



Skinner's, academy

sixth form
prospectus

Message from the Principal

Shereka James

Welcome to Skinners' Academy Sixth form. We are an inclusive community providing a positive, rich and stimulating learning environment for all of its students.

We have a large body of highly skilled and motivated staff who understand well how students learn best, and who provide the right balance of pastoral support and academic challenge to ensure success for all. We are intentional about our curriculum offer; we give students the authentic experiences to help them to develop into passionate mathematicians, nurses, teachers, business entrepreneurs and everything else in between.

Our purpose built Sixth Form area is equipped with its own common room and IT suite. Students, in our Sixth Form have increased leadership responsibilities as we help prepare them for the world of work or higher education.

We strive to ensure that all who come into our care, are equipped with the skills and knowledge to contribute successfully in society. We want our young people to be the best they can, so we prepare them to be confident, independent and productive world citizens.



Shereka James
Principal
Skinners' Academy

Message from the Head of Sixth Form

Hannah Potter

At Skinners' Academy we aim to provide a positive and inspiring environment in which you will be able to thrive.

I look forward to welcoming you into our sixth form community. Here We will help you balance your desire to be an independent adult learner with structured support and guidance from experienced subject teachers and a dedicated sixth form pastoral team. The supportive but disciplined environment will enable you to focus on what is most important – high academic achievement and embracing super curricular opportunities.

When I ask students why they want to return to the sixth form, it is always for the structure and the support offered in our friendly and caring environment. We are a community who support each other and celebrate the successes and achievements of all our members.

Our broad curriculum and the ability to offer a mix of A Level and applied general qualifications means you can study a mix of courses which really meet your future study and career goals.

Although sixth form is a short journey, it is an incredibly important one. When you leave us at the end of Year 13, you'll be equipped with the qualifications, skills and characteristics needed to excel in university or on a school leavers apprenticeship programme. I look forward to working with you throughout this journey.



Hannah Potter
Head of Sixth Form
Skinners' Academy



Our Vision

Students at Skinners' Academy sixth form are unapologetically aspirational. They own their goals and do what it takes to achieve excellence.

The Principal and Governors at Skinners' Academy believe that all young people will be the best they can be by working in active partnership with the Academy to achieve excellence for themselves and the wider community.

The Academy will provide the necessary prerequisite skills, knowledge and experiences for young people to ensure they have the opportunities to succeed. Not only will our young people be successful and productive citizens but, they will be a source of influence in the society that they live in, ensuring that they make sustainable and authentic contributions for future generations.



Our Core Values

To provide excellent learning, teaching and enrichment opportunities to develop our future leaders to be outstanding members of their community.

Students who study at Skinners' Academy Sixth Form will :

- **Be curious**
Students at the sixth form have an enthusiasm for the world beyond the classroom. They ask challenging questions about the world we live in and aspire to be active global citizens who challenge the status quo.
- **Be cooperative**
Students at the sixth form work with their peers, staff and external partners to embrace all opportunities for personal growth.
- **Be determined**
Students at the sixth form are resilient and show the grit and determination needed to be successful. They know that by making the most of their time in the sixth form they will be better equipped to face future challenges.
- **Be Kind**
Students at the sixth form contribute to a positive, vibrant and supportive community. They are leaders and role models who are agents for change and betterment.
- **Be respectful**
Students at the sixth form have developed a sense of purpose and respect for their learning. They value their education and extracurricular opportunities.
- **Be outstanding**
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I joined the sixth form as an external student and found it very easy to make new friends and meet the Academy's expectation to 'be the best you can'.

Musab Ahmed, Year 13



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The Academy has helped me progress as a person from Year 7 to Year 13. I would recommend this sixth form to anyone who wants to be independent but always have teachers at hand for help.

Mustafa Kulecki, 2018 Class

Curriculum Offer

Advanced Level & BTEC Qualifications (Level 3)

All students applying to Skinners' Academy Sixth Form will be coursed on highly regarded and nationally recognised qualifications. All qualifications are level 3, meaning they are either A Level or A Level equivalent vocational courses known as applied general courses. Both A Levels and applied general courses enable students to go on to study at university, or to apply for highly regarded training course such as a degree level apprenticeship.

Our A Level Offer gives students the opportunity to study across a breadth of different disciplines.

Our A Level offer includes:

- Art and Design
- Biology
- Business Studies
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- Drama & Theatre Studies *
- Economics
- English Literature
- French
- Geography
- Government and Politics
- History
- Maths and Further Maths
- Media Studies
- Music *
- Physics
- Product Design *
- Psychology
- Sociology
- Spanish
- Textiles *

*subjects will run subject to student uptake

Students who wish to study our level 3 vocational courses will need to have achieved at least five grade 4s or level 2 passes in their GCSE or level 2 vocational courses. This will include grades 4 in both Maths and English GCSEs. We offer a wide range of Applied General qualifications which can also be taken alongside A levels.

We offer some additional qualifications to students to further enrich your learning. These include:

- Core maths
- Home language A Levels
- Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award
- LAMDA Acting and Oracy Short Courses

Our applied general qualifications include:

- Business
- Childcare
- Digital Media
- Food Science and Nutrition *
- Health and Social Care
- Sport
- Travel and Tourism



Personal Development & Wellbeing

Our aim is to ensure sixth form students are well prepared for life after Year 13

Students will participate in a daily structured tutorial programme which helps students develop independent learning and critical thinking skills. Sixth Form tutors see their advisory group through the duration of their time in the sixth form and really get to know their advisees well.

Our bespoke weekly Future Pathways programme helps our students to access relevant PSHE topics along with preparations for attending university open day visits. Our employability and work experience programme are also undertaken by all year 12 students to help them prepare for professional careers.

We believe every student who attends the sixth form should apply for university, even if they later decide to take up an employment or apprenticeship opportunity. You will benefit from 1:1 appointments with our experienced sixth form team to guide you through your application. Our high expectations and attention to the application process and established links with Russell Group universities have seen our alumni attend many prestigious institutions.



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My work experience placement in Year 12 was at an asset management firm specialising in emerging markets. I developed my communication and organisation skills whilst expanding my network to include links within financial support management.

Rayyan Bawazir, 2018 Class



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I joined Skinners' Academy in Year 12 and have had a great support system from the sixth form team. As an external student at first it can be frightening when starting a new school, however the teachers got to know me quickly and helped to guide me to success.

Muzna Khan, Former Student, 2020 Class



Life Outside of Lessons

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Through our enterprise specialism we encourage sixth form students to develop their entrepreneurial skills. Student Leadership is taken seriously at Skinners' Academy. Our Head Boy, Head Girl and Senior Prefects work together to form the Sixth Form Forum – a council which aims to represent sixth form students.

A Professional Coaching Programme is available to year 12 students. Students who participate will be allocated a professional coach and will create a personalised development plan, mapping out the steps needed to achieve their long-term goals.

The sixth form has a dedicated OXBRIDGE, Medicine and Super-Curricular Activities Coordinator who encourages all learners to get involved in enrichment and super-curricular activities which furthers their learning.

The Medics Club aims to support students who wish to study Medicine, Veterinary Sciences or Dentistry with seeking relevant work experience. Members will also attend relevant lectures and seminars and be encouraged to join university access medicine courses.

All students who aspire to attend Oxford or Cambridge will be supported throughout their application and will receive 1:1 mentoring to ensure they are prepared for the rigorous interview and application process.

Year 12 learners will be invited to join one of our Professional hubs. These group year 12 learners by career aspiration and interests and ensure they get targeted work experience, enrichment opportunities and access to specialist advice.

Application Procedure

To find out more about the courses we have on offer visit the Academy website www.skinnersacademy.org.uk/sixth-form

All applicants will attend a meeting to discuss options and courses.
Application deadline: Friday 19 February 2021

Early applications are encouraged.

Student Destinations

The Year 13 class of 2018 progressed on to a range of university opportunities after their time at Skinners' Academy. Some of their destinations are listed below and we anticipate similar and greater successes in the future:

- Bournemouth University
- City, University of London
- University College London
- Goldsmiths, University of London
- University of Greenwich
- Kings College London
- University of Leeds
- University of Manchester
- University of Portsmouth
- Queen Mary University of London
- University of Southampton

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Words cannot describe how much gratitude I have for my teachers and the Sixth Form team – they were the greatest impact on my success. If it wasn't for their efforts I don't think I would have achieved what I did at A-Levels or been as ambitious.

Tracy Tran,
Former Student, 2017 Class

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Principal Shereka James

Specialism: Enterprise
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