



Post 16 Prospectus 2020/2021



Welcome to Walton Post 16

A warm Walton welcome. It is my pleasure to lead post 16 and I am delighted that you are considering further education with us. We offer a wide range of courses including A Levels and BTEC Level 3 subjects. Students at Walton Post 16 enjoy a vast array of leadership opportunities including student subject leaders, Post 16 Committee and student academic mentors. In addition, there are many extra-curricular clubs and activities on offer.

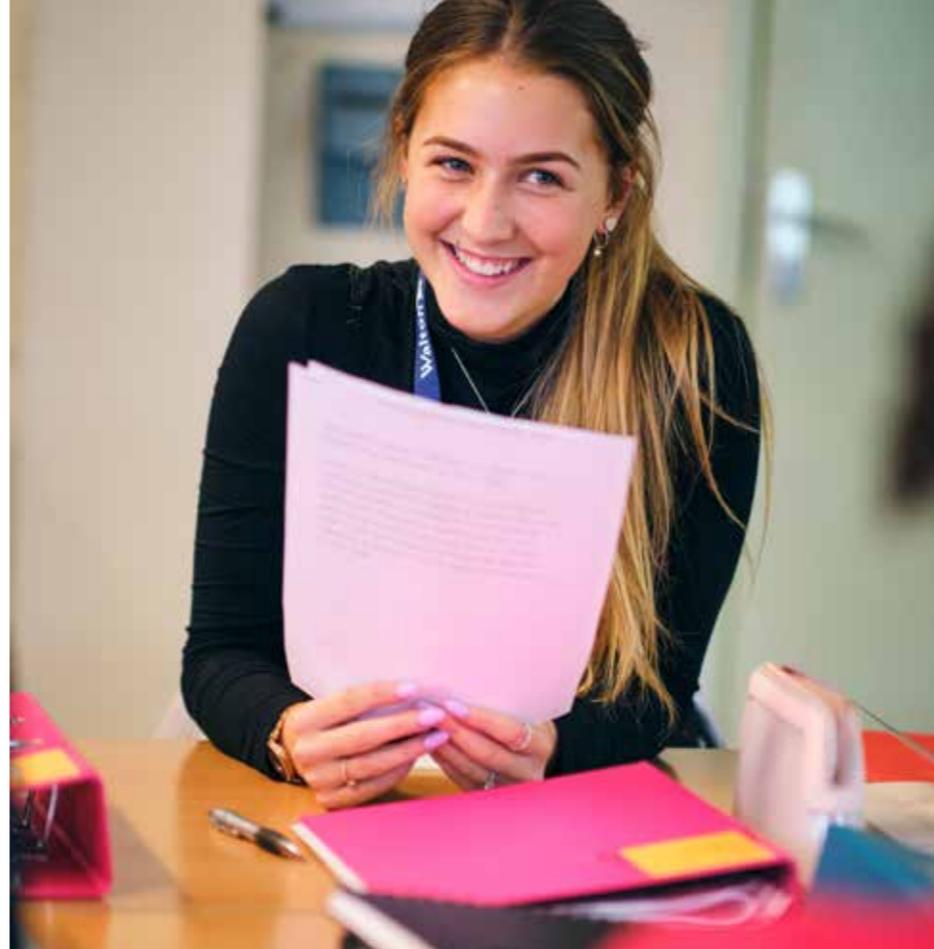
We offer a bespoke programme of advice and guidance to inform students about future pathways including higher education and apprenticeships. In addition, our Careers Officer is available for one-to-one appointments with students to help them select appropriate pathways.

Our dedicated post 16 team is relentless in ensuring an effective climate for learning to make sure that all students reach their full potential. We look forward to welcoming you at our open evening or for one of our post 16 'Talk and Tour' events.



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Jenny Sharp
Assistant Principal Post 16



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Why choose Walton?

Choosing the right place for your post 16 study is an important decision. The experience at post 16 will shape your future prospects, whether that be achieving your chosen university course, securing an apprenticeship or preparing for a future career.

By choosing Walton, you will be challenged and stretched to achieve the best possible academic results to set you on the right path for the future. Just as importantly, you will be supported to develop as an individual – to achieve your ambitions and to expand your horizons.

Our post 16 students are encouraged to shine throughout their time in sixth form and to leave as confident, resilient and motivated individuals. The Walton post 16 student is prepared for life ahead, wherever that may lead.

Life at Walton

Life in Walton sixth form offers an exciting, vibrant place of study. Post 16 students join a lively community, located within Walton's dedicated Post 16 Centre. This allows students a greater level of independence and freedom in their studies, preparing them for the transition to university or the world of work.

Superb results

We are extremely proud of our high success rate for A Level and BTEC Level 3 examinations. In 2019 our students achieved the following:

- Overall pass rate of 99%
- 9% of grades A*-A
- 29% of grades A*-B
- 98% of grades A*-E
- 57% of Level 3 BTEC grades were the top Distinction* Distinction

Outstanding facilities

Walton's purpose-built post 16 Centre provides a modern and welcoming hub for our sixth form students.

In addition to tutor rooms, you will have access to group and individual study and breakout areas, fully equipped ICT suites and laboratories and a post 16 common room – perfect for relaxation and socialising with other students. Refreshments and snacks can also be accessed within the centre.

The post 16 learning environment also offers Walton students access to additional unrivalled facilities – the majority of which cannot be found at other post 16 centres:

- visual arts spaces for painting, textiles and drawing
- photographic studio with purpose-built dark room
- dance studio
- theatre with auditorium seating plus backstage lighting, camera and sound console

Our recently refurbished maths and science suites are located next to the Post 16 Centre for ease and convenience.



Enrichment

Extracurricular opportunities are an important and significant area of learning as they provide students with new and challenging experiences. These opportunities allow students to develop new skills, take risks, experiment with new experiences and consequently grow in self-confidence.



As a Walton Post 16 student you will have access to a broad range of enrichment opportunities to aid your learning and help develop life skills. These include supporting students in the lower school as mentors, working within departments or with students in tutor groups, theatre visits, sporting events, visits abroad and a debating society.

All year 12 students go on a week's work experience in July. With guidance, you will be required to research and set up a placement. This is a fantastic way for you to gain experience in the workplace and to support applications for apprenticeships or universities.

A number of our students have attended summer schools at Cambridge, Nottingham, Lincoln, Lancaster and Oxford. In addition, our performing arts faculty offer a wide range of opportunities for post 16 students to perform including numerous productions both locally and nationally.

We are equally passionate about offering STEM enrichment opportunities to students throughout their courses, and work in partnership with the Ogden Trust and Supporting Physics Teaching Network.

Enhancing your experience at Walton

Extracurricular and enrichment opportunities:

- Principal Student and Deputy Principal Student
- Post 16 Leadership Team
- Post 16 Journalist Team
- Post 16 Debating Society
- Form leaders and deputies
- Mental health ambassadors
- Performing in drama, dance and musical theatre productions
- Subject leaders
- Chemistry clubs for year 12 and 13
- Physics lectures in London
- Art enrichment visit to London, Sheffield and Harlaxton Manor
- Newton Lecture at RAF Cranwell
- Interview practice and CV writing workshops
- Fitness and relaxation boot camp
- Revision and exam preparation skills
- Crest Awards
- Ogden Scholarship
- Isaac Physics Boot Camp
- The Walton Lectures

Our courses

We provide both A Level and BTEC courses, enabling you to tailor your course to suit your academic and vocational aspirations.

Options pathway

The following table shows the options for post 16 study at Walton based on predicted GCSE grades.

Pathway Programme	Predicted GCSE grades	Description	Possible Destinations
INDIGO	Mainly 8s and 9s	3 A Levels • Applications for medicine/veterinary/dentistry OR Oxbridge OR Russell Group university Courses require at least two 'traditional' subjects: maths and further maths; English literature; physics; biology; chemistry; geography; history; modern foreign language • See www.russellgroup.ac.uk/media/5272/informedchoices-print.pdf for the full informed choices booklet	Oxbridge Russell Group university University degree Higher apprenticeship
PURPLE	Mainly 7s and some 6s	3 A Levels	University degree Higher apprenticeship
COBALT	Mainly 5s and above	3 or 4 courses. A combination of 3 BTECs and one AS Level to continue onto 3 courses in year 13	University degree Higher apprenticeship
TEAL	Mainly 5s	3 BTEC courses. Must include GCSE resit in English and/or maths if less than grade 5	University foundation degree/Advanced apprenticeship

9	8.6	8.3	8	7.6	7	6.6	6	5.6	5.3	4.6
All GCSE Grades	Mostly 9 GCSE Grades	Mostly 8/9 GCSE Grades	Mostly 8 GCSE Grades	Mostly 7/8 GCSE Grades	Mostly 7 GCSE Grades	Mostly 6/7 GCSE Grades	Mostly 6 GCSE Grades	Mostly 5/6 GCSE Grades	All GCSE Grades	Mostly 5s GCSE Grades

View our online course guide

www.walton-ac.org.uk/sixth-form/courses

Applied Science

Art and Design

Biology

Business

Chemistry

Children's Play, Learning and Development

Core Maths

Criminology

English Literature

Food Science and Nutrition

Geography

Health and Social Care

History

ICT

Maths

Further Maths

Performing Arts

Philosophy and Ethics

Photography

Physics

Sport

Support, guidance and transition

Our students are supported by our team of specialist post 16 staff as they transition into year 12 and onto year 13.

We have a dedicated post 16 tutor team and a progress mentor, and our fantastic team of post 16 form tutors carry out our bespoke pastoral programme over the academic year. This includes folder checks and individual mentoring sessions to ensure all students are on track.

We offer a series of life skills days which provide a plethora of opportunities for you to learn about university life, UCAS apprenticeships, careers guidance, and also include motivational masterclasses by external speakers.

The leadership opportunities are diverse and far reaching. We have students working in partnership with KS4 students as 1:1 mentors, student subject leaders across every faculty, STEM Ambassadors, performing arts leaders, post 16 journalist team, charities committee members, post 16 leadership committee and principal students.

In addition, our study rooms are open for students to complete work after school every day.

Financial support

The 16 to 19 Bursary Fund provides financial support to help students overcome specific barriers to participation so that they can remain in education.

The post 16 mentor can provide advice to those seeking additional financial support and full details of the fund and an application form can be found on our website by visiting:

www.walton-ac.org.uk/sixth-form/school-bursary



Planning for the future

University

At Walton, students who are looking to go on to higher education are supported through the process of deciding what course and where to continue their studies. Students are given access to Unifrog, enabling them to search every university course, apprenticeship and college course in the UK. Additionally, it lists other opportunities such as school leaver programmes, MOOCs (massive open online courses) and every college at Oxford and Cambridge. The platform also makes it easy for students to record competencies, and write CVs and personal statements.

Apprenticeships

An apprenticeship is another option after post 16 study and our careers advisor is on hand to support students looking at this route. These usually consist of part time work and part time education. Many companies offer apprenticeships, including degree level apprenticeships. All Walton post 16 students are given Unifrog access where they can view apprenticeship opportunities.

Employment

Another choice may be to go into full time employment. Many industries take on young employees with the intention of training them up and potentially encouraging them to apply for managerial posts later on. Careers support and advice for those looking to enter the world of work is provided by our dedicated careers advisor.



I came to Walton on the taster day and I was so impressed by all of the courses available and I was excited to get started. On my first day I was made to feel so welcome. A big difference to my last school was how much the teachers paid attention and how much help they offer you. I am so pleased I came to this academy and there is not one regret. ”

Alex Holt, year 12 student



I transferred from John Ferneley College and have been made to feel really welcome. The academy offers opportunities in enrichment from complex notetaking to lifeskills at universities, with support from the whole post 16 team. It creates a foundation in which you feel comfortable in. ”

Grace Weston, year 12 student

How to apply

To apply online please visit www.walton-ac.org.uk/sixth-form/how-to-apply and complete the online application form. If you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to contact the post 16 team.

Phone: **01476 563251**

Email: enquiries@walton-ac.org.uk

Visit: www.walton-ac.org.uk



Diverse Academies Learning Partnership

Walton is part of the Diverse Academies Learning Partnership – a group of academies committed to the development and improvement of schools through collaboration and partnership. Our core focus is the achievement and development of each individual student. We have an established framework of core principles and practice to which all academies subscribe, whilst maintaining and developing each academy's unique identity and individual characteristics.

For more information, visit www.dalp.org.uk



Location

Walton Post 16 Centre is accessible from Lincolnshire, Nottinghamshire and Leicestershire by car, bus or train. Walton is located in a pleasant area on the outskirts of Grantham town centre with superb access to the A1 and A52.



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