



SIXTH FORM Prospectus

It is said that a commandeer once observed that those
who had more liberty will be more in favor of being blind
rather than seeing the truth.

Placed by George Adams, 18th century, 1714

John

Some in the village only a very few now and fewer as
each year since he remember they as he was. His story
is written in that letter to me those who have him
but the year they lived and died in will be forgotten.

CHAPTER 1

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Welcome

Thank you for taking the time to consider our Sixth Form. Open Academy Sixth Form (OA6) has high expectations, with a focus on both academic and vocational success, whilst providing a range of other educational and enrichment opportunities in a very supportive environment.

OA6 has a special atmosphere and a visit to us will definitely bring this to life. You will find an exceptional team of people in an inspirational building. Sixth Form students play an essential part in the life of the Open Academy, setting high standards and acting as role models for our younger students. We provide a wide range of courses and resources designed to help you achieve your ambitions, whether that be in higher education or full-time employment.

We are passionate about student development and expect our students, parents and carers to share that attitude. It is all about offering an inspiring education that is firmly rooted in the real world. To achieve such standards, the Academy expects a high degree of commitment from its students.

Please take the time to look through what is on offer at OA6 and do not hesitate to contact us for further information or to organise a visit.



Dear Visitor

Selecting a Sixth Form is one of the most important decisions you will ever make for your future career choices. Hopefully, you will find the information that you require to make an informed decision.

The Sixth Form at Open Academy has much to offer you. In their 2018 report, Ofsted say that:

- 'Leaders have designed the curriculum effectively to provide pupils with a breadth of knowledge and understanding.'
- 'The independent advice and guidance leaders provide works well. The proportion of pupils remaining in education or moving into employment or training has risen markedly.'

The Open Academy benefits from a modern, state of the art building. It is small enough to have a friendly feel, and large enough to offer an unrivalled range of opportunities. The Academy offers many trips and visits, locally, nationally and overseas and gained full International Status from the British Council in recognition of its global dimension. Our Christian ethos is reflected in a set of core values, from aspiration to perseverance.

In addition, every student receives individually tailored support in the form of careers guidance, personal statement advice and CV enhancing opportunities such as taking part in the National Citizen Service programme.

In order to get a real sense of what it is like to be a member of our Sixth Form, we welcome any prospective student who would like to visit us prior to applying. For those interested in joining the Football Academy we will be holding a Year 11 Football tournament early on in the New Year. This will allow potential students to get a feel of what a day in the life of a Football Academy student is like - including playing on the 4G pitch.

To arrange a visit, please contact Leila Molloy or Cedric Anselin on 01603 481640.

We very much hope that you will enjoy our Open Evening and, whichever Sixth Form you choose, we wish you well in the future.

Leila Molloy, Head of Sixth Form





Arts and Humanities

A Level Art

This course provides the ideal platform for any student wishing to pursue the extensive career opportunities in the design or the creative and visual arts field. Practical work and critical awareness play an important part in the course; students should be prepared to analyse their own work and the work of others.

Entry requirements: Five 9-4 grades at GCSE including English and a 5 in Art.

A Level English Literature

English Literature is a highly respected subject, in which you will read a range of novels, plays and poetry, from classic to contemporary, and will study closely their social and historical background. You will learn how to analyse, interpret, compare and understand texts, and how to construct an argument.

Entry requirements: Five 9-4 grades at GCSE including English Language and English Literature.



A Level History

History is a highly respected academic subject and provides an invaluable insight into the way our world functions today. Students must be able to write at length, work independently and be prepared to carry out wider research.

Entry requirements: Five 9-4 grades at GCSE, including English Language and English Literature.

A Level Geography

This course covers a range of contemporary issues such as globalisation, sustainable development, migration, environmental degradation, water conflicts, superpowers, and more. With the breadth of knowledge gained it is one of the most relevant subjects you could choose to study and highly valued within higher education and by potential employers.

Entry requirements: Five 9-4 grades at GCSE.

A Level Film Studies

This course will help you develop a critical understanding of the media and build your creative and production skills. You will explore films from around the world, key issues in the industry, as well as improve your independent research and analytical skills.

Entry requirements: Five 9-4 grades at GCSE, including English Language and English Literature.

A Level Photography

This course will provide students with all the artistic and technical skills they need to be a successful photographer. Studying Photography at A Level is the natural route if students wish to embark on a career in the visual and related arts.

Entry requirements: Five 9-4 grades at GCSE, including English Language and English Literature.



From Damien Hirst to William Shakespeare and everything inbetween; literature, art, and media have defined British culture for centuries, and at OA6 we're passionate about extending that legacy. Our fantastic teaching staff, excellent library, extensive resources, and top facilities are all here to help enthuse you in your studies. We believe we have created an atmosphere that will nurture your creativity and help you thrive. As well as providing an excellent learning experience in school, we are committed to helping you grow outside of school. We have run courses with Cinema City in Norwich, trips to a local Question Time event where our students grilled MPs, and photography trips to various locations.





The Sciences

A Level Biology

Biology is a highly regarded and academically rigorous course for students who have a passion for biology or wish to study biological and medical sciences at university. It is a practical subject and students will have numerous opportunities to use investigative study to support theory and concepts.

Entry requirements: Five 9-4 grades at GCSE, including English, Maths and a grade 6 or above in two Sciences.

Business Studies

Cambridge Technical Level 3

This course is the study of a wide range of topics including; understanding the business environment, marketing, recruitment and selection, and business resources. Students will be required to research, evaluate and demonstrate their knowledge and understanding of these topics.

Entry requirements: Five 9-4 grades at GCSE.

A Level Chemistry

Chemistry is crucial for any student wishing to complete further study in medicine, forensics and pharmacy. It is an academically demanding course for those who have a passion for chemistry and practical work; students complete investigative work that will underpin the theories studied.

Entry requirements: Five 9-4 grades at GCSE, including English, Maths and a grade 6 or above in three Sciences.

A Level Computer Science

Computer Science teaches you how to think more methodically and how to solve problems more effectively. As such, its lessons are applicable well beyond the boundaries of the subject itself. Computer Science empowers you with tools and ideas that can be applied to practically any domain of interest to you in life.

Entry requirements: Five 9-4 grades at GCSE.



Health and Social Care

BTEC Level 3

This course will appeal to students who enjoy studying a subject that is relevant to their own lives and experience. The course offers the opportunity for you to develop key transferable skills such as independent research, oral and written communication and group work.

Entry requirements: Five 9-4 grades at GCSE.

A Level Mathematics

Mathematics is about pattern and structure; it is about logical analysis, deduction and calculation within these patterns and structures. An A Level in Mathematics is an incredibly useful and adaptable qualification to have, and is one of the most respected. The course is 100% exam.

Entry requirements: Five 9-4 grades at GCSE, including at least a grade 7 in Mathematics.

A Level Psychology

Psychology is an excellent way to gain a greater understanding of people and why they behave the way they do. This is a very marketable skill in a wide variety of job settings; including social services, advertising, marketing, education, health care and politics.

Entry requirements: Five 9-4 grades at GCSE, including English Language, Maths and a grade 6 or above in two Sciences.

IT

Cambridge Technical Level 3

From computer graphics and control systems to communications and problem-solving, ICT is at the heart of everyday life. You will have the opportunity to develop your research and group work skills through the practical application of knowledge and understanding across a diverse subject.

Entry requirements: Five 9-4 grades at GCSE.

A Level Physics

Studying Physics allows students to appreciate how fundamental science works and to study optional topics that particularly interest them, including Astrophysics, Medical Physics and Applied Physics. The course builds on concepts and skills developed at GCSE.

Entry requirements: Five 9-4 grades at GCSE, including English Language and a grade 6 or above in Maths and two Sciences.

Sport

BTEC Level 3

Students will learn through projects and assignments based on all aspects of the sports coaching and sports management environment. The course will appeal to students who want to obtain a sport-based qualification to lead them onto university or employment.

Entry requirements: Five 9-4 grades at GCSE.



Pastoral and Financial Support

OA6 and the Open Academy are committed to helping you in any way that we can. OA6 can offer a bursary - which is dependent on good attendance - to students that need it the most. This bursary reimburses you for your course materials, or even a school trip that you really want to go on. We can even help you with bus and train tickets, depending on eligibility. Just complete the bursary form in your application pack, or speak to Ms Davies.

Tutoring

Central to our approach at OA6 is the learning review programme. Every student has a personal tutor whom they meet with every day. During tutor time, students have the opportunity to discuss their chosen courses and review their current performance. Students will receive comprehensive and structured support for university, job and apprenticeships applications. Information about university workshops, summer school, open days, voluntary and work experience placements, and apprenticeship opportunities will also be provided at this time.

Parents are invited to meet with tutors half way through the autumn term of Year 12 and 13, and may request an appointment at any point. Tutors will also invite parents in or call them if they feel it is necessary.



What our students say

I chose OA6 because I knew I would be in a supportive environment and have endless support from my teachers in all areas. With my chosen subjects, I have some of the best teachers in the school and I knew I would receive the best from OA6 as I attended Open Academy for High school.

Francesca Kirkwood

"OA6 is a superb sixth form. The option blocks are well set out and the timetables are well structured; we have plenty of time to study. Our Sixth Form area provides us with a place to both socialise and to study. We also have unlimited access to the school's Futures Area for research, study, and catch-up work."

As students of the Open Academy, we feel the sixth form has a lot to offer to those who choose to come here. The class size is small which allows one to one mentoring with teacher, that helps with student growth and learning. Our futures area is a quite space for study, revision and homework, either working independently or in groups, as we are given a good amount of private study. We are given many opportunities in this sixth form, such as the Norfolk Scholars program, Gold DofE and NCS which can all help with UCAS and university applications. Because of the variety of subjects, support, and advice we would recommend this sixth form to those who have high hopes and aspirations for the future

Cerys Ash and Reuban Harvey

When I was looking for a sixth form I wanted somewhere that would be small with a friendly environment. The sixth form being small was important for me as I wanted somewhere where everyone knows each other and you can speak to everyone and also so there is more one to one help from teachers with the increasing difficult of a levels. This sixth form offered a mixture of alevels and btec subjects which really attracted me as it meant I would not only be friends with people in my classes but also people who have different interests to me.

Neisha Christian

The sciences are a great focus for OA6, whether you are studying the science behind how best to run a business, how to build a computer, how to run further and faster, or how stars form, you'll have the best teaching, resources, and facilities available to you. As with other subjects, we run regular trips outside of school to develop your knowledge of the wider world, such as to universities to discover the latest technology used to make video games. Many of these subjects are difficult and require a great deal of determination and hard work to achieve in.

WROXHAM FOOTBALL CLUB ACADEMY PROGRAMME

BTEC Level 3 Sport



*A unique link between
Wroxham FC and the Open Academy*

The sport industry contributed £20.3 billion to the national economy in 2010. It is one of the top 15 industry sectors in England, employing over 400,000 people and offering many career openings in a range of areas, including fitness training, coaching, teaching and sports science.

This course gives you the opportunity to flourish in a sports career and join a massive industry within the UK and around the world. This course will cover areas such as: Anatomy and Physiology, Fitness Training and Programming for Health, Sport and Wellbeing and Professional Development in the Sport Industry. Students can also cover areas such as Sports Psychology and Sports Leadership.

Students develop transferable and higher order skills that are highly regarded by both higher education and employers. Study of sport particularly encourages the development of skills and behaviours such as teamwork, leadership, performance analysis, resilience and evaluation.

Entry Requirements: Five 4-9 grades at GCSE

NORFOLK FA



What We Offer

- Excellent facilities with two fully equipped classrooms, a gym studio and a 4G pitch and excellent changing facilities.
- Students will have the opportunity to gain sound knowledge of apprenticeships, USA scholarships, universities and employment.
- Players will receive professional physiotherapy for injuries sustained whilst training or playing for WFC Open Academy.
- All students will have the opportunity to re-take GCSE English and maths if needed.
- Each player will be given the same opportunity to earn a contract with Wroxham FC.

WFC Open Academy is aimed at boys aged 16-18 who enjoy playing a high standard of football and want to develop their academic studies or gain qualifications that allow them to pursue their dream in the sports industry. We have places available for students who will follow their chosen educational pathway alongside receiving high quality professional football coaching from UEFA qualified coaches.

Students will be part of a squad of players who will compete in five different football competitions during the academic year. Students will be asked to train four times a week with the option to train with Wroxham FC. Coaching qualifications can be gained and experience will be given to all students during their time at WFC Open Academy.

For more information on how to apply or to be considered for a place on the WFC Open Academy programme, please complete the application form in the booklet or contact Cedric Anselin on 01603 481674 or email cedric.anselin@open-academy.org.uk

Please visit www.wfcopenacademy.co.uk for more information.



Apply

Complete the green page to apply to OA6,
complete both the green and blue pages to apply to the Football Academy.

Remove the middle pages and post your application to

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Email your application form to office@open-academy.org.uk

Complete an application on www.helpyouchoose.org

