

Ormiston Bolingbroke Academy UCAS Contextual Information 2020-2021

Ormiston Bolingbroke academy is located in the borough of Halton, one of the most deprived areas in the UK. Unemployment and worklessness are key challenges in Halton and on average people who work in Halton earn more annually than its residents. Adult qualification levels for residents in Halton remain lower than regional and national averages.

The whole school has 56% of students who are classed as disadvantaged. Year 13 students lost a total of 14 weeks of learning during school closures. Our school offered remote learning through the Google Classrooms platform and we started live teaching opportunities in early June. There was a clear gap in engagement between Disadvantaged and Non-disadvantaged students (65% VS 77% - gap of 12%) which has hampered student progression.

Many of our students have been impacted emotionally through bereavement and issues within the home during the pandemic and are still experiencing issues as a result. All students and staff have been impacted by the death of Emma Clarke, a much-loved science teacher early in the lockdown period.

Currently Year 13 students are following the BTEC Level 3 2010 qualifications suite in response to the needs of our students and to ensure they have a range of post 18 options at the end of their time with us. This is a predominantly disadvantaged cohort with 50% of the year group in receipt of Pupil Premium and 41% of the year group accessing Free School Meals.