

# Your Future Your Choice



Post 16  
Prospectus  
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# Foreword



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**Your passion, your pathway, your future.**

It is important that you choose the right path for you and your future, no matter what area of employment you aspire to, and to help you and your family make this important decision, we have created Your Future, Your Choice

post 16 prospectus 2024-25 in collaboration with Waltham Forest secondary schools and colleges to make this decision a little easier.

There are several different pathways to choose from, which suit different strengths and aspirations. You may feel you work better in a classroom environment, love to learn by 'doing', being taught by those already working in your chosen industry and more. There may also be routes in education and training that you've never heard of.

Each school and college has its own on-line application form, which will be available on their website or to request as a paper form, so make sure to check the individual pages of each further education provider in this prospectus. We strongly encourage you to attend open days so that you can see the facilities and meet the teachers/tutors.

Whatever you are thinking of doing next it is important to spend time discussing your options with the people around you: your teachers, family, carers, to decide what will be right for you. You can also get support from your school and college careers team.

We want to help you move forward with confidence and I 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
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...

### START Career Platform

The START 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](http://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
- ✓ Explore jobs linked to your interests, your subject, your strengths and find out about jobs that are in demand in the UK
- ✓ Capture evidence of your employability to help you write a CV or a personal statement
- ✓ Discover the different worlds where people and businesses work
- ✓ Search for post 16 course providers, and apprenticeships
- ✓ Search and apply for jobs near you and across London
- ✓ Go through to the UCAS website to search for at higher education courses
- ✓ Find out information about employers in Waltham Forest

## 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](mailto:senteam@walthamforest.gov.uk)**

or call **020 8496 6503**

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](https://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?



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 can decide on the route on the following pages.

## 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

<b>Academic level 3 qualifications, similar in style to GCSEs, that prepare you for further study.</b>	
<b>Duration:</b>	Two years
<b>Start date:</b>	September
<b>Assessment:</b>	Mostly exams at the end of the course
<b>Where will I study:</b>	School sixth form, sixth form college, further education college
<b>Level of study:</b>	Level 3
<b>How will I learn?</b>	Classroom based work, coursework and exams.
<b>Entry requirements:</b>	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
<b>Work experience:</b>	Is a compulsory part of level 3 study. Generally, for one to two weeks to help employability skills
<b>Awards UCAS points?</b>	Yes
<b>What does it lead to?</b>	University/college, higher level or degree apprenticeship, work
<b>How to apply:</b>	Go to individual school and college websites.

## Applied general qualifications

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

## Technical and vocational qualifications

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

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

<b>Duration:</b>	Take between 1 and 2 years to complete depending on the level
<b>Start date:</b>	Opportunities are advertised throughout the year
<b>Assessment:</b>	Practical and written assignments
<b>Where will I study:</b>	Off the job with a training provider or further education college
<b>Level of study:</b>	Levels 2 to 7
<b>Entry requirements:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Level 2/intermediate - level 1 in maths and English</li> <li>• Level 3/advanced - 5 GCSEs, grades four to nine</li> <li>• Levels 4/5 higher – level 3 qualification, additional requirements set by the employer</li> <li>• Level 6/7 - levels 3, 4, and 5. Set by the employer, dependent on apprenticeship level, and the industry</li> </ul>
<b>Work experience:</b>	Yes, it's a paid job with at least 20 per cent off the job training
<b>Awards UCAS points?</b>	No
<b>What does it lead to?</b>	Higher level or degree apprenticeship, university/college, work
<b>How to apply:</b>	Go to <a href="http://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk">www.apprenticeships.gov.uk</a> 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

<b>Duration:</b>	Take between 1 and 2 years depending on the course
<b>Start date:</b>	Opportunities are advertised throughout the year
<b>Assessment:</b>	Practical and written assignments
<b>Where will I study:</b>	With an independent training provider or a college
<b>Level of study:</b>	Levels 2 to 6
<b>Entry requirements:</b>	Apprentices will be required to achieve from entry level 3 up to level 2 functional skills in math and English (unless exempt) as part of the apprenticeship. In addition, employers may specify candidate requirements within the details of an apprenticeship vacancy
<b>Work experience:</b>	Yes
<b>Awards UCAS points?</b>	No
<b>What does it lead to?</b>	Higher level or degree apprenticeship, university / college, work
<b>How to apply:</b>	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.

<b>Duration:</b>	From 3 months to 1 year
<b>Start date:</b>	September
<b>Assessment:</b>	N/A
<b>Where will I study:</b>	In a college or with an independent training provider
<b>Level of study:</b>	Entry 3 to level 2
<b>Entry requirements:</b>	N/A
<b>Work experience:</b>	Yes
<b>Awards UCAS points?</b>	No
<b>What does it lead to?</b>	Apprenticeships, employment
<b>How to apply:</b>	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 be offered a job.

<b>Duration:</b>	12 months
<b>Start date:</b>	Some will start in September; others will be available all year round
<b>Assessment:</b>	Course dependent. You can take vocational qualifications and if required, have numeracy and literacy support
<b>Where will I study:</b>	For pre-placement training and off the job learning a further education college, sixth form college, school sixth-form or independent training provider
<b>Level of study:</b>	Level 1 or 2
<b>Entry requirements:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aged 16 to 24 with an Education and Health Care Plan</li> <li>Have employment as your focus</li> <li>Have had work experience at school or college, and really want to work</li> <li>Be at the right stage in your learning and development to benefit from a supported internship</li> </ul>
<b>Work experience:</b>	Yes
<b>What does it lead to?</b>	Work, apprenticeship
<b>How to apply:</b>	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.

<b>Duration:</b>	1 - 2 years
<b>Start date:</b>	September
<b>Assessment:</b>	N/A
<b>Where will I study:</b>	In a college or with an independent training provider
<b>Level of study:</b>	Entry level 2 or working towards entry 3
<b>Entry requirements:</b>	EHC plan / vocational profiling
<b>Work experience:</b>	N/A
<b>Awards UCAS points?</b>	No
<b>What does it lead to?</b>	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](http://www.studioschoolstrust.org)

[www.utcolleges.org](http://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 from teachers?**
- ? **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 Academy	Chingford Foundation School	Heathcote School and College	Highams Park School and Sixth Form	HFSix	Leyton Sixth Form	Norlington School and Sixth 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		●		●	●	●				
Financial Studies		●								
French		●		●	●	●		●		●
Further maths		●	●	●	●	●	●	●		●
Game Design	●								●	
Games, Animation and VFX	●									
Geography		●	●	●	●	●	●	●		●
Graphic Design		●				●		●		
Hairdressing									●	
Health and Social Care				●		●		●	●	●
History		●	●	●	●	●	●	●		●
Hospitality and Culinary Arts									●	
Italian		●				●				

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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		●			●	●	●			●
Rock School								●		
Applied Science			●							
Science		●	●			●		●		
Sociology		●	●	●	●	●		●	●	●
Spanish		●	●		●	●		●		●
Sports	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Travel & Tourism		●				●		●	●	

# Subjects offered by special schools

	Belmont Park School	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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- 38. HFSix
- 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 Studies  
Chemistry  
Computer Science  
Design & Technology - Product Design  
Drama & Theatre  
Economics  
Electronics  
English Language  
English Literature  
French  
Geography  
History  
IT (Level 3 – Cambridge Technical)  
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"**

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## 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 16 January 2025  
(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  
Drama and Theatre  
DT: Product Design  
Economics  
English Language  
English Literature  
Extended Project Qualification  
Geography  
History  
Mathematics  
Physical Education  
Physics  
Politics  
Professional Construction Practice  
Psychology  
Sociology

### APPLIED GENERAL QUALIFICATIONS LEVEL 3 SUBJECTS:

BTEC National Level 3 Diploma in Applied Science  
BTEC National Level 3 Certificate, Diploma and Extended Diploma in Business Studies  
BTEC National Level 3 Diploma in Health & Social Care  
BTEC National Level 3 Diploma in Sport

# Heathcote School and Science College

**Address:** 96 Normanton Park, London E4 6ES  
**Phone number:** 020 8498 5110  
**Contact details:** **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

We pride ourselves on creating a Post 16 provision that has the benefits of a school sixth form and a college. Our separate sixth form building provides the feeling of moving onto a new provision and separation from the main school whilst still having the privilege of school processes and familiarity and care of staff.

We pride ourselves in creating an enriched experience with a wide range of career opportunities that enable 100% of pupils to secure the university places of their choice and/or an apprenticeship. Our career support and university preparation are a strength of the sixth form.

At Heathcote, our pupils have exceptional individual successes prominently highlighted by their outstanding A-Level and BTEC results. Our unwavering dedication to excellence has consistently yielded improvements year on year, propelling our pupils towards extraordinary destinations. The strength of our vocational programs remains steadfast, with an impressive 80% of pupils smoothly transitioning to university studies and a significant majority securing their first-choice universities.

**“The transition from my previous school has been made so much easier with the support of all the staff and the friendly pupils here.”** - Year 12 pupil

Open Days dates

Wednesday 15 January 2025

## SEND Support and programmes

At Heathcote Sixth Form, we offer targeted learning support to help all our students reach their full potential. Our SEND team liaise with Key Stage 4 placements to obtain information about a pupil's SEND needs and strategies in place to support them. This information is used to ensure appropriate support is in place for pupils with SEND when they start their programme of study in our Sixth Form. This may include in-class strategies communicated in a pupil profile as well as additional SEND interventions. Support for pupils with Social Emotional Mental Health needs is exemplary.

Information about exam access arrangements in place for GCSE exams is obtained from previous settings. These are evaluated to ensure these arrangements are still required for the post 16 programme of study. If this is the case, an application is made in the early stages of year 12 to continue this arrangement into all assessments in Key Stage 5.

Heathcote Deaf Support Department can provide support for pupils with a 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 - [www.heathcoteschool.com](http://www.heathcoteschool.com)

**Application entry for September 2025 will open on Friday 3 December 2024**



## Courses and subjects offered

### A LEVEL SUBJECTS:

Art  
Biology  
Business Studies  
Chemistry  
Computer Science  
Dance  
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 (will become AAQ from September 2025)  
Sport

### 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

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. 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.

**“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 16 January 2025  
(may be subject to change)**

## 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 23rd February 2025 (may be subject to change)** by completing our online application form.



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

Physics

Politics

Psychology

Religious Studies

Sociology

Spanish

### APPLIED GENERAL QUALIFICATIONS:

BTEC Business National Diploma

BTEC Health and Social National  
Extended Diploma

BTEC IT National  
Extended Certificate

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

<b>Address:</b>	Walthamstow House Site , 1 Shernhall Street, Walthamstow, London, E17 3EA
<b>Contact details:</b>	<b>Phone number:</b> 02085200482 <b>Email:</b> hfsix@holycatholicfamily.co.uk <b>Website:</b> holyfamily.waltham.sch.uk/ sixth-form
<b>DfE number:</b>	320/4603
<b>Public transport links:</b>	<b>Bus routes:</b> 212, 179, W16, 123, 275, 675, 230, W12 <b>Train:</b> 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:** 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.

"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

## SEND Support and programmes

Holy Family Catholic School is committed to meeting the needs of those students with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) so far as it is reasonably practicable and compatible with the provision of the efficient education of other students. Holy Family Catholic School has due regard to the SEN Code of Practice 2015 and the Disability Discrimination Act 2001.

Further information can be found in our School Information Report and SEND policy

- > Reasonable adjustments and High Quality Teaching
- > Exam Access Arrangements
- > Access to The Local Offer
- > Collaboration with specialist external services
- > Weekly support sessions for students with SEND
- > Preparing for adulthood support
- > Bespoke support for example social skills and emotional literacy intervention
- > To arrange a visit of the school or to speak with the SENDCO please contact Ms Minnock

Open Days dates

Thursday 7 November 2024

## How and when to apply

- > Applications Open: 8 November 2024 (Please see the website for the link to the online application form.)
- > Applications deadline: 17 January 2025



## 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  
D Kenyon  
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**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

For details of our open evening please see our website

## Courses and subjects offered

### A LEVEL SUBJECTS:

- Art
- Biology
- Business
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- Drama
- Economics
- English Literature
- French
- Maths
- Further maths
- Geography
- History
- Media Studies
- PE
- 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

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**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. All students who want to go to university are successful and last year 49 per cent of places were at Russell Group Universities.

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. Students and parents can arrange to come into the Academy for a tour and to discuss how we can meet your individual needs.

## 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

**For details of our open evening, please see our website.**

**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  
Media, Film and TV Production  
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)

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

- **74 per cent of Level 3 students progress to university or a conservative**
- **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

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  
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

### VOCATIONAL

Applied Biology  
Applied Science  
Acting  
Business  
Child Care/Early years (level 2 & T Level)  
Criminology  
Design (3D)  
Engineering  
English Language & Literature  
ESOL  
Health and Social Care  
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

2 November 2024 (Saturday)  
1 March 2025 (Saturday)

## How and when to apply

For full details on how to apply please visit our website [www.leyton.ac.uk](http://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  
Creative Media  
Dance  
Design Engineer Construct  
Digital Media  
Digital Production, Design and Development  
Economics  
English Language  
English Literature  
Enterprise Academy  
French  
Further maths  
Geography  
Graphic Design  
Health & Social Care  
History  
IT  
Law  
Mathematics  
Media  
Music  
Performing Arts  
Philosophy  
Photography  
Physics  
Politics  
Psychology  
Rock School  
Science  
Sociology  
Spanish  
Sport  
Travel & Tourism

# Sir George Monoux College

**Address:** Sir George Monoux College, 190 Chingford Road, Walthamstow, London, E17 5AA

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**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

Open day dates to be confirmed - see website for further 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

### APPRENTICESHIPS:

Art & Design  
Automotive  
Barbering  
Beauty  
Bricklaying  
Business, Finance and Enterprise  
Carpentry  
Childcare  
Computing & IT  
Criminology and Law  
Digital Media and Animation  
Electrical Engineering  
Employability and Foundation Learning  
ESOL  
Fashion  
Game Design  
Hairdressing  
Health & Social Care  
Hospitality & Culinary Arts  
Motorcycle Engineering  
Plumbing  
Prince's Trust Team Programme  
Public Services  
Sports  
Supported Learning

### GCSE's:

Art  
Business  
Citizenship  
Combined Science  
English Language  
English Literature  
Physical Education  
Sociology  
Computer Science  
Mathematics

### T LEVELS:

Accounting  
Building Services: Electrical  
Building Services: Plumbing  
Business  
Digital Production  
Design and Development  
Digital Support Service  
Education and Childcare  
Health: Adult Nursing  
Health: Therapy Teams  
Team Leadership and Management  
Travel & Tourism  
Media, Content Creation & Production

# Waltham Forest College

**Address:** 707 Forest Road, Walthamstow, London, E17 4JB

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**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!

### 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

### 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)

## Open Days dates

Wednesday 6 November 2024, 4pm to 7pm

Saturday 25 January 2025, 10am to 2pm

Wednesday 12 March 2025, 4pm to 7pm

Wednesday 14 May 2025, 4pm to 7pm

Wednesday 4 June 2025, 4pm to 7pm

## 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](http://www.waltham.ac.uk)

# Section 4: Special schools



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# Belmont Park School

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**Email:** school@belmontpark.waltham.sch.uk  
**Website:** belmontparkschool.com

**DfE number:** 320/7011

**Public transport links:** **Bus routes:** 20, 230, 257, 357, W15, W19



Open Days dates

Visits to look around the school are welcome at any time. Contact the school to arrange a visit.

## Overview

We are a special school in every sense of the word. Our dedicated staff are passionate about providing the best possible opportunities and education for all our students. Our students are unique and we work hard to understand ways to support and guide them on an individual basis.

We celebrate difference, we challenge ourselves and the students, we resolve conflict and we have high expectations about student behaviour, relationships and attainment.

We develop students academic and personal skills, and help them to develop the confidence that will enable them to be responsible adults, who are in employment with secure and happy relationships, and able to contribute positively to the wider community.

## SEND Support and programmes

We balance the need between academic support and emotional support. We have an Inclusion Team and in addition an Educational Psychologist, School Counsellor, Speech and Language and Occupational Therapist support. We also have academic support and additional after school classes.

## How and when to apply

Students need to have an EHCP to join Belmont Park. Following formal consultation we can take new students at anytime of the year. The preference would be to ask for us to be consulted in the summer term of Year 11.

## Courses and subjects offered

### Pathway 1

Students study GCSE maths, English, Biology and RE and three options from:

1. City & Guilds Construction Level 1
2. BTEC Sport – Level 1
3. BTEC Music – Level 1 / 2
4. BTEC Home Cooking – Level 2
5. GCSE Art



## 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

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waltham.sch.uk

**Website:** whitefieldacademytrust.  
org.uk/84/joseph-clarke-school

### Contact details:

**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

Open Days dates

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

## Overview

Part of Flourish Learning 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 Taking Off 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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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



**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.**

## 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.

**“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?
<p><b>Formal Pathway-</b> 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</p>	<p><b>Accredited studies (Pearson, AQA):</b> Mathmatics and English Vocational Studies – Various Subjects Offered Sports, Art, Food Technology</p> <p><b>Accredited studies (Pearson, AQA):</b> 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</p>	<p>Explore Supported Apprenticeships, College Programmes (various levels) and Local Training Schemes</p>
<p><b>Semi-formal Pathway Challenge-</b> 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</p>	<p><b>Accredited studies (Pearson, AQA, D of E):</b> Mathmatics, English, Food Technology</p> <p><b>Non accredited courses:</b> PSHE, Art, Music, PE, Employability, Cooking, Community inclusion/visits, Leisure and Recreation E-safety. Career encounters and relevant work experience, in house</p>	<p>Learners will be able to access Life and Living SEND courses at Local Colleges.</p>
<p><b>Semi-Formal Explore Pathway:</b> 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.</p>	<p><b>Accredited studies:</b> Duke of Edinburgh's award scheme</p> <p><b>Non accredited studies:</b> English and mathmatics 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</p>	<p>Learners will be able to access Life and Living SEND courses at specialist SEND colleges or access SEN adult provisions</p>
<p><b>Pre-Formal Pathway:</b> 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</p>	<p><b>Accredited studies:</b> Duke of Edinburgh's award scheme</p> <p><b>Non- accredited studies:</b> 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</p>	<p>Learners and their families will be supported by the Local Authority to access SEN Adult Provisions</p>

## Courses and subjects offered

### GCSE

ASDAN Towards Independence

ASDAN Employability Scheme

Entry Level and Functional Skills

# Whitefield School

### Address:

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E17 4AZ

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**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

### Open Days dates

**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.

## 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

## Address:

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

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**Website:** [flourishlearningtrust.org.uk/63/project-search-internships](http://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%, 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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 go to: [tfl.gov.uk/fares-and-payments/travel-forunder-18s/zip-oyster-photocards](http://tfl.gov.uk/fares-and-payments/travel-forunder-18s/zip-oyster-photocards) or visit your local post office



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