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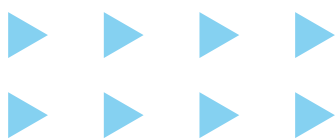
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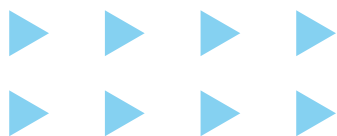
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Welcome to OBA Sixth Form

▶ ***A place where students are known,
supported and encouraged to succeed.***

At Ormiston Bolingbroke Academy (OBA) Sixth Form, we believe success looks different for every student. Whether your ambition is to progress to university, secure a competitive apprenticeship, enter employment, or explore a career pathway that inspires you, we are committed to helping you achieve your goals.

What makes OBA Sixth Form different is our community. As a smaller sixth form, we offer something many larger colleges cannot: a place where students are known, supported and encouraged to succeed. Our staff take the time to get to know every student as an individual, providing the personalised guidance, challenge and support needed to help them thrive both academically and personally.

We are proud of the welcoming and inclusive environment we have created. Built on strong relationships, high expectations and a genuine sense of belonging, our sixth form is a place where students grow in confidence, develop independence and discover what they are capable of achieving. Here, every student is valued and supported to become the very best version of themselves.

Our curriculum offers a range of pathways designed to suit different strengths, interests and aspirations. Alongside high-quality teaching, students benefit from extensive enrichment opportunities, leadership experiences, careers guidance and personalised pastoral support. Through programmes such as our Scholars Programme, employer partnerships and enrichment activities, students are encouraged to broaden their horizons, develop new skills and prepare for life beyond Sixth Form.

We know that the transition to post-16 study is an important step. That's why we provide the support, challenge and opportunities needed to help every student make a successful start and achieve their ambitions. Whether you are continuing your journey with us from Year 11 or joining us from another school, you will find a community that is ambitious, caring and dedicated to helping you succeed.

OBA Sixth Form is more than a place to study. It is a place to belong, to grow and to build a positive future.

We look forward to welcoming you.

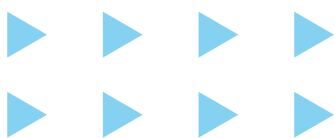
Scott Fenner,
Head of Sixth Form



I always feel **supported** and
encouraged in developing
my learning

Emilia Martinelli





Why OBA Sixth Form

 ***Small enough to know you.
Ambitious enough to challenge you.***

A place where you can succeed

At OBA Sixth Form, we want every student to achieve their best. Whether you're planning to go to university, start an apprenticeship or move straight into employment, we'll help you reach your goals.

Study what suits you

We offer a range of A-Levels, vocational qualifications and blended pathways, so you can choose a programme that matches your interests, strengths and future plans.

Support every step of the way

You'll be part of a friendly and supportive community where you're known as an individual. Our experienced Sixth Form team will help you settle in, support your wellbeing and guide your academic progress throughout your time with us.

Opportunities beyond the classroom

Sixth Form is about more than gaining qualifications. You'll have the chance to take part in enrichment activities, leadership roles, work experience and the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ), helping you develop the skills that universities and employers are looking for.

Preparing you for your future

We provide expert advice and guidance for university, apprenticeships and careers. From personal statements and interview preparation to CV writing and work experience, we'll help you take your next step with confidence.

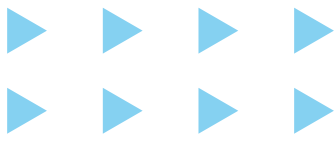
Challenge yourself

High-achieving students can take advantage of our OBA Scholars Programme, with opportunities including university partnerships, the Sutton Trust, EPQ and support with applications to Russell Group universities. We also offer a Transition Pathway for students who need extra support before moving on to Level 3 study.

Be part of our community

OBA Sixth Form combines the independence of post-16 study with the support of a caring school community. We have high expectations, excellent pastoral care and a commitment to helping every student succeed.

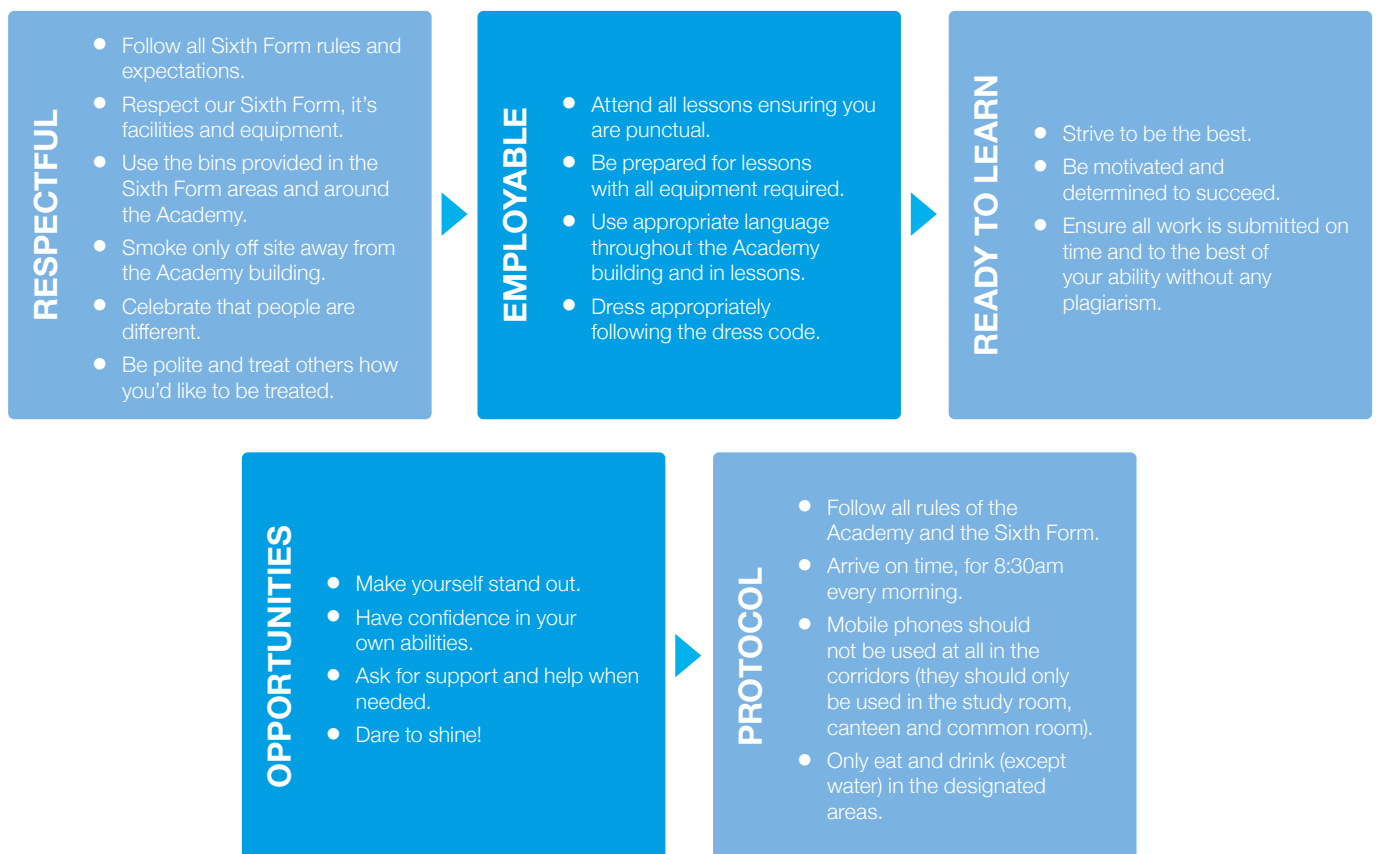
Your future starts here. We look forward to welcoming you to OBA Sixth Form.



Expectations

Our expectations at OBA Sixth Form are high because we want every student to achieve their full potential. As a member of our Sixth Form community, you'll be treated as a young adult and expected to be a positive role model for younger students.

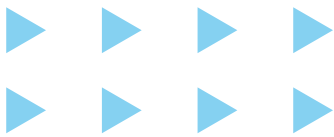
We expect students to be respectful, employable, and ready to learn, to take advantage of every opportunity, and to follow our Sixth Form protocol. These expectations will be shown to us through:



In return, you can expect us to:

- Support you throughout your Sixth Form journey.
- Challenge you to achieve your very best.
- Provide high-quality teaching and guidance.
- Help you prepare for university, apprenticeships or employment.
- Create a safe, welcoming and inclusive environment where everyone is valued.
- Encourage you to develop the confidence, independence and skills you'll need for your future.

By working together, we create a positive Sixth Form community where everyone can succeed.



Choosing your subjects

Choosing your pathway is an exciting step towards your future. Whether you're aiming for university, an apprenticeship or employment, we'll help you choose the right combination of subjects to match your interests, strengths and career goals.

At OBA Sixth Form, we offer a range of pathways that combine A-Levels and vocational qualifications, giving you the flexibility to build a programme that's right for you.

When choosing your subjects, think about:

- What you enjoy studying
- The subjects you're strongest in
- Your future career or university plans
- The entry requirements for your chosen pathway

If you're unsure which pathway is right for you, our Sixth Form team will provide advice and guidance to help you make the best choice.

Every student is different, which is why we work with you to create a study programme that gives you the best opportunity to succeed.



OBA Sixth Form is more than a place to study.
It is a place to **belong**, to **grow** and to **build** a
positive future.



Scott Fenner, Head of Sixth Form

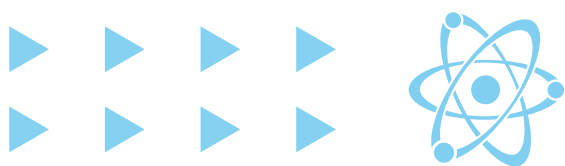
Explore our pathways below and discover where your future could take you.

 Pathway: STEM	Subjects: Biology, Engineering, Health & Social Care, Applied Science, ICT, Maths	Entry Profile: 4 GCSEs (Grade 4+ including Grade 5 in Science and Maths to study Biology, Grade 6 in Maths to study Maths)
 Pathway: Business Communication	Subjects: Business, Media, Graphics, ICT, Photography	Entry Profile: 4 GCSEs (Grade 4+ including Maths and English)
 Pathway: Humanities and Arts	Subjects: English Literature, English Language, Geography, History, Psychology	Entry Profile: 4 GCSEs (Grade 4+ including 5 in English and 4 in Maths)
 Pathway: Creative and Performance	Subjects: Art, Animal Care, Photography, Graphics, Performing Arts, Media, Sport	Entry Profile: 4 GCSEs (Grade 4+ including English)
 Pathway: Personal Training	Subjects: Personal Training (worth two A-Levels) and select another option subject (depending on availability)	Entry Profile: 4 GCSEs (Grade 4+ including English and maths, and meeting the criteria for the third option)
 Pathway: Transition	Subjects: Maths and English Language GCSE plus two other subjects	Entry Profile: Transition pathway is limited and will be allowed at the Principal/ Head of Sixth Form's discretion.
 Pathway: Entry Level (Level 1)	Subjects: Students would study Maths, English and potentially 1-2 of Catering, IT/Media, Art alongside, life skills, work experience and personal development	Entry Profile: Entry Level pathway is limited and will be allowed at the Principal/ Head of Sixth Form's discretion.

Subject availability may change depending on popularity each year, at the Principal and Head of Sixth Form's discretion.



COMMON ROOM



Applied Science Extended Certificate

Course overview

You will explore key principles across all three sciences, complete laboratory-based practical work, and develop skills in scientific investigation, data analysis and problem-solving.

How will I learn?

This qualification provides a broad grounding in biology, chemistry and physics through applied, practical learning. It is ideal for students who enjoy science but prefer a combination of exams and coursework. Assessment is through a mixture of external exams and internally assessed coursework, including practical assignments completed throughout the year.

Entry requirements

4 GCSEs Grade 4+ including maths.

Where can it lead to?

The course supports progression to a wide range of science-related university courses such as biomedical sciences, nursing, environmental science and health sciences. It also provides a strong foundation for apprenticeships or technical roles in laboratory or applied science settings.

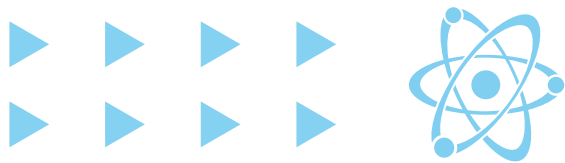
What support will I have?

- Small class sizes
- Individual practical set ups
- Intervention for exam component



Applied Science is a fascinating subject that covers all three science disciplines and has helped me develop skills that go beyond the classroom to prepare me for future careers in science.

Student



Animal Care Extended Certificate

Course overview

You will explore key principles across a complexity of different species of animals, complete a variety of practical work, and theory coursework to develop skills and a comprehensive portfolio in, animal husbandry, care, grooming and behaviour.

How will I learn?

This qualification provides a good balance of learning through a mixture of practical learning and coursework. It is ideal for students who want to work with animals but thrive better with a greater weight put on the coursework grade rather than the exam. Assessment is through a mixture of one external case study exam and internally assessed coursework, including practical assignments completed throughout the year.

Entry requirements

4 GCSEs Grade 4+ and ideally including English.

Where can it lead to?

This qualification is designed primarily to support progression to employment. Entry roles in areas such as kennel or cattery assistant, dog groomer, veterinary nurse, animal care assistant or technician in an animal business/ charity or wildlife trust, assistant in an animal-related retail establishment, assistant to an animal trainer e.g. assistance dogs.

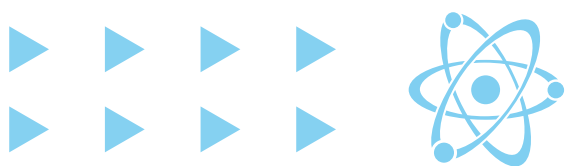
What support will I have?

Classes are kept small or split up where possible to provide the most time with the animals and everyone getting the practical hours in.



Engaging and fun, lots of practical work and a chance to work with interesting and rare animals.

IRC



A-Level Biology

Course overview

Biology is the fascinating study of life that will allow you to explore the complexity of living organisms from the anatomical structure of the kidney, liver and the brain to the advances in genetic engineering, control of disease and the biochemistry behind biological molecules.

How will I learn?

Assessment takes place at the end of two years of study. There will be three exams totalling six hours and a minimum series of 12 practical sessions that must be covered and evidenced in lab books to gain the practical endorsement that sits alongside the A-Level.

Entry requirements

4 GCSEs Grade 4+ including a Grade 5 in maths and 5 in Science.

Where can it lead to?

Biology A-Level will prove essential if you are considering applying to any healthcare-based university degree including; medicine, nursing, midwifery, dentistry, biomedical science, microbiology, forensic science, veterinary science, physiotherapy or even the police force. It can also complement sports science, psychology, sociology and many more!

What support will I have?

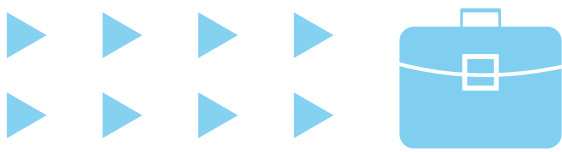
- Small class sizes
- Individual practical set ups
- Morning intervention



A-Level Biology is challenging, but it's fascinating knowing that everything we learn explains how life actually happens.



Student



A-Level Business Studies

Course overview

This A-Level takes a real-life approach to business, analysing how the theory applies to current business stories locally, nationally and internationally. The course examines the interrelated nature of business using business models, theories and techniques to show how businesses plan for success and prepare for uncertainty.

How will I learn?

Three written papers of two hours each at the end of the two-year course. Paper 1 is worth 35%, Paper 2 is worth 35%, Paper 3, which draws on a pre-released research theme, is worth 30%.

Entry requirements

4 GCSEs Grade 4+ including maths and English.

Where can it lead to?

Students who study business can continue to study many areas at university or gain employment in the following areas: accountancy, advertising, banking, investment and financial services, HR/personnel, management consultancy, retail management.

What support will I have?

Small class size, with well-structured lessons and resources. Weekly disciplinary reading of current business affairs. Trips to see business in action and guest speakers such as Marketing Executive for UK and Ireland for New Balance.



I've **enjoyed developing** my business knowledge further from GCSE and enjoy how the topics taught link to real life business cases that are current.



Student



Creative Digital Media Production Extended Certificate

Course overview

Our course covers a range of media products including digital, print and broadcast. Creating magazines, building film ideas and analysing representation.

How will I learn?

With two units of coursework and two exam units there is something for everyone. Unlike other subjects your exams are computer based. The exam units allow you to watch/read media texts and analyse for representation. You will also build a commission for a business brief.

Entry requirements

4 GCSEs Grade 4 + including English.

Where can it lead to?

This qualification provides both academic and employment opportunities. You could study the following: media studies, computer animation, media production, digital television production. It would provide a significant advantage when applying for entry level roles in the industry.

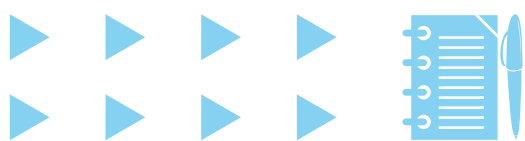
What support will I have?

We have had incredible opportunities over the past few years to visit filming studios in London and Manchester. Students have gained a wealth of experience, seeing first hand what happens pre-production, in front of the camera and behind the scenes.



Media at OBA taught me how big and exciting the industry is and all the different paths you can take after studying. I mostly enjoyed learning about written media, including magazines and social media. I have continued my media journey studying Media production at Liverpool John Moores University.

Demi- Lea Williams



A-Level English Language

Course overview

A-Level English Language learners develop a knowledge of how the English language works and an understanding of the language system. Students study a variety of texts, both written and spoken, as well as texts from across different time periods to consider how language is used, changed and is currently changing.

How will I learn?

This course has two exams and coursework. Paper 1 is worth 40% and covers topics such as Language under the Microscope and Spoken Language. Paper 2 is worth 40% and covers topics such as Child Language Acquisition and Language in the Media. The coursework element is worth 20% and students can investigate a language area of their choice producing an independent investigation.

Entry requirements

4 GCSEs Grade 4+ including Grade 5 in English .

Where can it lead to?

English Language A-Level will leave you with excellent analytical skills. This ability to think critically will be useful for a wide range of university courses. The study of English language could lead to careers in areas such as law, journalism, teaching, social work, advertising and marketing, to name a few.

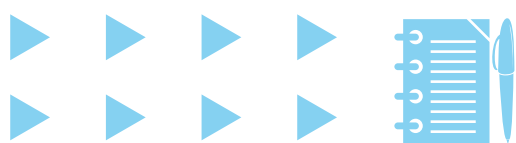
What support will I have?

- Small class sizes
- One-to-one support with coursework



English Language A-Level is like a completely new subject. My favourite topic is language and gender where we learn more about how men and women use language differently for example.

Student



A-Level English Literature

Course overview

A-Level English Literature will build on the knowledge, understanding and skills established at GCSE, introducing learners to advanced literary studies, and requires reading of all the major literary genres of poetry, prose and drama. The qualification will further develop learners' ability to analyse, evaluate and make connections across texts.

How will I learn?

This course has two exams and coursework. Paper 1 is worth 40% and covers Literature Pre-1900 reading texts such as Shakespeare's 'Hamlet' and Ibsen's 'A Doll's House'. Paper 2 is worth 40% and focuses on Gothic literature. The coursework element, which is worth 20%, focuses on the literature of World War 1.

Entry requirements

4 GCSEs Grade 4 + including Grade 5 in English.

Where can it lead to?

English Literature A-Level is viewed very favourably by universities and is a subject that will give you excellent analytical skills which will be useful for any degree course. English literature A-Level can also lead to careers in the following areas: law, teaching, journalism, writing, advertising and politics.

What support will I have?

- Small class sizes
- One-to-one support with coursework
- Free set texts and revision guides

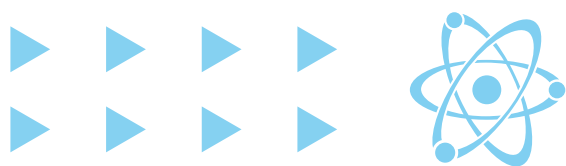


The texts we read in **English literature** A-Level are so much more interesting than GCSE – the themes and ideas are more mature, and we have lots of time to discuss them which is great.



Student





Engineering Extended Certificate

Course overview

The Level 3 BTEC National Engineering (Extended Certificate) is equivalent to one A-Level and provides a broad introduction to engineering principles, applications, design and project management. You will develop practical and technical skills in mechanical, electrical and design engineering while exploring modern engineering technologies and real-world challenges.

How will I learn?

You will learn through a combination of classroom teaching, practical activities, engineering design projects and independent research. The course includes both externally assessed examinations and internally assessed assignments, using industry-standard approaches such as CAD, project management and problem solving.

Entry requirements

4 GCSEs Grade 4+ including maths .

Where can it lead to?

This qualification supports progression to higher education courses such as Mechanical, Civil, General, Electronic or Electrical Engineering. It can also lead to Higher National Certificates (HNCs), Foundation Degrees, apprenticeships and careers across a wide range of engineering sectors.

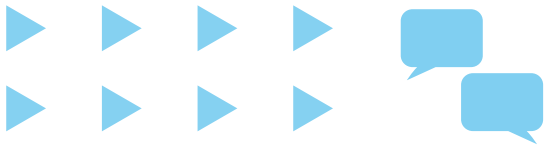
What support will I have?

Students will benefit from a blend of theory and practical learning, including CAD-based design and project work. The course develops highly valued transferable skills such as problem solving, creativity, communication and teamwork. Additional support is available through teacher guidance, practical workshop activities and enrichment linked to engineering and STEM pathways.



Studying **engineering** has enabled me to develop and refine my skills and knowledge within this area and supported me in progressing to become a civil engineer on the railway.

C. Marron



A-Level Fine Art

Course overview

A-Level Fine Art is a creative and highly personal course that encourages you to explore, develop and communicate your own ideas through practical artwork and critical investigation. You will experiment with a range of media including drawing, painting, sculpture, printmaking, mixed media and photography, while studying the work of influential artists.

How will I learn?

You will learn through practical work, artist research, gallery visits, experimentation with materials and regular one-to-one feedback. You will complete a Personal Investigation and an Externally Set Assignment, building a portfolio that demonstrates your creative journey and final outcomes.

Entry requirements

4 GCSEs Grade 4+.

Where can it lead to?

Fine Art can lead to university courses and careers in fine art, illustration, graphic design, animation, architecture, fashion, photography, set design, teaching and many other creative industries. The course also develops valuable skills in creativity, problem solving, research and communication.

What support will I have?

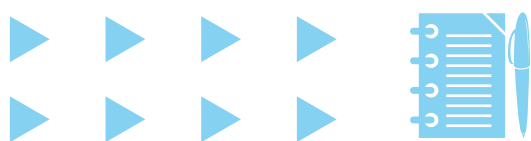
You will benefit from specialist art facilities, regular individual tutorials and constructive feedback throughout the course. We also offer enrichment opportunities such as gallery visits, exhibitions and workshops to help broaden your artistic experience and strengthen your portfolio.



Studying art has allowed me to experiment with a variety of materials and techniques before picking my own theme to develop.



Student



A-Level Geography

Course overview

Geography is a subject which builds on young people's own experiences, helping them to formulate questions, develop their intellectual skills and find answers to issues affecting their lives. It ensures that they appreciate the complexity of attitudes and values which shape the way we use and misuse the environment.

How will I learn?

This course has four exams and coursework. The two exams are worth 30% each, and the other two are worth 20%.

Entry requirements

4 GCSEs Grade 4+ including Grade 5 in English.

Where can it lead to?

You will find geographers working in every sector of the economy including finance, local businesses, not-for-profit organisations, significant research or as key decision makers in local and national government, highlighting the range of possibilities for geographers.

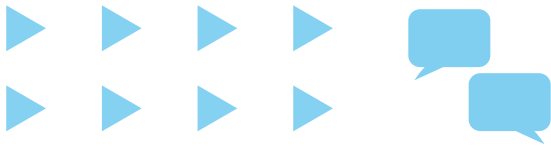
What support will I have?

- Small class sizes
- Fieldwork trips across the two years
- Enrichment weekly



Geography is great with the fact that we get to practice what we learn when we go on our fieldwork trips. The teacher is really able to support us due to having a smaller class.

Jack Miller



A-Level Graphic Communication

Course overview

Learners explore relevant images, artefacts and resources relating to a range of graphic communication. These will form an integral part of the investigating and making process. Responses to these examples will be shown through practical and critical activities which demonstrate the candidates' understanding of different styles, genres and traditions.

How will I learn?

Year 1 consists of two units, a portfolio and a 10-hour controlled assessment contributing to the Year 1 final grade. Year 2 consists of two units, a personal investigation and an externally set assignment which provides the overall Year 2 grade.

Entry requirements

4 GCSEs Grade 4+.

Where can it lead to?

A graphic design degree expands your options to include a diverse palette of creative careers that can extend to leadership positions in highly creative organisations like advertising agencies and industrial design firms.

What support will I have?

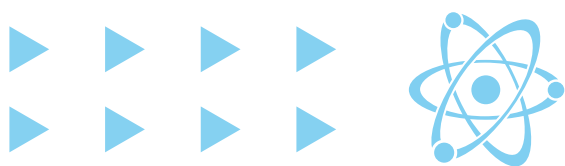
You will benefit from specialist teaching, access to a range of art and design resources, regular one-to-one feedback and portfolio guidance. Enrichment opportunities may include design competitions, gallery visits, workshops and exposure to creative industry pathways to support progression beyond Sixth Form.



I love that we have the **opportunity** to work with different media and develop our ideas on Photoshop to develop our own brand ideas and logos.



M Tyson



Health and Social Care Extended Certificate

Course overview

Health and Social Care explores how health, wellbeing and care services support individuals throughout their lives. These services are offered to people of all ages. Health care focuses on the medical and physical well-being, whereas social care focuses on the social and emotional welfare of individuals.

How will I learn?

Students learn through a mix of classroom teaching, independent research, group work and case studies. There are three mandatory units, two of which are externally assessed, the other is assessed internally. You then have one option unit to take which will be internally assessed.

Entry requirements

4 GCSEs Grade 4+.

Where can it lead to?

The qualification supports progression to university courses in health and social care, nursing, social work. For employment it prepares students for entry-level roles in the health and social care sector, like care assistants, support workers, and healthcare assistants. It also provides a foundation for apprenticeships in health and social care.

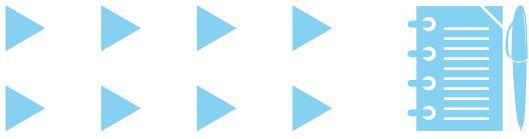
What support will I have?

- Small class sizes
- Regular one-to-one feedback and progress reviews
- Coursework support sessions and revision workshops
- Access to learning resources, study guides and online materials
- Opportunities to gain advice on university, apprenticeships and careers in health and social care



Health and Social Care has given me valuable knowledge and skills that I can use in everyday life and in my future career.

Student



A-Level History

Course overview

Students will acquire an understanding of different identities within society and an appreciation of aspects such as social, cultural, religious and ethnic diversity. They will study historical topics and issues throughout four units, developing their ability to analyse sources, historian interpretations and evidence to evaluate judgements and concepts.

How will I learn?

This course has three exams and coursework. Paper 1 and 3 are worth 30% each, and paper 2 and the coursework are worth 20%.

Entry requirements

4 GCSEs Grade 4+ including English Grade 5.

Where can it lead to?

By taking this course, you will have the following career opportunities historians, authors, journalists, archaeologists, politics, teaching, law, business. You could also take these various courses at university such as history, classics, ancient civilisations, archaeology, history and politics, history and philosophy, history and English.

What support will I have?

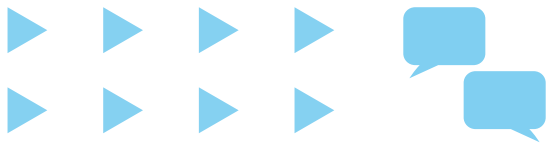
- Small class sizes
- Trips to develop knowledge
- Weekly enrichment



History is brilliant – the teachers really support us and develop our skills. The topics are really interesting and we get pushed to exceed everything we do'

Gracie Brown





RSL Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma for Music Practitioners

Course overview

The course combines performance, composition, music technology, live sound, music business and career development, allowing learners to specialise in areas that match their interests and career ambitions. Assessment is primarily coursework-based and focused on real-world music industry activities such as rehearsing, performing, recording, composing and event planning, helping students build both technical expertise and professional skills.

How will I learn?

This course is entirely coursework-based – no exams! You'll complete five pieces of coursework and focus entirely on your practical skills whilst evidencing them along the way.

Entry requirements

4 GCSEs Grade 4+.

Where can it lead to?

It is the equivalent to approximately one A-Level, designed for students who want to develop practical skills and knowledge for careers in the contemporary music industry or progression to higher education.

What support will I have?

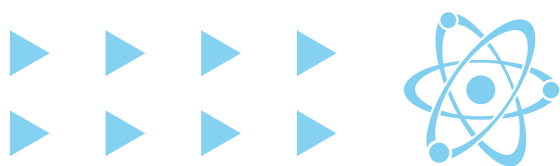
You will have weekly sessions with a professional production teacher as well as instrument lessons. You will have a lot of one-to-one support from your teacher and only a small number of other students on the course to help give you a more tailored experience.



Thanks for **everything** and all of your help, I wouldn't have got a distinction without the help I received.



Brandon Roriston



A-Level Mathematics

Course overview

Mathematics is vitally important to the economic well-being of our society through its widespread application to science, technology, business and finance. A-Level Mathematics fits well with almost any combination of subjects, particularly the sciences, business, economics, IT and computing, and offers wide progression opportunities to university or vocational careers.

How will I learn?

All assessment is done by written exam at the end of the two-year course. The exams are a combination of both pure and applied elements of the course.

Entry requirements

4 GCSEs Grade 5+ including Grade 7 in Maths. Applicants with a Grade 6 will be considered but will be required to sit an Algebra assessment prior to commencing the course.

Where can it lead to?

Mathematics is the language of nature. Behind all modern marvels such as space travel, smart phones and data analysis lie complex mathematical processes. For those interested in mathematics, applied science, engineering or computer science (to name but a few) A-Level mathematics is a must.

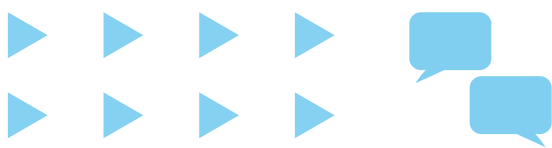
What support will I have?

Class sizes are small, allowing for bespoke intervention and additional teacher support. We offer weekly enrichment after school to support with revision and independent study. There is also the opportunity to drop in during free periods, or to email for help with homework, revision and independent study.



Thank you for putting so much hard work into the class the last two years. It hasn't gone unnoticed. I particularly enjoyed how **challenging maths** can be at times, but it always felt like an accomplishment when solving any problems.

Student



Performing Arts

Extended Certificate

Course overview

This course gives you the freedom to focus on your individual creative journey while collaborating with like-minded artists. Whether you're a musician, a dancer, or an actor, this course allows you to hone your craft, explore new possibilities, and refine your skills in an immersive, professional environment.

How will I learn?

This course is entirely coursework-based – no exams! You'll complete five pieces of coursework, two of which are core assignments.

Entry requirements

4 GCSEs Grade 4+.

Where can it lead to?

Performing and creating pathway: ideal for those driven to create and perform, whether on stage, in front of the camera, or behind the microphone.

Business and production pathway: designed for those passionate about the industry's behind-the-scenes roles. Perfect for creators, producers, and innovators shaping the performing arts world.

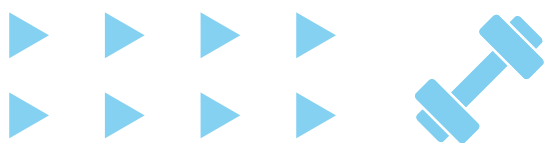
What support will I have?

There are many opportunities to perform in school productions, battle of the bands, dance shows as well as trips to theatres and performances including Move It in London.



Having the option to pick and specialism in any of the 3 specialisms of Dance, Drama and Music was great, and it also allowed us to work together to ensure all 3 disciplines knew how the other supported them in creating an overall final piece. I really enjoyed the amount of practical elements in this course.

Student



Level 3 Technical Qualification in Personal Training

Course overview

This qualification provides the knowledge and practical skills required to work as a professional personal trainer. It combines theory with hands on experience, preparing learners to design and deliver safe, effective, and tailored fitness programs for a range of clients.

How will I learn?

Externally assessed exams on anatomy, physiology, and nutrition. Practical observations of training sessions. Portfolio of evidence including client plans and evaluations.

Entry requirements

4 GCSEs Grade 4+ GCSE English, BTEC Level 2 Sport helpful but not essential.

Where can it lead to?

This qualification opens doors to careers such as personal trainer/fitness instructor, health and wellbeing coach, sports performance specialist. It also provides progression to higher education in areas like sports science, strength and conditioning and exercise physiology.

What support will I have?

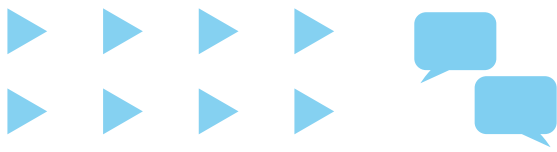
Class support offered by staff and outside agencies. Students can engage in a range of enrichment opportunities including fitness club, football for fun/team.



We are really **excited** to embark on this new course and discover the world of a PT in high quality facilities.



Student



A-Level Photography

Course overview

A-Level Photography is a creative course that allows you to explore ideas, concepts and visual storytelling through digital photography and image manipulation. We will encourage you to develop your own style while studying the work of influential photographers and contemporary artists.

How will I learn?

Students are assessed at the end of the two-years through an examination which accounts for 40% of the qualification and a 60% coursework unit based on a personal investigation study of the student's own choosing.

Entry requirements

4 GCSEs Grade 4.

Where can it lead to?

Photography can lead to higher education and careers in photography, photojournalism, media, digital marketing, graphic design, film, animation, advertising and other creative industries. The course also develops valuable skills in creativity, research, presentation and critical thinking.

What support will I have?

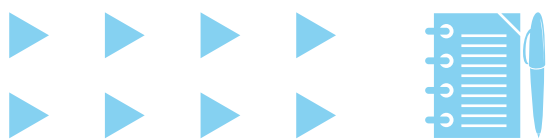
You will benefit from specialist photography facilities, digital editing software and regular one-to-one feedback throughout the course. We also provide enrichment opportunities such as exhibitions, gallery visits, workshops and portfolio support to help prepare you for further study or creative careers.



Studying **photography** has supported me in identifying my own style of photographs and techniques used to edit photos to enhance certain features, whilst showing me a variety of different styles as inspiration.



Student



A-Level Psychology

Course overview

Psychology is the scientific study of human mind and behaviour. This qualification offers an engaging and effective, in-depth introduction to the fascinating world of psychology. Students will learn the fundamentals of the subject and develop skills valued by higher education and employers, including critical analysis, independent thinking and research.

How will I learn?

The two-year course consists of three exams which you will take at the end of Year 13.

Entry requirements

4 GCSEs Grade 4+ including Grade 4 in maths and Grade 5 in English.

Where can it lead to?

There are many different degree options available at universities. These will allow you to gain valuable skills for many careers such as health care, education, politics, education, HR, marketing, police or study further to become a psychologist in your field of interest.

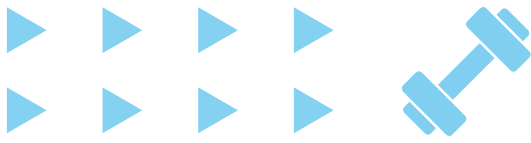
What support will I have?

Small class size with tailored teaching and online instant feedback on essays, with detailed points for improvement.



I found this A-Level really **interesting** getting to learn about why people behave in the ways that they do. My favourite module was schizophrenia due to the real life relevance and how this has helped with my future career ambition.

Student



Sport Studies Extended Certificate

Course overview

A dynamic and engaging course designed for students with a passion for sport, fitness and performance. Students develop both practical and academic skills through units such as Anatomy and Physiology, Fitness Training and Programming, Professional Development in the Sports Industry, and Sports Leadership. The qualification provides a strong foundation for progression to university, apprenticeships or careers within sport, health, fitness, teaching and coaching.

How will I learn?

Students are assessed through examinations and coursework. The exams will be held at the end of Year 1, and coursework focus is for Year 2. There are four units to be completed which is equal to one A-Level.

Entry requirements

4 GCSEs Grade 4+ GCSE English, Btec Level 2 Sport helpful but not essential.

Where can it lead to?

Students who study sport can continue to do so in many areas at university. Some careers and specialisms in sport include exercise science and technology, sports business and leisure management, sport development, leadership and coaching, outdoor education, fitness instruction and performance.

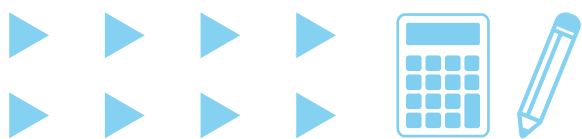
What support will I have?

Students can benefit from coursework support, interventions, revision sessions and packs and the opportunity to opt for a variety of enrichment including football for fun/team, netball or dance enrichment- support KS3.



I loved every minute for the course, the staff are so **helpful, encouraging and knowledgeable.**

Student



Edexcel Functional Skills

Level 2 English

Course overview

This course is available to students who achieved below a grade 3 in GCSE English. The course is in three sections: reading, writing and speaking, listening and communicating. The course is designed to use texts that would be read in the real world such as leaflets, newspaper articles etc.

How will I learn?

Reading is assessed through a 75-minute exam, based on three non-fiction texts. Writing assessment is based on a 60-minute exam. Accuracy is especially important. Speaking, listening and communication is internally assessed and the whole assessment will be between 15 and 25 minutes. Each component can be retaken.

Entry requirements

At Principal/Head of Sixth Form's discretion.

Where can it lead to?

This is a qualification that allows you to get onto many further education courses and apprenticeships. English qualifications are vital in accessing almost all career options. The functional skills course tests writing, speaking and reading in real world contexts which apply to all walks of life.

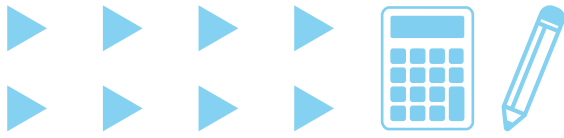
What support will I have?

For all resits in Functional Skills and GCSE the support offered is to attend enrichments to further embed knowledge and practice.



Having the option to complete this qualification alongside GCSE was great as it enabled me to have a back up qualification in case I didn't secure a Grade 4 in my resit.

Student



GCSE English Language

Course overview

This course will give you an opportunity to retake your English Language GCSE. You will have assigned lessons to guide you through the reading and writing sections of the exam. You will have specific sessions working through exam technique, analysis of text, transactional writing and narrative writing.

How will I learn?

This course is separated in two components. Component 1 tests the reading and writing of fiction texts and is worth 40% of the qualification. Component 2 tests the reading and writing of non-fiction texts and is worth 60% of the qualification.

Entry requirements

At Principal/Head of Sixth Form's discretion

Where can it lead to?

You need an English qualification for most jobs, educational courses and apprenticeships. It's important to be able to communicate effectively and express yourself clearly. Reading and writing with sophistication and style is a sure-fire way to get noticed and get your job application to the top of the pile.

What support will I have?

For all resits in Functional Skills and GCSE the support offered is to attend enrichments to further embed knowledge and practice.



Resit English wasn't something I wanted to be doing, but the teachers made it more tailored and focused than during Year 11 lessons, allowing me to secure my Grade 4.

Student



Edexcel Functional Skills

Level 2 Mathematics

Course overview

Functional Skills qualifications provide reliable evidence of a learner's achievements against demanding content that is relevant to the workplace. The qualifications assess learners' underpinning subject knowledge and their ability to apply this knowledge to different contexts. They provide a foundation for progression to employment and further technical education, and they help learners to develop skills for everyday life.

How will I learn?

The Pearson Edexcel Functional Skills Qualification in Mathematics at Level 2 consists of one externally assessed unit. Each assessment comprises two sections – a non-calculator section (calculator prohibited) and a calculator section (calculator permitted).

Entry requirements

All students who did not achieve a Grade 4 at GCSE are required to continue their mathematical studies and will be entered for the Pearson Edexcel Functional Skills Qualification. Once they have passed the qualification, students that have achieved a grade 2 or below at GCSE will then have the option as to whether they would like to continue with GCSE resit. Students who achieved a grade 3 at GCSE will be required to continue with GCSE resit.

Where can it lead to?

Learners who achieve the Pearson Edexcel Functional Skills Qualification in Mathematics at Levels 1 and 2 can progress to further mandatory mathematical study, such as GCSE, the workplace or further vocational study.

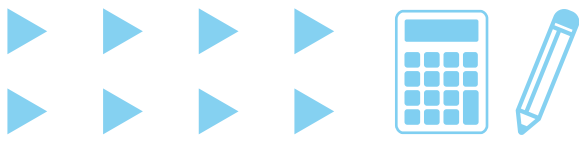
What support will I have?

Students are taught from a bespoke Scheme of Learning each year, based on the areas for improvement identified at GCSE. We are also able to access students' past exam papers to provide personalised guidance and feedback.



Having the option to complete this qualification alongside GCSE was great as it enabled me to have a back up qualification in case I didn't secure a Grade 4 in my resit.

Student



GCSE Mathematics

Course overview

This course enables students to develop knowledge, skills and understanding of mathematical methods and concepts, acquire, select and apply mathematical techniques to solve problems, reason mathematically, make deductions and inferences, and draw conclusions, comprehend, interpret and communicate mathematical information in a variety of forms appropriate to the information and context.

How will I learn?

There are two tiers available to students, higher and foundation. They are separated into five sections, number, algebra, ratio, proportion and rates of change, geometry and measures, statistics and probability.

Entry requirements

All students who did not achieve a Grade 4 at GCSE are required to continue their mathematical studies. Students who achieved a grade 3 at GCSE will be required to resit their GCSE in Mathematics. Students who achieved a grade 2 or below at GCSE will have the option as to whether they would like to continue with GCSE resit after passing their Functional Skills qualification.

Where can it lead to?

The course provides a strong foundation for further academic and vocational study and for employment, to give students the appropriate mathematical skills, knowledge and understanding to help them progress to a full range of courses in further and higher education.

What support will I have?

Students are taught from a bespoke Scheme of Learning each year, based on the areas for improvement identified at GCSE.



Completing resit GCSE was something that I had to do, as it enabled me to make the progress on to Level 3 courses once I had secured my Grade 4.



Student



Results:

Art A

Psychology

EPQ A*

English Li

Destination

studying B

Support and wellbeing

Starting Sixth Form is an exciting step, and we're here to support you every step of the way.

At OBA Sixth Form, you'll be part of a friendly and welcoming community where your wellbeing is just as important as your academic success. From your first day, you'll have a personal tutor who will help you settle in, monitor your progress and support you throughout your Sixth Form journey.

Our experienced Sixth Form team is always on hand to offer advice, guidance and encouragement, whether you need help with your studies, future plans or personal wellbeing.

Supporting your success

We'll help you to:

- Achieve your academic goals
- Develop independent study skills
- Build confidence and resilience
- Explore your next steps after Sixth Form

You'll also receive expert support with:

- University and UCAS applications
- Apprenticeships and employment
- Personal statements and CV writing
- Interview preparation
- Student finance and careers advice
- Work experience opportunities

This support is also available to students who are interested in applying for apprenticeships. We have seen many students move on to apprenticeships at all levels, helping to create professional relationships with local companies. The support that is offered here includes; apprenticeship open days, in-house career days, CV and cover letter workshops, mock interview prep including presentation prep, and regular job advert updates.

At OBA Sixth Form, we believe every student deserves the support they need to succeed. Whatever your ambitions, we'll help you develop the knowledge, skills and confidence to achieve them.

Your success is our priority, and we'll be with you every step of the way.





GCSE/functional skills resit support

If you need to improve your English or maths qualifications, we'll support you every step of the way.

Whether you're retaking GCSE English or maths, or studying Functional Skills, our experienced teachers will help you build your knowledge, skills and confidence in a supportive learning environment.

Lessons are designed to help you make steady progress through regular practice, personalised feedback and targeted support, giving you the best chance of achieving the qualification you need.

Why are English and maths important?

English and maths are essential for many university courses, apprenticeships and careers. Achieving these qualifications will open up more opportunities for your future and help you take the next step towards your goals.

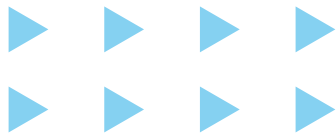
Our commitment to you

We'll provide:

- High-quality teaching and support
- Regular feedback to help you improve
- Opportunities to develop your confidence
- Guidance to help you achieve your best

Our aim is simple – to help you gain the qualifications you need to move forward with confidence.





Leadership and enrichment

Sixth Form is about more than gaining qualifications. It's an opportunity to develop new skills, build confidence and prepare for life beyond school.

At OBA Sixth Form, every student takes part in enrichment or leadership activities alongside their studies. These experiences help you develop the qualities that universities, employers and apprenticeship providers value, including teamwork, communication, leadership and independence.

Opportunities to get involved

There are lots of ways to make the most of your time in Sixth Form, including:

- **Extended Project Qualification (EPQ).** The EPQ is a course widely recognised by all universities as a prestigious qualification which equips students with key academic skills required in higher education settings.
- **Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Award.** Students will be required to: volunteer one hour per week for 12 months.
- **Sixth Form Leadership Team.** You will become a member of the Sixth Form Leadership Team. As part of your responsibility for this you will work alongside the Assistant Principal for Personal Development and the lower school student parliament.
- **Subject mentoring and reading support.** Students working one hour per week within one of their chosen subjects to support lower school students, or supporting our librarians in the library.
- **Work experience.** You will be provided with the opportunity to complete a full week of work experience during Year 12 to develop a range of employability skills.
- **British Sign Language.** Students develop the basics in British Sign Language.
- **Sport and fitness activities.** Students will benefit from working on their own personal fitness using a variety of different gym equipment and working on a different area of the body weekly.
- **Music lessons.** Students will develop a skill with a particular instrument.
- **Core Maths.** Students who have maths featured as part of their options or learning pathway will benefit from additional support to prepare them for the demands of their A-Levels.

Our enrichment programme is designed to help you discover new interests, develop your talents and gain valuable experiences that will support your future ambitions.

Developing skills for life

Whether you're leading a team, supporting younger students, completing work experience or taking on a new challenge, every opportunity helps you grow in confidence and develop skills that will benefit you long after Sixth Form.

We encourage every student to get involved, try something new and make the most of everything Sixth Form has to offer.

Your campus

Our Sixth Form offers a modern, welcoming environment where you can learn, study and enjoy your time beyond the classroom.

You'll have access to dedicated Sixth Form facilities, including quiet study spaces, social areas and specialist classrooms designed to support your learning. Whether you're working independently, collaborating with classmates or taking a well-earned break, you'll find spaces that help you make the most of your day.

Our campus also offers excellent facilities for a wide range of subjects, including science laboratories, creative arts studios, IT suites, sports facilities and performance spaces, giving you access to the resources you need to succeed.

A place to learn and grow

As a Sixth Form student, you'll enjoy greater independence while continuing to benefit from the support of our experienced staff. You'll be encouraged to take responsibility for your learning, develop good study habits and make full use of the facilities available to you.

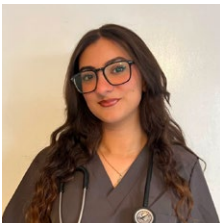
From your first day, you'll become part of a friendly and supportive community where you can feel confident, valued and ready to achieve your ambitions.

Your campus is more than just a place to study. It's where you'll build the skills, confidence and friendships to help shape your future.

Destinations and futures

Your time in Sixth Form is about preparing for the next stage of your journey. Whatever your ambitions, we'll provide the support, guidance and opportunities to help you achieve them. Many of our students progress to university, including Russell Group institutions, while others choose higher or degree apprenticeships or move directly into employment. Whatever pathway you choose, we'll help you take your next step with confidence. In 2026, 93% students passed their Level 3 qualifications.

Student stars from OBA Sixth Form

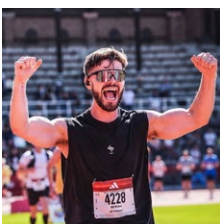


Engy Hamido Desouki

From OBA Sixth Form to Medical School

While studying Biology, Chemistry and Geography at OBA Sixth Form, alongside completing an Extended Project Qualification (EPQ), Engy played an active role in the wider Sixth Form community. As a member of the Student Leadership Team, she volunteered at school events and open days, while also supporting younger students through her involvement in music clubs. Engy has since progressed to Lancaster Medical School, where she is now in her fourth year studying Medicine. Her journey reflects how academic ambition, leadership and dedication can help students achieve their aspirations.

Engy says: "It's completely normal not to have all the answers. If you have a goal you're passionate about, don't let uncertainty hold you back. Keep asking questions, keep learning and keep working towards it."



Will Vichos

From OBA Sixth Form to personal training and online coaching

During his time at OBA Sixth Form, Will embraced a wide range of opportunities, including the football team, the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, dragon boating and tutoring Year 11 students in maths. Alongside these experiences, he studied Business, IT, Maths and Greek, developing valuable skills both inside and outside the classroom. After leaving OBA Sixth Form, Will went on to study Accounting and Finance at university in Liverpool. Through exploring different interests and experiences, he discovered his passion for fitness and helping others achieve their goals. Today, he works as a personal trainer and online coach, supporting clients to improve their health, confidence and wellbeing.

Will says: "Try as many different things as you can while you're young and stepping into the real world. Give each opportunity enough time to know whether it's something you genuinely enjoy. If it doesn't inspire you or make you want to keep improving, don't be afraid to move on and try something new."

Helping you achieve your ambitions

For students aiming for highly competitive universities or courses, our OBA Scholars Programme provides additional opportunities, including university partnerships, the Sutton Trust, EPQ and specialist support with applications to Russell Group universities, including Oxford and Cambridge.

From the moment you join us, we'll work with you to develop the knowledge, skills and confidence you need to achieve your goals and build a successful future.

Wherever you want to go next, we're here to help you get there.

How to apply

Applying to OBA Sixth Form is simple, and our team is here to support you throughout the process.

Your application journey

Explore your options

Choose the subjects and pathway that best match your interests, strengths and future ambitions.



Apply online

Complete our online application form through the Academy website. You can also contact one of the Sixth Form team on 01928 711 643. If you are thinking of joining us from outside of our main school, you will need to complete and return a reference request form ensuring that it has been signed by a member of staff from your previous school.



Meet the team

We'll discuss your subject choices, answer any questions and make sure you've chosen the right pathway for your future.



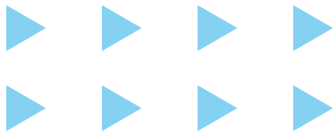
Receive your GCSE results

Once you've received your results, we'll confirm your place and finalise your programme of study, provided you have met the entry requirements for your chosen courses.

Need some advice?

If you're unsure about your subject choices or would like to find out more about life at Bolingbroke Sixth Form, our team is always happy to help. We're here to answer your questions and guide you through every stage of the application process.

We look forward to welcoming you to Bolingbroke Sixth Form and helping you take the next step towards your future.



Step up to A-Level

Moving from GCSEs to Sixth Form is an exciting step, and we're here to help you make a confident start. Our Step Up to A-Level programme has been designed to prepare you for the demands of Level 3 study, helping you develop the knowledge, skills and study habits you'll need to succeed.

Getting ready for September

Before you start, you'll receive subject-specific 'bridging the gap' transition activities to complete over the summer. These will help you:

- Refresh your knowledge from GCSE
- Explore topics you'll study in Year 12
- Develop independent study skills
- Feel confident and prepared for your chosen courses

Supporting your transition

When you join us, you'll take part in an induction programme and subject activities designed to help you settle into Sixth Form. During your first few weeks, your teachers will assess your progress and provide any additional support you may need. Our aim is to make the move to Sixth Form as smooth as possible, giving you the best possible start to your studies.

With the right preparation and support, you'll be ready to succeed from day one.

Stage 1

Students receive Bridging the Gap resources and complete the work over the summer. *Resources are made accessible to support the transition from GCSE level of work to Level 3/A-Level. This will consist of work packs and/or Google classrooms.*



Stage 2

Induction Day – Bridging the Gap workshop. *Tutor Programme will continue to develop study skills and practice learning habits that will positively impact course studies.*



Stage 3

Baseline assessment in each subject in September. *Completed in the first four weeks of the course based on the content of the Bridging the Gap work. This enables subject leaders to identify students' strengths and areas for development and make informed planning and intervention choices. The aim of this is to support the students as well as ensuring they are on the most suitable course and realistically going to be successful.*



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