

Your Future Your Choice

Post 16
Prospectus
2026



Foreword



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Choosing the right path for your future career aspiration, no matter what area of employment you venture into is important. To help you and your family make this decision, we have created this post 16 prospectus for 2026, in collaboration with Waltham Forest secondary schools and colleges, to make this easier.

As labour markets change, new opportunities and jobs will become available; it is important to keep up to date with new routes and qualifications for future careers.

You should speak to those around you about your options: teachers, family, carers, your school and college careers team, to decide what will be right for you.

Attending open days is strongly advised to see the facilities, meet the teachers/tutors and get a feel for the environment that will become your place of study for the next 1-2 years.

I hope this post 16 prospectus will help with your decision in moving forward and wish you, all the very best for what comes next.

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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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Section 1: Your choice

Getting advice

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

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

If you are a student in our local colleges you can make an appointment by directly contacting your college careers service:

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	careers@leyton.ac.uk	book directly
Big Creative Education	cafeworks@bigcreative.education	book directly

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 the options of what you can do, you have lots to choose from: Apprenticeships, T Levels, A Levels, Technical and Vocational qualifications, Applied qualifications and Supported Internships...

When deciding which is the right pathway for 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 doing things? Do you work best on your own or do you like working with others?
- Talk to adults who you trust and who know your strengths – maybe ask them about the path that they took at 16...

London LMI Career Platform

The London LMI Career Platform will help you to discover your future and navigate your journey through education and into the world of work. It provides a huge amount of information starting from how to choose your GCSE subjects. Visit: locallondon.startprofile.com/page/waltham-forest

- ✓ Register to create an account so that you can start building your profile and receive personalised information and advice
- ✓ Go through to the UCAS website to search for at higher education courses
- ✓ Capture evidence of your employability skills to help you write a CV or a personal statement
- ✓ Explore jobs linked to your interests, your subject, your strengths and find out about jobs that are in demand in London
- ✓ Search for post 16 course providers, and apprenticeships

National Careers Service

If you are 13 or older and live in England you can get more information and advice about jobs, careers and training through the National Careers Service.

You can call on **0800 100 900** to speak to an adviser or webchat online on **<https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/contact-us>**

Calls are free from most landlines and mobiles and lines are open from:

- **8am to 8pm Monday to Friday**
- **10am to 5pm Saturday**

Waltham Forest Council SEND Service

Our SEND service works with children and young people who have an Education, Health and Care (EHC) plan. Your SEND Officer will help you with making decisions about what you want to do in the future including education and work.

You can contact the SEND Service on:

senteam@walthamforest.gov.uk

You can also find out more information on preparing for adulthood and much more on the WF Local Offer pages.

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 lots of 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 decide on the route below:

What is my current level/ predicted grades?

My post 16 options

What would I do next?



Retaking maths and English

Young people must achieve at least grade four or equivalent in maths and English Language GCSE. If you don't manage to achieve this at the end of Year 11, you will have to keep studying these subjects until you successfully pass or you turn 18.

The type of qualification you will need to study is dependent on your GCSE grade at the end of Year 11.

→ If you got a grade three and will be studying full-time (540+ hours) next year, you'll need to resit the GCSE

→ If you got a grade three and will be studying part-time (150 – 539 hours), you can take a functional skills qualification instead of GCSE

→ If you got a grade two or below, you could take a functional skills qualification instead of GCSE

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 9 to 5. Strong GCSE grades are recommended particularly in the subject you want to study
Work experience:	Is a compulsory part of 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 9 to 5
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 9-4
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 https://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:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Level 2/intermediate• Level 3/advanced - 5 GCSEs, grades four to nine• 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

Suitable for children with **SEND**

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

Suitable for children with **SEND**

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 be offered a job.

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:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Aged 16 to 24 with an Education and Health Care PlanHave employment as your focusHave had work experience at school or college, and really want to workBe 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

Suitable for children with **SEND**

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 colleges (Independent Colleges)

FE colleges offer a broad range of full-time, part-time, day and evening courses for young people and adults. Courses are offered from entry level to level 4 including ESOL, GCSEs, A levels, T levels, applied generals, apprenticeships, technical and vocational, higher education and occupational courses for adults. Some large London colleges have more than one site.

Independent training providers

Independent training providers offer short courses, Supported Internships and they work with employers to supply the training element of apprenticeships.

School sixth forms

School sixth forms are for 16- to 19-year-olds and are attached to secondary schools. They tend to be formal as the site is often shared with younger students. They offer A level qualifications, applied generals and some sixth forms offer level 2 courses. They also offer resits in GCSE maths and English for young people who didn't achieve a grade four or above. School sixth forms tend to be smaller than most sixth form and further education colleges.



Sixth form colleges

Sixth form colleges are typically more informal than school sixth forms and they often provide a wider range of courses when compared to them too. However, they are similar to school sixth forms in the way that only students aged 16 to 19 can study. Sixth form colleges have students studying from entry level up to level 3. They offer a wide range of courses including A levels, applied generals and technical and vocational qualifications.

University Technical Colleges (UTCs) and Studio Schools

UTCs and Studio Schools are government funded schools for 14- to 19-year-olds. The aim of UTCs and Studio Schools is to provide a bridge between the worlds of education and work. Established by businesses and universities to promote sought after technical qualifications combined with the skills valued by employers they offer a similar GCSE curriculum to typical secondary schools, including English and maths, as well as their specialist subject.

Find out more at :

www.studioschoolstrust.org

www.utcolleges.org



How to apply?

Applying is dependent on the pathway that you choose. Each school and college will have the details shown on their website. If you require support with your application, please speak to your school or college careers adviser.

Choosing where to apply

All sixth forms and colleges have open events where you can visit to look around, find out more about the courses you are interested in and meet staff and current students. It is a good way to help you make the final decision about the pathway you want to take.

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



Student Support

All further education providers have details on their website about student services. This is the individual, team or department that can provide information and advice about a range of issues such as:

- Finding accommodation
- Which bursaries and hardship funds are available
- Specialist support e.g. counselling
- Academic support
- Mentoring and buddy networks



Questions to ask at open days

- ? If I start a course and decide it is not for me, can I change onto a new one? When is the deadline to change course?
- ? How many hours am I expected to be at school/college?
- ? What do I do and where can I go when there isn't a lesson?
- ? How much support will I receive?
- ? What opportunities are provided for Enrichment programmes/trips – how will I find out about these?
- ? Can I go onto further study or apprenticeship after I have completed the course?



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											
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 – Architectural Design											
Design and Technology – Product Design											
Design Engineer Construct											
Digital Media											
Digital Media and Animation											
Digital Production, Design and Development											

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Drama											
Drama & Theatre Studies											
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											
IT											

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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											
Rock School											
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



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- 40. Norlington School and 6th 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.

“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



Open Days dates

Thursday 8 January 2026
(6pm to 8.30pm)



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: Product Design
- Economics
- English Language
- English Literature
- Extended Project Qualification
- Geography
- History
- Mathematics
- Physical Education
- Physics
- Politics
- Psychology
- Sociology

BTEC PATHWAY:

- BTEC Extended Diploma (three A Level Equivalent)
Subjects: Business
- BTEC Diploma (two A Level Equivalent)
Subjects: Business, Health & Social Care, IT, Sport.
- BTEC Certificate (one A Level Equivalent)
Subjects: Business, Health & Social Care, Sport.
- 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, we offer a bespoke curriculum tailored to individual ambitions, including a combination of A-Level and BTEC pathways. Our dedicated Sixth Form building complete with a fully staffed Learning Resource centre open from 8am to 5pm, provides a supportive and professional environment where pupils can thrive as independent learners.

Our academic success speaks for itself: 49% of A-Level grades at A-B and 73% at A-C**, with a 100% pass rate (D-D) in vocational courses*, placing us in the top 25% of schools nationally. These exceptional outcomes are a reflection of our commitment to helping every pupil achieve their full potential.

What makes Heathcote Sixth Form truly special is our extensive enrichment programme, designed to inspire, challenge, and prepare pupils for the world beyond school. Highlights include:

- > The Envision Programme, where pupils develop leadership and teamwork skills through impactful social action projects.
- > The Realising Opportunities Programme, offering mentorship and support to help pupils access leading universities.
- > The Zurich Kickstart Mentoring Programme, connecting pupils with industry professionals to gain real- world insights and career guidance.

“I would recommend Heathcote Sixth Form as the teachers are very supportive and encourage us to do our best.” - Student

“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 14 January 2026
from 5 to 7pm provisional

- > Inspiring trips, including our recent Berlin visit, with an exciting US trip planned for 2026.
- > Opportunities to shine through the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ), Bar Mock Trial Competition, and Duke of Edinburgh Award

We're equally proud of the strong sense of community and leadership that defines our Sixth Form. Pupils play an active role in school life from volunteering and fundraising to leading initiatives such as food drives for local charities. These experiences shape them into confident, compassionate, and ambitious young adults, ready to take on the world.

Our pastoral care is second to none, ensuring pupils feel supported at every step of their journey. Whether aiming for competitive university courses like Oxbridge or Medicine, securing top apprenticeships, or entering the workplace, our dedicated team is here to help pupils achieve their goals.

At Heathcote Sixth Form, you'll find a warm, inclusive, and aspirational environment where you can discover your passions, develop your talents and create your future. We can't wait to welcome you into our community!



Deaf Support Department

Heathcote Deaf Support Department can provide support for pupils with significant hearing loss who meet entry requirements, and the Sixth Form can be named in the Education Health Care Plan. Our support includes in class support using a Communication Support Worker, Speech and Language support, development of BSL, audiology and support with emotional wellbeing.

How and when to apply

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

Applications for entry for September 2026 will open on Monday 8 December 2025

Courses and subjects offered

A LEVEL SUBJECTS:

- Art
- Biology
- Business Studies
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- Drama and Theatre Studies
- 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:

- Cambridge Technical IT

Highams Park School

Address:

Handsworth Avenue, Highams Park, London, E4 9PJ

Contact details:

Phone number: 0208 527 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, we were awarded the ALPs Gold Award for Outstanding progress, and our valued added score of +0.2 is significantly above the national average.

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.

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. We are proud of our sixth form provision – not only is it

“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

Open Days dates

Thursday 15 January 2026 - may be subject to change

extremely successful academically (in the top 25 per cent in the country for progress in 2019), 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 achieving high enough GCSE grades to qualify for level 3 study being offered a one-year ‘Bridging Course’ allowing them to reapply the following year.

Courses and subjects offered

We are proud of our sixth form provision – not only is it extremely successful academically (in the top 25 per cent in the country for progress in 2019), 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 achieving high enough GCSE grades to

qualify for level 3 study being offered a one-year ‘Bridging Course’ allowing them to reapply the following year.

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 2026 (may be subject to change) by completing our online application form.

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



Section 2: Highams Park School and Sixth Form

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 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

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1 Shernhall Street, Walthamstow,
London, E17 3EA

Contact details: **Phone number:** 02085200482
Email: hfsix@holycatholicfamilycatholic.school.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)

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:** HFSIXequips 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.

“ 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
Thursday 6 November 2025

SEND Support

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



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: 7 November 2025
Please see website for link to online application form. Application deadline: 16 January 2026
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:

- Cambridge Technical Award IT (CTEC 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: 0208 539 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 at least half of our sixth form students will leave Norlington for Russell Group Universities. This has been achieved over the last two years.

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

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 6th 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

Open Days dates
6th Form Open Evening TBC

Courses and subjects offered

A LEVEL SUBJECTS:

- Biology
- Business
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- Economics
- English Literature
- French
- Maths
- Further maths
- Geography
- History
- Physics
- Politics
- Psychology
- Religion, Philosophy & Ethics
- Sociology
- Spanish

APPLIED GENERAL QUALIFICATIONS:

- BTEC Level 3 in Business
- BTEC Level 3 in Health & Social Care
- BTEC Level 3 in Sport

Walthamstow Academy

Address: Billet Road, Walthamstow, E17 5DP

Contact details: **Phone number:** 02085273750
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 are role models for younger students within the Academy.

Within our framework of pastoral care, dedicated support, close monitoring and high expectations, we give these older students freedom, respect, and responsibility and they rise to the challenge. We also provide tailored academic support, expert teaching, free textbooks and revision guides, and Chrome books for all students.

In addition, we provide excellent careers advice and guidance and a myriad of extra-curricular and super-curricular opportunities, including personalised UCAS preparation and personal development. On average between 40-60% of our students go on to study at top performing and Russell Group Universities in the UK.

We are proud that all our students leave us as confident, ambitious, and kind young people more than ready to embark on the next stage of their lives.

“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 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 Morning.

How and when to apply

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

Prospectus, subject videos, and other useful information to help you make the right choices for you're A Level or Level 3 BTEC subject choices.

Open Days dates

January 2026

Dates for our Open Evening and bookings for Sixth Form In Action Mornings can be found here: www.walthamstow-academy.org/sixth-form

We also have Sixth Form in Action Mornings where you have a chance to see our students thriving in each classroom, see exciting lessons and our brilliant staff. They are a chance to see what it is like in our school during the day; you will see what makes Walthamstow Academy special. You can book a place on our website.

“I always knew that whatever I was going through that there would be someone there for me”

Section 3: Independent colleges

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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

Phone number: 0208 498 3300 (Academy)
0203 873 5800 (Training)

Contact details: 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/conservative, apprenticeship, or employment.



“Ofsted says there is an outstanding culture of mutual respect between staff and students”

- Rated ‘Outstanding’ by Ofsted.

Open Days dates

Date to be confirmed - 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 course, 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 conservatories, 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)

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)

Open Days dates

1 November 2025
7 March 2026

How and when to apply

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



Courses and subjects offered

- Acting
- Adult Nursing
- Applied Law
- Applied Science
- Art
- Art & Design
- Biology
- Business
- Business and Law
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- Computing and IT
- Creative Media
- Design Engineer Construct
- Digital Media
- Digital Production, Design and Development
- Economics
- English Language
- English Literature
- French
- Further maths
- Geography
- Graphic Design
- Healthcare Science
- Health & Social Care
- History
- IT
- Law
- Legal Services
- Mathematics
- Media
- Music
- Performing Arts
- Philosophy
- Photography
- Physics
- Politics
- Psychology
- Rock School
- Sociology
- Spanish
- Sport
- Travel & Tourism

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)

Overview

Monoux students are happy, safe, work hard and have high aspirations. Teachers care deeply about learning and take time to help young people succeed. The college has highly valued support teams, excellent partnerships with employers and universities and a range of extra-curricular activities. The magic ingredient is how our students respond or opening themselves up to change and personal development. As a result, 14 per cent of students' progress to a top Russell Group University, and we top the East London destinations league table. Ofsted recently judged the college to be Good in all aspects, and we encourage you to read the report by clicking on the website. Our students are amazing – join them!



How and when to apply

To apply please complete the application from our website <https://apply.sgmc.ac.uk/>



"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 prospectus"

- Jessicka, Student

Open Days dates

See website for details

SEND Support and programmes

PERSONAL SUPPORT - At Monoux we get to know you and provide the support you need to help you to achieve. We have a range of staff to help you. Every student is allocated a Personal Mentor who will maintain an overview of your progress in college and can be approached at any point for advice. You can also arrange to see our College Counsellor.

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

FINANCIAL SUPPORT - When you start college, you can apply for financial support through the bursary and free college meals based on your household income.

ACADEMIC SUPPORT - Our team of Progress Coaches are based in the library. You can book sessions with them for help with assignments, study skills or to revise a certain topic.

How and when to apply

To apply please complete the application from our website <https://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): Accounting, Art & Design, Automotive Engineering, Barbering, Beauty, Bricklaying, Business, Carpentry, Childcare, Computing & IT, Criminology & Law, Digital Media, Electrical Engineering, ESOL, Fashion, Foundation Learning (SEN), Hairdressing, Health & Social Care, Hospitality & Culinary Arts, Plumbing, Public Services, Science, Travel & Tourism

GCSE'S: Art, Business, Citizenship, Combined Science (Biology, Chemistry & Physics), Computer Science, English Literature, Physical Education, Sociology

APPRENTICESHIPS: Business Administration, Childcare, Electrotechnical, Hairdressing

A LEVELS: Art (Photography), Biology, Business, Chemistry, Classical Civilisations, Computer Science, Criminology, Economics, English Language, English Literature, French, Geography, Government & Politics, History, Law, Mathematics, Media, Philosophy, Religion & Ethics, Photography, Physics, Psychology, Sociology, Spanish

T LEVELS: Accounting, Adult Nursing, Building Services: Electrical, Building Services: Plumbing, Business Support, Civil Engineering, Digital Production, Early Years Educator, Electrical Engineering, Light and Electric Vehicles, Mechanical Engineering, Media - Content Creation, Surveying & Design, Team Leadership & Management, Textiles & Fashion, Therapy Teams

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.

Overview and USP

Waltham Forest College, rated 'OUTSTANDING' by Ofsted, is a vibrant and aspirational Further Education College. We offer A Levels, GCSEs, Vocational, T Levels, and Apprenticeship courses for school leavers, in close partnership with employers and stakeholders. Our excellent teaching and training enable learners to flourish, achieving educational outcomes in the top 3% of General Further Education colleges nationwide. As an inclusive college, we support our students in reaching their career goals, progressing to top universities, and securing highly skilled, well-paid employment.

- Multi-million industry-standard facilities
- 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
- High quality work experience linked to your relevant course including international placements
- Expert staff from industry teaching courses aligned to industry requirements
- Free breakfast for ALL learners
- 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
- Extensive enrichment programmes such as Duke of Edinburgh, Sports, Debate Club, Coding Club, Art, Music, Book Club and many more.



"The teachers were amazing. They helped me train with airlines while at college to gain experience and motivation. I applied to Ryanair during the summer holidays and, after six weeks training, I'm already flying and have visited lots of countries like Italy, Spain, France, Portugal and Romania"

- Joel Mario Wallace, student

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!

SEND Support and programmes

Designed for students aged 16 to 24 in possession of a current Educational Health and Care Plan (EHCP), and offering two main pathways:
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

1. Independence/Life skills pathway:

Prepare students for adulthood by enabling them to gain the maximum possible degree of independence in their daily lives.

Pre-Entry – Entry 1

Focus on independence Skills Build

Entry 1

Exploring life skills

Entry 2

Preparation for Life and Work

Open Days dates

Wednesday 29 October 2025, 4pm – 7pm

Wednesday 19 November 2025, (A Level Open Event) – 4.30pm – 6.30pm

Saturday 31 January 2026, 10am – 2pm

Wednesday 11 March 2026, 4pm – 7pm

Wednesday 6 May 2026, 4pm – 7pm

Wednesday 17 June 2026, 4pm – 7pm

2. Employment/further vocational study pathway:

Prepare students for adulthood by focussing on developing the skills needed for the world of work or future study, with added opportunities for developing independence, community, and social skills.

Pre-Entry – Entry 1

Focus on independence Skills Build

Entry Level 3

Pre-supported Internship Pathways to vocational studies

Level 1

Project Search and Supported internship SEND Coffee and LBWF Supported Internships

Section 4: Special schools



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Courses and subjects offered

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH HIGHAMS PARK SCHOOL:

A Level

BTEC

GCSEs

AT JOSEPH CLARKE SCHOOL:

Functional Skills
(English and Maths)

Unit Award Scheme (AQA)

Entry Level (English, Maths and Science)

Joseph Clarke School

Address: Vincent Road, Highams Park, E4 9PP

Contact details:
Phone number: 020 8523 4833
Email: info@josephclarke.lihtrust.uk
Website: josephclarkeschool.org.uk

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.

Contact details:

Phone number: 020 8527 2464 (Brookfield House Campus)
020 8503 2225 (William Morris Campus)
Email: George.Lambrou@limetrust.org (WM)
Sam.Chaplin@limetrust.org (BH)
Website: limeacademyhornbeam.org

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 employments 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

Courses and subjects offered

- GCSE
- ASDAN Towards Independence
- ASDAN Employability Scheme
- Entry Level and Functional Skills

Whitefield School

Address: Macdonald Road, Walthamstow, E17 4AZ

Phone number: 020 8531 3426

Email: enquiries@whitefield.waltham.sch.uk

Website: whitefieldacademytrust.org.uk

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.”

- Trevor Button, Principal

Visits can be arranged on an individual basis.

To arrange a tour of our Rowan Sixth Form please contact us directly

Overview

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

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

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

Students are either placed in our Rowan Sixth Form where they follow vocational qualifications or in the post-16 classes of our Niels Chapman Department where they continue with their studies.

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.

Entry Level Courses and subjects offered

Pathway 5 – Taking Off : A curriculum for post 16 pupils equipping them for future choices in work, college and independent or supported living.Young people following the Taking Off pathway will have previously followed one or more of the other pathways and teachers’ planning will take account of the skills and knowledge gained by the end of Key Stage 4. The curriculum aims to help young people at Whitefield acquire skills that will be of benefit to them at the next stage of their lives, whether in employment, a further education setting or a day centre, so they will be able to access the same rights as all young people with opportunities as appropriate to their needs and interests.

The Taking Off Curriculum supports young people to:

- Enhance their communication and interaction skills through real-life and age-appropriate experiences
- Be involved in decision making regarding themselves, their school, education and plans for the future
- Form relationships with other young people and adults from a range of environments
- Enjoy their experience of post-16 education

Young people based at college or on the Whitefield site continue to develop their skills within five key areas of learning.

Communication, language and literacy – young people continue to follow the Programme of Study for the relevant pathway, with an emphasis on broadening the group of people with whom they can communicate

The 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 them Everyday living – supports 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.

Examinations and accredited courses
The progress of young people within the Taking Off Pathway is accredited through the following courses as appropriate:

- GCSE
- ASDAN Towards Independence
- BTEC
- ASDAN Employability Scheme

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

Project SEARCH East London, part of Flourish Learning Trust

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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%, 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 could get a bursary worth up to £1,200, depending on your circumstances.

This group includes:

- > People in care
- > Care leavers
- > People claiming income support
- > Disabled young people who receive Employment Support Allowance and Disability Living

Allowance discretionary bursary:

You could get a discretionary bursary if you need financial help but don't qualify for a vulnerable student bursary. Your education or training provider decides how much you get and what it's used for.

How is your bursary paid?

Your school, college or training provider will decide how you get your bursary. You might be: paid in full or in instalments, paid in cash, by cheque or through a bank account. You can be given things like a travel pass, free meals or books instead of money. Some providers also offer one off payments to cover study trips or travel for university interviews. Your provider will set conditions that students should meet to receive a bursary, for example, linked to behaviour or attendance and your bursary can be stopped if you break the rules.

For more information please go to:
www.gov.uk/1619-bursary-fund



Travel

If you are in full time learning you can apply for a 16+ Zip Oyster card. There is a fee of £20.00 and you will need a colour digital photo and an e-mail address.

To apply online and for more information:

16+ Oyster cards: <https://tfl.gov.uk/fares/free-and-discounted-travel/16-plus-zip-oyster-photocard?intcmp=55578>

18+ Oyster cards: <https://tfl.gov.uk/fares/free-and-discounted-travel/18-plus-student-oyster-photocard?intcmp=54727>
or visit your local post office



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