



Amazing results and changes taking place at Tamworth Sixth Form

The New Year has some key developments taking place at Tamworth Sixth Form.

Firstly, as from the 1st January 2014, the Academy shall be known as Tamworth Sixth Form. The Academy is still very much part of the Landau Forte Charitable Trust, but the Sixth Form want to emphasise that each Academy within the Trust has its own distinct identity and working practice. Tamworth Sixth Form is here for the young people of Tamworth and the surrounding area and has a focused atmosphere and curriculum for the students who are in the transition from School to University, apprenticeship or employment. Tamworth Sixth Form offer a first class, distinctive and supportive Post 16 learning environment which enables every individual to mature and develop both academically and personally.



A range of activities, specifically designed for post 16 students, provides students access to a wide variety of educational visits and events, and a wide ranging enrichment programme on Wednesday afternoons, which encourages students to expand their education and experience in many areas, including sport, music, dance, drama, work experience, enterprise, outdoor and adventurous activities and community involvement.

This emphasis on developing each individual student has resulted in a strong increase in the employability and the releasing of the potential of our young people. In 2011, when Tamworth had a consortium arrangement of five sixth forms, 47% of sixth form students went to University with no students going on to Oxbridge or to study Medicine, and only 10 went to Russell Group Universities. Last year, our first full year through, 69% of students have places at University, two students have gone on to Oxbridge or to study medicine, and 27 students have gone to Russell Group Universities. 99% of our leavers are in education, employment or training.

Tamworth Sixth Form strongly believe in giving every individual the opportunity to mould their future. To secure this ambition the Sixth Form ensure good careers advice, through the guidance team, and provide a curriculum matching the individual's needs, abilities, aptitudes and strengths.

From September 2014, a broader curriculum will be available to ensure that the needs of all the young people of Tamworth are met. Tamworth Sixth Form currently have 31 A level courses on offer, together with the extended project plus GCSE Mathematics and English for those who require it. We are expanding this to 33 courses with the addition of new A levels in Health & Social Care, and Use of Mathematics. Tamworth Sixth Form will be offering BTEC Level 3 courses in Construction, Engineering, Performance Arts, IT, Travel & Tourism, and Sport. The BTEC courses will be in association with Tamworth Enterprise College, enabling those students who wish to study a comprehensive Post 16 programme which can incorporate both BTEC and A level study. This new pathway will fill an existing gap in the curriculum offer. Each BTEC being offered has the equivalence of two A levels. The following five pathways:

- Pathway 1 Five AS levels/ Four or Five A levels
- Pathway 2 Four AS levels/ Three or Four A levels
- Pathway 3 Three AS levels & GCSE/ Three A levels
- Pathway 4 One BTEC & two AS levels/ One BTEC & one A level
- Pathway 5 One BTEC & one AS level & GCSE/ One BTEC & one A level

These course combinations will enable us to offer students the opportunity to achieve the new Technical Baccalaureate (Tech Bacc) qualification, which the Government announced earlier this academic year.

These developments emphasise our role as being the Centre of Excellence in Sixth Form Education for all of the young people of Tamworth and the surrounding area.



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