The Sixth Form College Birkenhead

APPLICANT INFORMATION

TEACHERS



POSITIVITY AMBITION RESILIENCE THOUGHTFULNESS

Ofsted Outstanding Provider


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Outstanding
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WELCOME

At Birkenhead Sixth Form College, we believe in creating an environment where both staff and students can truly flourish. We do not burden our teachers with tasks that have no impact, and we actively strip away the unnecessary demands that can get in the way of great teaching. You won't be asked to complete reams of pointless paperwork or sit through meetings that add no value. Instead, your time and energy will go towards what you came into education to do: teach your subject and support your students.

I speak from experience. I joined the College 13 years ago after working in a secondary school where I was juggling break duties, form time, and teaching three different subjects across two key stages – all of which left little time to focus on the subject I was most passionate about. Coming to Birkenhead Sixth Form College and being able to teach Psychology – and only Psychology – was a breath of fresh air. I could finally give students the best of me as a subject specialist.

But my journey didn't stop there. The College has also provided me with the opportunities and support to grow as a professional. From Head of Psychology to Deputy Principal, and now as Principal, my progression has been shaped by a culture that actively supports ambition and development.

This is not unique as we very much adopt the approach of internal development and promote from the talented teachers we have at the College. Whether you're an experienced teacher or at the very start of your career as an ECT, we offer support and professional growth tailored to your needs and career plans.

Thank you again for considering this opportunity. We look forward to helping you discover whether our College could be the right place for the next step in your teaching career.



Rob Myatt
Principal

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“No reports, no break duties, no tutor groups - **just time to focus on what you love: teaching.**”

Jon Thorpe,
Assistant Principal



OUR VALUES

The College is committed to its core values of **Positivity**, **Ambition**, **Resilience** and **Thoughtfulness**, and these values shape everything we do.

POSITIVE

We are positive about what we can do and what others can do.

AMBITIOUS

We work to release the innate human drive for success.

RESILIENT

We will not give up when faced with difficulties.

THOUGHTFUL

We treat everyone with respect & consideration.

PERFORMANCE TABLES

A LEVEL

2025 Wirral A Level Performance

School / College	Progress score & description
Birkenhead Sixth Form College	0.42 well above average
St Anselm's College	0.29 above average
St John Plessington Catholic College	0.2 above average
West Kirby Grammar School	0.11 above average
Birkenhead High School Academy	0.14 average
Birkenhead School	0.09 average
Wirral Grammar School for Boys	0.04 average
Calday Grange Grammar School	-0.03 average
Wirral Grammar School for Girls	-0.03 average
Upton Hall School FCJ	-0.04 average
Weatherhead High School	-0.06 average
St Mary's Catholic College	-0.07 average
Co-op Academy Bebington	-0.13 average
Hilbre High School	-0.42 below average
The Mosslands School	-0.58 below average
The Oldershaw School	-0.62 well below average
South Wirral High School	-0.78 well below average

BTECs

2025 Wirral Applied General Performance

School / College	Progress score & description
St John Plessington Catholic College	0.6 well above average
Birkenhead Sixth Form College	0.59 above average
Weatherhead High School	0.45 above average
St Mary's Catholic College	0.09 average
St Anselm's College	0.01 average
Wirral Grammar School for Boys	0 average
South Wirral High School	-0.06 average
The Mosslands School	-0.1 average
Upton Hall School FCJ	-0.11 average
Birkenhead High School Academy	-0.12 average
The Oldershaw School	-0.14 average
Wirral Metropolitan College	-0.3 average
Co-op Academy Bebington	-0.39 below average
Hilbre High School	-0.52 below average

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Source:
www.compare-school-performance.service.gov.uk

OFSTED OUTSTANDING

The College continues to be **OUTSTANDING**

2016



2024



"***All staff*** have ***very high*** aspirations of what students can achieve."
Ofsted, April 2024

"Teachers have significant experience and are experts in their subjects"

"Teachers support students exceptionally well"

"Teachers' formal assessments are highly effective in preparing students for their examinations"

"Teachers make learning interesting and lively"

OUR AWARDS

Birkenhead Sixth Form College's status as an Outstanding education provider was reconfirmed in Ofsted's latest inspection report, released in June 2024.

Our sixth form experience stands out for its unique approach that nurtures academic excellence and personal growth.



MOST INSPIRATIONAL SIXTH FORM
Educate North

COLLEGE OF THE YEAR 2023
Educate North

BEACON AWARD FOR SOCIAL MOBILITY AND WIDENING PARTICIPATION
Association of Colleges / TES

AWARD FOR SOCIAL MOBILITY
Educate North

SIXTH FORM COLLEGE OF THE YEAR
TES

OUTSTANDING GCSE RESIT PROVISION
TES

SOCIAL MOBILITY AWARD
Sixth Form Colleges Association

NATIONAL STANDING

We are ranked in the



Sixth Form Colleges
in the country

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TEACHING HOUSE STYLE

Instructional Learning

We don't do fads, we follow the evidence and so we adopt an Instructional based style.

Cognitive Load

The volume and pace of learning is managed by us according to the theory of cognitive load.

Meaningful Assessment & Purposive Practice

We focus on students making progress.

Engagement

We require students to be engaged throughout a lesson and will check to make sure they remain on task and demonstrate their learning.





Positive Challenges

We manage how we question students but we always require an answer. 'I don't know' is never allowed, let's find out what they do know.

Homework

All of it completed, from all of the students, all of the time.

Never Tardy

We start all our lessons on time and we do not finish early.

In Command

We are always polite and always in charge.

WHY TEACH HERE?

You have your own classes
We do not have shared teaching groups so you have full ownership of your class and can revel in their success.

Timetabled tailored to post 16 study
90 minute lessons allowing you to go into greater depth and cover more content with students, you will see all your classes on a Friday setting them up for the weekend.

Not burdened by target grades for students
We focus on the process of good teaching and grades take care of themselves.

Unrivalled I.T. facilities
Each classroom has two computer screens one that is projected and another screen freed up for your use during the lesson. Most have state of the art 86 inch interactive screens.

Sophisticated tracking and monitoring systems
Support you with managing student attendance, student work and punctuality.





More time with your classes whilist overall teacing time per week is lower

You will teach each class for 5 1/2 hours a week on 4 different days, maximum of 22 hours teaching timetable per week for a full time teacher.

We focus on the process of good teaching and the grades take care of themselves

A full time teacher will teach a maximum of 4 classes - this means the total number of students you will teach is lower than other insitutions. Enabling you to focus and attend more to your students.

Freed up to focus

You can focus on teaching your subject and you will be freed up from all the other elements of education that can distract you away from this. For example, you will not have a tutor group, there is no break time or lunchtime duties and no report writing.

Opportunity to be an examiner in your subject

We encourage teachers to take up examining roles and facilitate for marking to be completed onsite to help with demands of marking.

TEACHING FACILITIES



State of the art teaching facilities: each classroom has two computer screens, one that is projected and another freed up for your use during the lesson. Most classrooms have 86 inch interactive screens.





BENEFITS OF TEACHING HERE

Pension Contributions
Teachers are auto-enrolled into the Teachers Pension Scheme.

Free Car Parking
Convenience and peace of mind when travelling to work, without the stress of paying for parking.

Family Friendly
Fantastic policies to support our staff with parenting and caring responsibilities.

Learning & Development
Fantastic opportunities for education specific professional development.

Social Events
Opportunity to take part in lots of College social events such as the Christmas Party and end of term celebrations.

College Clothing
Optional College branded clothing is available, taking away the pressure of deciding what to wear each day.

Book Club
Join the College book club and you will be given a free copy of the selected book.

Trips
Opportunity to support College trips to places such as New York, Spain and London.

Cycle to Work Scheme
Spread the cost of a bike.

Gym
Free on site gym for staff to use.

Do Your Possible
Staff days outs in summer to meet new people and try new activities.

COURSE SUMMARY

Entry Requirements: Five GCSEs including Maths and English Language: a minimum of three GCSEs at Grade 4 and two GCSEs at Grade 5 are required, plus additional entry requirements for individual subjects.

Course	A Level	BTEC/V Level equivalent to 1 A Level	Additional entry requirements are a minimum of the following GCSE Grades:
Art (Fine Art)	✓		Grade 4 in Art and Design or related Design Technology subject
Biology	✓		Grade 6 in Maths and either Grade 6 in Biology and two Grade 5s in Chemistry and Physics or two Grade 6s in Combined Science.
Business	✓	BTEC	Business A Level requires a Grade 5 in Maths. A Level and BTEC qualifications are available in this subject. The type of qualification studied will be finalised at enrolment taking into account overall GCSE performance
Chemistry	✓		Grade 6 in Maths and either Grade 6 in Chemistry and two Grade 5s in Biology and Physics or two Grade 6s in Combined Science
Computer Science	✓		Grade 6 in Maths
Dance	✓		Sufficient technical skill to participate in advanced technique classes, gained through prior dance school or external training, GCSE Dance or equivalent
Drama & Theatre Studies	✓		
Economics	✓		Grade 6 in Maths
English Language	✓		
English Literature	✓		Two Grade 5s in English Literature and English Language
Environmental Science	✓		Grade 5 in Maths Grade 5 in Biology or at least one Grade 5 in Combined Science
Film	✓		
French	✓		Grade 6 in French
Geography	✓		Grade 5 in Maths and Grade 5 in Geography
Graphics	✓		Grade 4 in a relevant creative subject or a portfolio of artwork
Health & Social Care		BTEC	
History	✓		
IT: Digital Systems & Data		V LEVEL	
Law	✓	BTEC	Law A Level requires a Grade 5 in English Language. A Level and BTEC qualifications are available in this subject. The type of qualification studied will be finalised at enrolment taking into account overall GCSE performance
Maths	✓		Grade 6 in Maths and at least one other Grade 6 and one Grade 5
Further Maths	✓		Grade 7 in Maths and take Maths A Level alongside Further Maths
Media Studies	✓		
Music: Digital Production		BTEC	
Performing Arts		BTEC	
Physical Education	✓		Grade 4 in PE GCSE and Grade 4 in all Sciences
Physics	✓		Grade 6 in Maths and either Grade 6 in Physics and two Grade 5s in Biology and Chemistry or two Grade 6s in Combined Science. A Level Maths must normally be studied alongside Physics.
Politics	✓		
Psychology	✓		
Religious Studies	✓		
Science (Applied Science)		BTEC	Two grade 4s in a science subject
Sociology	✓		
Spanish	✓		Grade 6 in Spanish
Sport		BTEC	
Statistics	✓		Grade 5 in Maths (higher paper)
Textiles	✓		Grade 4 in Art and Design or related Design Technology subject

Be READY
CAREERS PROGRAMME







Our High Performers Programme includes:

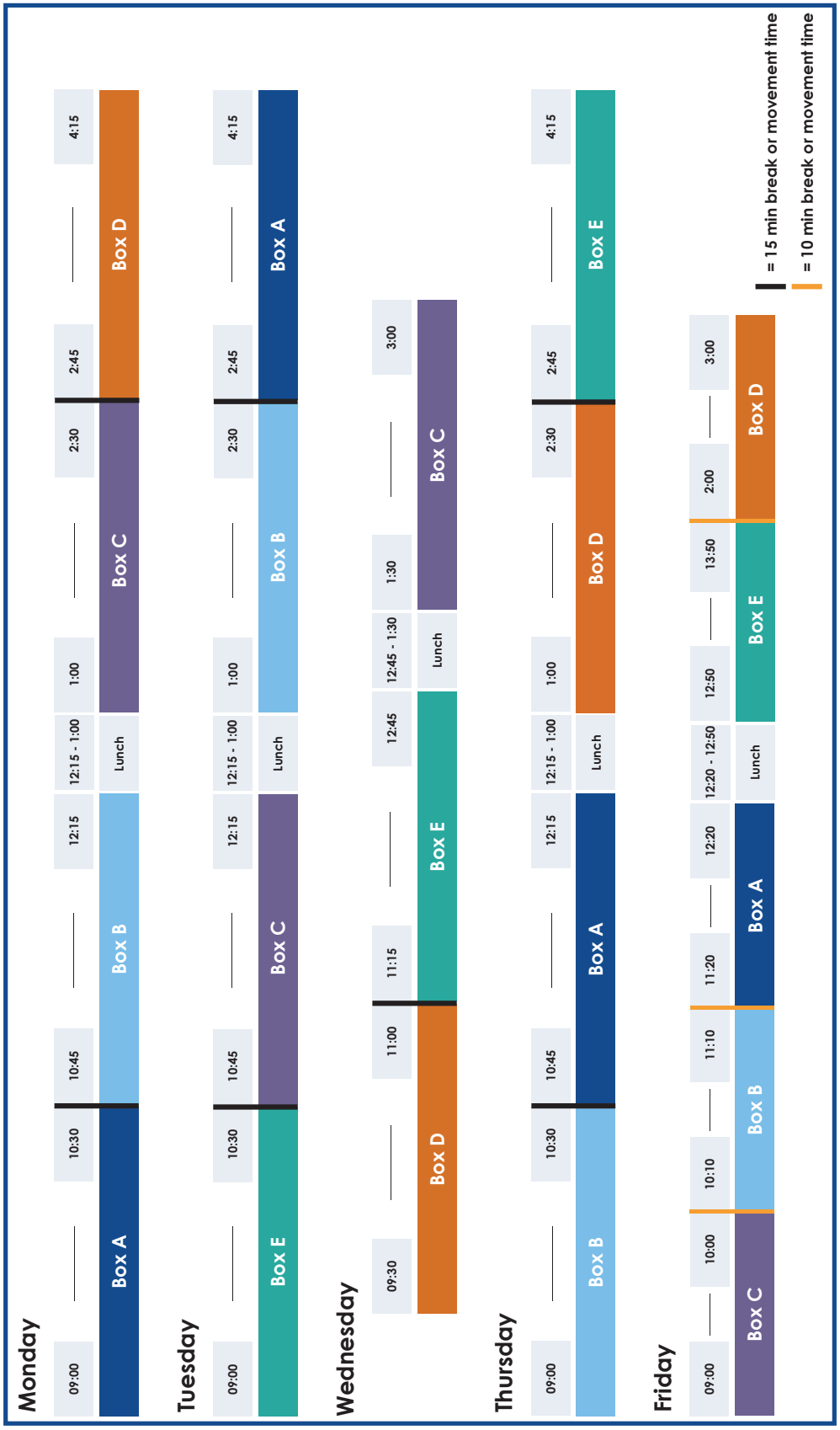
- Extended Project Qualifications (EPQ)
- Health Professionals Programme
- Tomorrow's Teachers Programme
- Widening Participation Programe
- University Visits
- Careers Fairs
- Futures Day







COLLEGE TIMETABLE



STAFF TERM DATES

AUTUMN TERM 2026

Open	Wednesday 19 August	47 days
	Summer BH – Monday 31 August 2026	
Close	Friday 23 October	
HALF-TERM MONDAY 26 OCTOBER – FRIDAY 30 OCTOBER		
Open	Monday 2 November	34 days
COLLEGE CLOSED – FRIDAY 4 DECEMBER		
Close	Friday 18 December	
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY MONDAY 21 DECEMBER – FRIDAY 1 JANUARY *Christmas Day BH – Friday 25 December 2026* *Boxing Day BH – substitute to Monday 28 December 2026* *New Year's Day BH – Friday 1 January 2027*		

**Not included in 195 days. Full year support staff to book compulsory leave or TOIL*

Total 81 days

SPRING TERM 2027

Open	Monday 4 January	30 days
Close	Friday 12 February	
HALF TERM MONDAY 15 FEBRUARY – FRIDAY 19 FEBRUARY		
Open	Monday 22 February	24 days
Close	Thursday 25 March	
SPRING BREAK FRIDAY 26 MARCH – FRIDAY 9 APRIL *Good Friday BH – Friday 26 March 2027* *Easter Monday BH – Monday 29 March 2027*		

Total 54 days

SUMMER TERM 2027

Open	Monday 12 April	34 days
	Early May BH – Monday 3 May 2027	
Close	Friday 28 May	
HALF-TERM MONDAY 31 MAY – FRIDAY 4 JUNE *Spring BH – Monday 31 May 2027*		
Open	Monday 7 June	26 days
Close	Friday 9 July	
COLLEGE CLOSED – MONDAY 12 JULY **		

***Included in 195 days. Objective is to disaggregate during the year. Full year support staff having to work this day will be given a day in lieu.*

Total 60 days

YEAR TOTAL 195 days

“Teaching at BSFC is different to other insitutions because you are a **trusted specialist in your subject.**”

Kerry Fairclough,
Head of Business Studies



OUR CAMPUS

Our College campus has undergone a £4 million investment programme, now boasting 80 state-of-the-art classrooms, exceptional teaching facilities for staff, and outstanding study facilities for students.











DO YOUR POSSIBLE

At the end of the summer term, the College holds the annual staff 'Do Your Possible' day. It's a chance for staff to try new activities, visit new places and get to know each other.

There are new activities to try each year and staff are invited to make suggestions.


POTTERY PAINTING


ESCAPE ROOM


KAYAKING


WATER SPORTS


HILBRE ISLAND


YORKSHIRE 3 PEAKS


GORGE


CHESTER ZOO


ALTON TOWERS


POTTERY PAINTING



GO APE



HACKING



AFTERNOON TEA ON CRUISE



YORKSHIRE 3 PEAKS

PORT SUNLIGHT TOUR



BEATLES TOUR



CYCLE



BLACKPOOL PLEASURE BEACH

“The classrooms are modern, the technology works, and everything is set up to make teaching smooth and effective. **It makes a huge difference.**”

Chloe Bagnall, Geography Teacher



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