

JOSEPH LECKIE ACADEMY

SIXTH FORM

Dear Student / Parent,

I am delighted that you are considering enrolling with us at Joseph Leckie Sixth Form for academic year 2016–2017. Selecting a Sixth Form is a very important decision. If you choose Joseph Leckie Academy you will be joining our Sixth Form at a very exciting time. Sixth Form grades this year were the best ever with an A*–E pass rate of 99% and an incredible 47.7% grades at A*–B. This success is typical at Joseph Leckie Academy where students are fully supported to achieve the very best academic outcomes possible.

Choosing the right Sixth Form can make all of the difference when applying to universities or looking for that all important first job. Employers require well–rounded young men and women who have real academic ability but also understand their place in the wider community. By joining Joseph Leckie Academy, you will be part of a Sixth Form with an outstanding record of academic success, in both A level and vocational subjects. The excellent pastoral support that students receive towards their university applications makes us stand out as the “Sixth Form That Cares.”

Joseph Leckie Academy has a proud tradition of providing high quality Post–16 education, with a number of our students progressing to prestigious Russell Group universities. With outstanding A level results this summer and one of the biggest Sixth Forms in the area, we are proud of our enviable standing in the community and aim to provide the very best educational opportunities for Year 12 and Year 13 students.

The Sixth Form aims to provide an environment where students are encouraged to demonstrate at all times:

- a positive approach to learning
- a commitment to meet all requirements of their course(s) including extensive enrichment programmes
- a willingness to become involved in all aspects of Sixth Form life
- attendance and punctuality record of at least 96%
- effective management of lesson and study time (personal study time)
- a respect for people of all backgrounds and faiths
- respect for facilities in the Sixth Form area, Joseph Leckie Academy and the local community
- respect for themselves coupled with a determined attitude

In the Sixth Form, students are afforded privileges such as: non–contact / personal study time, the use of a large common room, a well–resourced library and study rooms equipped with personal computers. We encourage and expect our Sixth Form students to act in a responsible manner and be ambassadors for the Academy and the community at large, by wearing smart professional business dress and acting as role models for younger students. Students will sign, along with parents/guardians, a learning contract which sets out the expectations we have of them as members of the Sixth Form community.

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Form tutors and subject teachers monitor student progress against targets generated by the average overall grade achieved at GCSE level. Learners are expected to grasp the opportunities presented to them through independent study and wider research. With increasingly costly tuition fees, reductions in university places and greater competition for jobs; young people will need to maximise the opportunities available to them in the Sixth Form to ensure that they leave with the strongest grades possible. We aim to provide this service for students, alongside a dedicated personal statement programme that enables the seamless transition towards the next stage of their learning journey.

Enrichment Opportunities

All students are expected to take part in enrichment activities. Physical Education is offered alongside the following choices, which are designed to develop a wider range of skills to assist students with university applications, whilst enhancing personal development. GCSE re-sit lessons in mathematics and English may also count as enrichment choices. Enrichment opportunities include for September 2017:

Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)
The Duke of Edinburgh Award
Young Enterprise Challenge
Art/Drama/Sport Teams/Music Activities
Student Leadership Scheme
Peer Mentoring – voluntary work with younger students
Wolverhampton University Gymnasium Membership
STEM Technology Ambassador Programme
Computer Science Programming
RLSS Lifeguard Training
Social Mobility Foundation Programme
Community & Charity Fundraising Events
Faculty Apprenticeships
Debating / Public Speaking

Counselling / Tutorial Support

All students in the Sixth Form will have regular timetabled meetings with their tutor and the Head of Sixth Form to discuss progress. At regular intervals throughout the year, progress is monitored by half-termly data checks to ensure each student is making expected progress. This will be discussed with parents/guardians at parents' evening where targets for improvement will be agreed. At the start of any course students will be set targets according to overall performance at GCSE. This grade is used as a benchmark against which progress is monitored throughout each course. Grades are regularly checked against targets and support is offered to any student(s) who falls behind. A dedicated and targeted intervention programme supports individuals with a member of the Sixth Form team.

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Careers Advice

An in house careers adviser is linked to the Sixth Form and is available for students to book appointments to discuss future educational pathways / career options and work related experience.

Sixth Form Student Council

The Student Council is comprised of representatives from Year 12 and Year 13. The council meets once every week to discuss positive ways to enhance provision and enrichment opportunities for Sixth Form students. As a democratic body, the council believes in the rule of law, where students vote on issues that are important to them. Council members also meet, on a termly basis, with the Principal to discuss ways to enhance the Sixth Form as well as to look for ways to improve the Academy as a whole.

UCAS Guidance

Students in Year 12 are taught how to access the UCAS platform through which they will ultimately make their applications for university places. Guidance, in the way of personalised and targeted sessions, encourage students to take the lead in researching the correct course requirements for their interests and to understand the new UCAS points grading systems and calculations required for courses from September 2017.

A dedicated week long UCAS programme in the Summer term focuses upon producing the very best university applications possible and means that our students are supported every step of the way – right from their entry into the Sixth Form, through to the day they leave us for university, higher level apprenticeships or the world of work.

Sixth Form team

The Sixth Form team comprises of the Head of Sixth Form, a dedicated Attendance Officer and the Sixth Form Study Centre Coordinator. Sixth Form tutors are expert in tailoring activities for students in order to support their individual university / work related aspirations. Tutor support is a key strength of the Academy and a very strong tutor network means that students are advised and guided towards the best courses and universities possible.

In Year 11, all students will have the opportunity to apply to the Sixth Form. All students will be considered on their current and predicted grades, coupled with attitude to studies, punctuality, behaviour and attendance.

Applications and Interviews

Joseph Leckie Academy Sixth Form offers a broad and rigorous A level and vocational programme. In order to access subjects you should complete the Sixth Form Application Form. This form will contain: predicted grades, your attendance record, any late marks and your provisional option choices. These will be used to form the basis of a provisional offer following interview. The interview will take the format of a career-based formal conversation with the Head of Sixth Form. You will be advised on the most appropriate programme of study, that meets your educational and vocational needs. The application form should be submitted before the deadline of 9th December 2016.

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Subject Choices

Most students will be expected to undertake three to four A levels, vocational options or a combination of A levels and vocational qualifications. The Head of Sixth Form will advise the most suitable academic route, based upon predicted GCSE grades. Some subjects prefer 'B' grades in a specific subject(s). Equivalent qualifications to GCSE / BTEC L2 will be considered for entry on to most vocational courses, whilst some BTEC courses, coupled with strong GCSE results may provide access to A level courses. Entry to all courses rely on strong GCSE grades, especially in core subjects; though we do make allowances for those who narrowly miss expected grades if potential is evident.

A Level Requirements

Minimum of 5 A*- C Grades / Grade 5 + (new specifications) or equivalent, with English and mathematics. "B" grade (or equivalent) in your chosen study subject is preferred.

BTEC / Vocational Requirements

Minimum of 5 A*-C Grades / Grade 5 + (new specifications) or equivalent.

Combination of A Level / Vocational Subjects

We may be able to offer students a combined programme of A levels and BTEC / vocational options where specific interests / university points are enhanced by choosing a joint pathway.

Timetable

Deadline for application forms	9th December 2016
Admission interviews commence	9th January 2017
Provisional offers confirmed	Within two weeks of interview
GCSE results day	24th August 2017
Enrolment day	24th August 2017

You should take your completed application forms to Mrs Jawanda (in the Sixth Form office) who will arrange your interview. Following your interview, written confirmation of a place will be given.

The Sixth Form at Joseph Leckie Academy welcomes applications from our current Year 11 students, (143 of whom returned to us this academic year) and also students from other institutions who may be looking for a new challenge within a progressive and forward thinking Sixth Form.

Thank you for showing an interest in joining one of the most successful Sixth Forms in the borough. I look forward to meeting you personally should you choose to join us in September. May I take this opportunity to extend a warm welcome to all students and parents this evening and hope you find our "Into the Sixth Form Evening" a useful introduction to Sixth Form life at Joseph Leckie Academy.

Mr A.Banbery – Head of Sixth Form / Assistant Principal.