



**SBL**  
SIR BERNARD LOVELL  
**ACADEMY**

**FUTURA SIXTH AT SBL ACADEMY**  
**PROSPECTUS 2024/25**



**Opening doors to success**

# WELCOME!

It is an exciting time to join Futura Sixth at SBL. Our Sixth Form Centre of Excellence has been refurbished and extended to provide a mature and professional environment, exclusively for our post-16 students. We have a vibrant and friendly sixth form community at SBL, where students are valued as adults and empowered to take greater responsibility for their learning.

The broad range of highly regarded courses, and the top-quality guidance we provide, ensures that students study and achieve the best combination of qualifications, thus supporting them to secure places at their chosen destinations, whether that is university, apprenticeships or employment.

We supplement the core curriculum with an engaging enrichment programme, tailored to boost each individual student's personal development. Our expert and dedicated team of post-16 staff know our students well and provide all the support, challenge and inspiration needed for them to be happy, fulfilled and successful in the Sixth Form and beyond. **We look forward to welcoming you to the Sixth Form at SBL.**

## OUR TEAM



**Robin Bassford**  
Headteacher



**Chantelle Eccleshall**  
Assistant Headteacher and  
Director of Sixth Form



**Megan Read**  
Sixth Form Pastoral and  
Wellbeing Manager



**Julie Collins**  
Sixth Form  
Administrator

# WHAT MAKES SBL THE SIXTH FORM CENTRE

## 1 CHOICE

We offer a wide range of highly regarded A levels and vocational courses at SBL. Our partnership with Wellsway and IKB Sixth Forms enhances this so we can offer an even greater variety of subjects. The timetable is carefully constructed to fit around the combination of subjects chosen by our students.

## 2 TEACHING

Our team of post-16 teachers are not only subject specialists but are passionate about educating young people in the Sixth Form. Class sizes are generally smaller than in most post-16 centres, which optimises the support our teachers can provide.

## 3 SUPPORT

We know our students well and really care about them, including those that come to us from other schools. This makes us best placed to provide all the support they need to be happy and successful in the Sixth Form. Our team of experienced sixth form tutors provide academic and pastoral support through group and one-to-one mentoring sessions.

## 4 OPPORTUNITY

We are committed to providing a rich array of opportunities and embedding a culture where students jump at the chance to get involved. Our sixth formers take part in a structured programme of School Community Service, as well as leadership opportunities, a week of work experience, and a range of trips and visits - including our trip to New York City, to be launched in 2025/26!

# TRE OF CHOICE FOR OUR COMMUNITY?

## 5 FACILITIES

The newly refurbished and extended sixth form accommodation provides a suite of dedicated post-16 classrooms, a large independent study area with banks of laptops and two common rooms with a pool table and range of vending machines. Plans are afoot for a sixth form café to open soon.

## 6 ENRICHMENT

All of our students complete one or more additional qualifications from a choice of the Extended Project Qualification, Core Maths, Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award and the Level 3 Sports Leaders Award. A valuable PSHE programme is also delivered which includes a range of inspiring guest speakers.

## 7 GUIDANCE

The Sixth Form Team are experts in providing specialist information, advice and guidance to support our students with their next steps after sixth form, be that university, apprenticeships, a gap year or employment. Our UCAS program helped 96% of students secure their first or second choice university last year.

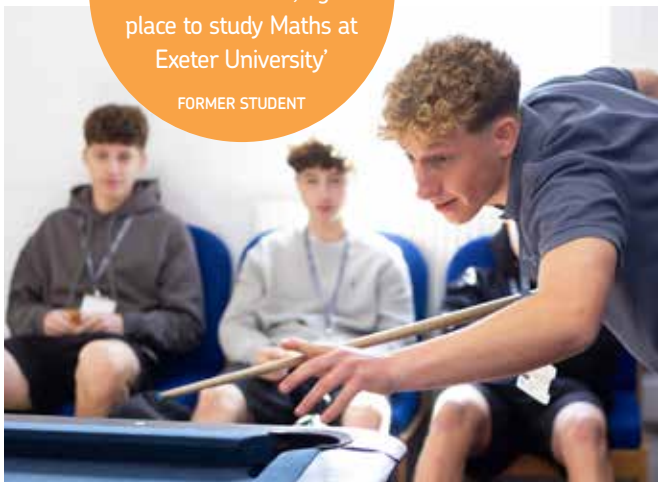
## 8 RESULTS

The strong work ethic and high aspirations of our students, combined with the expertise and dedication of staff, result in fantastic outcomes for both our A level and vocational courses. The pass rate and average grade achieved by our students compares very favourably with other local sixth form colleges, as does our course completion rate.



'Thanks to the brilliant teaching and support I got from the Sixth Form staff at SBL, I got a place to study Maths at Exeter University'

FORMER STUDENT



# OPEN EVENING



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There is so much more to find out about what makes the Sixth Form at SBL a great place to study for post-16.

We warmly invite you to attend our annual Sixth Form Open Evening, taking place on Thursday 24 October 2024 from 6pm-8pm. The evening will start with a presentation at 6pm, given by the Headteacher and the Director of Sixth Form. Visitors will then have the opportunity to tour the new Sixth Form Centre, look at our subject exhibitions and talk to our sixth form staff. If you are new to SBL and would like to have a bespoke tour, then please email: [post-16@sblacademy.org.uk](mailto:post-16@sblacademy.org.uk).

## Entry requirements

The general entry requirements to secure a place at Futura Sixth to study A levels and/or Level 3 vocational courses are five GCSEs at Grade 4, including a Grade 9-4 in English (Language or Literature) and Maths. In order to get a place on the Access to Level 3 pathway, students need to achieve five GCSEs at Grade 3, including English (Language or Literature). There are specific entry requirements for each course which can be found on the Futura Sixth website: [futuresixth.org.uk](http://futuresixth.org.uk)

## How to apply

Please complete an application form found on the Futura Sixth website [futuresixth.org.uk](http://futuresixth.org.uk) by the deadline of 13 December 2024. If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact the Sixth Form Team at [post-16@sblacademy.org.uk](mailto:post-16@sblacademy.org.uk).



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