

BELFAIRS ACADEMY PROSPECTUS

POST 16



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SHAPING THE FUTURE

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.

We are 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 we are confident you can succeed with us and look forward to welcoming you to Belfairs.



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STUDENT PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT



At Belfairs Post 16, we are offered a supportive and inspiring environment where students can take charge of their learning while exploring a wide range of enrichment opportunities. From helping with year 6 open days, mentoring, volunteering on open evenings, taking part in the school mootng law club, creative projects such as the photography and art competition and even to leadership roles like College captain and student president! Belfairs' enrichment program helps students develop skills, gain valuable experience for potential careers in the future, build a strong CV for university and apprenticeship applications. These activities aren't just extras — they help students grow in confidence, work collaboratively and make meaningful contributions to both the school and wider community. Life at Belfairs Post-16 isn't just about studying; it's about taking on new challenges, discovering your passions, and being part of a close-knit community where your ideas and achievements are valued and listened to.

William Bolt – Student President

Belfairs offers a wide range of A Level and BTEC courses, giving every student the chance to find a pathway that truly suits them. Coming from another school, I was amazed by how supportive and encouraging the teachers are — they genuinely care about helping you reach your full potential and are always there when you need guidance or advice.

The balance between academic challenge and personal support makes Belfairs a great place to grow both as a learner and as an individual. Studying Physics, Maths and Sociology has really pushed me to think in new ways, and the opportunities to get involved beyond lessons make the experience even more rewarding.

If you choose to study at Belfairs Academy, you'll benefit from outstanding teaching, incredible support and a community that motivates you to achieve your best.

Harry Burman - Student Vice President

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 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.



Courses on offer.

Art
Biology
Business
Chemistry
Computer Science
3D Design
Drama and Theatre Studies
Economics
Engineering
English Language and Literature
English Literature
Film Studies
French
Graphics
Geography
Health and Social Care

History
ICT
Mathematics
Media Studies
Music
Photography
Physical Education
Physics
Product Design
Psychology
Religion, Philosophy and Ethics
Sociology
Spanish
Textiles

Business CTEC
Engineering BTEC
Health & Social Care BTEC
ICT BTEC
Music BTEC
Performing Arts BTEC

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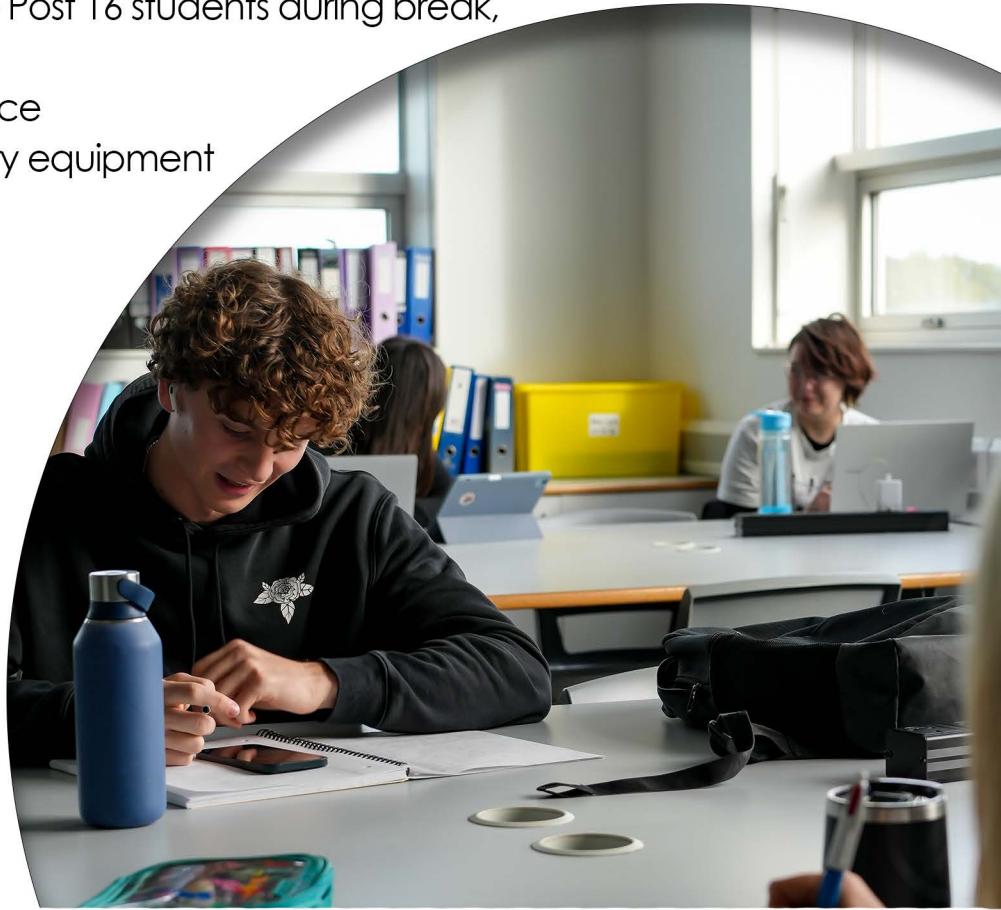
FACILITIES & PRIVATE STUDY



In addition to our high quality teaching classrooms, our students have dedicated 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.
- 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
- Sports Facilities.



Post 16 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, 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, 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.

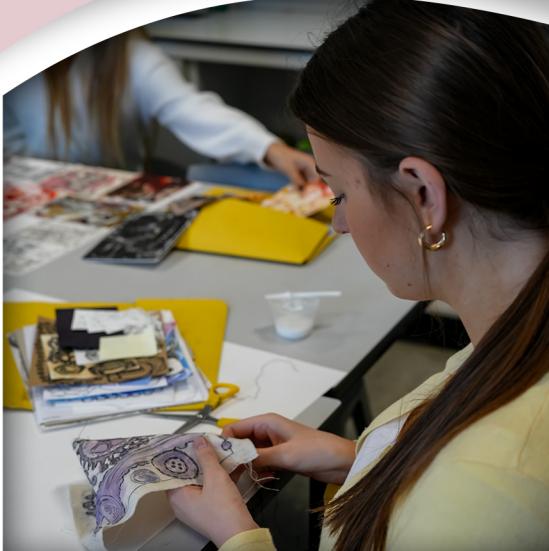


All Post 16 students have access to our dedicated careers leader who provides individual careers advice and guidance. For students wishing to go on to work, we offer CV and interview support and will help with all stages of the application process. We also have a wide range of access to apprenticeship 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 Discovery Exhibition 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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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 attend an interview with parents/carers



Offer is made following interview and is subject to options



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



Enrolment to Post 16 – On GCSE results day