Your Future Your Choice



Post 16 Prospectus 2027 - 2028

Waltham Forest

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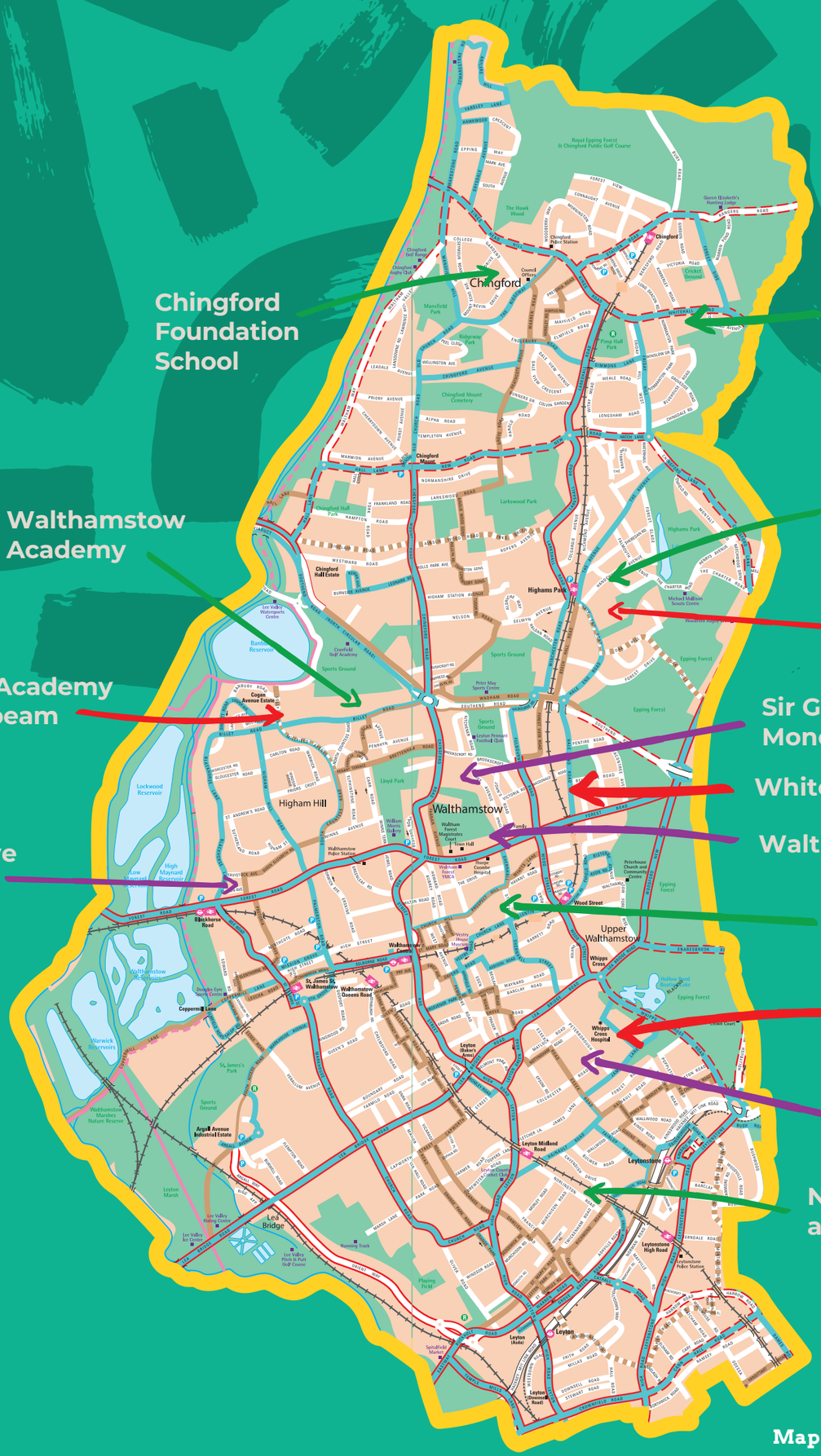
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Map of sixth forms and colleges across Waltham Forest

Key

- Special Schools
- Independent colleges
- School sixth forms



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Deciding what to do next

Young people in England must stay in education or training, or take up an employment opportunity, after leaving school at 16.

When it comes to your post-16 options, you have many options available, including apprenticeships, T Levels, A Levels, technical and vocational qualifications, applied general qualifications, and supported internships.

When deciding which pathway is right for you, you should:

- Think about what you enjoy – what are your favourite subjects at school? What are your interests outside of school or college?
- Think about how you learn best – through reading and studying, or through practical activities? Do you work best independently, or do you enjoy working with others?
- Talk to adults you trust and who know your strengths – perhaps ask them about the path they took at 16.

Getting advice

You can also talk to career advisers at your school or college.

Before leaving school or college, you are entitled to a one-to-one careers guidance interview with a qualified careers adviser. In schools, the careers leader will arrange an appointment for you.

If you are a student at one of our local colleges, you can make an appointment by contacting the college careers service directly:

Waltham Forest College	myfuture@waltham.ac.uk	020 8501 8501
Sir George Monoux College	careers@sgmc.ac.uk	020 8523 3544 (ext. 3429)
Leyton Sixth Form College	careers@leyton.ac.uk	book directly
Big Creative Education	cafeworks@bigcreative.education	book directly

The London LMI Career Platform

Use The London LMI Career Platform to:

- ✓ Explore your post-16 options – sixth form, college, training, and apprenticeships
- ✓ Create a free account to get career ideas matched to your interests and subjects
- ✓ Build your CV or personal statement by recording your skills and achievements
- ✓ Search real job ideas linked to what you enjoy and what you're good at
- ✓ Find careers that are in demand in London, with information on pay and progression
- ✓ Link to UCAS to explore university options for the future

Visit: locallondon.startprofile.com/page/waltham-forest

National Careers Service

If you're 13+ and live in England, the National Careers Service offers free careers advice.

Call: 0800 100 900

Webchat: nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/contact-us

Mon–Fri: 8am–8pm | Sat: 10am–5pm

Free from most mobiles and landlines



Waltham Forest Council SEND Service

If you have an Education, Health and Care (EHC) plan, the SEND Service is here to support you as you get older and think about your future.

Your SEND Officer can help you to:

- Talk through your next steps after school or college
- Explore options like college, training, apprenticeships, work, or other pathways
- Understand what support you're entitled to
- Plan for adult life, including independence, health, and employment

You should be involved in decisions about your future, and your SEND Officer will work with you to make sure your views and goals are heard.

Need to get in touch?

Email: senteam@walthamforest.gov.uk

Want more information?

The Waltham Forest Local Offer has lots of useful information for young people, including:

- Preparing for adulthood
- Education, training, and employment
- Support for independent living and wellbeing

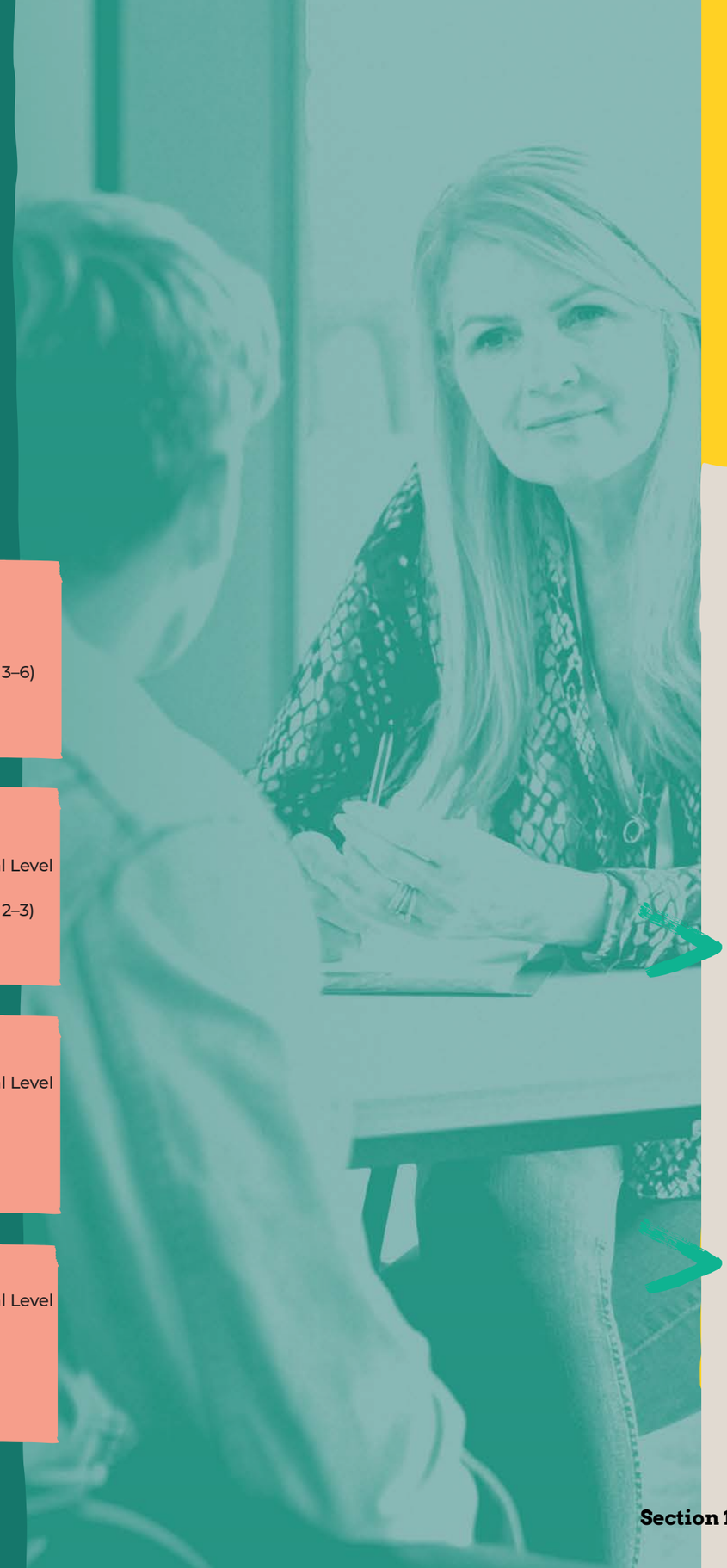
Find out more: **walthamforest.gov.uk/schools-education-and-learning/local-offer-special-educational-needs-and-disability-send**



Which pathway is right for you?

When it comes to continuing your education or getting into the world of work, there are many pathways available to you. Depending on your interests, what you enjoy, the qualifications and grades you have achieved, and how you feel you learn best, you can decide on the route below:

What is my current level/ predicted grades?	You could progress to	This could lead to
5 or more GCSE passes at grades 4 to 9, including English and maths	→ Applied general qualifications → A Levels → Technical and vocational Level 3 qualifications → T Levels → Apprenticeships (Levels 2–3)	→ Higher level courses → Degree or higher apprenticeships (Levels 3–6) → Employment
Fewer than 5 GCSE passes at grade 4 or above, or English or maths at grade 3 or below	→ Technical and vocational Level 2 qualifications → Foundation Apprenticeships (Level 2) → Pre apprenticeships	→ T Levels → Technical and vocational Level 3 qualifications → Apprenticeships (Levels 2–3) → Employment
Grade 1 to 3 at GCSE	→ GCSE English and/or maths → Technical and vocational qualifications at Levels 1 or 2 → Pre apprenticeships	→ Technical and vocational Level 2 or 3 qualifications → Supported internships → Employment
Entry level qualifications	→ Functional Skills in literacy or numeracy → Technical and vocational Level 1 qualifications → Foundation programmes	→ Technical and vocational Level 2 qualifications → Pre apprenticeships → Supported internships → Employment



Retaking maths and English

You need to get at least a grade 4 in maths and English Language.

If you don't get a grade 4 by the end of Year 11, you'll need to keep studying these subjects until:

- you pass, or
- you turn 18.

If you got a grade 3.

Studying full-time (540+ hours a year)

You must resit the GCSE.

Studying part-time (150–539 hours a year)

You can take Functional Skills instead of GCSEs.

If you got a grade 2 or below

You can take Functional Skills instead of GCSEs. (Functional Skills are usually more practical and job-focused)

The pathways

A Levels

Academic level 3 qualifications, similar in style to GCSEs, that prepare you for further study.

Duration:	Two years
Start date:	September
Assessment:	Mostly exams at the end of the course
Where will I study:	School sixth form, sixth form college, further education college
Level of study:	Level 3
How will I learn?	Classroom based work, coursework and exams
Entry requirements:	Set by each school and college, usually a minimum of 5 GCSEs grades 4 to 9. Strong GCSE grades are recommended particularly in the subject you want to study
Work experience:	Is often included in level 3 study. Generally, for one to two weeks to help employability skills
Awards UCAS points?	Yes
What does it lead to?	University/college, higher level or degree apprenticeship, work
How to apply:	Go to individual school and college websites

Applied general qualifications

Applied general qualifications are for students who want a broad study of a specific vocational area. They cover a wide range of subject areas, from applied science, business, health and social care to accountancy and horticulture. Examples include: some Pearson BTEC and some Cambridge Technical, AQA Certificate, NCFE Applied and many others.

Duration:	Two years
Start date:	September
Assessment:	Course work and exams
Level of study:	Level 3
Where will I study:	School sixth form, sixth form college, further education college
Entry requirements:	Set by each school & college, usually a minimum of 5 GCSEs grades 4 to 9
Work experience:	Yes
Awards UCAS points?	Yes
What does it lead to?	University/college, higher level or degree apprenticeship or work

Technical and vocational qualifications

Vocational courses provide qualifications related to a specific job e.g. carpenter, chef or beautician. The courses are practical and involve learning in real situations. Examples include Cambridge Technical, some Pearson BTEC, City and Guilds Diploma, AQA Technical, VTCT Diploma and many others.

Duration:	Entry level, level 1 and level 2 courses last for 1 year. Level 3 courses last for 2 years
Start date:	September. Some colleges have January start dates for entry/level 1 courses
Assessment:	Can include coursework, practical tests, and exams
Level of study:	From entry up to level 7
Where will I study:	Further education college, sixth form college and in some school sixth forms
Entry requirements:	Dependent on level, is set by each school and college
Work experience:	Course dependent
Awards UCAS points?	Some (course and awarding organisation dependent)
What does it lead to?	Apprenticeship, work, college



T Levels

T Levels are level 3 courses, equivalent to three A levels. T Levels involve more classroom study than apprenticeships, which means you can experience an industry while you continue your studies. You'll spend 80 per cent of your time in the classroom and 20 per cent on a 45-day placement with an employer to give you the skills and knowledge companies look for.

Duration:	Two years
Start date:	September
Assessment:	Exams, projects, and practical assignments
Level of study:	Level 3
Where will I study:	Further education colleges, sixth form colleges
Entry requirements:	Set by each school and college, usually a minimum of 5 GCSE grades 4 to 9
Work experience:	80 per cent classroom 20 per cent work
Awards UCAS points?	Yes
What does it lead to?	Apprenticeship, university, college, work
How to apply:	Search **www.tlevels.gov.uk/students** to find schools or colleges offering T Levels

Apprenticeships

Apprenticeships are real jobs with a recognised qualification and a salary. They combine practical training in a job with study. As an apprentice, you will: work alongside experienced staff, gain job-specific skills, earn a wage, get holiday pay, and be given time for study related to your role

Duration:	Take between 1 and 2 years to complete depending on the level
Start date:	Opportunities are advertised throughout the year
Assessment:	Practical and written assignments
Where will I study:	Off the job with a training provider or further education college
Level of study:	Levels 2 to 7
Entry requirements:	· Level 2/intermediate · Level 3/advanced - 5 GCSEs, grades 4 to 9 · Levels 4/5 higher – level 3 qualification, additional requirements set by the employer · Level 6/7 – levels 3, 4, and 5. Set by the employer, dependent on apprenticeship level, and the industry
Work experience:	Yes, it's a paid job with at least 20 per cent off the job training
Awards UCAS points?	No
What does it lead to?	Higher level or degree apprenticeship, university/college, work
How to apply:	Go to **www.apprenticeships.gov.uk** to set up an account to search and apply for apprenticeships

Supported/inclusive apprenticeships

Inclusive apprenticeships have been designed for individuals who have a recognised learning difficulty and/or disability and have an Education, Health and Care (EHC) plan

Duration:	Take between 1 and 2 years depending on the course
Start date:	Opportunities are advertised throughout the year
Assessment:	Practical and written assignments
Where will I study:	With an independent training provider or a college
Level of study:	Levels 2 to 6
Entry requirements:	Employers may specify candidate requirements within the details of an apprenticeship vacancy
Work experience:	Yes
Awards UCAS points?	No
What does it lead to?	Higher level or degree apprenticeship, university / college, work
How to apply:	Speak to careers advisers at school or college or your Waltham Forest SEND Officer

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Pre-apprenticeships

A pre-apprenticeship programme is a stepping stone to get into the industry of your choice. You will take short courses to improve your existing skills & have support from a job coach.

Duration:	From 3 months to 1 year
Start date:	September
Assessment:	N/A
Where will I study:	In a college or with an independent training provider
Level of study:	Entry 3 to level 2
Entry requirements:	N/A
Work experience:	Yes
Awards UCAS points?	No
What does it lead to?	Apprenticeships, employment
How to apply:	Speak to careers advisers at school or college or your Waltham Forest SEND Officer

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Supported Internships

A Supported Internship is a study programme specifically aimed at young people with an Education, Health & Care (EHC) Plan who want to move into employment & need extra support to do so. You will be offered a higher level of support than an apprentice. In the work place you will work towards securing employment.

Duration:	12 months
Start date:	Some will start in September; others will be available all year round
Assessment:	Course dependent. You can take vocational qualifications and if required, have numeracy and literacy support
Where will I study:	For pre-placement training and off the job learning a further education college, sixth form college, school sixth-form or independent training provider
Level of study:	Level 1 or 2
Entry requirements:	Aged 16 to 24 with an Education and Health Care Plan • Have employment as your focus • Have had work experience at school or college, and really want to work • Be at the right stage in your learning and development to benefit from a supported internship
Work experience:	Yes
What does it lead to?	Work, apprenticeship
How to apply:	Speak to your careers adviser in school or college, or your SEND Officer

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Pre-supported internships/ supported work experience

A course to help young people with an Education, Health & Care (EHC) Plan prepare for a Supported Internship. It will help you understand what skills you have and need to gain to get a Supported Internship. The course will be practical and help you prepare for different types of jobs.

Duration:	1 - 2 years
Start date:	September
Assessment:	N/A
Where will I study:	In a college or with an independent training provider
Level of study:	Entry level 2 or working towards entry 3
Entry requirements:	EHC plan / vocational profiling
Work experience:	Yes
Awards UCAS points?	No
What does it lead to?	Supported Internship

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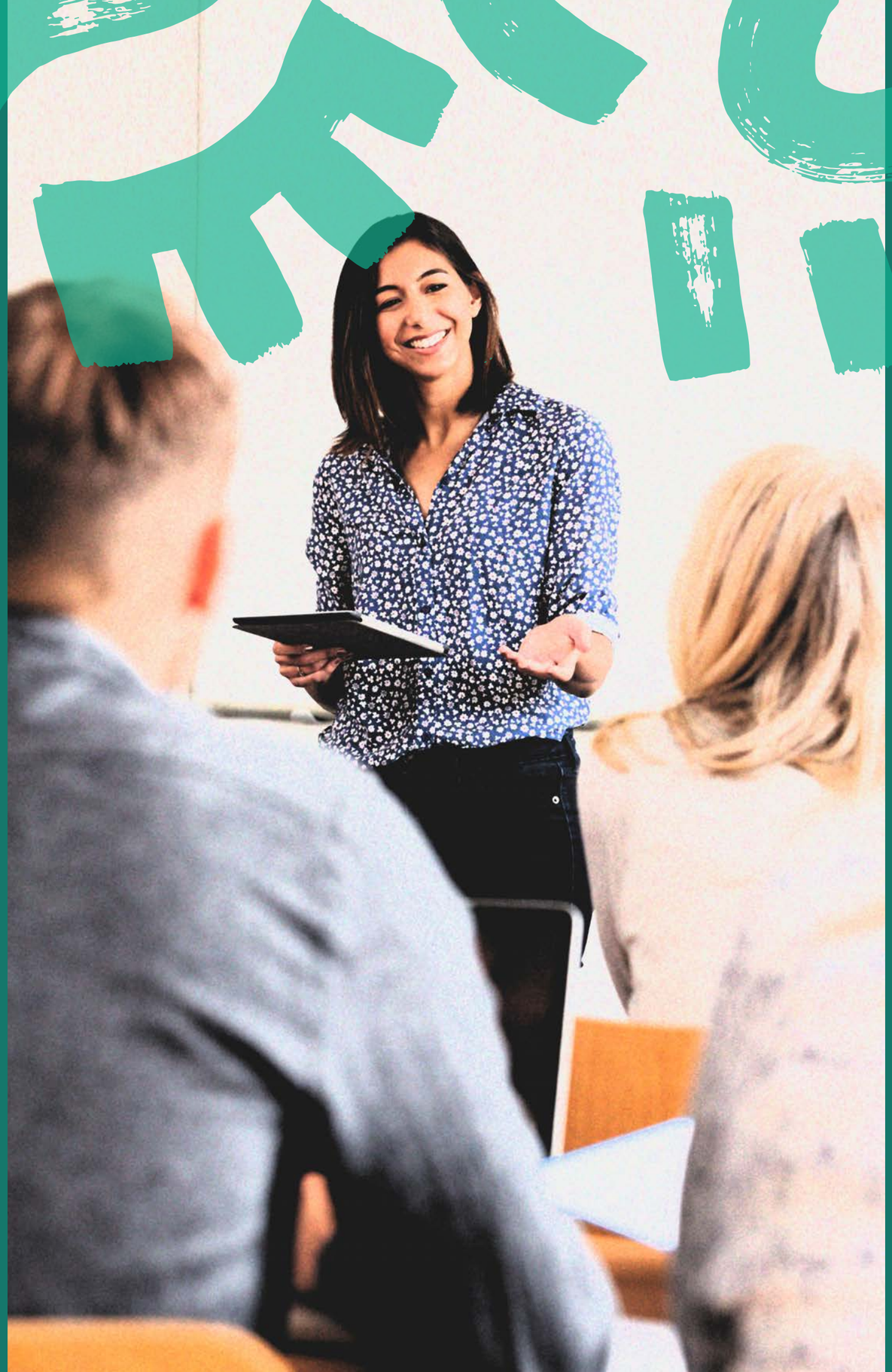
Where can you study or train?

Further Education (FE) Colleges

FE colleges offer a wide range of courses, including full-time, part-time, day and evening options for young people and adults. You can study from entry level up to level 4, with choices like ESOL, GCSEs, A levels, T levels, applied generals, apprenticeships, technical and vocational courses, higher education, and career-focused courses for adults. Some large colleges are spread across more than one campus.

Independent training providers

Independent training providers run short courses, Supported Internships, and work with employers to deliver the training part of apprenticeships.



School sixth forms

School sixth forms are for 16–19-year-olds and are part of a secondary school. They can feel more structured because the site is usually shared with younger students. They offer A levels, applied general courses, and some sixth forms also run level 2 courses. You can retake GCSE maths and English if you didn't get a grade 4 or above. School sixth forms are usually smaller than most sixth form and further education colleges.

Sixth form colleges

Sixth form colleges are usually more relaxed than school sixth forms and often offer a wider range of courses. Like school sixth forms, they are for students aged 16 to 19.

At sixth form colleges, you can study courses from entry level right up to Level 3. There's lots of choice, including A levels, applied general qualifications, and technical and vocational courses.

How to apply?

How you apply depends on the pathway you choose. Each school or college explains how to apply on their website, including what you need to do and when.

If you're not sure or need a bit of help, speak to your school or college careers adviser – they're there to support you with your application.

Choosing where to apply

All sixth forms and colleges hold open events. These give you the chance to visit, look around the building, learn more about the courses you are interested in, and meet staff and current students. Visiting an open event can help you decide which pathway is right for you.

If you find crowds and noise overwhelming, you can contact the college and ask about quiet visits.



Student Support

Every education provider has a student support team – you can find their details on the school or college website. Their job is to help you with anything that might be getting in the way of your learning or day-to-day life.

- Money help – info about bursaries, hardship funds, and other financial support
- Wellbeing support – access to counselling, mental health support, or specialist services
- Study support – help with coursework, exams, and learning skills
- Peer mentors and student buddies – someone to talk to, guide you, or help you settle in

You don't need to wait until things feel overwhelming – reaching out early can make a big difference.

Questions to ask at open days

Choosing the Right Course

- If I start a course and realise it's not right for me, can I change to a different one?
- How long do I have to decide before it's too late to switch?

Timetable & Attendance

- How many hours a week will I be in lessons?
- What time does the day usually start and finish?
- Do I have to be in every day?

When I Don't Have a Lesson

- What am I expected to do if I have a free period?
- Where can I go during free time (library, study areas, common room)?
- Am I allowed to leave the site?

Support & Help

- What support is available if I'm struggling with the work?
- Who can I talk to if I'm worried about college, attendance, or personal stuff?

Enrichment & Experiences

- What extra activities are available (clubs, trips, work experience)?
- How will I find out about these opportunities?

After the Course

- Can this course help me go to university, an apprenticeship, or a job?
- Will I get help with applications and interviews?

Subjects offered by schools and colleges

	Big Creative Education	Chingford Foundation School	Heathcote School and Science College	Highams Park School	HFSIX	Leyton Sixth Form College	Norlington School and 6th Form	Sir George Monoux College	Waltham Forest College	Walthamstow Academy
Acting						●		●		
Applied Science									●	
Art & Design / Fine Art	●	●	●	●	●	●		●	●	●
Art & Design	●							●	●	
Art & Animation	●									
Automotive									●	
Barbering									●	
Beauty									●	
Biology		●	●	●	●	●	●	●		●
Bricklaying									●	
Business & Law								●	●	
Business Studies		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Business, Finance & Enterprise									●	●
Carpentry									●	
Chemistry		●	●	●	●	●	●	●		●
Childcare						●			●	
Computing		●	●	●		●	●	●	●	●
Construction			●						●	
Creative Media	●							●	●	
Criminology		●				●			●	
Dance	●	●						●		
Design (3D)			●	●		●			●	
Design and Technology – Product Design		●			●		●			
Design Engineer Construct								●		
Digital Media	●	●			●				●	
Digital Media and Animation									●	
Digital Production, Design and Development								●	●	

Subjects offered by schools and colleges

	Big Creative Education	Chingford Foundation School	Heathcote School and Science College	Highams Park School	HFSIX	Leyton Sixth Form College	Norlington School and 6th Form	Sir George Monoux College	Waltham Forest College	Walthamstow Academy
Drama	●									
Drama & Theatre Studies		●		●	●					
Early Childhood Development				●	●					
Economics		●	●	●	●	●	●	●		●
Electrical									●	
Electronics		●								
Engineering						●			●	
Engineering (Motorcycle)										
English Language		●	●	●		●		●	●	
English Literature		●	●	●	●	●	●	●		●
Enterprise Academy								●		
Environmental Sustainability		●								
English ESOL		●				●			●	
Fashion Design	●								●	
Fashion and Textiles			●			●			●	
Film Studies				●	●	●				
French		●		●	●	●		●		●
Further Maths		●	●	●	●	●	●	●		●
Game Design	●									
Games, Animation and VFX	●									
Geography		●	●	●	●	●	●	●		●
Graphic Design						●		●		
Hairdressing									●	
Health and Social Care				●	●	●		●	●	
History		●	●	●	●	●	●	●		●
Hospitality and Culinary Arts									●	
Italian						●				

Subjects offered by schools and colleges

	Big Creative Education	Chingford Foundation School	Heathcote School and Science College	Highams Park School	HFSIX	Leyton Sixth Form College	Norlington School and 6th Form	Sir George Monoux College	Waltham Forest College	Walthamstow Academy
IT		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	
Law						●		●	●	
Make-up for Media and Film	●									
Mathematical Studies (Core maths)				●		●				
Mathematics		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Media Studies	●	●		●	●	●		●		●
Media, Film and TV Production	●								●	
Music	●	●	●	●		●		●		
Music (Events Management, Production, Sound Engineering)	●									
Nursing								●	●	
Performing Arts	●					●		●		
Philosophy		●		●	●		●	●		●
Photography					●	●		●		
Physical Education		●	●				●			
Physics		●	●	●	●	●	●	●		●
Plumbing									●	
Politics / Government & Politics		●	●	●	●	●		●		●
Psychology		●	●	●	●	●		●		●
Public Services									●	
Religious Studies		●				●	●			●
Applied Science			●							
Science			●			●		●	●	
Sociology		●	●	●	●	●		●		●
Spanish		●	●		●	●		●		●
Sports	●		●		●	●	●	●		●
Travel & Tourism		●				●		●	●	

Subjects offered by special schools

	Joseph Clarke School	Lime Academy Hornbeam	Whitefield School	Project SEARCH East London
A Levels - variety	●			
Art - GCSE /Accredited		●		
Drama		●		
English		●		
Entry level	●		●	
Food Technology/Home cooking		●		
Functional Skills	●	●		
GCSE's	●	●	●	
ICT		●		
Maths		●		
Music	●	●		
Sports		●		
Pathway Programmes		●	●	
Supported Internships				●

Section 2: School sixth forms



32. **Chingford Foundation School**

34. **Heathcote School and Science College**

36. **Highams Park School**

38. **HFSIX**

40. **Norlington School and Sixth Form**

42. **Walthamstow Academy**

Details on individual school sixth forms



Courses and subjects offered

A LEVEL SUBJECTS:

- Art
- Biology
- Business
- BTEC Business
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- Design & Technology - Product Design
- Drama & Theatre
- Economics
- Electronics
- English Language
- English Literature
- French
- Geography
- History
- IT (Level 3 – National Information Technology AAQ)
- Maths
- Further maths
- Media Studies
- Creative Digital Media Production (Level 3 BTEC)
- Physical Education
- Physics
- Politics
- Psychology
- Religious Studies, Philosophy & Ethics
- Sociology
- Spanish

Chingford Foundation School

Address: Chingford Foundation School, 31 Nevin Drive, Chingford, London, United Kingdom, E4 7LT

Contact details: **Phone number:** 020 8506 3871
Email: sixth-form@chingfordfs.org.uk
Website: chingfordfoundation.org/Sixth-Form/Welcome

DfE number: 320/5401

Public transport links: **Bus routes:** 97, 313, 179, 379, 385, 215, 212, 397, 444
Train: Chingford Station *(Overground)*

Overview

Our aim is to develop students who are caring, resourceful, employable, and well-qualified, supporting our students to reach their high potential and move on to impressive destinations. 80 per cent of our most recent cohort successfully secured a place at a university of their choice, with over 30 per cent obtaining places at Russell Group universities, including competitive medicine courses at Oxford University.

We pride ourselves on providing a wide range of courses delivered by subject specialists, with numerous opportunities for additional academic enrichment and extra-curricular activities and a dedicated and experienced pastoral team to ensure all our students are supported through their time in the sixth form.

SEND Support and programmes

Chingford Sixth Form benefits from full integration with the wider school and their dedicated Special Educational Needs department, allowing us access to specialised staff and resources to support our students' needs.



"The sixth form continues to be a strength of the school. Students in the sixth form are role models to younger pupils."

- OFSTED 2023



How and when to apply

Applications are welcome at any time, but especially after our Open Evening in January.

All applications received on time will be processed in accordance with our admissions criteria. Applications received after the closing date will be processed only if spaces remain available once applications made prior have been processed.

When applicants have been notified of the offer of a place, they will be invited to a subject choice interview where their subject choices can be confirmed and their transition process into the sixth form can begin.

Open Days dates

Thursday 7 January 2027 (6pm to 8.30pm)

"From the moment we step through the doors, we're greeted by passionate teachers who inspire us to be our best selves."

- Muhammed, Sixth Form Student



Courses and subjects offered

Courses on offer (all dependent on numbers applying):

A LEVEL SUBJECTS:

- Art: Fine Art
- Biology
- Business Studies
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- DT: 3D Design
- Economics
- English Language
- English Literature
- Extended Project Qualification
- Further Maths
- Geography
- History
- Mathematics
- Physical Education
- Physics
- Politics
- Psychology
- Sociology

AAQ/BTEC COURSES:

- AAQ Level 3 Extended Certificate in Applied Science
- AAQ Level 3 Ext Cert in Health & Social Care(1 A level Equivalent)
- AAQ Level 3 Ext Cert in Human Biology (1 A level equivalent)
- AAQ Level 3 Ext Cert in IT (1 A level equivalent)
- BTEC Business (1, 2, 3 A level equivalent)
- BTEC Sport (1, 2 A level equivalent)
- CTEC Applied Science

Heathcote School and Science College

Address: 96 Normanton Park, London E4 6ES

Contact details: **Phone number:** 020 8498 5110
Email: heathcote.sixthform@heathcote.waltham.sch.uk
Website: www.heathcoteschool.com

DfE number: 320/4063

Public transport links: **Bus routes:** 179, 212, 444
Train: Chingford Station *(Overground)*

Overview

At Heathcote Sixth Form, we provide a high-quality, personalised curriculum designed to meet the ambitions of every pupil. With a flexible combination of A-Level and vocational pathways, we ensure that all learners are supported in achieving their future goals – whether that be university, apprenticeships, or employment.

Our dedicated sixth form centre, complete with a fully staffed Learning Resource Centre open from 8:00am to 5:00pm, offers a calm, professional environment where pupils develop the independence, discipline, and study skills required for success beyond school.

Our outcomes reflect our commitment to excellence:

- 28 per cent of grades at A-A*
- 55 per cent at A-B*
- 77 per cent at A-C*
- 100 per cent pass rate in vocational courses

These results place us within the top 25 per cent of schools nationally and demonstrate the strength of our teaching, support, and ambition for every pupil.



"I feel that Heathcote has helped me to get ready for my next step in further education by teaching me life skills and setting goals for the future."
- Student

Open Days dates

Wednesday 13 January 2027 from 5 to 7pm (provisional)

Enrichment and Opportunities
What truly sets Heathcote apart is our exceptional enrichment programme, designed to broaden horizons and build the skills pupils need to thrive in a competitive world. Opportunities include:

- The Envision Programme – developing leadership, teamwork, and social responsibility through real-world projects
- The Realising Opportunities Programme – supporting access to leading universities through mentoring and guidance
- The Zurich Kickstart Mentoring Programme – connecting pupils with industry professionals for career insight and inspiration
- Educational visits and international trips – including trips to Berlin and the USA in 2026
- Academic extension opportunities – such as the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ), Bar Mock Trial Competition, and the Science & Innovation Competition at Imperial College London

Leadership, Community and Personal Development
At Heathcote, pupils are not just learners – they are leaders and role models. Our sixth formers play a central role in school life through:

- Volunteering across the school
- Leading charitable initiatives and fundraising
- Supporting younger pupils through mentoring

These experiences develop confidence, resilience, and a strong sense of social responsibility, preparing pupils to make a meaningful contribution to society.

Outstanding Pastoral Care
We pride ourselves on providing exceptional pastoral support, ensuring every pupil feels valued, supported, and guided throughout their journey.

Our experienced team offers tailored support for:

- Oxbridge and competitive university applications
- Medicine and high-demand courses
- Apprenticeships and career pathways

We are committed to ensuring every pupil leaves Heathcote with a clear direction and the tools to succeed.

A Truly Inclusive Sixth Form
Heathcote Sixth Form is a warm, inclusive, and aspirational community where every pupil is encouraged to discover their passions and fulfil their potential.

Deaf Support Department
Our Deaf Support Department provides specialist provision for pupils with significant hearing loss, where the sixth form is named in the Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP). Support includes in class support using a Communication Support Worker, Speech and Language support, development of BSL, audiology and support with emotional wellbeing. This ensures that all pupils can fully access learning and thrive within our sixth form environment.

How and when to apply

For full details on how to apply please visit our school website **heathcoteschool.com/sixth-form/admissions/**

Applications for entry for September 2027 will open on Monday 7 December 2026

Courses and subjects offered

A LEVEL SUBJECTS:

- Art
- Biology
- Business Studies
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- Drama and Theatre Studies
- Early Childhood Development AAQ
- Economics
- English Language
- English Literature
- Film Studies
- French
- Geography
- Government and Politics
- History
- Maths & Further maths
- Mathematical Studies (Core maths)
- Media Studies
- Music
- Philosophy
- Physics
- Psychology
- Sociology
- 3D Design

APPLIED GENERAL QUALIFICATIONS:

- Business Studies
- Health and Social Care

TECHNICAL AWARD SUBJECTS:

- IT: Data Analytics Cambridge National (AAQ)

Highams Park School

Address:	Handsworth Avenue, Highams Park, London, E4 9PJ
Contact details:	**Phone number:** 020 8527 4051 **Email:** enquiries@highamsparkschool.co.uk **Website:** highamsparkschool.co.uk
DfE number:	320/5400
Public transport links:	**Bus routes:** 212, 275, W16 **Train:** Highams Park overground station is approximately five minute walk from the school.

Overview

Highams Park Sixth Form is rated Outstanding by OFSTED (May 2024). OFSTED commented that the sixth form is a 'key strength of the school' and that our students have an exemplary range of opportunities on offer to them.

Our Key Stage 5 results since the academic year of 2018/19 have been excellent, both our A level and level 3 BTEC results placed Highams Park School within the top 25 per cent of post-16 education providers nationally for student progress. In 2024 and 2025, we were awarded the ALPs Gold Award for Outstanding progress, and our valued added score of +0.2 is significantly above the national average. In 2025, we were the only sixth form in Waltham Forest with above average progress in both Academic Qualifications and Vocational Qualifications.

Three key factors behind these outstanding results are firstly, the hard working and dedicated nature of the students who join our sixth form; secondly, our highly experienced teaching staff who are all specialists in their subjects; and thirdly, our purpose built sixth form facilities, that includes dedicated sixth form classrooms and three separate sixth form study areas, supporting our students in becoming independent learners.

"As a sixth form student at Highams Park School you will be valued, challenged and nurtured, leaving better prepared to take your next step, whether that is progressing onto higher education, or entering employment."

- Highams Park student

Our extensive co-curricular programme, The Highams Park Horizons Pathway, is integral in enabling our students to expand their knowledge beyond the classroom and in supporting students in making important connections with key employers and educational institutions around the UK. This has enabled all of our students to move onto their desired destination.

Taster Day

Thursday 2 July 2026

Courses and subjects offered

We are proud of our sixth form provision – not only is it extremely successful academically, but we offer a wide range of courses, some students taking 4 x A levels and aspiring to Oxbridge, through to supporting students who did not achieve high enough GCSE grades to qualify for level 3 study being offered a one-year 'Bridging Course' allowing them to reapply the following year.

highamsparkschool.co.uk/Subject-Entry-Criteria/

How and when to apply

Students can apply to our sixth form even if they attended a different school in years 7 to 11. Our applications will open after our open evening and the deadline for completion will be Sunday 22nd February 2027 (may be subject to change) by completing our online application form.

More information can be found at:
highamsparkschool.co.uk/6th-Form-Application-Process/



Courses and subjects offered

A LEVEL SUBJECTS:

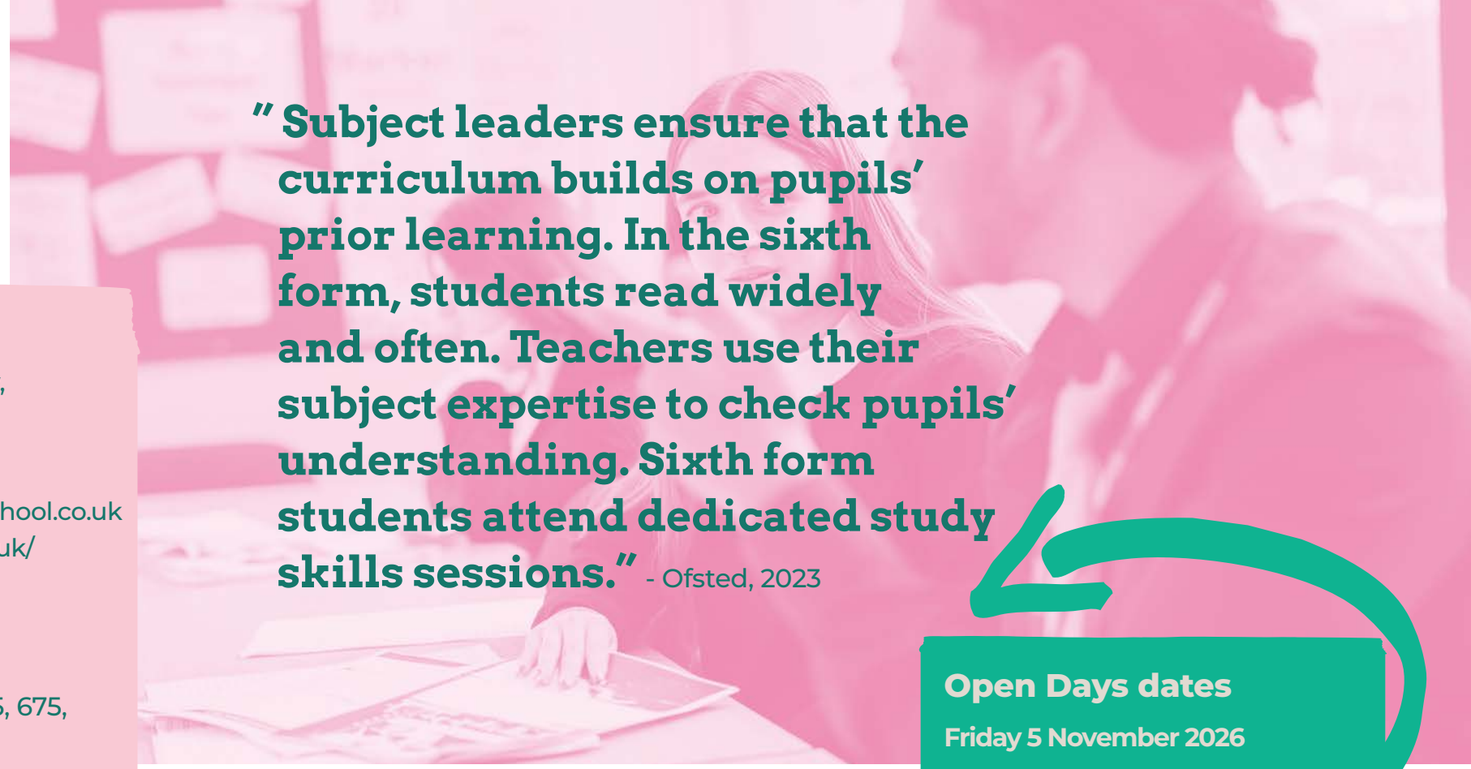
- Art & Design (Fine Art or Photography)
- Biology
- Business Studies
- Chemistry
- Design & Technology: Product Design
- Drama & Theatre Studies
- Economics
- English Literature
- Film Studies
- French
- Geography
- History
- Maths & Further Maths
- Philosophy and Ethics
- Physics
- Politics
- Psychology
- Sociology
- Spanish

APPLIED GENERAL QUALIFICATIONS:

- BTEC Health and Social Care
- BTEC Business
- BTEC IT AAQ
- BTEC Sport
- BTEC Childhood Studies AAQ
- BTEC Media BTEC Business National Diploma
- Philosophy and Ethics
- BTEC IT National Extended Certificate AAQ
- BTEC Creative Digital Media National Foundation Diploma
- BTEC Sport National Extended Certificate

Note: Students can take a combination of vocational qualifications as long as the weighting is no less than the equivalent of 2.5 A Levels.

HFSIX



" Subject leaders ensure that the curriculum builds on pupils' prior learning. In the sixth form, students read widely and often. Teachers use their subject expertise to check pupils' understanding. Sixth form students attend dedicated study skills sessions." - Ofsted, 2023

Open Days dates

Friday 5 November 2026

Address:	Walthamstow House Site, 1 Shernhall Street, Walthamstow, London, E17 3EA
Contact details:	**Phone number:** 020 8520 0482 **Email:** hfsix@holyfamilycatholicschool.co.uk **Website:** holyfamily.waltham.sch.uk/sixth-form
DfE number:	320/4603
Public transport links:	**Bus routes:** 212, 179, W16, 123, 275, 675, 230, W12 **Train:** Walthamstow Central *(Victoria Line)* Wood Street Station *(London Overground)* **Superloop S2**

Overview

Discover your potential at Holy Family Sixth Form. We offer a vibrant learning environment where you can excel academically, develop life skills, and prepare for the modern world.

Why Choose Holy Family Sixth Form?

- **Academic Excellence: Our experienced educators provide personalised instruction to help you achieve your academic goals, offering a wide range of subjects.**
- **Holistic Education: Enjoy a balanced school experience with enrichment programs in sports, arts, and community service.**
- **Supportive Community: Join a caring community of students and teachers who guide you throughout your time here.**
- **Future-Ready: HFSIX equips you with critical skills for the future and prepares you for the evolving job market.**
- **Great Facilities: Benefit from well-equipped classrooms, libraries, labs, and technology resources.**
- **Excellent Support: Our SEND department offers 1:1 tutorial support for students with additional needs.**

SEND Support

HFSIX is an inclusive school and was awarded an Autism Accreditation in 2025. We are committed to providing tailored support to students with SEND through reasonable adjustments and exam access arrangements.

National Autistic Society | Autism Inclusion Award 2025

Careers

We are committed to preparing our students for life beyond school, equipping them with the skills, knowledge, and confidence they need for their next steps. Whether you're aiming for university, apprenticeships, or entering the workforce, our tailored whole school preparation ensures you are fully supported in making informed decisions about your future.

How and when to apply

Applications Open: 6 November 2026
Please see website for link to online application form. Application deadline: 29 January 2027

Please follow us for updates at:
instagram@HFCSwaltham
TikTok@hfcsofficial



Courses and subjects offered

A LEVEL SUBJECTS:

- Biology
- Business Studies
- Cambridge Technical Award IT (CTEC IT)
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- Design and Technology Product Design
- Economics
- English Literature
- Further maths
- Geography
- History
- Mathematics
- Physics
- Physical Education
- Religion and Philosophy

APPLIED GENERAL QUALIFICATIONS:

- AAQ BTEC Nationals IT
- Sport and Physical Activity
- Cricket Academy (please see website for more details)

Norlington School and 6th Form

Address: Norlington Road, Leyton, London E10 6JZ

Contact details:
D Kenyon
Phone number: 020 8539 3055
Email: dkenyon@norlington.school
Website: norlington.net

DfE number: 320/4064

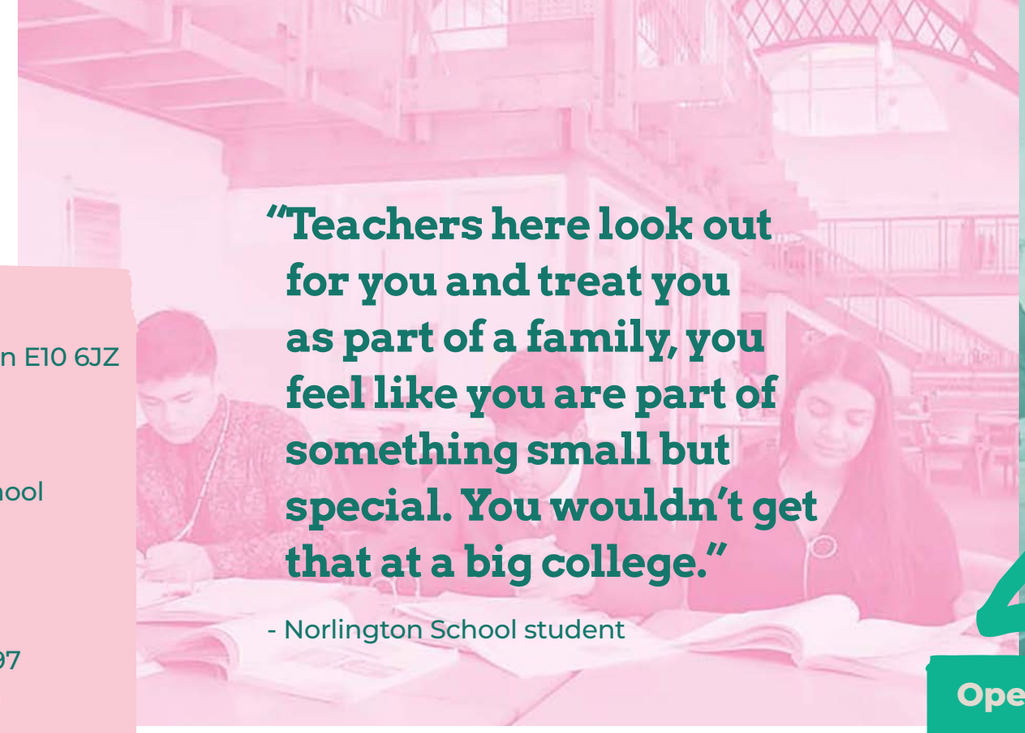
Public transport links:
Bus routes: W15, W16, W19, 69, 97
Train: Leytonstone Tube Station *(Central Line)*
Leyton Midland Road *(London Overground)*

Overview

At Norlington we think big. We are moving ever closer to becoming a world class leader in education. Norlington School has been recognised by the Minister of State for schools as one of the top 100 schools nationally on three separate occasions.

Building on this success, it is our aim for all our students to enter University or a Higher-Level apprenticeship and that every year, more than a third of students go to a Russell Group University.

We are a small sixth form, and our success lies in our capacity to provide a supportive environment where students are not just a statistic; here they are treated as individuals by staff who know and care about them. Norlington is a mixed sixth form and we welcome applications from both male and female students.



"Teachers here look out for you and treat you as part of a family, you feel like you are part of something small but special. You wouldn't get that at a big college."

- Norlington School student



Open Days dates

6th Form Open Evening TBC

SEND Support and programmes

Here at Norlington, we are an inclusive school. We work closely with parents and students to ensure that students with additional needs receive the support they need. We offer learning support assistants and access arrangements for those who qualify and will put individual support plans in place for students with EHCPs. The SEND department is situated close to our sixth form Centre, which allows for a collaborative approach to supporting students with any additional needs. Students and parents can come to the School for a tour and to discuss how we can meet individual needs.



How and when to apply

Applications can be completed online, full details on how to apply please visit our website.

"At Norlington your achievements are acknowledged and celebrated."

- Norlington School Graduate

Courses and subjects offered

A LEVEL SUBJECTS:

- Art & Design
- Biology
- Business
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- Economics
- English Literature
- Maths
- Further maths
- Media Studies
- Geography
- History
- Physics
- Government and Politics
- Psychology
- Religion, Philosophy & Ethics
- Sociology
- Spanish

APPLIED GENERAL QUALIFICATIONS:

- BTEC Level 3 in Business

Walthamstow Academy

Address:	Billet Road, Walthamstow, E17 5DP
Contact details:	**Phone number:** 020 8527 3750 **Email:** info@walthamstow-academy.org **Website:** walthamstow-academy.org
DfE number:	320/6905
Public transport links:	**Bus routes:** 158, W11 **Train:** Blackhorse Road Station *(Overground)* Walthamstow Central *(Victoria Line & Overground)*

Overview

Walthamstow Academy Sixth Form continues to be a high performing post-16 provider, consistently producing strong A Level and BTEC results over many years. We offer a rigorous, inclusive and supportive environment where students are academically challenged and also developed to realise their post-18 ambitions and grow into confident, successful young adults.

Our sixth form experience is founded on expert teaching, high expectations, dedicated pastoral care and also providing as many opportunities for students to develop their character, passions and interests as we can across the course of the two years they study with us.

In addition, we provide excellent information, advice and guidance, and myriad extra-curricular and super-curricular opportunities to our sixth form students, including personalised careers, apprenticeships and UCAS support. On average, 75 per cent of our students go on to study at top third and Russell Group universities in the UK, a statistic which reflects the excellent teaching, relentless ambition and dedicated support and care we offer our students throughout the duration of their sixth form experience.



"Teachers have demonstrated again and again that they aim for the best in us, instilling us with beliefs of success and achievement that fuelled our determination and ambition."

- Year 12 student

SEND Support and programmes

We are an inclusive school and offer the full curriculum to all students who meet our academic entry requirements. Reasonable adjustments and access arrangements are provided for all students who qualify for this additional support. Please do come along to either our Open Evening or one of our Sixth Form in Action Mornings to find out more.

How and when to apply

Applications can be completed online; for full details on how to apply please visit our website.

Our prospectus, subject details and other useful information is available online to help you make the right choices for your A Level or Level 3 BTEC course choices.



Open Days dates

January 2027

Details for our Open Evening and other open events can be found at www.walthamstow-academy.org/sixth-form.

SCAN HERE

Attend our sixth form in Action Mornings to see our students thriving in their classrooms in exciting lessons with our brilliant sixth form teachers. Book online to come in and see the sixth form during a normal day and see what makes Walthamstow Academy so special.

"I always knew that whatever I was going through that there would be someone there for me."

Section 3: Independent colleges

Details on independent colleges

46. **Big Creative Education**

48. **Leyton Sixth Form College**

50. **Sir George Monoux College**

52. **Waltham Forest College**



Courses and subjects offered

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Level 1: 2 or more GCSEs at grade 1 plus English Entry Level 3 or above (or equivalent)

Level 2: 3 GCSEs at grade 4 or above including English (or equivalent)

Level 3: 5 GCSEs at grade 4 or above including English (or equivalent)

LEVEL 1 SUBJECTS:

Music Performance
Music Production
Media Production
Digital Media

LEVEL 2 SUBJECTS:

Music Performance (Year 1 & 2)
Music Production (Year 1 & 2)
Creative Media Production
Media Production – Web and Graphic Design
Games Design
Art and Design
Performing Arts (Dance/Drama combined)
Sports Studies

LEVEL 3 SUBJECTS:

Music Performance
Music Production
ESports
Games Design (Year 1 & 2)
NXT GEN (Year 1 & 2)
Art and Animation (Year 1 & 2)
Art and Design
Fashion Design
T-Level in Fashion Design
Drama
Dance
Sports Studies
Makeup for Media, Film & TV
Music Events Management (Year 1 & 2)
T-Level in Digital Production, Design & Development
Digital Design & Development (Year 1 & 2)

LEVEL 4:

Art

We offer Level 4 Performance for Music/Drama, however this is only available to internally progressing students.

We also offer apprenticeships and adult learning courses open to all ages. For more info, please visit our website.

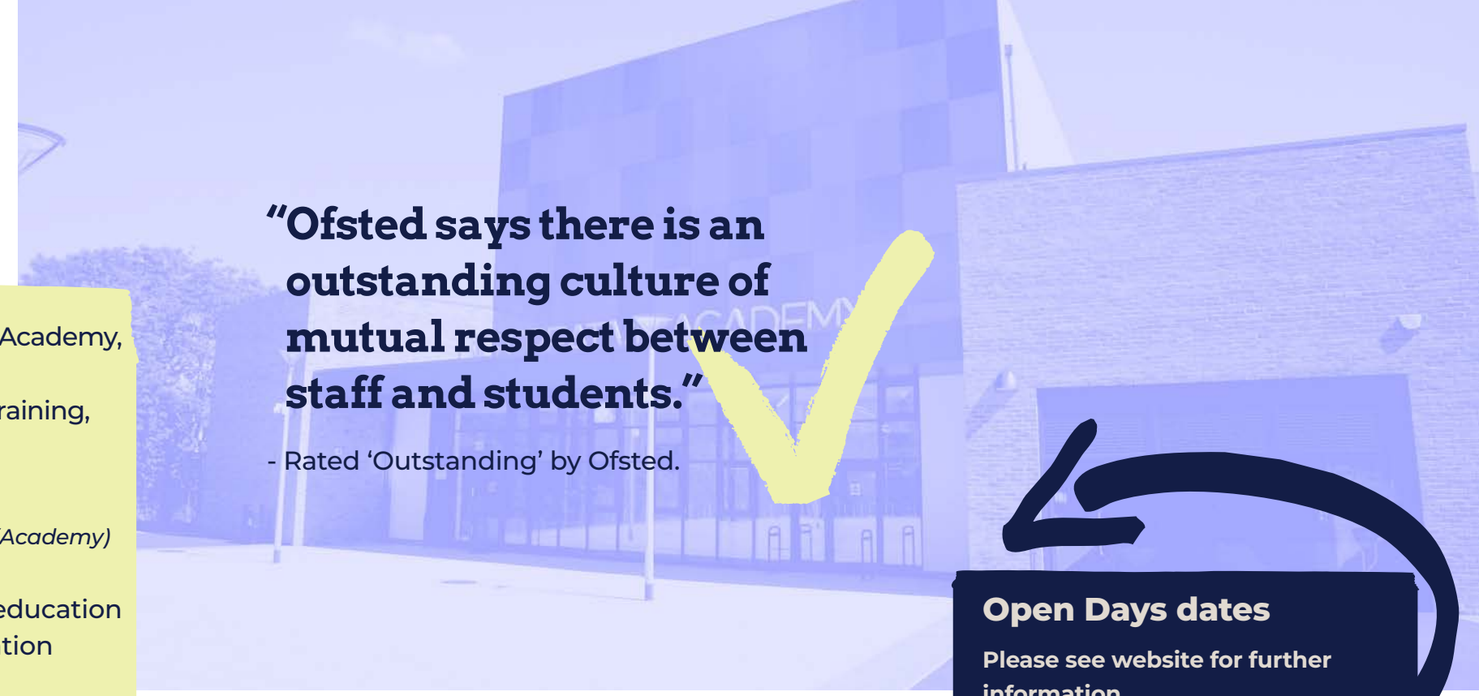
Big Creative Education (BCE)

Address:	**Academy Campus –** Big Creative Academy, Clifton Avenue, London E17 6HL **Training Campus –** Big Creative Training, Uplands House, Blackhorse Road, London E17 5QJ
Contact details:	**Phone number:** 0208 498 3300 *(Academy)* 0203 873 5800 *(Training)* **Email:** admissions@bigcreative.education talissa.daniel@bigcreative.education *(Admissions Manager)* **Website:** bigcreative.education
DfE number:	141030
Public transport links:	**Bus routes:** 158, 123, 230 **Train:** Blackhorse Road Station *(Overground & Victoria line)*

Overview

Big Creative Education is the largest specialist creative arts college in London, hosting a wide variety of hands-on vocational courses. We aim to provide an industry-centric learning experience, with learners having access to work experience both local and overseas, various industry guest set briefs, talks, workshops, enrichment trips and more. Our learners are supported through their time with us by our dual practitioner tutors who are still active within industry, an extensive extracurricular programme, weekly well-being sessions, plus a student rep network providing support in both well-being and EDI (equality, diversity, and inclusion). You'll leave us with a portfolio and other professional materials and skills to either help you progress into a university/conservatoire, apprenticeship, or employment.

- **74 per cent of Level 3 students progress to university or a conservatoire**
- **78 per cent of BCE apprentices progress into creative careers within London**
- **97 per cent vocational success rate for Academy learners**



"Ofsted says there is an outstanding culture of mutual respect between staff and students."

- Rated 'Outstanding' by Ofsted.

Open Days dates

Please see website for further information

SEND Support and programmes

We have a number of SEN learners with us, some with EHCPs, who are supported at both campuses with additional learning support staff and arrangements as needed.

For SEN applicants who feel overwhelmed with attending our open events, please get in contact with our SEN departments below to request a visit on a date/time more suitable for you.

francine.corbin@bigcreative.education

hyacinth.slowley@bigcreative.education



"BCE helped me mould into the artist I am and inspired me to reach for greatness."

- Music artist & former learner Alana Soul

How and when to apply

To apply for one of our vocational courses, select the course page of interest and click 'Apply Now' to start your application. Alternatively, if you'd like to book a place for one of our Open Interview Evenings, please register by clicking through the 'Open Evening' button on our homepage, scrolling down and clicking 'Register'.

Courses and subjects offered

A LEVEL SUBJECTS:

- Biology
- Business
- Chemistry
- Computing
- Design (3D)
- Economics
- English Language
- English Literature
- Fashion & Textiles
- Film Studies
- Fine Art
- French
- Geography
- Graphic Design
- History
- Italian
- Law
- Maths
- Further maths
- Media
- Politics
- Photography
- Physics
- Psychology
- Religious Studies
- Sociology
- Spanish
- Textiles

VOCATIONAL

- Applied Biology
- Applied Science
- Acting
- Business
- Child Care/Early years (level 2 & T Level)
- Criminology
- Engineering
- ESOL
- Health and Social Care
- IT
- Law
- Core maths
- Media
- Music
- Performing Arts
- Photography
- Psychology
- Sport
- Travel & Tourism
- Vocational Studies – Media, Travel & IT

Leyton Sixth Form College

Address:	Leyton Sixth Form College, Essex Road, Leyton, London , E10 6EQ
Contact details:	**Phone number:** 020 8928 9000 **Email:** enquiry@leyton.ac.uk **Website:** leyton.ac.uk
Public transport links:	**Bus routes:** 69, 97, 158, W16, 357, 55, 56, W15, 20, 58, W19, 257, 230, W12 **Train:** Leytonstone *(Central line)*, Leyton *(Central line)*, Walthamstow Central *(Victoria line & Overground)*, Wood street *(Overground)*, Leyton Midland Road *(Overground)* **Bikes:** The College has extensive parking for bikes.

Overview

At Leyton Sixth Form College we seek to offer an unforgettable sixth form education characterised by academic achievement, stimulating learning experiences and extensive enrichment opportunities. Most of our students progress to Higher Education, many going on to study at top universities, art and drama schools and conservatoires, and we also support students to secure competitive apprenticeships and employment.

Teachers at Leyton Sixth Form College are subject specialists and experts in their vocational field or academic discipline. Our students benefit from excellent teaching in state-of-the-art facilities. We have high expectations and ambition for what they can achieve. Leyton Sixth Form College is more than just a place to study, though. Your time with us will enable you to successfully make the transition between school and higher education or the workplace. Even more importantly, it will broaden your horizons and provide you with the opportunity to develop new skills, make friends and contribute to an ambitious, caring and vibrant community.



"Students are keen to meet the high expectations set by their teachers. Staff push them to work hard and excel in their studies."

- Ofsted (2020)



See website for further information

SEND Support and programmes

At LSC our SEND provision has established a reputation for high-quality student-centred learning. We have a large team of specialist teachers that provide specific learning support across the entire curriculum including entry level ESOL provision, as well as one to one support.

Young people with an Educational Health Care Plan and those with High Needs will find an outstanding range of support which also addresses access arrangements for assessments and appropriate technological support in their studies.

"I am so happy and grateful for all the support I received. The teachers and experience were amazing."

- Raabia Saleem (A* Student)

How and when to apply

For full details on how to apply please visit our website **www.leyton.ac.uk**



Courses and subjects offered

Adult Nursing
Art
Art & Design
Biology
Business
Chemistry
Computer Science
Design Engineer Construct
Economics
English Language
English Literature
French
Further maths
Geography
Graphic Design
Healthcare Science
Health & Social Care
History
Law
Mathematics
Media
Performing Arts
Philosophy
Photography
Physics
Politics
Psychology
Sociology
Spanish
Sport
Travel & Tourism

T LEVELS

Digital Software Development
Digital Support and Security
Health (Adult Nursing)
Legal Services
Marketing and Science (Laboratory Sciences)

BTEC

Art and Design
Business with Law
Creative Media
Health and Social Care
Sport
Travel and Tourism

OTHER QUALIFICATIONS

Design Engineer Construct
Medical Science

Sir George Monoux College

Address:	Sir George Monoux College, 190 Chingford Road, Walthamstow, London, E17 5AA
Contact details:	**Phone number:** 020 8523 3544 **Email:** info@sgmc.ac.uk **Website:** sgmc.ac.uk
DfE number:	3208601
Public transport links:	**Bus routes:** 34, 97, 215, 357 **Train:** Walthamstow Central *(Victoria line)*, Walthamstow Queens Road *(Overground)*, Blackhorse Road *(Overground)*, Highams Park *(Overground)* **Superloop SL1**

Overview

Monoux students are happy, safe, work hard and have high aspirations.

Monoux is a remarkable and unique place to learn. We transform lives and give life to dreams. We have created a community that is hard-working and friendly, a community that is focused and supportive. Our student population is proudly diverse and united through respect and ambition.

We offer a wide range of pathways including A Levels, T Levels, BTECs and specialist courses, giving every student the chance to find the route that fits their goals and strengths. Whether they are aiming for university, higher apprenticeships or direct employment, our curriculum is built to open doors and raise aspirations. This year we celebrated our best results ever, a reflection of the dedication of our students and staff. Over the past year we have also seen our student numbers grow significantly, welcoming around twice as many learners while maintaining the same sense of belonging and individual support that defines us.

Our commitment to the whole person sits at the heart of everything we do, and we are proud to be rated Outstanding for Personal Development by Ofsted. It speaks to the culture we have built here, one where achievement matters, character matters, and every student is encouraged to believe that their future can be bigger than they first imagined.

"I chose Monoux because of the high achievement within the college. I knew I would be able to progress into university. Both of my brothers attended Monoux and were very successful; they got their choice of university and have excellent career prospects."

- Jessicka, Student

SEND Support and programmes

PERSONAL SUPPORT - At Monoux, we get to know each student and provide the support needed to help them succeed. A dedicated team of staff is available to offer support. Every student is allocated a Personal Mentor who will maintain an overview of the student's progress in college and can be approached at any point for advice. Students can also arrange to see our College Counsellor.

LEARNING SUPPORT - If a student has a medical condition, physical disabilities or specific learning needs (e.g. dyslexia, dyspraxia) we provide personalised support. Our Additional Learning Support Assistants work closely with students, supporting them in classrooms or on a one-to-one basis. We also have access to specialist dyslexia support and all of our buildings have wheelchair access.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT - Financial assistance is available through the bursary and free college meals scheme, subject to household income.

ACADEMIC SUPPORT AND CAREERS GUIDANCE - The Guidance Team, based in the Zone, offers one to-one sessions to support students in planning their next steps after college. The Higher Education Team provides comprehensive guidance throughout the UCAS application process. The Work Experience Team, located in the Careers Hub, supports students with CV writing, interview preparation, employability skills and securing placement

Open Days dates

Saturday 28 November 2026.
Visit website for more details.

How and when to apply

To apply please complete the application from our website **apply.sgmc.ac.uk/**



"Students benefit from studying in an environment in which they feel confident to work hard and be themselves."

Courses and subjects offered

VOCATIONAL (BTEC):
Applied Science
Art & Design
Automotive Engineering
Business & Accounting
Childcare
Construction – Carpentry, Bricklaying, Plumbing, Electrical and Painting & Decorating
Computing & IT
Criminology, Psychology & Law
Digital Media
Engineering
ESOL
Fashion
Foundation Learning (SEND)
Hairdressing, Barbering & Beauty
Health & Social Care
Hospitality & Culinary Arts
Public Services
Travel & Tourism

T LEVELS
Accounting
Business
Digital Production, Design and Development
Education and Childcare
Electrical and Electronic Engineering
Electrical Installation
Health – Adult Nursing
Health – Therapy Teams
Mechanical Engineering
Media, Broadcast and Production

APPRENTICESHIPS
Business
Early Years
Electrotechnical
Hairdressing
Plumbing, Gas & Non Domestic
Property Maintenance

FOUNDATION APPRENTICESHIPS OFFER
Finishing Trades
Onsite Trades
Health and Social Care
Software and Data

FOUNDATION LEARNING (SEND)
Pre-Entry:
Focus on Independence
Entry Level 1
Exploring Life Skills
Entry Level 2:
Independence Building
Preparations for Life & Work
Skills Build
Entry Level 3
Pathways to Vocational Studies
Pre-Supported Internship
Level 1:
Project Search Supported Internship

ADDITIONAL PROGRAMME
GCSE combined Science, English and Maths

Waltham Forest College

Address:	707 Forest Road, Walthamstow, London, E17 4JB
Contact details:	**Phone number:** 020 8501 8501 **Email:** myfuture@waltham.ac.uk **Website:** waltham.ac.uk
DfE number:	320/8001
Public transport links:	**Bus routes:** 275, 212, 34, 97, 215, 357, 123 **Train:** Walthamstow Central *(Overground)*, Wood street *(Overground)* **Bikes:** Bicycle parking is available at the College for all students, staff and visitors. **Superloop:** SL1 – North Finchley to Walthamstow SL2 – Walthamstow Central to North Woolwich

Overview and USP

Waltham Forest College has been ranked Number 1 in London for student achievement among 16–18-year-olds in the National Achievement Rate Tables (NARTs) for Further Education in England 2024/25. Rated 'Outstanding' by Ofsted, the College has built a strong reputation for excellence in technical and vocational education since its establishment in 1938, evolving into one of the UK's highest-performing further education institutions. Its success is driven by close collaboration with employers and industry partners, ensuring a curriculum that equips students with relevant skills and real-world experience, supported by over £20 million of recent investment in state-of-the-art facilities. The College offers a wide range of pathways, including T Levels, vocational qualifications, and apprenticeships, and fosters a supportive, aspirational environment where learners consistently achieve exceptional outcomes, placing it among the top 5 per cent of general further education colleges nationwide.

The sheer scale of student-run, student-led activities will give you the choice to try something new and meet new friends. Whatever your career aspirations, **#ThinkBIG!**

More facts about our college...

- 96 per cent of 16–18-year-old students' progress to university, apprenticeships, employment or further training
- 93 per cent secure their first-choice university
- Skills Builder Gold Award – Recognised for excellence in developing employability skills, and working with 600+ local and national employers
- Turing Scheme International Placements – Selected students complete work placements in Thailand, gaining global experience

"Waltham Forest College provided me with many opportunities to develop both personally and academically. Through completing the Silver and Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Awards and serving as Head Captain in Public Services, I built strong leadership skills and a sense of independence that I will carry forward to the University of Law."

-Nokulunga, Public Services Level 3, Progressed to University of Law

- The Duke of Edinburgh's Award – Opportunities to build resilience, leadership and teamwork through this nationally recognised programme
- College of Sanctuary – Proud to provide a safe, welcoming and inclusive environment for all
- Accreditation as Mayor of London's Quality Academy Status for Green, Hospitality, Health, Digital, Creative and Construction
- Empowers Learner Voice: Student Union, Class Reps and Student Green Team
- Paid employment opportunities for learners as ambassadors
- Free breakfast for ALL learners
- High quality work experience linked to your relevant course including international placements
- Expert staff from industry teaching courses aligned to industry requirements
- Achieved accreditation as WorldSkills UK's Centre of Excellence Training Centre
- Achieved whole College matrix accreditation status, demonstrating the high quality and consistent strength of its career information, advice and guidance services for learners and apprentices

Open Events 26/27 dates

Open Event 1: Wed 4 Nov 2026, 4pm – 7pm
Open Event 2: Sat 30 Jan 2027, 10am – 2pm
Open Event 3: Wed 10 March 2027, 4pm – 7pm
Open Event 4: Wed 5 May 2027, 4pm – 7pm
Open Event 5: Wed 16 Jun 2027, 4pm – 7pm

How and when to apply

Once you have found your chosen course, you can submit an application via our website or a paper copy (available at the College and in the back of our prospectus).

Entry requirements (courses may vary). 4 GCSEs at Grade 4 (C) or above including Maths and English or a merit in a relevant Level 2 qualification.

Visit our website for more information:
www.waltham.ac.uk



Section 4: Special schools



Details on special schools:

→ 56. **Joseph Clarke School**

→ 58. **Lime Academy Hornbeam**

→ 60. **Whitefield School**

→ 62. **Project SEARCH East London**



Courses and subjects offered

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH HIGHAMS PARK SCHOOL:

A Level

BTEC

GCSEs

AT JOSEPH CLARKE SCHOOL:

Functional Skills

Unit Award Scheme (AQA)

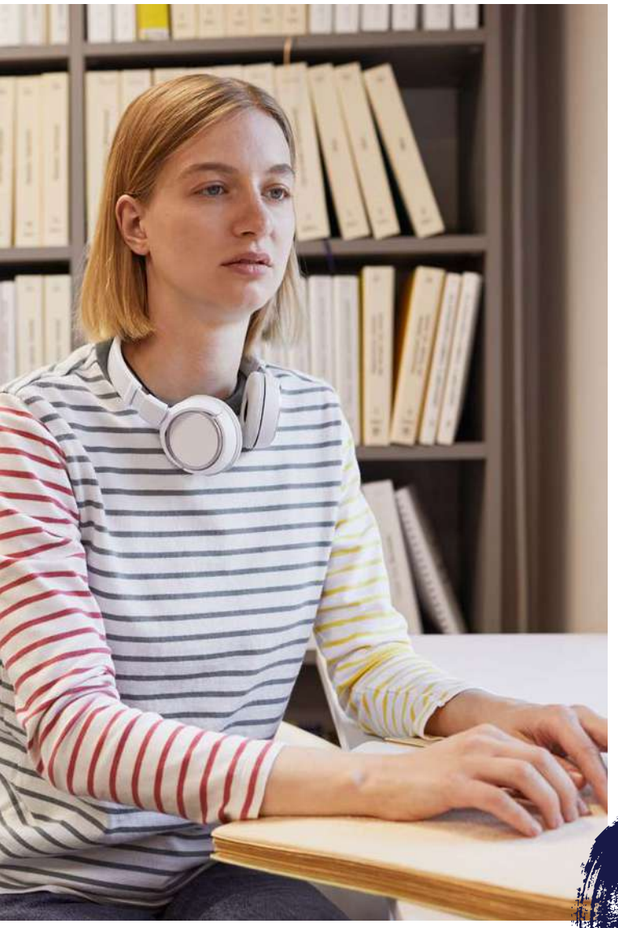
Entry Level

Joseph Clarke School

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DfE number:	320/7003
Public transport links:	**Bus routes:** 212, 275, W16 **Train:** Highams Park Station (Overground)



"Our post-16 students are rightly ambitious for their future and we will always do whatever we can to help them achieve their dreams. As well as a strong curriculum, we focus on our students' mobility and independence skills so they can enter adult life with confidence." - Chadia Filali-Moutei, Principal



Overview

Part of Learning in Harmony Trust, Joseph Clarke School specialises in supporting students with vision impairment and/or additional needs. Through a personalised curriculum, appropriate support and by harnessing the latest technology, we seek to bring the curriculum alive for our students.

Our post-16 students follow our ambitious curriculum which seeks to prepare them for the next stage of their lives – whether this is entering the workplace or going on to Higher Education.

We work in partnership with Highams Park School which allows us to deliver a wider range of courses whilst ensuring our students have access to the specialist support they require to access the curriculum fully.

How and when to apply

Securing a place at Joseph Clarke School involves a three-way conversation between families, the school and your local authority. All students require an EHCP. For full details on how to apply, please visit our website.

"My experience at Joseph Clarke School is amazing. The teachers are very supportive and I enjoy learning braille. It took me years to learn braille but now I'm a whizz at it." - Joseph Clarke School Student

Lime Academy Hornbeam

Address:	**Brookfield House Campus:** Alders Avenue, Woodford Green, Essex IG8 9PY. **William Morris Campus:** Folly Lane, Walthamstow E17 5NT.
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DfE number:	CN: 09297519 RO: 70-72
Public transport links:	**Tube/overground:** Blackhorse Road *(Victoria line)* **Bus routes:** 158, W11, W15

Overview

Lime Academy Hornbeam recognises that children and young people with learning difficulties have unique abilities and ways of learning. We provide a stimulating and safe learning environment that nurtures and maximises the potential of every individual and celebrates their achievements.

We understand that to inspire our learners, teaching must be engaging, meaningful and most importantly, fun. We therefore aim to provide a broad, balanced, and personalised curriculum that develops life skills, social skills and independence that is firmly underpinned by communication and pupil voice.

SEND Support and programmes

Depending on their needs, our learners have access to: Speech and Language Therapy, Physiotherapy, Animal Therapy and Supported Community Based Experiences.



Open Days dates

Students complete progression programmes at dedicated times of the year.

Our supportive information sessions are scheduled in October, March and June.

Student enrolment is drawn directly from our Secondary School Provision.

"This school is a fun and sociable school. I made a lot of friends here. There are good teachers and teaching assistants that care about our education and well-being. We have great opportunities to do better and have fun." - Zak, Student

Courses and subjects offered:

What is my pathway?	What education or training course I can study	What do I do after I complete the course?
Formal Pathway- Adapted national curriculum with an emphasis on promoting life skills and independence. Learners will achieve qualifications and accreditations that will support them to move onto college, apprenticeships or paid employment	**Accredited studies (Pearson, AQA):** Mathematics and English Vocational Studies – Various Subjects Offered Sports, Art, Food Technology **Accredited studies (Pearson, AQA):** PSHE, Art, Music, PE, Drama, Self-care, Agriculture, Employability, Cooking, Community Inclusion/Visits, Leisure and Recreation E-safety. Career encounters and relevant work experience organised outside the school	Explore Supported Apprenticeships, College Programmes (various levels) and Local Training Schemes
Semi-formal Pathway Challenge- Key areas of the national curriculum with support with an emphasis on promoting communication, pupil voice and problem solving skills. Learners will achieve qualifications and accreditations that will support them to move onto college, apprenticeships, or paid employment with support	**Accredited studies (Pearson, AQA, D of E):** Mathematics, English, Food Technology **Non accredited courses:** PSHE, Art, Music, PE, Employability, Cooking, Community inclusion/visits, Leisure and Recreation E-safety. Career encounters and relevant work experience, in house	Learners will be able to access Life and Living SEND courses at Local Colleges.
Semi-Formal Explore Pathway: Learners will have opportunities to focus on emerging communication, physical, social, and emotional and cognitive skills that are the foundation of learning. Learners have the opportunity to access some subject specific learning and there is a clear emphasis on a multi-sensory approach.	**Accredited studies:** Duke of Edinburgh's award scheme **Non accredited studies:** English and mathematics Functional Skills, Science, Arts, Design, Technology, Agriculture, D of E, Music, Digital Skills, Cooking, Drama, Community inclusion/visits, Leisure and Recreation E-safety. Career encounters and relevant work experience, in house	Learners will be able to access Life and Living SEND courses at specialist SEND colleges or access SEN adult provisions
Pre-Formal Pathway: Learners will have opportunities to focus on early communication, physical, social and emotional and cognitive skills. Learners will leave with the skills to be as independent as possible	**Accredited studies:** Duke of Edinburgh's award scheme **Non- accredited studies:** Expressive communication, Receptive communication, Using different methods of Communication, Drama, Social sight signs, Social Communication, Functional Numeracy (Money skills, Time, Number), Daily Living Skills, Food Technology, Creative Arts	Learners and their families will be supported by the Local Authority to access SEN Adult Provisions

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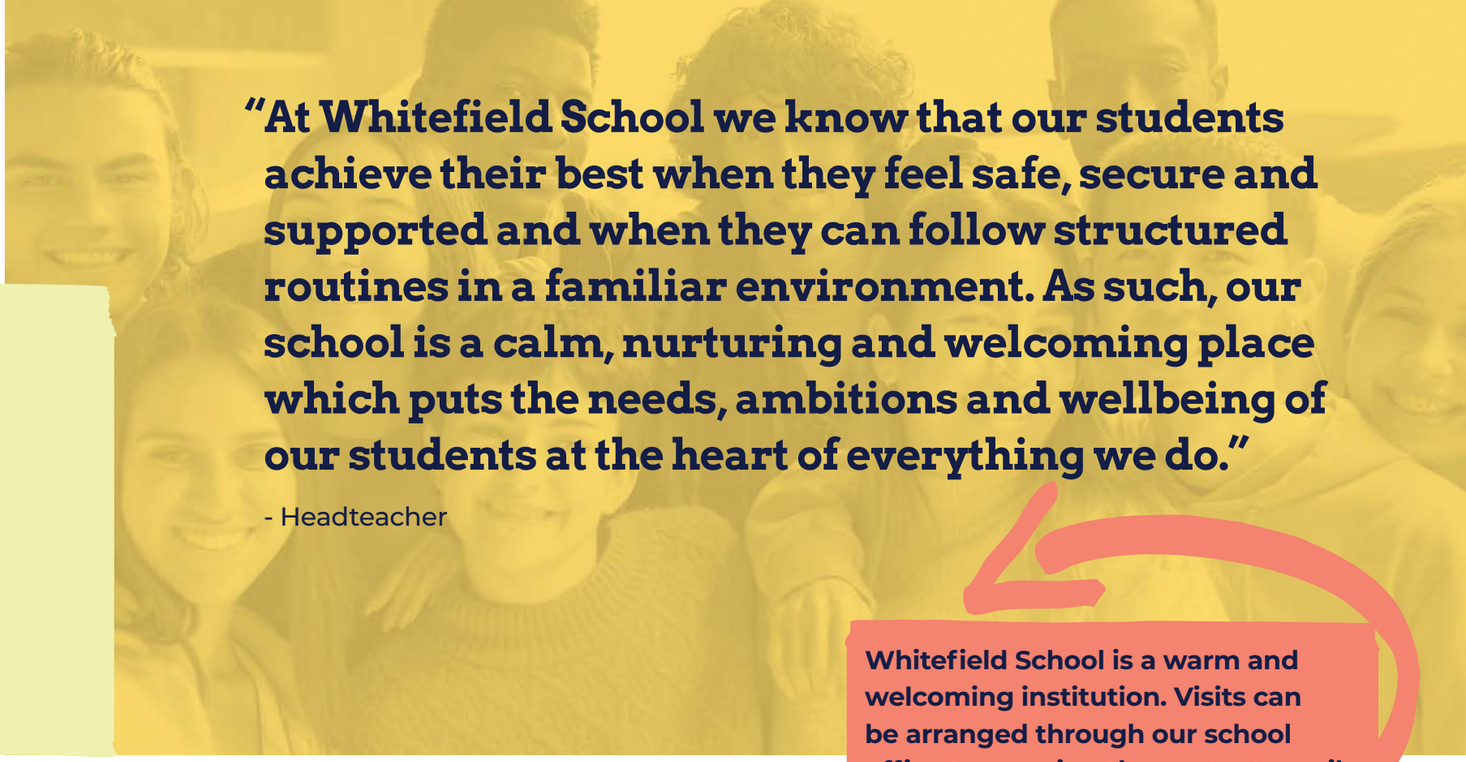
Entry Level and Functional Skills

Project Search opportunities

Youth employment programmes & Activities

Whitefield School

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DfE number:	320/5950
Public transport links:	**Bus routes:** 275, 123



"At Whitefield School we know that our students achieve their best when they feel safe, secure and supported and when they can follow structured routines in a familiar environment. As such, our school is a calm, nurturing and welcoming place which puts the needs, ambitions and wellbeing of our students at the heart of everything we do."

- Headteacher

Whitefield School is a warm and welcoming institution. Visits can be arranged through our school office team using the contact email details on our website. We would be delighted to welcome you.

Overview

Situated at the heart of Walthamstow, Whitefield School is an inclusive, welcoming and thriving specialist school which aims to deliver Enjoyment, Achievement and Wellbeing for All.

Whitefield School is part of Flourish Learning Trust-a successful group of specialist schools and education services which seek to open up the world for children and young people with SEND.

Driving for Potential in our Students;

To achieve this, we seek to offer a safe and inclusive learning environment in which our students:

- Communicate effectively and build positive relationships with others.
- Can find their place in the wider community.
- Feel safe, secure and happy
- Are able to be themselves and feel respected and valued.
- Achieve their full potential
- Have access to a highly bespoke curriculum that meets their interests and abilities.
- Grow in confidence and are better able to express themselves.
- Develop the ability to make choices

Key Areas of Learning

- Communication, Language and literacy- Young people continue to follow the Programme of Study for their relevant pathway, with an emphasis on broadening the group of people with whom they can communicate.
- World of Work - Supports young people to gain the skills for paid employment or to work alongside others within their home and community.
- Well-being- supports young people to keep as well physically, emotionally and mentally as is possible for their everyday living and support young people to lead as independent a life as is possible for them and to take responsibility for their everyday lives.
- Creativity and Spirituality- supports young people to express themselves and develop a sense of identity.

Work Experience Opportunities

At Whitefield School, young people take part in a wide range of meaningful, hands-on experiences that help them explore the world of work and build confidence for the future.

Many students enjoy visiting Charity Farm, where they take on real responsibilities, developing teamwork and practical skills. Trips to the fire station are always a highlight, giving students the chance to try on real uniforms and learn about the important roles' firefighters play in the community.

Others contribute to their local community through visits to the food bank, where they help sort and organise donations, gaining a sense of responsibility and pride in helping others. Students also take part in employer encounters and careers fairs, both off-site and hosted in school, where they can explore different job opportunities, meet professionals, and begin to think about their own future pathways.

These experiences are not only enjoyable but also play a vital role in preparing students for adult life.

Our Curriculum Aims

- Enhance our young peoples' communication and interaction skills through real-life and age appropriate experiences.
- To get all involved in decision making regarding themselves, their school, education and plans for the future.
- To be able to form relationships with other young people and adults from a range of environments.
- Enjoy their experiences of education at Whitefield School.

How and when to apply

Securing a place at Whitefield School involves a three-way conversation between families, the school and your local authority. All students require an EHCP. For full details on how to apply please visit our website.

"I really like coming to Whitefield School because of how busy we are – always learning new things. My teachers have always been helpful and explain things to me in ways that help me to understand. When I leave Whitefield School, I would like to go to college and then maybe to do an ICT apprenticeship or apply for Project SEARCH."- Alvin

Courses and subjects offered

ASDAN Employability Level 1

Project SEARCH East London, part of Flourish Learning Trust

Address:

Whipps Cross Hospital, Whipps Cross Road, London E11 1NR

St Bartholomew's Hospital, West Smithfield, London EC1A 7BE

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Email: j.wingate-whyte@flourishlearningtrust.org.uk
Website: flourishlearningtrust.org.uk/63/project-search-internships

Public transport links:

Whipps Cross Hospital:
Bus routes: W15, W19, W12
Tube/Overground: Leytonstone Station, Wood Street Station

St Bartholomew's Hospital:
Tube/Overground: St Paul's Station, Farringdon Station

Overview

Project SEARCH is a supported internship programme which seeks to open up the world of paid employment for young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND).

Run by Flourish Learning Trust at Whipps Cross Hospital and St Bartholomew's Hospital, Project SEARCH seeks to give interns the opportunity to gain valuable work experience and develop key employability skills.

Over the course of an academic year, interns undertake three work placements in a range of clinical and non-clinical departments as porters, receptionists and assistants. They also undertake an ASDAN qualification, achieving this on completion of their internship.

Interns receive intensive, personalised learning support from exceptional mentors and job coaches who ensure they feel secure and comfortable every step of the way. This support enables interns to excel in their placements and become highly-valued team members making a meaningful contribution to their department.

With an employment success rate of over 70 per cent, and a proven track record since 2014 of helping young people with SEND secure fulfilling and meaningful jobs, we are proud that our interns go on to gain full-time, paid employment which they have secured through competitive application processes. Our success rates are well above the current national employment figure for people with SEND in paid employment.



"Quite simply, Project SEARCH has changed my life! I have learnt so many new skills, made lots of friends and become so much more independent."

- Maria

Open Days dates

Please email j.wingate-whyte@flourishlearningtrust.org.uk for more information.

SEND Support and programmes

We are encouraging all post 16 providers to provide information for YP with SEND support needs and any specific programmes available to them. We also encourage all providers to consider having quiet open days specifically for young people with sensory needs and to promote them within the brochure.

How and when to apply

Project SEARCH is open to anyone aged 16-24 who has or who has recently had an Education, Health and Care Plan. Interns need to be able to commit to a five-day week programme and should be able to travel independently.

Please email **j.wingate-whyte@flourishlearningtrust.org.uk.**



"I am so pleased I did Project SEARCH. It has really helped me work out what I want to do and I feel confident about applying for jobs when the time comes."

- Nishat

Section 5: Financial support

16 to 19 bursary fund

There are two types of 16 to 19 bursary:

Vulnerable student bursary

You may be able to get up to £1,200 a year to help with study costs.

You could be eligible if you:

- Are in care or a care leaver
- Receive Income Support or Universal Credit in your own name
- Are disabled and receive DLA or PIP and ESA or Universal Credit

Important: You must receive both types of benefits to qualify.

Discretionary bursary (allowance)

If you need help with money for college or school and don't get a vulnerable student bursary, you might be able to get a discretionary bursary. Your college or training provider decides if you can get it, how much you get, and what you can use it for.

How is your bursary paid

Your provider decides how bursary payments are made. Payments may be paid in one amount or spread out over the year in regular instalments.

To keep receiving your bursary, you may need to meet certain conditions, such as attending lessons regularly or following the provider's behaviour policy.

If these conditions are not met, your bursary payments may be reduced, paused, or stopped.



Travel Support (TfL Oyster Cards)

16+ Zip Oyster Photocard

If you are aged 16 or 17 and in full-time education, you may be eligible for a 16+ Zip Oyster photocard. This allows free travel on London buses and trams (for London residents) and discounted fares on other Transport for London (TfL) services. You will need a colour digital photo, an email address and a machine-readable passport and pay an administration fee. Apply on-line at **tfl.gov.uk**

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