

# SIXTH FORM PROSPECTUS



Joseph Leckie  
Academy



We are a school where students are given the confidence and capacity to flourish because of our strong values of inclusion and our celebration of diversity. We are an extremely friendly and supportive academy with an excellent team of staff and positive relationships that underpin all areas of academy life.

We believe in setting high standards for everyone connected to the academy. We want everyone to aim high and develop the belief and self-confidence so that they can go anywhere, do anything and become whatever they aspire to become. We want them to achieve beyond what they ever thought was possible and most importantly, to recognise that everyone associated with the school is a part of one team, working together for the benefit of all.

Mr James Ludlow  
Principal

## Welcome to the Sixth Form

Joseph Leckie Academy Sixth Form is a vibrant, bustling place where we are passionate about helping students to achieve their potential in a safe, supportive and professional environment. We believe that success and achievement comes through partnership and are proud of the high standards of teaching, monitoring and pastoral support we provide for all students.

Success in the Sixth Form is an expectation and is based on four key principles:

### **Achievement**

We establish high expectations for all students and set challenging targets for them to achieve.

### **Progression**

We aim to strengthen and maintain the transition between key stages to ensure effective continuity of teaching and learning.

### **Engagement**

We promote approaches to teaching and learning that engage and motivate students and demand their active participation.

### **Enjoyment**

We endeavour to create an environment where students enjoy their experience and develop as young people and members of their local community.

We actively welcome your interest in applying to our Sixth Form and wish you all the success in your future plans.

Mrs Rachel Field. Head of 6th Form



INVESTOR IN PEOPLE



Schools Curriculum Award

# WELCOME

As one of the biggest Sixth Form centres in the area, Joseph Leckie Academy welcomes a mixture of students.

Our Sixth Form mission is to strive for excellence in delivering opportunities for education and skills development in Walsall and the wider community, and we embody this through our statement 'Achievement through Partnership - Success through Innovation'.



## Life as a Sixth Form Student

We aim to provide a positive and vibrant learning environment that encourages students to involve themselves in all aspects of Sixth Form life and to show a commitment to meet all requirements of their courses.

Sixth Form students will have a certain amount of non-contact/ personal study time, access to study rooms equipped with personal computers and the use of a common room.

As the most senior students in the Academy, we encourage and expect Sixth Formers to act responsibly and to be ambassadors for the Academy and local community. Along with their parents/ guardians, students are asked to sign a learning contract which sets out certain expectations of their time in the Sixth Form.

**“I wanted to join Joseph Leckie Sixth Form because of the high standards of teaching. Since joining I have seen a difference in myself and my grades.”**

**- Sixth Form student**



**‘ACHIEVEMENT THROUGH PARTNERSHIP - SUCCESS THROUGH INNOVATION’**

# ENRICHMENT PROGRAMME

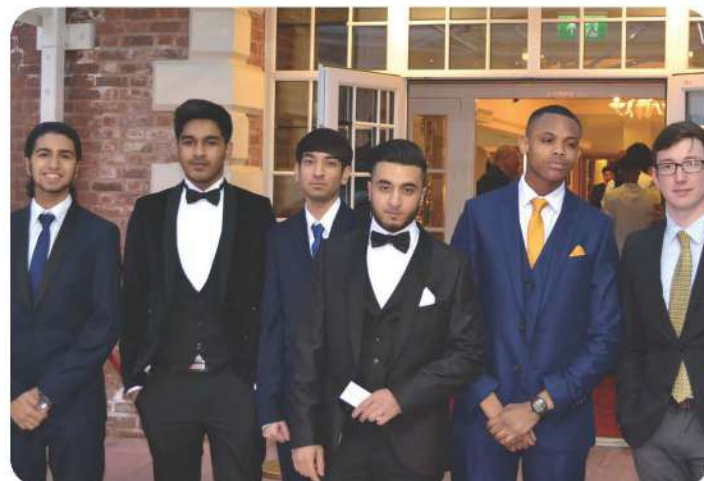
## Tutorial Support

At the beginning of the academic year, students will be set targets according to their overall performance at GCSE level. These targets are set to provide a benchmark against which students are monitored over two years. In order to meet and exceed targets, students are supported by a dedicated Sixth Form Tutor, who will monitor progress and assist with university applications. Individual student data is carefully tracked and monitored in order to ensure that appropriate interventions are provided to support positive student outcomes.



## Sixth Form Council

Being part of the Sixth Form Council provides an opportunity to represent the student body in meetings with the Head of Sixth Form, Senior Leaders and the Academy Principal. Student committees provide a platform for fundraising opportunities and charity work and meetings take place on a weekly basis. At Joseph Leckie Academy, the Sixth Form Council believes in the democratic process and rule of law; so we put forward an agenda for discussion and vote on all matters of importance to us. Head Boy and Girl are also democratically elected to request the Sixth Form...



“I have been very satisfied with the advice and guidance offered when picking my three subjects.”

- Year 12 student

## Enrichment Programme

We are passionate about encouraging Sixth Form students to develop a wide range of life skills during their time at the Academy and a variety of activities are available to help them achieve this, comprising of:

- Extended Project Qualification
- Young Enterprise Programme
- Community/Charity Events
- Voluntary Work with Younger Students
- Duke of Edinburgh Award
- Drama Productions
- Art/Music/Sports Activities
- Student Leadership Scheme
- Peer Mentoring Programme
- Duke of York ICT Award
- Faculty Apprenticeships
- Debating/Public Speaking
- Support with University of Birmingham  
A2B and B'Link schemes
- Realising Opportunities Programme
- Work placements with Ernst & Young, Birmingham
- Strong Work Experience Support
- PDP Programme
- Literacy Training with KS3 readers



# Available Courses

Joseph Leckie Academy Sixth Form offers a comprehensive suite of **Level Three** A level and vocational qualifications to appeal to all students of all abilities.

An overview of our comprehensive range of courses is provided here. For further information, the course booklet (enclosed) provides full details of specific course content and methods of assessment.

A levels offer an academic and traditional route to university with a final examination, whilst vocational subjects offer a modern equivalent for students who may prefer coursework based or on-going formative assessment.

## A Level Choices

A levels offer a traditional and academic route to higher education. They are widely recognised as the accepted standard for university entry and are based on the A\* - E model of assessment. Examinations are taken, in most cases, only at the end of two years study. This makes A levels an attractive proposition for students who have achieved 5 grades 4-9 including English and maths and who fare well in final examinations. We offer a large range of A level courses across varied curriculum.

Students opting for A level courses will normally choose three subjects (four by agreement), following all courses through to the end of the two-year programme of study.

UCAS A level points range from 56 (A\*) to 16 (E). We do not offer AS examinations, except in a select subject areas.

### Choices include:

- Art
- Biology
- Business Studies
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- Drama
- English Literature
- Geography
- Politics
- History
- Mathematics
- Further Mathematics
- Media Studies
- Physics
- Product Design
- Psychology
- Religious Education
- Sociology

*Courses may be removed, dependant upon course uptake.*

**“I have been given a great amount of support in Year 12 by my tutors. I’m glad I stayed on here.”**

**- YEAR 12 STUDENT**

## Vocational Choices

Modern vocational subjects are equivalent to A levels in terms of UCAS points. Vocational subjects offer some examination content, but with an increased focus on coursework. Students who prefer an ongoing method of assessment, as opposed to examinations at the end of two years, may prefer the study style of vocational qualifications.

Students opting for vocational qualifications follow a two year programme in two specific areas, opting for one subject at single level (1 A level equivalent) and a second subject at double level (2 A level equivalent); meaning that they achieve UCAS points equivalent to three A levels at the end of two years study. Universities are increasingly keen to make offers to students who have studied at least one subject “in greater depth.” Our vocational offer means that students are able to apply to Russell Group universities.

Students opting for BTEC courses may choose either the Extended Certificate (Single Award) or Diploma (Double Award). Below are Sixth Form vocational subjects we offer and their values:

- BTEC National Extended Certificate and Diploma in **Business Studies** (Single or Double Award)
- BTEC National Diploma in **Art and Design** (Double Award)
- BTEC National Extended Certificate and Diploma in **Health & Social Care** (Single or Double Award)
- BTEC National Extended Certificate in **I.T.** (Single Award)
- BTEC National Extended Certificate and Diploma in (Applied) **Science** (Single or Double Award)
- BTEC National Extended Certificate in **Sport** (Single Award)
- CACHE/NOFE Technical Diploma in **Childcare/Education**
- Early Years Educator (Triple Award)
- BTEC National Extended Certificate and Diploma in **Law**
- BTEC National Extended Certificate and Diploma in **Media**
- BTEC National Extended Certificate and Diploma in **Travel & Tourism**

*Courses may be removed, dependant upon course uptake.*

*All students who fail to meet the minimum standard of a Grade 4 (C) in English and / or mathematics will be timetabled additional lessons in order to improve their GCSE grade in these subjects in order to achieve a “good” pass.*

# Applying to Sixth Form

All Year 11 students attending Joseph Leckie Academy will have the opportunity to apply to the Sixth Form.

Entry is based upon performance in GCSE examinations, coupled with a positive approach to studies, excellent attendance, punctuality and behaviour. Students from other establishments are also welcome to apply.

## Timetable for Applications

Deadline for application forms to Sixth Form: **20th January 2023**

Admission interviews commence: **25th January 2023**

External interviews commence: **6th March 2023**

## The Application Process

Students wishing to apply to the Sixth Form will need to complete an application form and provide evidence of good attendance and punctuality, a positive behaviour record and a desire to study. External students must bring evidence of this to the interview.

The student will then be invited for an career based interview with the Head of Sixth Form to establish potential grades and the most appropriate programme of study to meet their aspirations following compulsory education. Information provided by the student along with estimated grades will be used to form the basis of a provisional offer.

Students predicted extremely good GCSE grades will be given the opportunity to study four subjects. Most universities require three "good" A levels or vocational qualifications only. An Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) is offered to students who wish to complete further academic study in addition to their standard offer.



The following guidelines offer an outline of potential offers which may be made to students based upon their GCSE / Level Two results. There are exceptions and we are happy to tailor specific programmes for students who wish to combine A level study with vocational subjects.

### A Level Pathway

Minimum of 5 4+ grades at GCSE (or equivalent) with English and Maths Grade 6 or equivalent preferred in chosen subject. Merit in vocational subjects preferred.

### Vocational Pathway

Minimum of 5 4+ grades at GCSE or equivalent. Merit in vocational subjects preferred.

### Level 2 Courses

Minimum of 5 2+ grades at GCSE or equivalent

**“ The Sixth Form is great at JLA. The staff are really helpful and know what they're talking about. They've helped me to make the right choices for UCAS university applications. ”**

**- YEAR 13 STUDENT**



# How to **FIND US**

## **By Car**

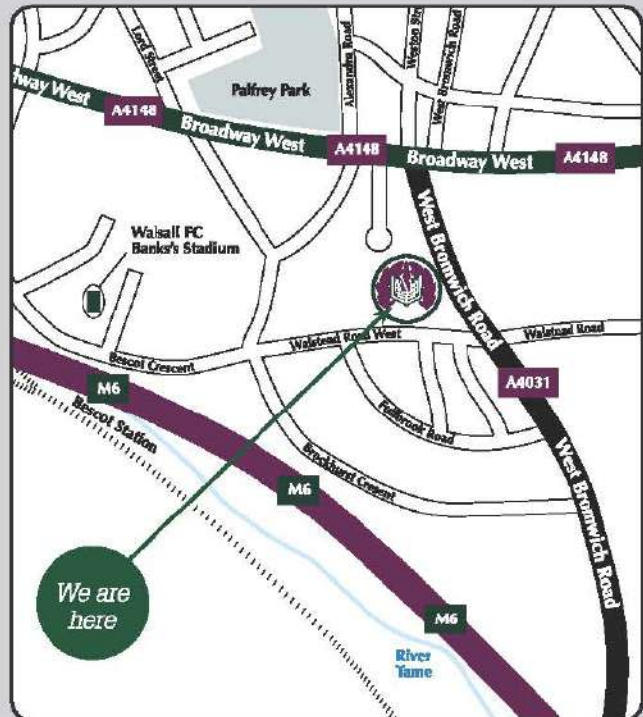
We are half a mile from Walsall Football Club's ground, Banks's Stadium, which is sign posted off the Broadway.

## **By Bus**

Bus Service 4 and 402 pass the school on the West Bromwich Road and the 401 stops outside the Academy on Walstead Road.

## **By Train**

Bescot Station is on the line from Walsall to Birmingham and is opposite Walsall Football Club



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