

B6 CELEBRATION BROCHURE





Introduction

Happy new year and welcome to our biannual newsletter celebrating all things B6.

This newsletter celebrates our student success and highlights just a few of the many career enhancing activities our students have engaged with this last term. I hope you enjoy this whistle-stop tour of what makes The Sixth Form Bolton a wonderful place to learn.

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B6 STUDENT STARS IN WALLACE AND GROMIT

Did you catch the brand-new Wallace and Gromit: Vengeance Most Fowl film on BBC One and BBC iPlayer this Christmas?

Everyone at The Sixth Form Bolton was excited to hear that former student, Lauren Patel, had a starring role in what is already set to be a northern cult classic! Lauren, now 23, studied Performing Arts, Music and Media Studies here at The Sixth Form Bolton after leaving Smithills School.

Lauren plays the role of PC Mukherjee, an overenthusiastic young police officer who figures out what's really going on but faces disbelief from her idiotic superior. She stars alongside a number of famous voices including Peter Kay and Diane Morgan both also from Bolton.

Lauren's previous credits include a lead role in the film: 'Everybody's talking about Jamie'. She talks fondly of her time at The Sixth Form saying:

"I had such a wonderful time at The Sixth Form Bolton- the Performing Arts department encouraged me to be creative and confident and really helped nurture my love for performing."



Lauren Patel



PC Mukherjee

SUCCESS AT SHE INSPIRES 2024

The Sixth Form Bolton were extremely proud to sponsor the She Inspires Awards 2024 and on Thursday 21st November, a group of the students, alumni, governors and staff were delighted to attend the aspirational awards night at Bolton Whites Hotel. Founded by Gulnaz Brennan, the awards aim to highlight and celebrate inspiring women trailblazers in Bolton and further afield.

We were thrilled to be shortlisted under a number of categories. Amongst the many worthy winners on the evening, B6 celebrated former student, Lexie Leack, scooping up the Young Achiever Award for her dedication and determination to her studies. Well done, Lexie!



B6 SheInspires Award Nominees



Award Winner Lexie Leack

STUDENT LEADERSHIP PROGRAMMES

We have had a fantastic start to this year's Women into Leadership and Prosper Programme! Over 700 students have already participated in leadership sessions, demonstrating their commitment to becoming confident and capable future leaders. Throughout the term, students have been inspired by an incredible range of opportunities and guest speakers, each sharing their unique journeys and insights into leadership.

This term's highlights:

- Leadership Launch with former Deputy Principal, Sandra McManus
- Sannah Adam, England Boxing Coach
- Phil Pukiello, Community Personal Trainer & Nutritionist
- Misbah Mogradia, Founder of Imman Active
- Enrichment Day – Trip to Rivington Pike
- Mark Wilson, Planning Manager at Pepsi Europe
- Danny Wilson, Managing Director of Operations for Manchester City Football Club

These experiences have provided students with invaluable lessons in leadership, resilience, and teamwork. We look forward to even more exciting opportunities in the coming term!



Danny Wilson, Manchester City Football Club



Misbah Mogradia, Imman Active



Rivington Pike Hike



Sannah Adam, England Boxing Coach

STUDENTS ENJOY B6 ENRICH DAY

Earlier this term, The Sixth Form's first year students enjoyed a full day off timetable to take part in a huge variety of enrichment activities. Enrichment teaches new skills and builds on existing subject knowledge to make sure students stand out from the crowd when applying for university or employment. It is also a great way to make new friends and have fun! The wide range of exciting opportunities on the day included a variety of external trips and visits, as well as on-campus activities promoting positive fitness, mental health and wellbeing.



INSIGHTFUL EMPLOYER ENGAGEMENT

At The Sixth Form we are proud of the many opportunities we afford our students with regular and meaningful engagement with employers. This term saw a number of insightful encounters with a range of trailblazing employers, outstanding industry professionals and a huge selection of universities! We were also delighted to host on campus our first ever Stakeholder Networking Event and a range of Apprenticeship Academy events.



Lancaster University Access Programme



MMU First Generation



Stakeholder Event



Social Mobility Foundation



ASDA Future Leaders Project



Manchester University Access Programme

SPORTING SUCCESS AT B6

A first-year student from The Sixth Form Bolton was over the moon to take the world title in kickboxing recently. 16-year-old Freya Thornley, a former St James's Church of England High School Student, studies A Level Physical Education and Vocational Level 3 Applied Psychology and Applied Science at The Sixth Form.

Freya has taken part in kickboxing for five years and trains at Gouldings Martial Arts in Farnworth where she also teaches children's and adult's kickboxing classes. She was selected to take part in an eight-week training camp in Portugal where she won the world title in continuous kickboxing knock-out competition in the 15–17-year-old under 60kg category in Albufeira Stadium.

Everyone at The Sixth Form is really proud of Freya's success and how well she balances her kickboxing with her studies.



HONOURS STUDENTS RISE TO THE CHALLENGE!

This year we welcomed over 100 Honours Programme students to The Sixth Form Bolton. The Honours Programme is an additional pathway for students whose aspirations are to progress onto highly competitive courses at top universities, such as Oxford, Cambridge and Russell Group universities. A high number of honours students also compete for prestigious higher and degree apprenticeships.

As well as their fantastic work as ambassadors at a range of college events, our honours students have also benefited from a team building trip to Go Ape, a cultural visit to Liverpool and an aspirational workshop from the University of Cambridge.

Congratulations to those who also completed their HE+ programme!



Go Ape Trip



Honours Presentation



Oxbridge Talk



University of Cambridge Workshop

B6 LAUNCHES EXCITING NEW T LEVEL

In September, The Sixth Form welcomed its very first cohort of T Level students. The Education & Early Years T Level combines classroom learning with 750 hours of placement and has been designed to help young people develop skills and knowledge needed to go onto employment or higher education in the education and early years sector.

Benefits include:

- 3 days in college with 2 days out at placement each week
- Industry specialist teachers
- Modern classrooms with advanced technology to enhance learning and develop real-world skills
- Forest School experience
- University visits and guest speakers
- First aid training and qualifications

Emaan Hussain, a former pupil of Sharples School:

"I really want to go into teaching, and I knew that a T Level in Education and Early Years would be the best course for this. I was also attracted to the course because of the number of hours on placement: it sounded really fun. We're offered loads of opportunities on the course and some really interesting placements. After I finish my course, I plan to go to university to study Primary Education."



T Level Student Emaan Hussain



T Level Students



Forest School

STUDENTS EXCEL IN COMPETITIONS

Each year, our very talented students engage in a range of regional and national competitions. This term saw 43 Maths students sit the UKMT Senior Maths Challenge and achieve bronze, silver and gold certificates. Special shoutout to Jacob Fenn (Best in College), Alicia Lonsdale, Shayaan Al-Asmi, George Regan, Zainab Bhuta, Joshua McDougall and Ahmed Bhula who all achieved a Gold certificate and qualified for the Senior Kangaroo.

The Sixth Form Debating Society recently celebrated success in the prestigious English Speaking Union's Schools' 11-18 Mace following an external heat (debate) on Zoom against Bury Grammar School. Aimun Tala, Radiance Adegboyegal and Ushnah Durrani presented for the proposition arguing that Esports/games are not real sports. The hard work of the students paid off as they are now through to the next round in 2025.

We are also delighted to share that second-year A-Level Mathematics, Further Mathematics and Physics student, Shayaan Al-Asmi, reached the finals of the Discover Economics Young Economist of the Year Competition. The competition which attracted over 2,700 participants this year, sponsored by KPMG, is an annual event aimed at Year 10 to 13 students to encourage them to produce their own ideas in analysing contemporary economic problems facing the UK and the world.

Congratulations to all our fantastic students!



UKMT Senior Maths Challenge



Shayaan Al-Asmi and Mark Heslop



Shayaan Al-Asmi

INSPIRATIONAL GUEST SPEAKERS

The revolving door of outstanding guest speakers and visiting employers are endless at The Sixth Form! Throughout this first term our students have benefited from inspirational encounters with a host of visitors, including the Managing Director of Operations at Manchester City Football Club, a Hollyoaks star, a Holocaust survivor, local MPs, university guest lecturers, and countless industry professionals. We were also delighted to welcome back former B6 students and alumni Claire Taylor and Pippa Lloyd who shared their valuable journey into their careers and university progression.



MP Yasmin Qureshi



University of Huddersfield



Hollyoaks star Gabriel Clark



Maths Guest Speaker Andrew Birch



Danny Wilson, Manchester City FC



Dr. Najma Aden from Scrubbed Up



Holocaust Survivor, Harry Kessler

EXCITING TRIPS AND VISITS

Life at B6 includes many opportunities to enhance skills both on and off campus. Students benefit from a wide range of exciting trips and visits, all designed to broaden horizons, raise aspirations and strengthen that breadth of knowledge. A special mention to our fantastic Public Services students who recently endured an action-packed week at Holcombe Moor Training Camp as part of British Army Work Experience Week.



Holcombe Moor Army Training



ITV Studios



Coroners Court



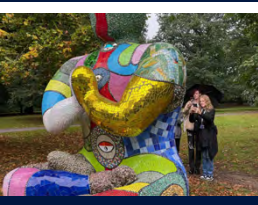
Medology



Field Trips



A Doll's House Theatre Production



Yorkshire Sculpture Park



BBC MediaCity



Bolton International Film Festival

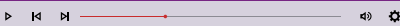
B6 RICH EVENTS

Our student B6 Rich and Learner Voice teams have been amazing this term! Fitness Challenges, Bake Offs and Poets... We have had it all! College-wide events included National Fitness Day, National Poetry Day, Macmillan Coffee Morning and Children in Need. We also broke B6 Charity records by raising over £1855 for charity.

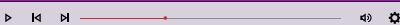
National Fitness Day



Macmillan



National Poetry Day



Children In Need



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As our students settle back into college life after the Winter break, we look forward to another hardworking and action-packed term ahead. I do hope you have enjoyed this snapshot of life at The Sixth Form Bolton. For more good news stories please follow us on social media.

Stuart Merrills

Principal

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