

PUBLIC BENEFIT STATEMENT

BSix is dedicated to the all-round education of all young people and to the realisation of the full potential and chosen ambitions. It has the following characteristics:

- BSix is a sixth form college, not a small FE college. Sixth form colleges have an excellent reputation for high achievement and are recognised by Ofsted and other research as, often, the most effective institutions in the 16-18 sector.
- BSix is a comprehensive sixth form college, one of a small handful in the sector. It offers a sixth form college experience to young people at all levels of education, from entry to advanced. It also offers a wide range of subjects including BTEC qualifications in Business, Health, Performing Arts and ICT, NVQs in Hair and Beauty as well as GCSEs and 'A' Levels.
- As a result, many young people at BSix are able to move through the levels at an appropriate pace, reaching Level 3 at the age of 19 or 20. Therefore, preparation for progression is a crucial component of the educational experience at BSix.
- BSix aims to be a high-achieving sixth form college, aspiring to the highest possible standards at all levels. Although it might present a marketing problem, there is no educational reason whatsoever why a sixth form college cannot deliver outstanding 'A' Level results as well as moving young people from entry, Levels 1 and 2 through to advanced and beyond.
- BSix can play a central role in a coherent and comprehensive 14-19 offer for young people in Hackney. BSix can offer a choice, a different setting, for young people at 16 who may not wish to stay at school. As a result, our approach to relations with other institutions is collaborative, not competitive, and concentrating on the interests of young people first rather than on narrow institutional self-interest.
- Finally, in order to realise these features and to achieve the aims described below, BSix seeks to be an innovative college. The College will do what is necessary to achieve its aims, refusing to be lured off course by passing fads and fancies too often trailed in the education sector.

The College operates according to the following values:

- BSix is a **comprehensive** college in four senses:
 1. It is **non-selective**, adhering to national entry criteria. The raising of achievement is to be effected by teaching and learning, assessment and support, not by streaming or exclusion.
 2. It offers a sixth form college experience to young people **at all levels**, from entry to advanced.
 3. It offers a **wide range of subjects** including disciplines like Health & Social Care, Music Technology and ESOL as well as traditional GCSE and A Level subjects.
 4. BSix has a commitment to ensuring that young people receive an **all-round education**, including the appropriate qualifications. BSix aims to ensure that

its graduates progress successfully on to the next level, university or the world of work and that they have the personal skills and attributes to become outstanding workers, citizens and students.

- A comprehensive ethos and **high achievement** are complementary aspirations.
- All young people are **educable** and can make exceptional progress
- **Equality** is at the heart of the College's purpose: there is parity of esteem and status between all levels of education and types of qualification.
- BSix is a distinctive community, promoting and celebrating **diversity** in all its forms.
- BSix seeks to act in the best interests of young people rather than narrowly and ruthlessly pursuing institutional self-interest. As a result, our approach to other institutions – where possible – is **collaborative**, not competitive.
- The College is committed to the focused **professional development** of all staff.
- BSix seeks to be rooted in the local **community** and to play a full role in the post-16 education sector.
- The three mottos of BSix encapsulate its values: Aspire Study Achieve, High standards for all, BSix: a university for teachers.