



POST 16 2025-26

Part of  Diverse
Academies



Lucy Cluley
Head of Post 16

WELCOME

We are very proud of our Post 16 Centre and the fantastic results we have consistently achieved. At Walton Academy we pride ourselves on the support offered to our young people – from academic mentoring, careers advice and guidance, to a bespoke tutor curriculum to support students on their journey here with us.

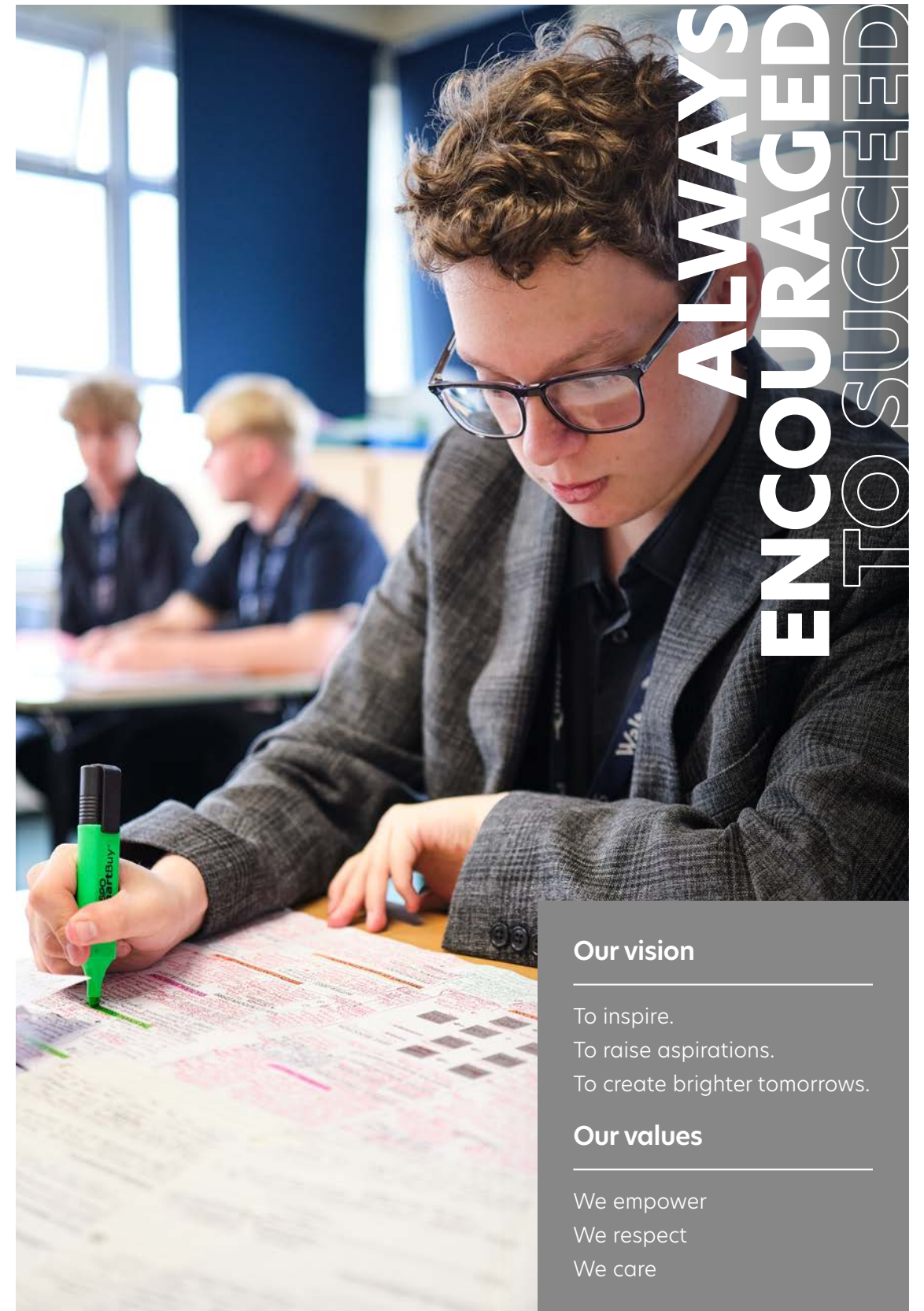
Our enrichment programme develops students in a variety of ways - we run study skills workshops to ensure students' post 16 journey gets off to the best start. Everyone is allocated a next step society where they receive tailored support and opportunities. Guest speakers also deliver talks to inspire and motivate our students, widening their exposure to different professions, higher education courses and industries.

Students have a vast range of exciting extra-curricular opportunities they can get involved with – our ATACC (anaesthesia, trauma and critical care) programme in partnership with Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue Training, for example, is only available to Walton post 16 students. And there is so much more!

Careers guidance is a key part of our support system. Alongside the broader enrichment activities, students can book one-to-one appointments with our careers officer, giving them the chance to explore and discuss their options for life beyond Walton.

Our dedicated post 16 team is committed to ensuring Walton post 16 has an effective climate for learning where all students reach their full potential. We look forward to meeting you and welcoming you

VISION, VALUES AND ETHOS



**ALWAYS
ENCOURAGED
TO SUCCEED**

Our vision

To inspire.
To raise aspirations.
To create brighter tomorrows.

Our values

We empower
We respect
We care

Our ethos

EMPOWERING STUDENTS TO SHINE AND REACH THEIR GOALS

Walton post 16 offers an exciting and vibrant place to study. We believe in having high aspirations and high expectations, whatever your future goals look like. Our curriculum and core programme, alongside our extra-curricular and purpose-built facilities ensure that all students leave Walton feeling assured and prepared for their future.

Prepared for the future



HIGHEST STANDARDS OF PASTORAL SUPPORT



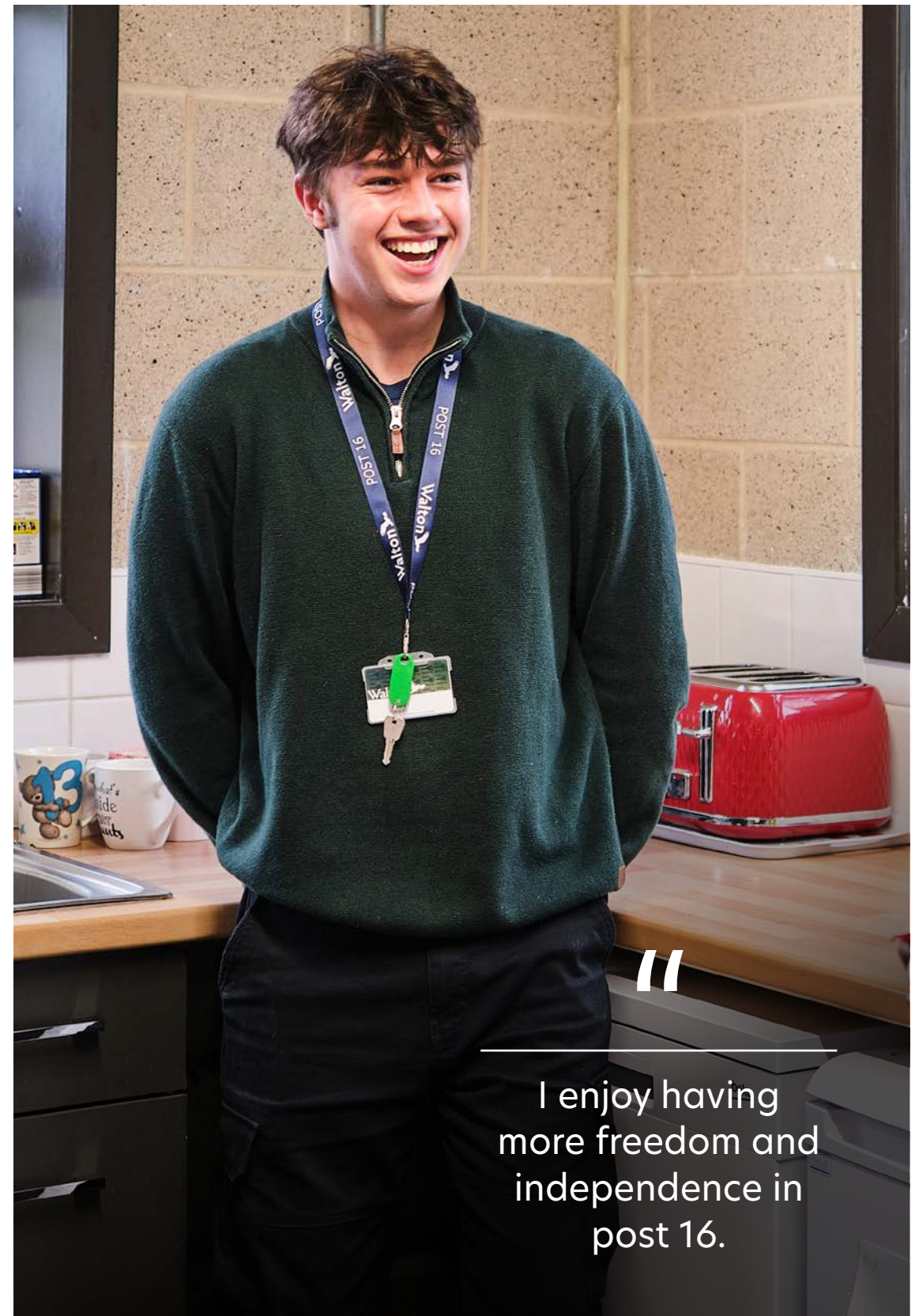
Excellent teaching



UNIQUE ENRICHMENT AND EXTRA-CURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES

AN INSPIRING CURRICULUM

STUDENT LIFE



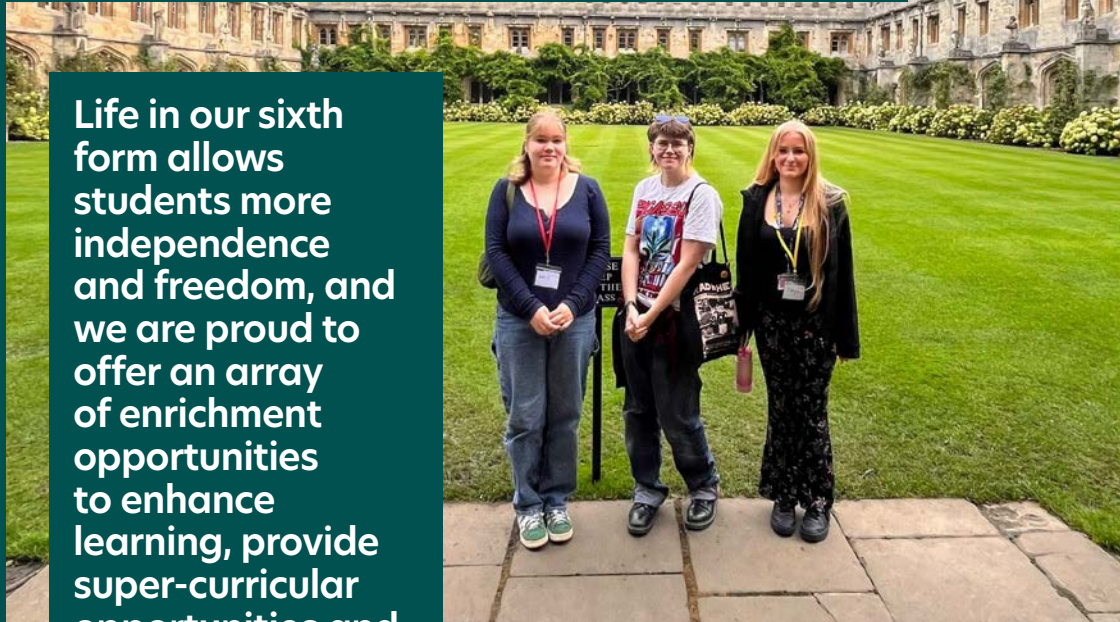
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I enjoy having
more freedom and
independence in
post 16.

UNIQUE OPPORTUNITIES

Life in our sixth form allows students more independence and freedom, and we are proud to offer an array of enrichment opportunities to enhance learning, provide super-curricular opportunities and the development of life skills. This includes:

- ATACC (anaesthesia, trauma and critical care)
- Charity work
- Mental health ambassadors
- Next step days
- Performing arts productions
- Post 16 leadership team
- Self-defence class
- STEM
- Student voice
- Trips and visits



Walton is the only post 16 provider in the country to partner up with ATACC (anaesthesia, trauma and critical care) to provide an extraordinary enrichment opportunity.

Students perform as injured members of the public to give medical students the experience of dealing with trauma incidents as part of their training.

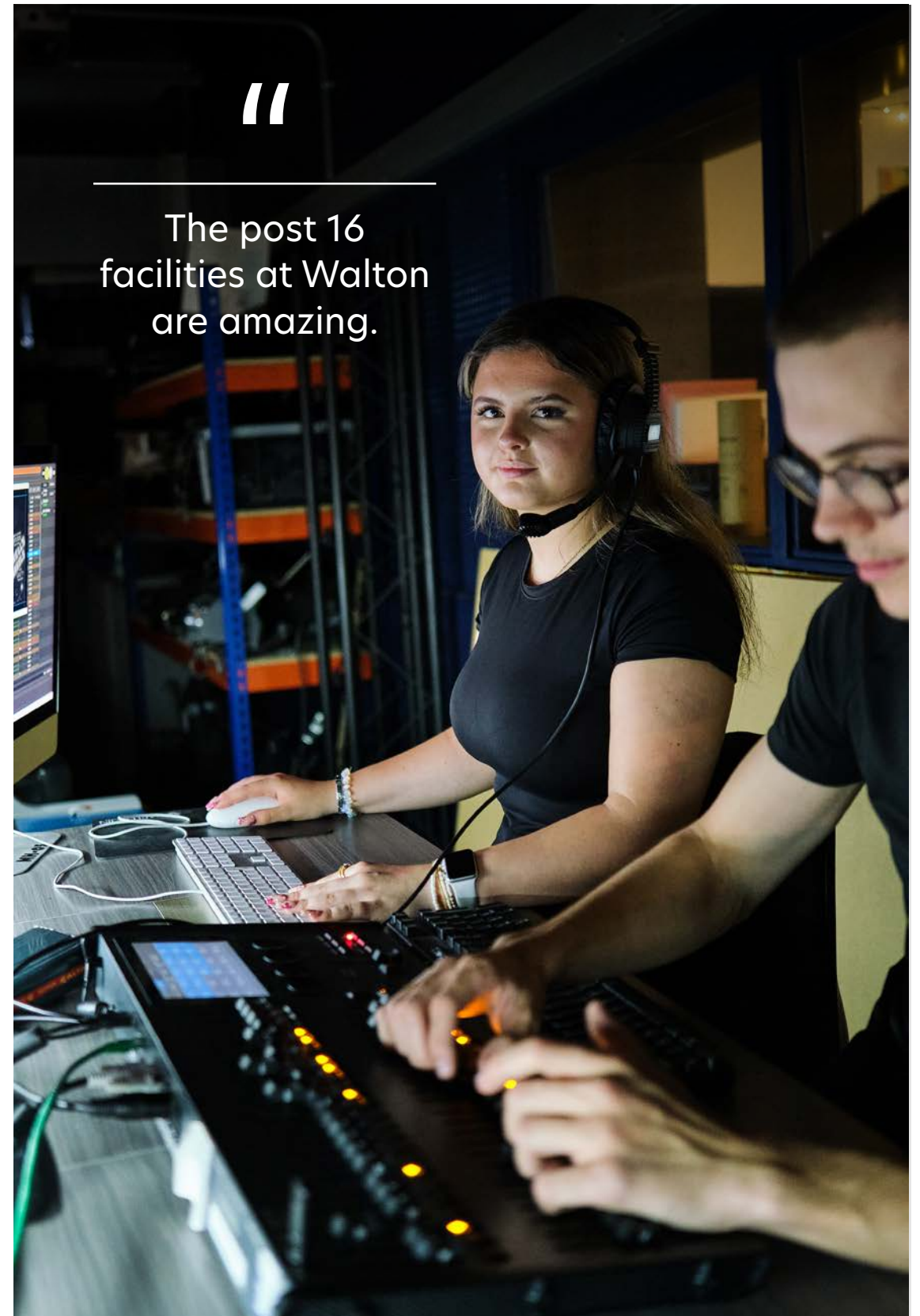
ATACC runs four times throughout the academic year. For many students it is the highlight of their post 16 studies, and for others, it has inspired them to pursue careers in acting and medicine.



FIRST-CLASS FACILITIES

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The post 16
facilities at Walton
are amazing.



Walton's purpose-built Post 16 Centre provides a modern and welcoming hub for our students. In addition to tutor rooms, you will have access to group and individual breakout study areas, fully equipped ICT suites and laboratories, and a post 16 common room – perfect for relaxation and socialising with other students. Refreshments and snacks are also available within the centre.



Our Post 16 Centre has unrivalled facilities that include:

- visual arts studio and classrooms
- photography studio with purpose-built dark room
- dance studio
- industry standard theatre with auditorium seating and backstage lighting and sound board

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



STUDY
WITH US

TAKE A
CLOSER
LOOK

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I enjoy Walton post 16
because the teachers are
always willing to help and they
want you to do your best and
achieve great things.

KEY FACTS


100%
PASS RATE

**A* - A
GRADES**
21%

60%
OF LEVEL 3 BTEC
GRADES TOP
DISTINCTION*
DISTINCTION

58%
A* - B GRADES

Students who move onto
degree apprenticeships
secure places with
industry leaders



A purpose-built
Post 16 Centre

19% of students who
progressed to higher
education went to a
Russell Group university

28 A LEVEL AND BTEC
LEVEL 3 COURSES
ON OFFER

1WEEK WORK
EXPERIENCE



TOP 10 REASONS TO STUDY AT WALTON POST 16

1. **WIDE RANGE OF A LEVEL AND LEVEL 3 COURSES** 
2. **Student voice and leadership opportunities** 
3. **Extensive extra-curricular OPPORTUNITIES** 
4. **Purpose-built Post 16 Centre** 
5. **AMAZING FACILITIES** 
6. **Dedicated post 16 tutor team and peer mentors** 
7. **BESPOKE CAREERS PLANNING AND LIFE SKILLS DAYS** 
8. **Excellent pastoral care** 
9. **STRONG ACADEMIC RESULTS** 
10. **A warm and friendly community** 

Electives

All students are expected to select one elective as part of our core programme. Electives run alongside three academic courses to bolster learning and study skill practice.

These include:

Core maths

AS level

This elective will support you to gain a deeper understanding of mathematical analysis and problem solving beyond GCSE level. It will also develop mathematical thinking, reasoning and communication that can be transferred to other academic subjects.

Entry requirements:

Grade 5 or above in GCSE maths

Examination board: OCR

Extended project qualification (EPQ)

Level 3

Unlock independent research and critical thinking with the extended project qualification (EPQ). This elective allows you to explore a topic of your choice by undertaking a research project that culminates in a formal presentation and assignment. Students selecting EPQ will be paired with a mentor with appropriate knowledge in a field or industry to support them with planning and critical thinking. The EPQ demands a high level of commitment and hard work that is attractive to universities and employers.

Entry requirements:

Grade 5 in English language or humanities

Examination board: Pearson



Further maths

A level

This elective will stretch and challenge you and is a popular choice for students looking to take up an apprenticeship, employment or university course in the STEM subject areas. You will enhance your understanding and skills in mathematical thinking, reasoning and communication.

Entry requirements:

Grade 8 in GCSE maths

Examination board: AQA

Gold Arts Award

Level 3

This prestigious programme empowers you to explore, develop, and showcase your artistic talents. With a focus on both artistic skill and personal growth, it challenges you to undertake research and project management across a creative discipline of your choice, from visual arts to performing arts, photography and fashion. This elective rewards 16 UCAS points upon portfolio completion.

Entry requirements:

Five GCSEs grade 5 to 9 including English and maths

Examination board:

Trinity College London

Our curriculum

Our curriculum intent focuses on four areas:

Core programme – consists of personal development, tutor sessions and electives. All students study one elective alongside their A level and Level 3 courses.

Enrichment – we want the best outcomes for our students which is why we provide exceptional extra-curricular and super-curricular opportunities to enhance learning, study skills practice, and support preparedness for life beyond Walton.

Student leadership – being part of a lively and community-orientated school also means that post 16 students have excellent leadership opportunities. Roles vary from being part of the student leadership team, to form representative and house captain.

Academic – Walton post 16 is unashamedly academic and creative in equal balance. We have the finest subject specialist teachers across the arts and STEM, and we promote high aspirations with high expectations.

Core programme

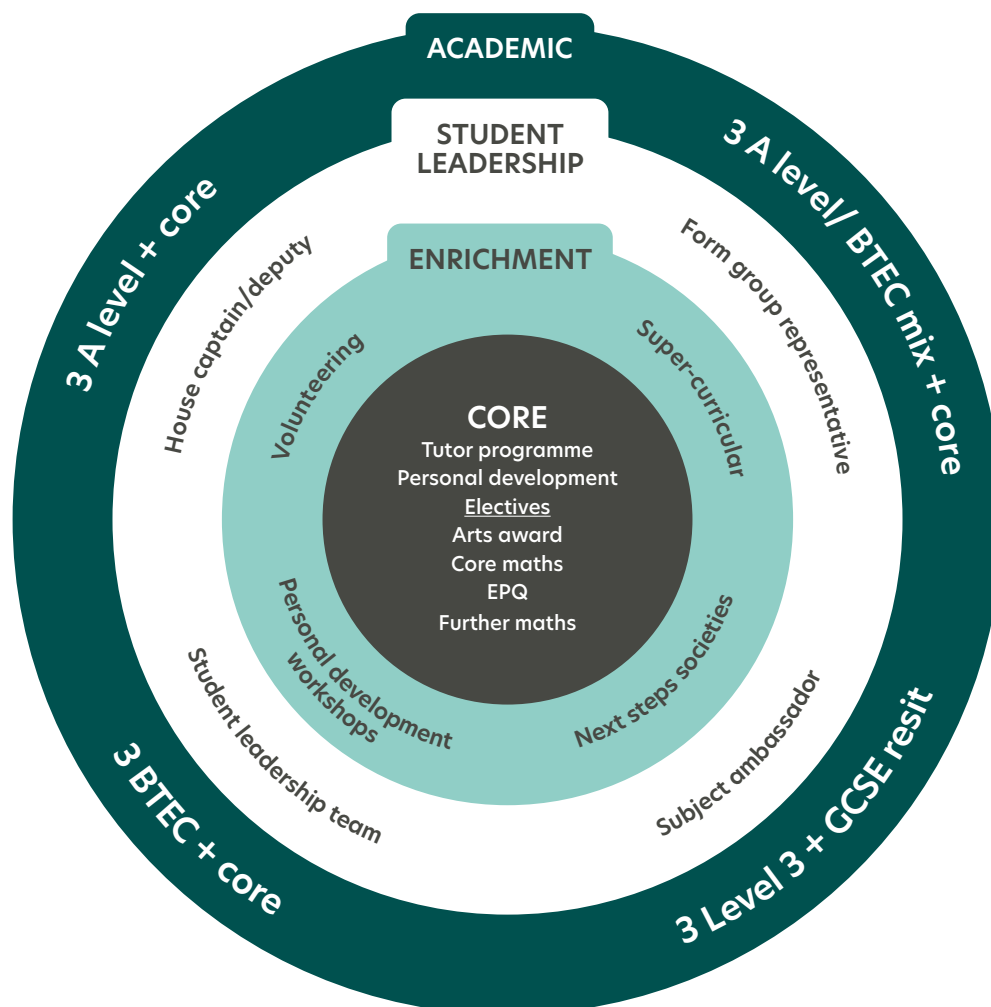
At the core of our post 16 experience is a comprehensive tutor programme, seamlessly incorporating VESPA (vision, effort, systems, practice and attitude). This is led by our tutor team who equip students with the vital skills necessary for academic success and personal growth. Our students have the unique opportunity to select from a range of core electives, additional academic qualifications that not only bolster their UCAS points but also foster independence, academic writing competence, and research skills. This choice-rich environment ensures that every student tailors their educational journey to their individual aspirations.

Student leadership

We understand that education extends beyond the classroom. Under the guidance of the head of post 16, our students actively contribute to redesigning spaces like our common room, shaping policies, organising charity events, and championing positive mental health and well-being initiatives. Our post 16 students are not just learners; they are role models to everyone in the academy, inspiring aspiration and belonging throughout the school. As part of our energetic house system, run by dedicated post 16 students, house captains lead the charge, organising exhilarating house competitions, engaging in weekly lunch duties to connect with fellow students, and delivering motivational assemblies.

Academic qualifications

We are always looking for ways to build our curriculum based on student feedback, for example by introducing languages, psychology and sociology. Students have the opportunity to choose a range of Level 3 qualifications from A level to BTECs or a combination of both. At Walton Academy, our post 16 experience is more than an academic journey; it's a transformative path to becoming well-rounded, empathetic leaders who make a positive impact on our school and community.





Applied science

BTEC Level 3 Extended Certificate

Applied science provides students with a comprehensive foundation in biology, chemistry, and physics, while emphasising practical skills and independent research.

Core units cover topics such as principles and applications of science, laboratory techniques, scientific investigations, and human physiology. Students also explore specialised areas like medical physics and organic chemistry.

The course develops key skills including scientific communication, data analysis, and problem-solving, making students proficient in reading technical texts and performing in practical scenarios.

Entry requirements

Five grade 5s or above at GCSE including combined science, English language and maths

Examination board:

Pearson

Find out more at:

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

Art, craft and design

A level

This course will see you explore art concepts through a variety of media including drawing, painting, printmaking, sculpture, and photography. You will produce work that meets the requirements of four assessment objectives, recording your ideas through photography, mark making and written annotation.

Entry requirements

Grade 5 or above in GCSE art

Examination board:

AQA

Find out more at:

www.walton-ac.org.uk/sixth-form/courses/art-and-design

Biology

A level

Biology delves into biological molecules, cell structure and function, and the interactions between organisms and their environments. Students will explore advanced concepts such as energy transfers, homeostasis, gene expression, and the mechanisms of evolution.

The course emphasises practical skills and the scientific method. Students will also be introduced to synoptic writing, which is looked on favourably by universities.

Entry requirements

Grade 7-7 in GCSE combined science or grade 7 or above in GCSE biology with grade 6 in maths, physics and chemistry

Examination board:

AQA

Find out more at:

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

Business

BTEC Level 3 Extended Certificate

This course is for students who are interested in learning about the business sector alongside other fields of study, with a view to progressing to a wide range of higher education courses, not necessarily in business-related subjects.

If you take up this subject, you will benefit from first-hand work experience and the knowledge and expertise of local business leads as the course includes visits, guest speakers and 'live' assignment briefs set by the businesses themselves.

Entry requirements

Grade 6 or above in GCSE English language and maths

Examination board:

Pearson

Find out more at:

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

Chemistry

AS/A level

Chemistry covers essential topics such as atomic structure, bonding, energetics, kinetics, and organic chemistry, providing students with critical problem-solving and analytical skills.

With its emphasis on practical experiments and scientific thinking, chemistry develops innovators prepared for challenges in a wide range of fields.

Entry requirements

Grade 7-7 in GCSE combined science or grade 7 or above in GCSE chemistry with grade 6 in biology, physics and maths

Examination board:

AQA

Find out more at:

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

Children's play, learning and development (CPLD)

BTEC Level 3 Extended Certificate

This course will focus on child development, the importance of play and how children learn, as well as the range of skills required to work in early years education.

Students who take up this course will have the place-based work experience that includes planning and preparing as they visit different settings. This hands-on approach provides a unique opportunity to pair theory and practice that sets students up for work within early years.

Students completing their Level 3 studies have continued onto university to study children's nursing, radiography and teaching, plus many more subjects.

Entry requirements

Five grade 4s or above at GCSE including English language and maths

Examination board:

Pearson

Find out more at:

www.walton-ac.org.uk/sixth-form/courses/childrens-play-learning-and-development



Criminology

Level 3 Applied Diploma

This course has a strong focus on applied learning and students will acquire knowledge of the criminal justice system in purposeful contexts. You will study four mandatory units that cover different types of crime including social perceptions of crime; theories on criminal behaviour and deviance; the criminal justice system; and crime and punishment including the effectiveness of social control.

This course is suitable for students who have a keen interest in law.

Entry requirements

Grade 6 or above in GCSE English language and a humanities subject

Examination board:

WJEC

Find out more at:

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

Dance

A level

A level dance course fosters creative and intellectual development with transferable skills like teamwork, communication, and problem-solving nurtured through practical and class-based learning.

You will discover contemporary and historical dance practices, attempt repertoire replication, undertake critical analysis of choreographers' method and body of work, and develop your own practice and style.

Entry requirements

Five grade 5s or above at GCSE including English language and maths

Merit/grade 6 or above in music, dance or drama

Examination board:

AQA

Find out more at:

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

Drama

A level

This course fosters creativity and self-expression and will give you the opportunity to explore acting, directing and scriptwriting.

A level drama encourages critical thinking by analysing texts, performances, and the socio-cultural context of plays, as well as the importance of teamwork and communication on collaborative projects and assessment.

The core components of this course include developing an understanding of drama and theatre, devising new drama, and exploration and interpretation of key texts.

Entry requirements

Five grade 5s or above at GCSE including English language and maths

Merit/grade 6 or above in music, dance or drama

Examination board:

AQA

Find out more at:

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





English literature

A level

Students choosing to study this course will delve into a selection of thought-provoking texts made up of poetry, prose and drama from various periods of time, including Shakespeare and modern fiction.

Lessons are heavily discussion-based with students sharing ideas and interpretations of themes, characters and narrative structures that reveal complexities around what it means to be human.

Entry requirements

Grade 6 or above in GCSE English language or English literature

Examination board:

AQA

Find out more at:

[www.walton-ac.org.uk/
 sixth-form/courses/english-
 literature](http://www.walton-ac.org.uk/sixth-form/courses/english-literature)

Food and science nutrition French

Level 3 Diploma

This qualification enables students to gain a wealth of knowledge about the food and nutrition industry. Students will learn about the relationship between the human body and food as well as applying their learning in work-related contexts linked to industry.

The course is made up of two mandatory units and one chosen unit. Your chosen unit will allow you to develop your interest in a chosen area, building on your previous learning and experiences, including your future career or higher education aspirations.

Entry requirements

Grade 6 in GCSE food preparation and nutrition, English language and maths

Examination board:

WJEC

Find out more at:

[www.walton-ac.org.uk/
 sixth-form/courses/food-science-
 and-nutrition](http://www.walton-ac.org.uk/sixth-form/courses/food-science-and-nutrition)

A level

A level French will boost your critical thinking, cultural awareness, and communication abilities with core content including social issues and trends, political and artistic culture as well as grammar. There is also the option to study literary texts and film.

With expert teaching, interactive learning, and a supportive community, we'll help you excel in your exams and explore the rich culture of the French speaking world. Join us on this exciting journey to fluency and global citizenship.

Entry requirements

Grade 6 or above in GCSE French

Examination board:

AQA

Find out more at:

[www.walton-ac.org.uk/
 sixth-form/courses/french](http://www.walton-ac.org.uk/sixth-form/courses/french)

Geography

A level

This course is delivered through a wide variety of teaching methods and activities. Elements of the course will involve developing a wide range of skills such as data, graphical, and analytical skills. These will be developed through classwork and fieldwork.

The course is split into two broad topics – human geography and physical geography – however there will be extensive links between the two.

Entry requirements

Grade 6 or above in GCSE geography

Examination board:

Edexcel

Find out more at:

[www.walton-ac.org.uk/
 sixth-form/courses/geography](http://www.walton-ac.org.uk/sixth-form/courses/geography)

Health and social care

BTEC Level 3 Extended Certificate

This is an exciting subject for students who are interested in learning about the health and social care sector. The course will support you to look at different aspects of life and human development as well as essential skills and competencies required to work in the vast area of health and social care.

Many students go onto further study at university – past degree courses include occupational therapy, physiotherapy, nursing, midwifery, social work and teaching.

Entry requirements

Five grade 5s and above including GCSE English language and maths

Examination board:

Pearson

Find out more at:

[www.walton-ac.org.uk/sixth-
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 care-extended-certificate](http://www.walton-ac.org.uk/sixth-form/courses/health-and-social-care-extended-certificate)

History

A level

History enables you to develop an understanding of the past and provides you with an overview of change and continuity of human history. You will learn about Tudor England, America's divided nation, and the civil rights movement in the USA.

Developing understanding of the socio-cultural, historical and political significance of these periods, you will also gain skills of analysis and interpretation in an intellectually challenging course.

Entry requirements

Grade 6 or above in GCSE history and English language

Examination board:

AQA

Find out more at:

[www.walton-ac.org.uk/
 sixth-form/courses/history](http://www.walton-ac.org.uk/sixth-form/courses/history)





Information technology

BTEC Level 3 Extended Certificate

This qualification is designed for learners who are interested in an introduction to the study of how IT systems manage and share information, with a view to progress onto higher education.

The four units covered include information technology systems, creating systems to manage information, using social media in business, and data modelling.

Entry requirements

Five grade 5s or above at GCSE including English language and maths

Examination board:

Pearson

Find out more at:

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

Maths

A level

Maths is a wide-ranging subject that can be used in a number of different education and career pathways. The overarching themes of the course are mathematical argument, language and proof, mathematical problem solving and mathematical modelling.

Students who have completed this course have moved on to study maths at a higher level as well as careers in statistics, engineering, accountancy and science.

Entry requirements

Grade 7 or above in GCSE maths

Examination board:

AQA

Find out more at:

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

Philosophy and ethics

A level

Philosophy and ethics by nature requires students to consider individual, moral, ethical, social, cultural and contemporary issues. The subject is suitable for anyone who enjoys thinking critically, playing with abstract concepts and challenging received wisdom.

Philosophers ask fundamental questions about our own nature, and of the world we live in. It is a challenging and exciting process, helping you to grow and develop intellectually while developing valuable and transferable skills in analysis, imagination, problem solving and communication.

Entry requirements

Grade 6 or above in GCSE philosophy and ethics and grade 5 in GCSE English language

Examination board:

AQA

Find out more at:

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

Photography

A level

You will learn how to express your thoughts and ideas through the skilful manipulation of photographic media, developing a range of skills and building your confidence as a photographer to experiment and take risks.

Throughout the course, you will explore the work of a range of artists and develop your own themes through projects. You will also learn how to shoot both digital and film photography, using our specialist facilities.

Entry requirements

Grade 6 or above in GCSE photography and grade 5 or above in GCSE English language and maths

Students without GCSE photography can submit a portfolio for consideration

Examination board:

AQA

Find out more at:

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

Physics

A level

This course will challenge you intellectually by placing you in an active role in the consideration of phenomena and the physical world around us. Over the duration of the course, students will become more adept at problem solving and develop analytical skills that increase the overall enjoyment of the subject.

Course content includes astrophysics, mechanics and thermal physics, fields and their consequences, nuclear physics, electric circuits, waves, quantum physics, and much more.

Entry requirements

Grade 7-7 in GCSE combined science or grade 7 or above in GCSE physics with grade 6 in biology, chemistry and maths

Examination board:

AQA

Find out more at:

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

Psychology

A level

A level psychology empowers students to think critically, analyse data, and apply psychological concepts to everyday life.

During the course you will examine a wide range of topics including memory, social influence, schizophrenia and forensic psychology. You will also develop your communication, analysis and evaluation skills.

Knowledge and skills developed through studying psychology can be applied across a wide range of pathways including the arts, social sciences and traditional sciences, leading to careers in psychology, law, medicine, nursing, teaching and social work.

Entry requirements

Grade 6 or above in GCSE maths and/or science

Examination board:

AQA

Find out more at:

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



Sociology

A level

The course covers issues that shape how our society functions, is governed, and how this affects both individuals and groups of people. You will learn about the relationship of family to social structures and change, the role and function of education alongside class and the economy, together with topics on beliefs, crime and religion.

Future pathways and careers have included law, social and public services, prison and rehabilitation work, as well as roles within the criminal justice system.

Entry requirements

Grade 5 in GCSE English language, maths and a humanities subject

Examination board:

OCR

Find out more at:

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

Spanish

A level

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Entry requirements

Grade 6 or above in GCSE Spanish

Examination board:

AQA

Find out more at:

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

Sport

BTEC Level 3 Extended Certificate

BTEC sport gives students with a keen interest in sport the opportunity to undertake further study to develop their knowledge and skills in this area. The course will challenge students to apply learning to real-life scenarios, and extend learning to study anatomy and physiology, fitness training and programming, healthy lifestyle, professional sporting development and fitness testing.

The course mixes theory and practical sessions and allows you to research and formulate your own conclusions, ideas and opinions on sporting topics.

Entry requirements

Five grade 5s or above at GCSE

Examination board:

Pearson

Find out more at:

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



I enjoy the vast range of extra-curricular opportunities that have allowed me to grow as a person.

YOUR ONWARD JOURNEY



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The careers support
I've had has been
fantastic and really
helped me pick the
right university for me.

Future pathways

SUPPORTING YOU EVERY STEP OF THE WAY

UCAS

and university
destinations support

Revision and exam
preparation

Personalised
careers advice

Preparing for
apprenticeships

Interview practice
and CV writing
workshops

Access
to Unifrog

Motivational
careers masterclasses

Next
steps days



www.theuniguide.co.uk



www.notgoingtouni.co.uk



www.unifrog.org



www.applytouni.com



www.ucas.com

University destinations

Just some of the
leading Russell Group
and top universities
our former students
have gone on to

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Join our Post 16 Centre

Entry requirements

If you wish to study A level or BTEC Level 3 qualifications with us, you will need to have achieved the minimum entry requirements in your chosen subjects at GCSE. These can be found for every subject in our course listing pages.

As a guide, you should have at least five GCSEs at grade 5 or above (including English and maths), plus the required grade in your chosen subjects.

Apply online

Apply for your place online by visiting:

www.walton-ac.org.uk/sixth-form/how-to-apply



Any questions?

Contact us at any time if you need help or support with your application to our Post 16 Centre.

Email:
enquiries@walton-ac.org.uk
Call us on 01476 563251



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Together, we believe we can make a difference in our diverse communities, and in the lives of those who learn with us and work with us.

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