immersive audio-visual experience film offers – one which can exploit striking cinematography, composition and locations as well as powerful music and sound. It is not surprising that many consider film to be the major art form of the last hundred years and that many feel it important to study a medium which has such a significant influence on the way people think and feel. Studying a diverse range of films from several different contexts is designed to give learners the opportunity to apply their knowledge and understanding of how films are constructed to their own filmmaking and screenwriting.

Physics GCSE

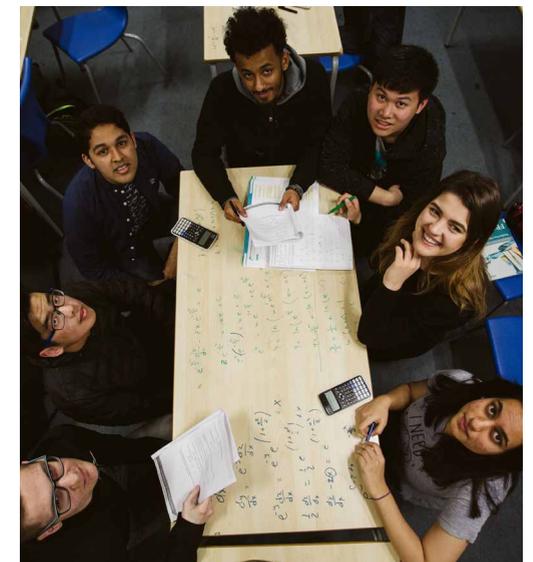
Physics GCSE is an animated, lively course that is taught mostly through experimental exploration. You will receive teaching on the foundation of the subject and will develop a good understanding of key topics such as heat, light, magnetism and electricity.

English GCSE

The course includes reading and analysing a variety of engaging texts and prepares you to become a competent and accurate writer of both fiction and non-fiction. You will also have the opportunity to discuss, debate and present in your lessons which will help you become a confident and fluent speaker of English.

Maths GCSE

Mathematical skills are important to us all, and through the GCSE programme you will develop these skills by learning algebra, geometry, trigonometry and statistics, as required by the syllabus. You will learn through formal teaching and individual work on problems and exercises. All theory sessions will be taught in fully equipped classrooms using a range of teaching methods and online learning resources.



Find out more about a course: www.bsix.ac.uk



Psychology GCSE

Psychology is the study of the mind and behaviour through scientific investigation. Those with an interest in science and scientific investigation are most suited to this subject. You will develop an understanding of the experimental methods used in psychology, an awareness of the usefulness and limitations of these methods. No previous knowledge of Psychology is required but you should have a keen interest in examining behaviour and developing critical analysis skills. The course also includes biological explanations and terminology so an interest in biology would be advantageous. It is important that you are interested in asking questions and can cope with not getting a definitive answer.

Sociology GCSE

Sociology is a subject in which you are expected to take an interest in, and to be critical about, the ways in which government policy impacts on inequalities based on social class, age, gender and ethnicity. In your study of Sociology, you will develop your skills of being objective and analytical and critical through extensive research, précis, writing and debate about current issues, so keeping up with the news is vital. A lot of the topics in Sociology are extremely controversial and require you to have an open mind, always use objective reasoning and be respectful of other opinions.



LEVEL 3 VOCATIONAL COURSES



2 YEARS



9 COURSES

Students will be predicted to achieve, or have already achieved, five or more Grade 4s in their GCSEs. Some courses have subject specific entry criteria.

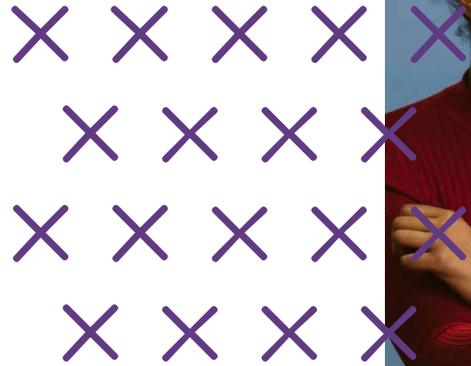
These courses will allow you to progress to a Level 4 qualification at college, an apprenticeship at Level 3 or 4, including degree apprenticeships, to university or to employment. All courses have work related learning to allow you to gain insights into working in the sector in which you are studying. You will also study English and Maths at GCSE if you have not already achieved these. You will develop your communication and employability skills within the tutorial and enrichment activities in your study programme. You will be assessed through coursework as well as exams in certain subjects.

It is desirable to have achieved a grade 4 or above in both English and Maths before pursuing a level 3 vocational qualification. For some options one or other is essential and only in special circumstances will it be possible not to have achieved a grade 4 or above in either.

Progression pathway:

You will receive a careers education programme designed to help guide you to your next steps beyond BSix.





Art & Design

Level 3 Extended Diploma in Art & Design, University of the Arts London (UAL)

The Extended Diploma in Art & Design covers techniques and skills in drawing, painting, printmaking, photography, textiles, sculpture and visual communication. You will learn how to work independently within the creative industries, using your creativity to interpret briefs, tailoring them towards your own personal specialism and interests. You will also be taught the diverse skills required by creative professionals from tutors with industry experience. These skills will include using a range of technical equipment and digital software taught in our dedicated art studios – an open-plan space that encourages ideas sharing between students. The qualification is 100% coursework.

This course is suitable for anyone who wishes to pursue a career in Advertising, Marketing, Graphic Design, Fabric/Textile Design, Fashion, Photography, Fine Art, Interior Design and Architecture. You can also progress on to the Level 4 Foundation Diploma in Art & Design.

Specific subject entry criteria:

A GCSE in an art related subject is desirable and/or the ability to demonstrate a portfolio of work or a Level 2 Diploma equivalent. Also, GCSEs in either Maths or English.

Business

BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Business (EDEXCEL)

This course is designed to broaden your knowledge of the business sector and to develop important personal, academic and business skills. You will cover the fundamental business disciplines and specialised areas such as, Managing Business Events, Managing Business Information and Market Research in Business. As the programme has an emphasis on leadership and management, you will be expected to engage in a project experience, whereby you will be given opportunities to manage live projects. There are vocationally linked visits that include the Bank of England, The Supreme Court, KPMG and various universities as well as business skills workshops. There is also a work placement in your first year.

The course could lead to employment in a wide range of careers including Business, Marketing, Human Resources, Finance, Management or Customer Service.

Childcare

NCFE Technical Level 3 Diploma in Childcare and Education (Early Years Educator)

The Technical Level 3 Diploma in Childcare and Education (Early Years Educator) will enable you to gain the knowledge and experience which will allow you to work with children from birth to 7 years across a variety of settings. The course runs for two years and will cover a variety of units. An extended placement is a requirement of this course and students will experience a range of different age groups within nurseries and schools.

The Technical Level 3 Diploma in Childcare and Education enables you to enter the workforce as an Early Years Educator or access Higher Education to continue your studies. Various job roles include:

- Early Year's Educator
- Practitioner in day nurseries, nursery schools and reception classes
- Preschool worker
- Home-based childminder
- Nanny
- Health centre early years specialist



Creative Media

Level 3 Extended Diploma in Creative Media, University of the Arts London (UAL)

The Extended Diploma in Creative Media covers a range of techniques and skills in film, television, print and photography. You will learn about the media industry, its structure and many of the key issues that media practitioners face. You will also be taught the diverse production skills required for working in the media such as working Canon DSLR cameras, shooting and editing using the Adobe Creative Suite, website publishing, green screen technology and photography.

This course is suitable for anyone who wishes to pursue a career in the film and television industries, marketing and advertising, public relations and media research.

Specific subject entry criteria:

GCSE in either Maths or English.



Find out more about a course: www.bsix.ac.uk



Health & Social Care

The BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Health and Social Care

The health and social care sector is one of the biggest employers in the UK with nearly four million people working in the sector. The demand for jobs is expected to increase by another 126,000 by 2020 (UK commission for employment and skills) as we have an increasingly elderly population who are living longer than ever. Demand for skilled health and social care workers has never been higher.

This course explores many aspects of health and social care ranging from human lifespan development and public health to complementary medicines and individual care and support. There is an emphasis on real world experience through a one day a week work placement and the chance to hear from and speak to professionals. Speakers include nurses, therapists and meditators. Visits are made to the Nursing Department at UEL where they have a state-of-the-art ward simulation and the Humanities department at Sussex University where students benefit from a presentation on health inequalities by a leading Professor. There is also an opportunity for a fully funded two-week placement in a care home or nursery in Portugal through our partnership with Erasmus.

Successful completion of the course can lead on to various degree courses at university ranging from counselling services, housing, youth and community work, early years and education studies. Alternatively, you can enter employment or apprenticeships in the health or care sector.

ICT

BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in IT

The growth of the digital economy and the emergence of new technologies has led to skills shortages and increased demand for graduates with the right qualifications. There are skills shortages in areas such as cyber security, and protection of data.

The BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in IT course was constructed to equip learners with essential knowledge and skills to allow them to progress to the next stage in their career plan. The course is varied in its content to ensure all learners have a secure understanding of different areas of IT and Computing. You will cover topics such as: IT in the Business world, Games Design, Website production, Hardware and Software, Graphic Design and Database design and build.

IT related careers include:

- Software Tester
- Technical Support Analyst
- Network Engineer
- Web Designer
- Database Designer

Specific subject entry criteria:

GCSE English at Grade 4 and Maths at Grade 5.

Science

BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Applied Science (RQF)

The BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Applied Science is highly rewarding and provides a good alternative to Science A-levels. It is equivalent to three A-levels and is a valid progression route to university. The course is designed with two main purposes – to outline the strong science background required at this level of study and to put science into a useful context through applied learning. The core units will help you to develop a range of skills including practical laboratory skills, presentation skills and written skills.

Careers in science are genuinely some of the most exciting, interesting and significant out there. Jobs in this sector stretch across many different areas ranging from astrophysics and marine biology to zoological sciences and pharmacology. To follow a scientific career path you need to be logical, ambitious and (most importantly) passionate about your chosen subject.

Sports

BTEC Level 3 Sports and Exercise Science

Sport and exercise is a rapidly expanding global industry, while levels of public fitness and health are important issues high on the political agenda. For this reason, sport and exercise scientists are in increasing demand, particularly given the drive of professional athletes to maximise their potential and the efforts of health officials to encourage participation in exercise and physical activity.

Sport and exercise sciences consider the theoretical knowledge and practical application of scientific principles relating to physiology, biochemistry, nutrition, biomechanics and psychology, to maximise sports performance and improve general health and wellbeing through exercise.

Music

Level 3 Extended Diploma in Music Performance and Production, University of the Arts London (UAL)

This course covers advanced music production techniques using industry standard software such as Logic Pro, Ableton Live and Serato DJ. You will gain an insight into the music industry and will be encouraged to create your own record company and music products. You will also develop your skills in popular music performance and will regularly perform in events in college and around the borough of Hackney.

This course is suitable for anyone who wishes to pursue a career in the music industry as a producer, sessional musician, events manager, publisher or an artist manager. This course will also give you access to music undergraduate degree programmes.

Specific subject entry criteria:

GCSE in either Maths or English.

As part of this course there will also be an opportunity for you to work towards the Register of Exercise Professionals (REPs) qualifications in fitness instructing, personal training and exercise referral, which will enhance your employability. These qualifications meet the health and fitness industry's standards and are highly valued by employers.

Career opportunities are wide-ranging including:

- Sports Coaching
- Gym/Fitness Instructor
- Leisure Management
- Sports Therapy and Rehabilitation
- Sports Equipment Design
- Diet and Nutrition Expert
- Sports Psychology

A-LEVEL COURSE OPTIONS



2 YEARS



28 COURSES

You will need at least five GCSEs at grade A* - C or grades 9 - 4 to study A-levels.

There may be additional specific entry criteria for certain subjects.

Our flexible approach

At Level 3 there is much choice and pressure on students to gain the best qualifications to enable progression to apprenticeships, university or employment. At BSix we recognise and celebrate diversity and focus on how this can be best represented within each student's study programme. This means that you can enrol on to a programme that is right for you and for your career plans. Students will usually choose three A-levels. In some cases it will be necessary to re-sit GCSE English or Maths. It is also possible to study a combination of 'academic' A-Levels (normally assessed by exam) and BTEC Certificates (equivalent to A-level in standard but more closely linked to vocations and assessed partly through coursework).

Progression pathway:

You will receive a careers education programme designed to help guide you to your next steps beyond BSix. Your options are wide ranging including progression to a Level 4 qualification at college, an apprenticeship at Level 3 or 4, including degree apprenticeships, a degree course at university or to employment.

Art

A-level Art & Design

A-level Art & Design covers a wide range of basic skills such as drawing, painting, printmaking and sculpture but extends them through more rigorous and extended levels of experimentation and research. The course is a general Art & Design endorsement, so you can choose to take the set projects into any area of Art & Design that you wish. Art & Design is both a practical and academic subject, where you will develop your personal direction as an artist or designer through observation, experimentation and realisation.

This course is suitable for anyone who wishes to pursue a career in:

- Architecture
- Fine art
- Graphic design
- Fashion and textiles
- Illustration
- Arts management

Specific subject entry criteria:

GCSE in Art & Design or an arts related subject and GCSE English at Grade 5 or above.

Biology

A-level Biology

Biology is the scientific study of life. It encompasses the investigation of living organisms and life processes from the molecular, through cells and individual organisms to populations and whole communities of animals and plants.

It is highly relevant to everyday life: from your own health, to the country's food supply and the control of disease. Biology is one of the most dynamic fields of study with new discoveries making headline news on a regular basis. Examples of this include: stem cell therapy, tissue engineering, GM crops, designer babies and regenerative medicine. The biological sciences are very diverse – from molecular biology and biochemistry to evolution and ecology. A qualification in biology equips you with numerous skills: literacy, numeracy, analytical reasoning and will enable you to make connections between natural, social, economic, political and technological fields.

Careers in Biology span across the pharmaceutical industry, clinical and health professions and conservation.

Specific subject entry criteria:

GCSE grade 5 in English Language, Maths and Double Science.



Business

A-level Business

If you are interested in the world of business and its innovative and exciting theories and you would like to examine, understand and practise the skills, knowledge and attributes of successful entrepreneurs, then this is a fantastic course for you. Whilst studying A-level Business you will apply your knowledge and understanding to real-life business contexts, reflecting on issues impacting on modern businesses and real business case studies. You will develop key transferable skills including numeracy, communication and an understanding of the business environment and commercial awareness, all of which are highly valued by universities and industry.

Business (Applied)

Applied Business Extended Certificate

The Applied Business Extended Certificate can be studied alongside two other A-levels or as part of a wider Level 3 study programme. It is for learners who are interested in studying business as part of a range of subjects and is a combination of coursework and examination. You will study a range of business topics including:

- Business environments
- Finance
- Marketing
- Human resources
- Accounting
- Marketing
- Law

Careers in business are wide-ranging including:

- Business Management
- Accountancy
- Finance and Marketing

Chemistry

A-level Chemistry

Chemistry is one of the most exciting and challenging A levels. It will help you develop an understanding of how the chemical elements interact and the role they play in making up our world and beyond. The course will demonstrate the relevance of science beyond the laboratory and will advance your practical, analytical, evaluative and synoptic skills.

You will study various modules including:

- Development of practical skills in chemistry
- Foundations in chemistry atoms, compounds, molecules and equations
- The Periodic table and energy and periodicity
- Core organic chemistry basic concepts, hydrocarbons, alcohols and haloalkanes
- Physical chemistry and transition elements, reaction rates and equilibrium, pH and buffers, enthalpy, entropy and free energy, redox and electrode potentials
- Organic chemistry and analysis
- Aromatic compounds, carbonyl compounds, carboxylic acids and esters, nitrogen compounds, polymers, organic synthesis, chromatography and spectroscopy.

Careers in Chemistry are wide-ranging, and opportunities exist both inside and outside the lab. Careers range from food and clothing technology, to pharmacology and forensic science.

Specific subject entry criteria:

GCSE grade 5 in English Language, Maths and Double Science.

Computer Science

A-level Computer Science

Computer Science is a fascinating subject that teaches you how to think through problem-solving tasks and challenges. This is a two-year course that covers the theory of computation and many practical elements. You will become a competent programmer in Visual Basic.NET as well as working on an investigative project on a topic of interest to you.

Our resources, events and support are second to none and we are confident that you will both enjoy and achieve at the end of this course.

You will be assessed formally through two exams (80%), one of which is an on-screen examination and a coursework element (20%). A qualification in Computer Science equips you with numerous skills: literacy, numeracy, analytical reasoning and problem-solving. Taking A-level Maths with this A-level will be advantageous but not essential.

Specific subject entry criteria:

GCSE grade 5 in both Maths and English Language.



Economics

A-level Economics

Economics is a rewarding course, offering highly marketable skills in a way that is both stimulating and analytically rigorous. Have you ever asked yourself any of these questions: What effect will the 'Brexit' vote have on your life? Why European food surpluses are not given to poor countries suffering famine? These are some of the many questions dealt with in Economics.

Careers in economics are varied and include banking, accountancy, economics in business and financial consultancy, economics in the public sector, actuarial and data analysis careers.



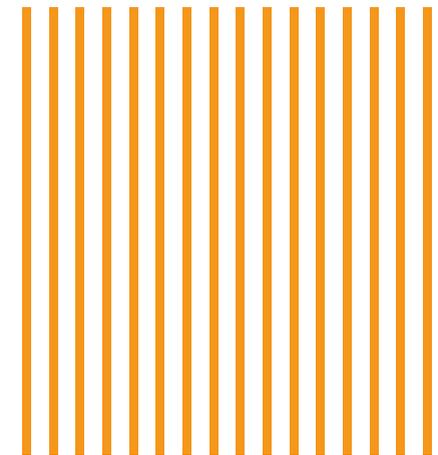
Engineering (Applied)

Cambridge Tech Level 3 Engineering Certificate

Students completing their BTEC Nationals in Engineering will be aiming to go on to employment, often via higher education. These qualifications have been approved by the engineering professional bodies on behalf of the Engineering Council as contributing to the requirements for professional registration as an Engineering Technician (EngTech). It provides the opportunity to develop knowledge and skills in the design, development and manufacture and maintenance of engineering products and systems.

Specific subject entry criteria:

GCSE Maths Grade 5 or above.



English Language

A-level English Language

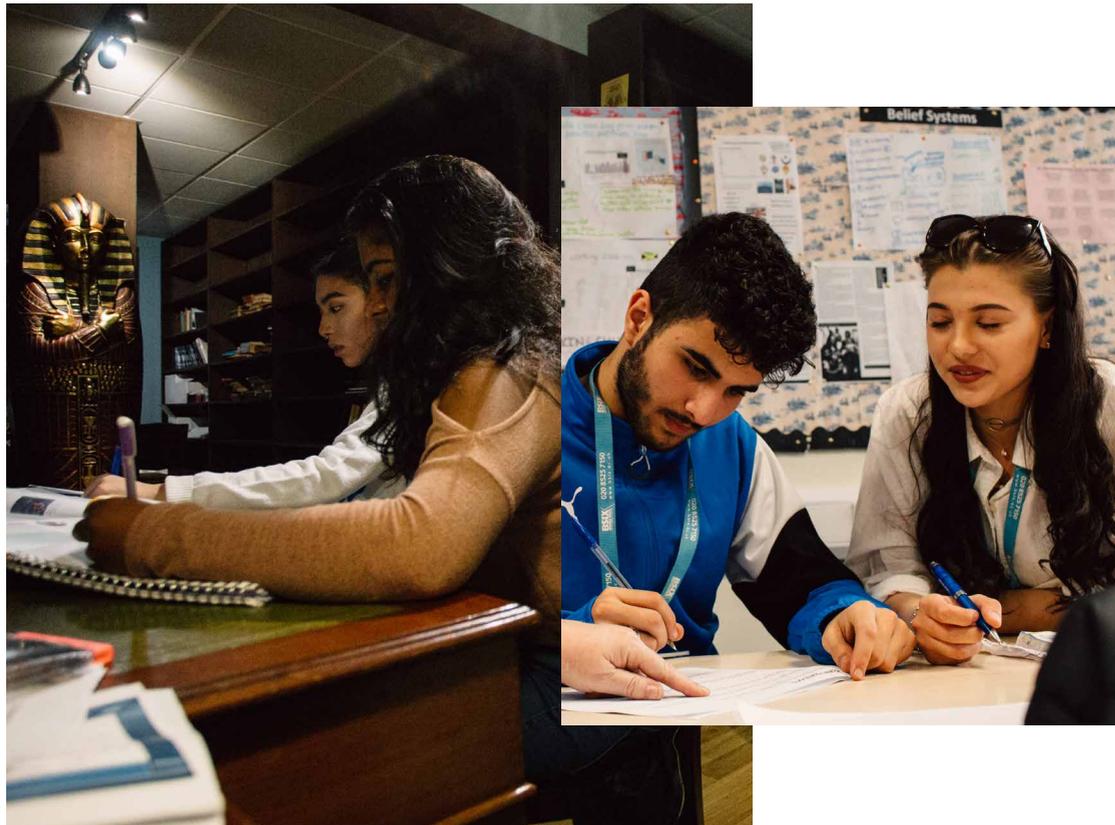
English Language is for students who enjoyed opportunities for exploring English Language at GCSE. It will prepare you for the full A Level in English Language and further study of English or other subjects that involve critical analysis of texts, such as Media, Journalism, Film or Art.

The study of English Language will help you develop a range of key skills that can be applied in the real world, including clarity of thought and expression, critical and analytical skills, team working, giving and receiving feedback and contextual and cultural awareness. You will learn about language varieties of English and study a range of sources such as written, spoken and electronic texts for a variety of audiences. You will further develop methods of language analysis and

writing skills. Over the course of two years you will study English language under the microscope, compare and contrast texts, study child language acquisition, language change and language in the media. You will also have the opportunity to produce a portfolio of 3,000 words on your own independent language research project.

You will develop skills such as:

- Critical and analytical skills
- Technical writing skills
- Awareness of different writing forms and genres
- How to give and receive feedback
- Independent working and time management



English Language and Literature

A-level English Language and Literature

English Language and Literature offers a wide range of opportunities to develop an understanding and appreciation of reading fiction and non-fiction texts. The course is ideal for anyone who enjoys reading widely and is keen to develop analytical and creative writing skills. You will study a wide range of literary and non-literary genres such as fiction, drama and poetry; as well as journalism, autobiography, letters, scripts, graphic non-fiction, diaries and speeches. You will explore and compare how writers and speakers use language and structure to express their thoughts and feelings and how language choices are influenced by context, audience, genre and purpose. This course also gives you a chance to deepen your enjoyment of English language and literature both through reading and analysis, and by developing your own creative writing skills.

English Literature

A-level English Literature

English Literature students will study a variety of texts over two years and you will have the opportunity to explore literature of the past and present through drama, prose and poetry. You will discover new perspectives, ideas and values by investigating cultural, social, historical and political influences to understand how writers use literary and dramatic effects to shape meaning. Interpretation and personal responses are key to literature and you will engage in reading, analytical writing and class discussions to explore the significance of the way literary texts are written and received. You will view authors through critical lenses such as feminism and Marxism. The teaching of the texts will involve drama activities, visiting practitioners and trips to the theatre. In the second year you will develop a coursework portfolio of 3,000 words on three modern texts.

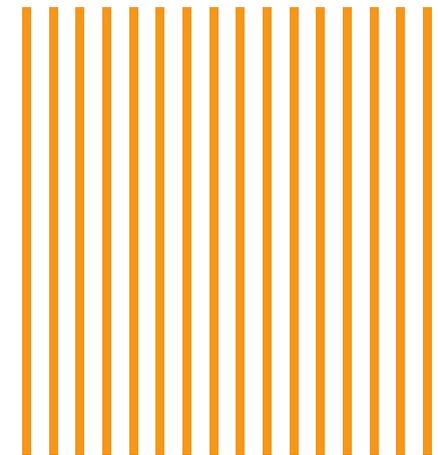
The analytical, interpretative, communication and discursive skills you will develop will be ideal for careers in journalism, media, publishing, education, theatre, law and business.

Film

A-level Film Studies

Film Studies is a wide and exciting subject to study. Film is widely acknowledged as a major art form of the 20th Century and today film continues to be an important part of most people's cultural experience. Film Studies is designed to build upon your own experience of film - as consumers and creators - and to encourage recognition of the complexity of this experience within an increasingly globalised environment.

Film can facilitate careers in all the creative industries including film and television, education, academic careers and public sector areas such as the civil service and local government if combined with the appropriate degree.



History

A-level History

Why did a revolution break out in England in the C17th? Why did a revolution take place in Russia in 1917? Why did the US civil rights movement peak in the late 1960s? What are the similarities and differences between these periods of dramatic change? Debating these fascinating periods of history will enrich our understanding of the present, our position within it, and how we might think historically about it.

Enrichment activities have included visits from Professor John Morrill of Cambridge University to debate the C17th, historian/Hip Hop artist Akala to debate Ancient African civilisations and the Haitian revolution. We've visited Oxford University to meet Malcolm X's nephew and have links with libraries, museums and archives.

History provides the basis for a variety of career paths including law, journalism, politics, heritage, museums, archives and teaching.



IT (Applied)

BTEC Level 3 Certificate in IT

The BTEC Level 3 Certificate in IT course is varied in its content to ensure all learners have a secure understanding of different areas of IT and Computing. The following are some of the content that is covered: IT in the business world, website production, hardware and software, graphic design, database design and build. Assessment is primarily through coursework submission.

Career fields for progression include:

- Software Tester
- Technical Support Analyst
- Programmer
- Networking Advisor

Law (Applied)

BTEC Level 3 Extended Certificate in Applied Law

The course is designed for students who would like to find out more about Law and the Legal System and who prefer a combination of coursework and examination. You will develop effective communication, research, analytical and reading legal texts skills. There are links with a range of London law firms for workshops and guest speakers, and visits to the Supreme Court and criminal courts. Students can progress to University to study non-related law degrees as well as a straight law degree.

The study of Law can lead to various careers in law, such as working as a Solicitor, Barrister or Paralegal. It is also a useful foundation for careers such as business, government, banking and the police force. Studying law complements many other subjects and some common combinations include English, History, Sociology, Psychology, Politics and Business.

Maths

A-level Mathematics

One of the most popular choices at A-level, A-level Mathematics helps to extend the methods and techniques which you have learned at GCSE. Mathematics is a facilitating subject and is therefore well respected by universities and employers alike. A-level Maths teaches you to think logically, analytically, creatively and strategically, and importantly develops your numeracy skills and the ability to interpret data.

Specific subject entry criteria:

GCSE Mathematics at Grade 5 or above.

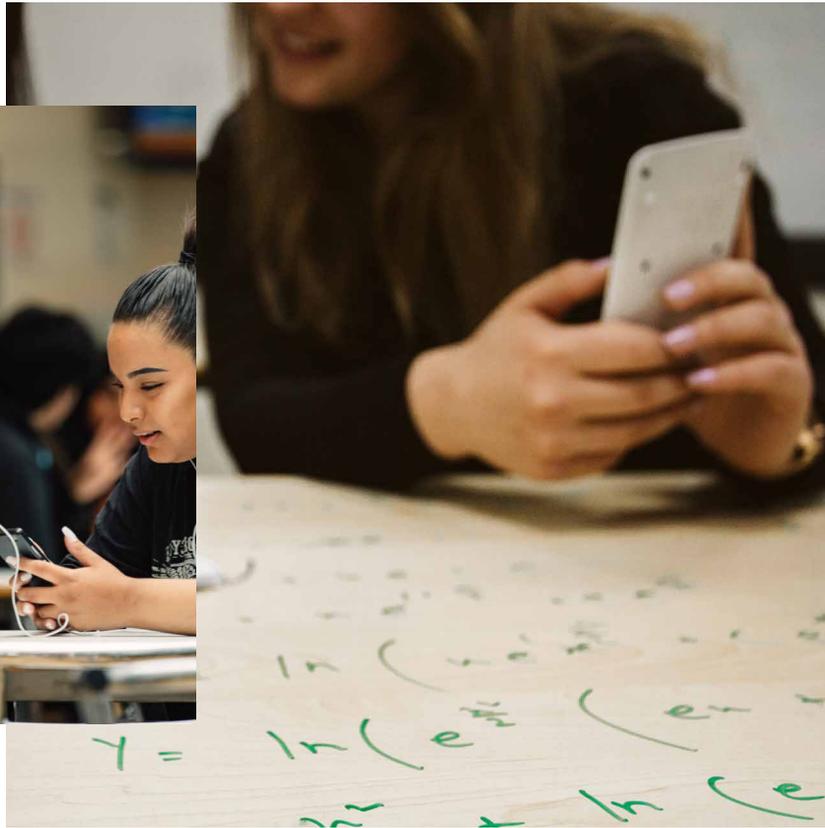
Maths Studies

Level 3 Certificate in Mathematical Studies

Core Maths Level 3 is for students who have passed GCSE Maths at Grade 5 or above but would not like to study A-level Mathematics. Core Maths develops that which you have learned during your GCSE study, and focusses heavily on the application of Maths to your real-life experiences. Exam questions range from asking you to estimate how many times your heart beats in your lifetime, to making cost-benefit analysis decisions, to Brexit.

This course will support you in any Level 3 course you may take, from Business, IT and Sociology, to Health and Social Care. Universities are welcoming the Core Maths qualification, as it equips students with some of the skills necessary for university study. There is no second year of this course.





Further Maths

A-level Further Maths

Further Mathematics is the subject for you if you love Mathematics and are good at it! Students taking Further Mathematics find it to be enjoyable, rewarding, stimulating and empowering. Further Mathematics provides a chance to explore new concepts, such as the square roots of negative numbers, and the idea of raising numbers to the power of pi. Students who take Further Mathematics generally find that their Mathematics grade is boosted, and if you are thinking of studying Mathematics or a Mathematics heavy subject at university, Further Mathematics will ease the transition. Taking Further Mathematics will also allow you to potentially be part of the UKMT Senior Team Challenge event, to which we send a team to each year.

Careers involving Maths are often interesting, rewarding and well paid. Careers in Engineering, Finance and Banking, Insurance and Risk, IT and Computers, Medicine and Health, Education, the Civil Service and Academia are all open to you should you take A-level Mathematics. For further information see www.mathscareers.org.uk

Specific subject entry criteria:

GCSE Mathematics at Grade 6 (B) or above. Students studying Further Mathematics must also study Mathematics.

Media

A-level Media Studies

A-level Media Studies provides you with the tools to explore, understand and analyse a range of media texts and forms. We will teach you how to read media texts so that you can investigate established and evolving forms of media. You will assess the changing mediascape and the impact on relationships between audience and producers and how the media helps shape our ideas about contemporary culture and society. You will engage with a range of concepts, theories, contexts and critical debates in an exciting, dynamic and increasingly relevant course.

The course also offers you the chance to explore your creativity with the exciting possibility of creating print, online and audio-visual products. You will create sophisticated texts and reflect on the power of the media.

A-level media studies can prepare you for a range of careers including marketing, public relations, journalism and a range of industry related degrees and apprenticeships.



Modern Foreign Languages

A-level Modern Foreign Languages

Studying languages at Bsix enables you to study technological and social change, looking at diversity and the benefits it brings. The specification includes highlights of the target language countries' artistic culture, including music and cinema, and political engagement and who wields political power in the foreign languages speaking countries.

To cater to the students in all educational contexts, the exam boards have included a wide variety of set texts and films which are rich in cultural differences and will broaden the students' horizons and knowledge.

Students also explore the influence of the past on present-day foreign language-speaking communities. Throughout their studies, students will learn the language in the context of the issues and influences which have shaped them. Assessment tasks will be varied and cover listening, speaking, reading and writing skills.

A language at A-level is a highly regarded qualification which will support your application to higher education courses including international relations, business management, marketing, and tourism. It adds an extra dimension to your personal skills and will be seen as a unique selling point by everyone who reads your CV and personal statement which put you in a very strong position to apply for jobs in organisation with international links such as banks and chartered accountancy firms.

You can decide to study a language as part of your study programme for one year to achieve an AS-Level qualification or over two years to achieve a full A-Level.

We offer a qualification in the following languages:

- Spanish
- Portuguese
- French
- Arabic
- Turkish
- Italian

Find out more about a course: www.bsix.ac.uk

Music

BTEC Extended Certificate in Music

The BTEC Extended Certificate in Music covers areas of music performance and music production. The course is tailored to individual needs and covers a wide range of practical disciplines such as popular music performance, DJing with Serato, live electronics with Ableton Push, contemporary production and recording with Logic Pro X.

This course is suitable for anyone who wishes to pursue a career as a sessional musician, sound engineer, artist/events manager or a composer.

Specific subject entry criteria:

A GCSE in Music is desirable and/or the ability to demonstrate competency in a musical instrument, singing or use of production software. GCSE English at Grade 5 or above is also required.

Photography

A-level Photography

A-level Photography will introduce you to a variety of photographic media, techniques and processes, using both traditional and new technologies.

This course will allow you to explore and produce work in areas such as: portraiture, landscape photography, still life photography, documentary photography, photojournalism, fashion photography, experimental imagery, multimedia and photographic installation.

This course is suitable for anyone who wishes to pursue a career in marketing and advertising, freelance photography, digital treatment, editing and graphic design.

Specific subject entry criteria:

GCSE in Art & Design or an arts related subject and GCSE English at Grade 5 or above is also required.

Physics

A-level Physics

Physics is crucial to understanding the world around us, the world inside us and the world beyond us. From developing theories of the universe to developing sustainable energy solutions; healing joints to curing cancer, physics is the most basic and fundamental science that underpins all other sciences.

A-level Physics is an animated, lively course that is taught through a combination of experimental investigation and classroom learning. You will build upon existing knowledge of the subject and will develop a further understanding of key topics such as mechanics, atomic structure and the Newtonian World.

Many students find it helpful to study A-level Mathematics alongside A-level Physics, due to the strong mathematical principles used to explain physical discoveries and ideas.

The science department has a wide range of cutting edge facilities to aid students' learning, including high-quality virtual oscilloscopes and the latest digital video cameras. The department also benefits from a variety of classical apparatus, allowing students to develop a deeper understanding of traditional models and principles.

Careers in Physics play a crucial role in the development of cutting-edge technology; from high-performance racing equipment to the latest smart phone – physics is at the heart of the world's most important technological and scientific advances.

Specific subject entry criteria:

GCSE grade 5 in English Language, Maths and Double Science.

Politics

A-level Politics

Politics is a subject in which you are expected to take an interest in, and to be critical about, the ways in which both this country and the world are run. Following the news to ensure you are well-informed about the latest developments is essential. "Who has power?" is a central question on this course – which we ask in a UK context in the first year of the course; and in a global one in the second year. In the second year we also study political ideas, including those of socialism, liberalism, conservatism and nationalism, which inform views about how the world should be run, and who should have power.

Politics provides a basis for a variety of careers such as within political representation, the civil service, the not-for-profit sector, journalism and public relations, local government, consultancy, business and law.

Psychology

A-level Psychology

Most people find Psychology a fascinating subject because it's about us: how our minds work; how we cope with the challenges of life; why we do the things we do; why we feel the way we feel. However, it is important to remember that Psychology is a Science subject, so we must look at hard evidence before we come to conclusions about the mysteries of the human mind. Studying Psychology will help you understand more about yourself and other people; it will help you to develop your logical thinking skills and your memory. There are also plenty of opportunities for discussion and to apply what you are learning to your own life situation.

Psychology (Applied)

Applied Psychology Extended Certificate

Psychology is the science of mind and behaviour. It acknowledges biology, philosophy, statistics and social sciences in the way we understand people. There are four units to cover; three of which are examined under timed conditions. In Unit 1 we focus on social, cognitive, learning and biological methods to explain behaviour such as aggression, gender identity and consumerism. In Unit 2 you will run your own experiment in an area you are interested in and submit your final work to your teacher at a specified date. Unit 3 is Health Psychology where we look at the research involved in stress and addiction and how we can promote positive behavioural change. You will also learn about treatments for addiction and stress. Unit 4 may cover Criminal and Forensics, Child Development, Psychopathology or Sport Psychology. There will be the opportunity to go on trips and visits to expand your understanding and we will have guest speakers at various points in the year.

The skills learnt through studying Psychology are transferable to many career routes and could also lead on to a range of Humanities based degree courses at University. Graduates might seek jobs in fields such as psychiatric nursing, therapy, police or certain jobs within the business sector.



Religious Studies

A-level Religious Studies

Religious studies combine philosophy with the study of religion. You need to be interested in the nature of religious beliefs, and be prepared to be critical of those beliefs. A common theme in much of what we study is the fundamental question of how we should live, which we explore from diverse perspectives. The course is divided into 3 units: a study of Islam; philosophy of religion; and ethics.

Philosophy of religion examines arguments for and against the existence of God and questions how we understand religious experiences and language. The study of Islam examines Muslim beliefs and practices, in addition to questions concerning how Muslims should live in contemporary society. Ethics examines a variety of perspectives on questions of right and wrong, including some with a religious and some with a secular basis.

Possible careers include:

- Teaching
- Civil Service
- Not-for-profit sector
- Journalism and Public Relations
- Local Government
- Consultancy
- Business
- Law



Sociology

A-level Sociology

Sociology is the systematic study of society. It is about critically looking at the world around you to understand some of the problems that face society and how society has changed over time. Sociology is a subject in which you are expected to take an interest and to be critical about the ways in which government policy impacts on inequalities based on social class, age, gender and ethnicity. A lot of the topics in Sociology are extremely controversial and require you to have an open mind, use objective reasoning and be respectful of other opinions.

Sociology poses many important questions about contemporary life and our role in society. For example, 'Why do some people commit more crime than others?', 'Why are girls now out-performing boys in school?', 'Does the media cause violence?' and 'Is society becoming less religious?'. We are interested in not just what society is but why things happen in society.

Sociology supports several careers which demand objective problem-solving skills, research methods and critical thinking such as: law, advocacy, social work, prison officer, police officer.



ADDITIONAL COURSES

Level 4 Foundation Diploma in Art & Design



1 YEAR



1 COURSE

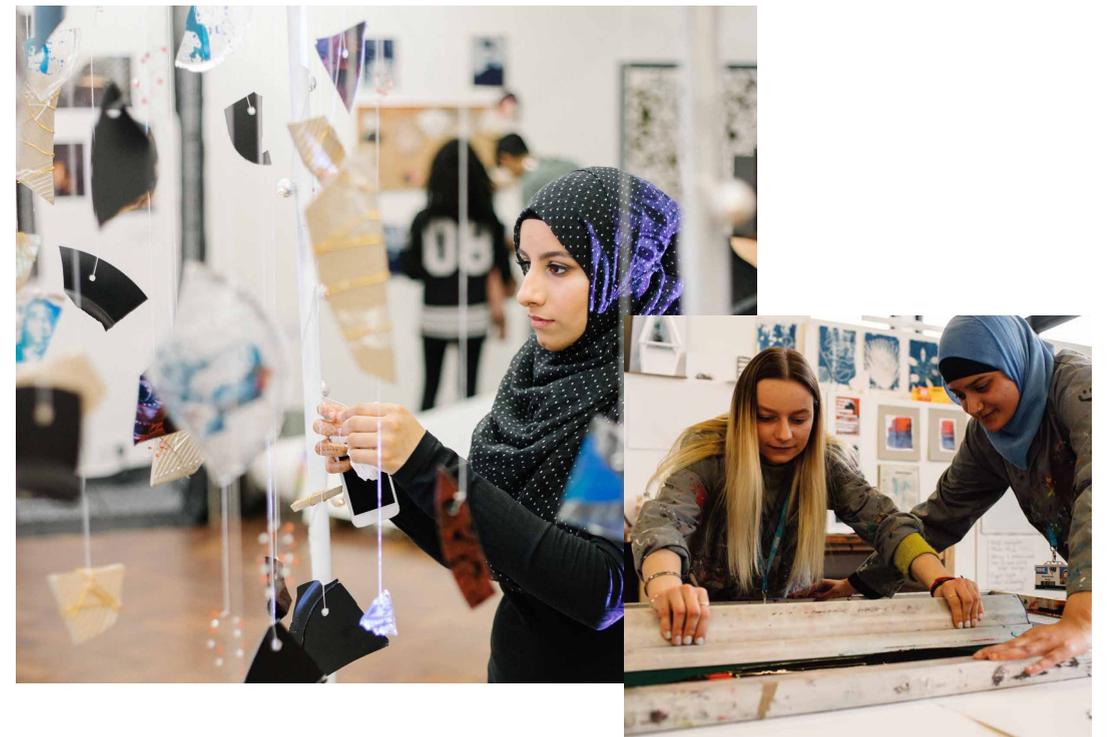
This is a new course on offer for 2019/20 and provides the basis for students to progress after one year on to an Arts degree course at university.

The Foundation Diploma is a pivotal qualification, which provides a transition from general education to specialist art & design education. This course will enable you to make an informed decision when applying to Higher Education or seeking employment within an arts related industry. The course is designed to encourage exploration, experimentation and risk taking. You will learn through projects, assignments, presentations and group critiques enabling you to develop strong communication skills to support the transition into a specialist art & design education and career.

This course is suitable for anyone who wishes to pursue higher education in specialist art universities such as Goldsmiths or University of the Arts London. This course is also suitable for anyone that wants to pursue a career in Architecture.

Specific subject entry criteria:

- A portfolio of artwork
- Minimum of five GCSEs at Grade 4 or above, including Maths and English
- Three A-levels (preferably in a relevant creative subject) or equivalent Level 3 qualification in Art & Design



Find out more about a course: www.bsix.ac.uk



1 YEAR



1 COURSE

Nursing

Access to HE: Nursing

The Access to Higher Education Diploma (Nursing) is an OCN Level 3 qualification which prepares people without traditional qualifications for study at university.

It is designed for:

- Adults with a current or previous role in care e.g. nursery assistant, care assistant, care worker
- Adults who, because of social, educational or individual circumstances, were unable to participate in or benefit from initial education
- Adults from groups under-represented in higher education
- Adults seeking a change of direction because of unemployment or lack of career opportunities in their previous field and who have a demonstrable interest in entering a nursing related profession.

Specific subject entry criteria:

This is a Level 3 programme, so the expectation will be that applicants will already have Level 2 English Language, Mathematics and Science. When you apply, you will be required to take a formal entry assessment for Literacy, Numeracy and Biology.





HOW TO APPLY

Applying to BSix

Apply online:

You can apply online by going to our website www.bsix.ac.uk

You will also need to request a reference from your school. You can download a reference form from the 'Apply' page of our website and we will also send you a copy when we invite you to your interview.

Note: If you have any additional support needs e.g. dyslexia or extra time in exams, please make sure you tell us on your application form and at interview so we can ensure you receive appropriate support.

Apply by post/in person:

You can also apply to BSix using one of our paper application forms. Once you have completed section one you will need to ask your referee to complete section two of the form – this would usually be your Head of Year or your form teacher.

Please return your completed form to:
BSix Brooke House Sixth Form
College Kenninghall Road
London
E5 8BP

THE APPLICATION PROCESS

Acknowledgement Letter

Once we have received your application form we will send you an acknowledgement letter and an invitation to your interview by post and electronically. We will also send you a reminder email and text message a few days before your actual interview. This will include 'Be Ready for Your BSix Interview' information.

Interview

Your interview will consist of a welcome talk from a member of the senior management team, an interview with a teacher or Head of Department and an opportunity to talk to our Student Ambassadors.

The Offer

At your interview we are usually able to make you an offer of a place to study at BSix. There are two types of offer:

- Unconditional – If you meet all the entry requirements and already have results we will offer you an unconditional place.
- Conditional – If you are awaiting exam results or your reference is delayed we will offer you a conditional place. Your place on your chosen course will depend on your exam results and a satisfactory reference.

Enrolment

You will be invited to enrol on GCSE results day. You will need to bring proof of your exam results with you and your passport. If you don't receive the grades required for your offer we will try to provide you with a suitable alternative course. Please be aware that the sooner you get your application to us, the sooner we are able to invite you for interview and, subject to eligibility and references, offer you a place.



Apply today

Don't leave it too late as we run a number of popular courses. If you need any advice about applying to study at BSix Brooke House Sixth Form College, please contact Admissions on Freephone **0800 3892 947** or email info@bsix.ac.uk



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Address

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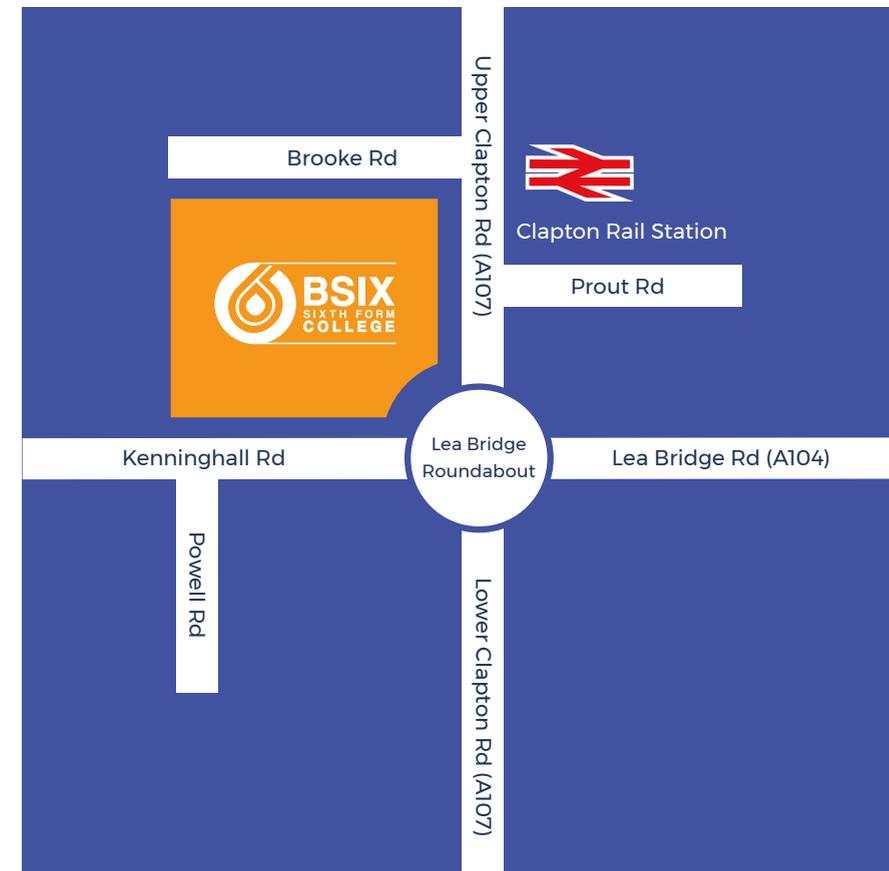
Local bus routes

38, 48, 55, 106, 253, 254, 308, 393, 425, 488

Nearest National Rail/ Overground stations

Clapton, Dalston Junction, Hackney Central,
Hackney Downs, Rectory Road

To plan your journey to BSix, go to
www.bsix.ac.uk/contact



Course	Entry	Level 1	Level 2	GCSE	Level 3	A-level	Level 4
Art & Design			34	46	52	60	73
Biology				46		60	
Business Studies		28	34		52	60	
Chemistry				47		61	
Childcare			35		53		
Computer Science						62	
Computing						62	
Creative Media		28					
Economics						62	
Engineering						63	
English		29		47		63	
ESOL	25						
Film Studies				47		64	
Health & Social Care		29	36		54		
History						64	
ICT			39		54	65	
Law						65	
Mathematics		29		47		66	
Media Studies			39		55	67	
Modern Languages						67	
Music			40		55	68	
Nursing					55		
Performing Arts			40				
Photography						68	
Physics				47		68	
Politics						69	
Psychology				48		69	
Public Services			41		56		
Religious Studies						70	
Science			42		57		
Sociology				48		70	
Sport					57		
Travel & Tourism		29	42				
Work Skills	25						



OPEN EVENTS

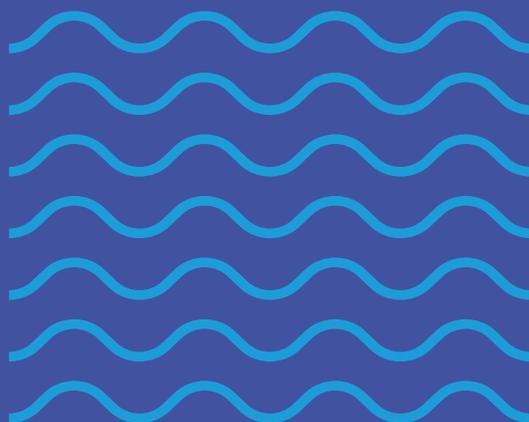
Saturday 2 November 2019

10am - 1pm

Saturday 1 February 2020

10am - 1pm

Sign up for an open event online
at www.bsix.ac.uk



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