

BELFAIRS ACADEMY PROSPECTUS POST 16



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VISION

To inspire everyone to be the best they can be

To provide innovative learning opportunities in a forward thinking environment

To prepare and empower everyone to embark on future challenges with excitement and confidence

To foster respect and responsibility and reach out into the wider world



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WELCOME



Welcome to our Post 16 prospectus.

I am incredibly proud to lead the Post 16 at Belfairs Academy at such an exciting time in its development and thank you for taking the time to consider us for your further education.

We are able to offer a broad range of curriculum subjects and whilst you will leave here with academic success, you will also be able to take advantage of an excellent enrichment programme offered as part of our standard wider curriculum.

Making the right choice for Post 16 education is vital and can be daunting. At Belfairs we promise to support you through every stage of the transition. As we move from strength to strength, the high quality teaching on offer, coupled with outstanding student care, guidance and enrichment, means that you will be fully supported throughout your time with us.

Our tutorial system means that your tutor will know you personally and is able to tailor their support to meet your needs, whatever your plans for the future.

At such an important and exciting time in your education I am confident you can succeed with us and look forward to welcoming you to Belfairs.



Greg Rodulfo
Director of Post 16



Emma Talbott
Assistant Director of Post 16

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STUDENT PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT

"Belfairs Academy has many different opportunities that have allowed me to reach my full potential. The staff have supported me throughout my time in Post 16 with academic challenges as well as helping me gain valuable work experience outside of school that I will use to pursue my desired career. The academy provides many opportunities for students to take part in enrichment activities, helping students to build life skills outside of work providing fun activities throughout the year which can be put on your CV. Belfairs arranges many events for students to help make their academic decisions and to have more of an insight on what careers are available to students. While in Post 16 you will have exceptional teachers that will aid you throughout your whole time in Post 16 and will teach you the basics to the extent of staggering advanced information. In addition, there are many ways that the Post 16 team can support you throughout your time at Belfairs and give you outstanding results."



Isabelle Holder
Student President



Faye Cushion
Student Vice-President

"Belfairs offers an elevated level of support to create a comforting yet encouraging environment which allows all students to challenge themselves. The variety of enrichment activities and opportunities presented is simply unmatched and has given me many great experiences that have helped and inspired me when making decisions for which path I will choose after studying at Belfairs. If you decide to choose Belfairs Academy for your Level 3 studies, you will not be disappointed in the enrichment opportunities, care from staff and exceptional support to ensure you meet your aspired goals."

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CURRICULUM



Whatever your personal interests or talents, we have the right course for you. From a wide number of A Level courses to a variety of vocational courses, we are able to offer a curriculum to meet the needs of all Level 3 students, no matter where your skills lie.

Students at Belfairs Academy take advantage of our dedicated facilities, up to date teaching and countless extra-curricular opportunities on offer. Our Level 3 programme enables students to follow a programme of three courses in subjects that suit their personal abilities. Our curriculum is designed to enable students to progress successfully to either higher education, advanced apprenticeships or employment.

Our offer will also include a Level 2 Mathematics qualification to those who have not achieved a grade 4 at GCSE previously.

The EPQ is offered to our most academically able as a way of furthering their independent study and research skills. It is recognised by universities and employers and valued highly.

We are constantly looking for ways to adapt to the changing demands of modern society and ensure we offer a curriculum that enables our students to compete for jobs and higher education places successfully when the time comes to leave us. As such our curriculum is constantly in development. If you cannot see a course on offer that you would be interested in studying, please take the time to have a conversation with us about it.



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COURSES



Level 3 Curriculum Offer: More detailed course information can be found in the Post 16 Course Guide found on our website.



A Level Courses

Art and Design	History
Biology	Mathematics
Business Studies	Media Studies
Chemistry	Photography
Computer Science	Physical Education
Drama & Theatre Studies	Physics
Economics	Product Design
English Language & Literature	Psychology
English Literature	Religion, Philosophy & Ethics
Film Studies	Sociology
French	Spanish
Geography	Textiles

Vocational Courses

- Business*
- Engineering
- Health & Social Care*
- ICT
- Music*

*These subjects may be offered as a single course option or a larger course equivalent to 2 A Levels.

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FACILITIES & PRIVATE STUDY



In addition to our high quality teaching classrooms, our students have dedicated areas of the Academy to take advantage of.

Not only does this give our students the space they need to complete their independent study, it gives them a feeling of ownership, responsibility and pride over areas of the academy not available to the lower school.

A big change from the timetables students are used to currently is the inclusion of 'Private Study' sessions. These will be used for set work from their subject areas and independent study and revision. Students will be able to sign in to specialist rooms during Private Study should they need to. For instance, if they take subjects requiring larger spaces (eg. Art or Photography), specialist equipment (eg. IT or Media) or group work, they will be able to access suitable areas of the academy.

Areas and facilities available to our Post 16 students include:

- Suites of computers and laptops for Photography students
- IT suites within the post 16 teaching rooms
- A private study base for students to use during their private study time, which includes banks of computers
- The Learning Resource Centre
- The Café, which is available to Post 16 students during break, and lunch.
- Drama studio and theatre space
- High quality scientific laboratory equipment



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CARE, SUPPORT & GUIDANCE



We pride ourselves in knowing every student choosing to study with us personally. Your allocated tutor will work with you daily, to make sure you are on track to make progress and succeed to the best of your ability, in all of your courses.

Through group tutorials and regular one-to-one meetings your progress is monitored throughout your time with us and we work with you, your teachers and your parents or carers to ensure you are on track at all times. In addition to your tutor, there is a wide range of additional support for those who need it during their time with us. Our outstanding Targeted Services department ensure that students with Special Educational Needs are fully supported at Post 16. Our full time, dedicated senior mentor and UCAS lead is always on hand to work with students on a wide range of issues affecting their education and we tailor the support on offer to meet your personal needs.

In addition, the entire Post 16 team ensures students are actively working in their non-contact time. Academic support and guidance is offered routinely at times which suit the students' timetables. We are confident that every student who studies with us feels safe and secure and able to access support when necessary. This means that if you choose to study with us you will be able to focus fully on your education.

SAFEGUARDING

Belfairs Academy is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

STANDARDS AND EXPECTATIONS

We have high expectations of all students with regard to attendance and behaviour, in line with all academy core values. We expect students to act as role models to younger students and ambassadors within the local community. All students attend registration each day and assembly once each week. In addition, students are expected to adhere to the Post 16 dress code and partnership agreement.

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PLANNING FOR YOUR FUTURE



Whether you intend to pursue a career, an apprenticeship or go on to higher education, we will offer you personalised and independent careers advice and guidance.

All Post 16 students have access to our dedicated careers leader who provides individual careers advice and guidance. For students wishing to go on to work, we offer CV and interview support and will help with all stages of the application process. We also have a wide range of access to apprenticeship programmes and training opportunities, all of which we pass directly on to you. Destinations of Belfairs Academy Post 16 students have included; Airbus, Price Waterhouse Cooper, Defra, Millers, Olympus and Kier Group amongst others. We are proud that many students who leave us go on to university and a full programme of UCAS support is offered from the early stages of decision making in Year 12, through the application process to the moment you collect your results. We take all students to the UCAS Superfair and encourage you to attend open days.

University destinations of our leavers have included Russell Group Universities including; Warwick, Bristol and Exeter. Belfairs Academy run an increasingly exciting Careers Fair, in which students can access exhibitors from industry, business, community and higher education. We collaborate with a number of external advisory agencies who work with the students to ensure they gain impartial and expert advice. We have a timetabled interview experience week and work experience week built into our calendar to give our students all the confidence they will need when faced with the real thing. All students studying with us can be secure in the knowledge that whatever their aspirations for the future, we can offer the advice and guidance needed to make the next steps.

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EXTRA CURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES



“Our goal is to ensure all students leave us with the academic success and personal experiences necessary to contribute positively to the wider community.”

Whilst great emphasis is placed on academic success, we know that the Post 16 experience is more than just about a student's day to day lessons. Your personal, social and emotional development is as equally important to us as your final results.

We offer a number of trips each year through subject areas as well as many opportunities to have fun and get to know people on a more informal basis. Students in Year 12 will have the chance to apply for the role of College Charity Leaders. They will plan events throughout the year to encourage academy-wide participation and fund-raising for their chosen charities. For students with talent in music and performing arts, the opportunities are endless. With whole school shows such as 'Les Miserables' and numerous opportunities to perform on stage throughout the year, there are ample chances to showcase your talent. We aim to give our students political awareness and insight into local, national and global current affairs. We hold debates and assemblies involving local political leaders in the run up to local and national elections.

We actively encourage all students to undertake work experience or a volunteering placement. Some students do this in the local community whilst others choose to support younger students through Belfairs' peer mentoring scheme or by helping staff or departments across the academy. Each year we provide opportunities for students to volunteer and undertake community work through our links with the National Citizen Service and Southend YMCA. Post 16 and staff sports is run regularly with a range of activities from basketball to football. Our goal is to ensure all students leave us with the academic success and personal experiences necessary to contribute positively to the wider community.

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ENTRY PATHWAYS & REQUIREMENTS



PATHWAY 1

English at grade 6 or above plus a minimum of 4 other GCSEs at grade 6 or above
Pathway = 3 Courses and EPQ

For students who meet an exceptionally high standard at GCSE, we are willing to discuss the option of taking 4 courses for the 2 years.

PATHWAY 2

Maths and English Language at grade 4 or above plus a minimum of 3 other GCSEs at grade 4 or above
Pathway = 3 Courses

PATHWAY 3

English Language at grade 4 or above plus a minimum of 4 other GCSEs at grade 4 or above, not including Maths
Pathway = 3 Courses and Maths Level 2 Qualification

It is recommended that students on Pathway 3 should choose at least 1 vocational course as part of their application.

Students must also meet individual entry requirements for subjects.

See the Post 16 Course Guide for specific details.

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APPLICATION PROCESS



Request or download an Application Form (available from the Post 16 office or online)



Complete the Application Form and return it to us as soon as possible



All applicants will be invited to interview with parents/carers



Offer made following interview and subject to options



All applicants who are made an offer attend the Post 16 Induction in July



Enrolment to Post 16 – On GCSE results day

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