



DIXONS
SIXTH FORM
SOUTH MANCHESTER

PROSPECTUS

INTEGRITY | CURIOSITY | RESPECT

2027

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COMING SOON ON
TIKTOK & INSTAGRAM



WELCOME

Welcome and thank you for your interest in Dixons Sixth Form, South Manchester.

We're excited that we will be welcoming the first cohort of students into our college in September 2027. Dixons first started working in Manchester in 2022, with our two schools serving the community in the Wythenshawe district. Dixons Sixth Form, South Manchester (D6M) will be our first post-16 development in Manchester, however we build on the incredible success of D6M's sister college in Bradford which opened in 2019.

In fact we have an incredible track record of opening new schools and colleges with all our new academies being graded as outstanding by Ofsted in their first inspection. D6M will be a dedicated 16-19 sixth form college. We look forward to working with students in a university feel, young adult environment. Our curriculum will be highly ambitious – tailored to help our students fuel their success. Alongside a relentless focus on academic achievement there will be a wide ranging enrichment offer designed to give unforgettable experiences, develop skills and forge deep relationships.

I hope you enjoy reading this prospectus and look forward to meeting many of you at the range of pre-opening events and activities we will be running.

MARK ROTHERY
SCHOOL AND COLLEGE TRUST LEADER



5 REASONS TO MAKE D6M YOUR #1 CHOICE

01.

A CURRICULUM
FOCUSED ON
ENABLING STUDENTS
TO ACHIEVE
OUTSTANDING
OUTCOMES



02.

SPECIALIST
SIXTH FORM
TEACHERS



03.

A UNIV
FEEL,
ADULT L
ENVIRO



3.

UNIVERSITY
YOUNG
LEARNING
ENVIRONMENT



04.

A BRAND
NEW CAMPUS



05.

WIDE RANGING
ENRICHMENT
OPTIONS,
AMBITIOUS EVENTS
AND TRIPS



PROGRAMMES OF STUDY

OUR WEBSITE IS
THE PLACE TO FIND
DETAILED INFORMATION
ABOUT ALL OUR
COURSES.

www.dixons6m.com



COURSE OVERVIEW

At the heart of every student's programme of study are three A level or equivalent courses. As a student, your weekly timetable will be made up of lessons for your core courses, tutorial, enrichment, study periods and (of course) breaks and lunch.

Although even the most selective universities only ask for three A levels some student's with very high GCSE grades may choose to study four A levels.

A LEVEL COURSES

- A level Art and Design
- A level Biology
- A level Business
- A level Chemistry
- A level Classic Civilisation
- A level Computer Science
- A level Drama
- A level Economics
- A level English Language
- A level English Literature
- A level French
- A level Further Maths
- A level Geography
- A level History
- A level Latin
- A level Law
- A level Maths
- A level Media Studies
- A level Music
- A level Physics
- A level Politics
- A level Psychology
- A level Religious Studies
- A level Sociology
- A level Spanish

APPLIED COURSES

- Criminology
- Drama, dance and performing arts
- Fashion
- Health and social care
- Science
- Sport



ENRICHMENT

FREEDOM TO ACHIEVE

As part of a complete programme of study, students are able to choose from a huge range of enrichment activities. At D6M it's really important to us that all students maximise their potential inside and outside of the classroom. These additional opportunities ensure you are an attractive applicant to universities and employers.

Our diverse enrichment programme will help you to gain high level life skills, develop your interests and try out new things! As well as supporting your applications for your next steps, enrichment at D6M allows you the opportunity to make new friends and immerse yourself in college life. To give you a flavour of the courses we offer, here is a list of just some available for students to choose →

- FIRST AID
- GOLD DUKE OF EDINBURGH
- ELEVATE
- COUCH TO 5K
- POETRY SLAM
- MUSICAL ENSEMBLES
- FUTURE AUTHORS
- SPORTS TEAMS



There's a wide range of extra-curricular activities to choose from and there is something for everyone to enjoy!





PASTORAL SUPPORT

PROGRESS TUTORS

Every student at D6M has a progress tutor who will support you throughout your two-year journey with us. They are there to listen, challenge and support you to achieve your very best, both academically and personally. Our progress tutors are experts in providing pastoral care, progression advice and supporting you with your academic study skills.

Your progress tutor will also see you during weekly group tutorials that will cover everything from your future career options, discussing current affairs, developing study skills and supporting you with your higher education applications. The progress tutors are a committed team offering personal support and guidance to all students. They help to create a seamless transition into the college through direct communication with our students, feeder schools, parents / carers and any relevant outside support. Tutors work hard

to ensure all D6M students feel settled as soon as they arrive and feel confident that their needs are known and are being met.

We want all students to access the curriculum and enrichment activities, which allows them to discover their passion and immerse themselves into their chosen subjects.

At D6M we are committed to supporting the health and wellbeing needs of our students and our progress tutor team are here to give advice, guidance and support to students who are experiencing challenges in their personal lives. Sometimes, students will require additional support and we work with a number of external agencies to ensure students get the support they need for their physical, emotional and mental health.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

DISCRETIONARY BURSARY

The Government allocates a fund to colleges to support students called the 16-19 Discretionary Bursary Fund. This is designed to support with the costs of full-time education such as transport, food, curriculum trips and learning materials.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

This is based on the annual household (all adults living in the address) income. More information and application details are available on the college website at www.dixons6m.com.

ADDITIONAL SUPPORT FOR VULNERABLE STUDENTS

Students from the following groups are eligible for a guaranteed bursary (currently £1,200 per year) paid directly to the student on a monthly basis:

- Young people in care
- Care leavers
- Students who themselves are receiving Income Support or Universal Credit
- Students who are receiving Disability Living Allowance or Personal Independence Payments (PIP)



ELEVATE

ELEVATE Supporting Exceptional Talent

D6M can help you achieve your future educational and career aims. Our elevate programme is designed to support student's aiming for highly competitive courses at prestigious universities.

Application to the top universities requires more than excellent grades, and students must make informed decisions about subjects studied, understand the application and selection process and perform highly at interview. With our help, students at D6M will be extremely successful throughout this process.

Our activities, support and opportunities are offered to all students – though some of the activities below do require students to have a GCSE profile of grades 8s and 9s.

SUPPORTING EXPERIENCES

- Additional qualification through the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)
- Assistance in gaining relevant and required work experience
- Access to opportunities to enhance university applications, such as Maths Challenge, Biology and Chemistry Olympiad, Youth Speaks and many others
- Opportunities to visit top universities for example Oxford, Cambridge and UCL
- Invitation to attend presentations by guest speakers from representatives from Leeds Medical School, Oxbridge Admissions Tutors and many others
- Support with applications to prestigious summer schools after the first year of study at D6M
- Receiving in-depth, specialist interview preparation
- Specialist support in preparing for university admissions tests such as The Biomedical Admissions Test (BMAT), The Law National Aptitude Test (LNAT) and University Clinical Aptitude Test (UCAT)



ZUNAISHA ZUBAIR

Destination: Cambridge University


Studying: History

Results: History A

Politics A*

Psychology A*

LECTURE PROGRAMME



The lectures have been great for learning about new things, and they get you excited about completing further research in your own time!

As a sixth form college we don't do assemblies – however we have designed a unique lecture programme which consists of one 20 minute lecture every week, the aim is to provide all students with an additional outlook on various key academic and life enriching topics.

The content of our lecture programme is designed to build powerful knowledge – we define the hallmarks of this knowledge as:

- Knowledge that changes the way we think
- Knowledge that helps us explore, understand and explain natural and social worlds
- Knowledge that helps us go beyond our individual experiences

The knowledge gained through the lecture programme can be a useful aid for university and job interviews. Students complete the programme with a breadth of wider knowledge and develop their confidence, which is transferable to many other areas of life.

A selection of our planned lectures includes the following:

- “Who are we?: The Classical Perspective”
- “Code-switching and the evolution of slang, innit”
- “The Power of Perseverance”
- “Mastering the Art of Exam Success: Strategies, Techniques, and Mindsets”
- “Get Off My Land! Access to the countryside in the UK”
- “Are we really alone?”

TRIPS & VISITS



EXPAND YOUR HORIZONS

Educational visits make a significant contribution to supporting our students with the development of new knowledge and skills. These experiences for many of our students have ignited a spark in them that has become a life-long interest and an area in which they have specialised in as they have progressed onto higher education.



A selection of trips that we have planned and run in our sister college include:

A WIDE RANGE OF UNIVERSITY VISITS

- The University of Sheffield
- Cambridge University
- The University of York
- The University of Edinburgh

CULTURAL VISITS AND VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

- The Art House
- Cinema visits
- Yorkshire Dales eco-volunteering
- Opera and ballet visits
- Charity bike rides

CURRICULUM VISITS

- Outdoor and indoor rock-climbing
- The Royal Holloway Psychology competition
- Squire Patton Boggs law firm
- Liverpool city centre

ENRICHMENT TRIPS

- Gold Duke of Edinburgh's "Big Hill" days
- Outdoor pursuits residential
- Caving and watersports experience days
- National Junior Indoor Rowing Championships
- Women's leadership residential

YR1 TRIP

In the first year all students take part in a day trip at the end of the first half term. This trip really helps cement new friendships and is the end of our extended induction to sixth form life.

The first year trip involves a one day outdoor experience in a place of outstanding natural beauty. Students and staff spend the day with specialist outdoor leaders to engage with the environment and take on a series of problem based challenges.



OUR COMMUNITY

A GREAT PLACE TO BE

At D6M we value all our students and their diversity, and we strongly encourage our students to learn about each other and celebrate our differences. We take opportunities throughout the year to celebrate our successes but also to raise awareness about those in our local, regional, national and international community who are vulnerable and face challenges. We are extremely proud of the engagement and participation of our students in our events and charitable days, and we look forward to you sharing these with us when you become part of our community at D6M.



I studied at a Dixons Sixth Form college and I loved the big meal events because... Do the now studying at Oxford etc...

BIG MEAL EVENTS

At D6M we value the opportunity to sit, eat and celebrate together sharing a collective experience through our once a term Big Meal events. The events are full of fun, laughter and conversation and help to continue to strengthen our relationships with others in our D6M community.

CHARITY EVENTS

Every year we support three charities (one each term) by raising funds to support our wider community. In the first term we support a local charity, in the second term we support a national charity and in the final term we support an international charity.

Each time our students choose which charity we will be supporting to make sure we focus our efforts of the things that matter most to our D6M community.



**At the end of the day
it's not about what you
have or even what you've
accomplished... it's about
who you've lifted up, who
you've made better. It's
about what you've given
back.**

DENZEL WASHINGTON



OUR SUCCESS

We opened our sister college to D6M in 2019 and the results students have achieved are truly remarkable. We are excited to be bringing that same skill, experience and passion to South Manchester. This small selection of students gives you a flavour of our success to date

I'M GOING
TO
OXBRIDGE!



DIXONS
SIXTH FORM
ACADEMY

LIL BINGHAM
DESTINATION:
CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY
STUDYING:
GEOGRAPHY
RESULTS:
BIOLOGY A*
GEOGRAPHY A*
MATHEMATICS A
EPQ A*



AZHEEM IJAZ
DESTINATION: UNIVERSITY OF SHEFFIELD
STUDYING: MEDICINE
RESULTS: BIOLOGY A*
CHEMISTRY A*
MATHEMATICS A*

AALIYAH MAROOF
DESTINATION:
UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS
STUDYING:
LAW
RESULTS:
LAW A*
ECONOMICS A*
HISTORY A





BENJAMIN DENTON
DESTINATION:
UNIVERSITY OF DURHAM
STUDYING:
GEOGRAPHY
RESULTS:
MUSIC A
HISTORY A
GEOGRAPHY B



RAIN HUANG
DESTINATION: UNIVERSITY OF SHEFFIELD
STUDYING: MEDICINE
RESULTS: BIOLOGY A
CHEMISTRY A
MATHEMATICS B

MILDRED ESSANDOH
DESTINATION:
BRIGHTON AND SUSSEX MEDICAL SCHOOL
STUDYING:
MEDICINE
RESULTS:
BIOLOGY A*
CHEMISTRY A
MATHS A
MEDICAL SCIENCE A



IMRAN VALI
DESTINATION:
UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS
STUDYING:
BIOMEDICAL SCIENCE
RESULTS:
BIOLOGY A
CHEMISTRY A
PSYCHOLOGY A



NEXT STEPS

01.

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE
WWW.DIXONS6M.COM AND
REGISTER FOR UPDATES

02.

ATTEND ONE OF OUR TASTER OR
OPEN EVENTS

03.

MAKE AN APPLICATION FROM
SEPTEMBER 2026 ONWARDS

04.

ATTEND YOUR APPLICATION
INTERVIEW

05.

COLLECT YOUR GCSE RESULTS
AND ENROL IN AUGUST 2027

06.

BE ONE OF OUR FOUNDING
STUDENTS STARTING SEPTEMBER
2027



TYPICAL FAQs



HOW LONG IS THE COLLEGE DAY?

Normal hours for timetabled lessons are between 9am - 4pm Monday - Friday. Our library remains open until 5pm (Monday-Thursday) which students are welcome to stay and use.

AM I IN LESSONS ALL DAY?

No. There are gaps in your timetable which are there for your independent study - planning this time wisely will benefit you greatly!

WHERE DO I GO WHEN I AM NOT IN LESSONS?

There are lots of available spaces in our college for students to study during their non-contact time. This includes our library and the study areas in each curriculum area. Food

options on campus are well-priced and the number one choice for many students (especially when it's raining), however there's no need to stay on site and some students will choose to get food from local shops and cafes.

IF I NEED HELP, WHERE DO I GO?

There is always help on hand for students at D6M. Your first stop would be your progress tutor for questions, pastoral and study skill support. If you are struggling in your subjects then your teachers are on hand during non-contact time to support you.

TRAVELLING TO LEARN

Dixons Sixth Form, South Manchester is opening in 2027 – our new purpose-built building is currently being developed. Please check our website for full information of our building and transport routes.

We believe in what we do, and our track record as a trust is second to none. We expect students to want to come and study with us and we warmly welcome applications from all students right across the region of South Manchester and even further afield.





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UPDATES AVAILABLE ON
OUR WEBSITE.**

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