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Introducing

Leeds Sixth
Form College



Principal's Welcome

At Leeds Sixth Form College, we know every student is unique and on their own journey. Instead of focusing solely on your destination, we celebrate how far you've come and how much further you can go. Our goal is to help you exceed expectations, unlock your full potential, and build confidence in your future.

We treat you as an adult, preparing you for life beyond college. You'll call teachers by their first names, explore your interests, and express your individuality—all with the support of tutors who nurture your curiosity and ambition. This commitment to student success is reflected in our Ofsted rating: 'Good' overall and 'Outstanding' for personal development.



Our broad course offering ensures every student feels included, regardless of background or aspirations. With strong links to universities and the local community, we'll support you in realising your ambitions. Academic excellence is our priority, whether you're aiming for university or skilled employment. You'll learn from highly qualified staff, many with university teaching experience, who will challenge and inspire you.

Our college offers you a fresh start, a chance to meet like-minded individuals, engage in superb trips, visits and enrichments, and pursue your passions.

We believe education has the power to be transformative. Aim high, and we'll help you get there.

Phil Mark
Principal of Leeds Sixth Form College

Who We Are



A vibrant, innovative centre of education in the heart of a buzzing metropolis, Leeds Sixth Form College delivers first-class education that raises aspirations and drives success. We empower you to be your best self. We do this by equipping you with the skills you need to succeed today, tomorrow and beyond. Learn your way with a broad range of qualifications at a sixth form college which keeps you, the individual, at the heart of your learning experience.

Try
something
something
something
something
new.

Facilities



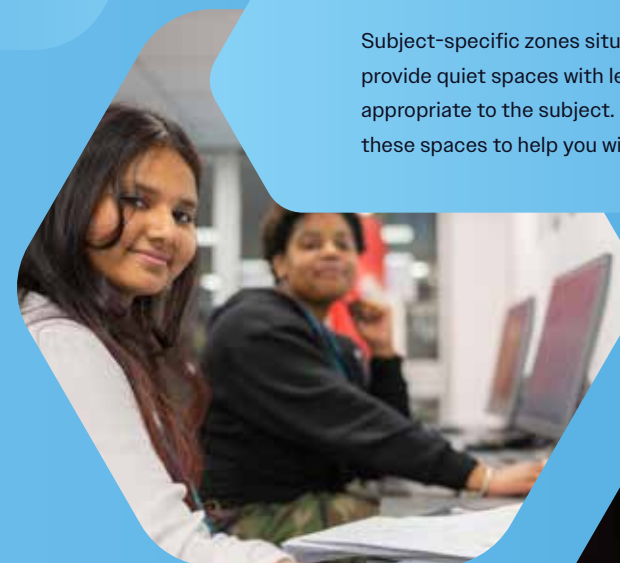
Fusing innovation with excellence, these dynamic spaces will allow you to learn in an inspiring and independent way.

Study Block

Opened in September 2025, the three storey building is designed for modern learning - home to three science laboratories, a sports science studio, a massage suite and classrooms with space for over 200 students.

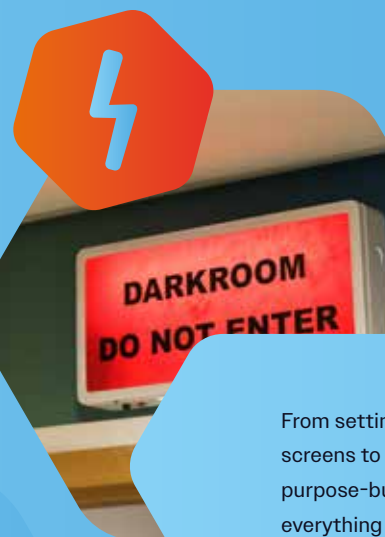


Award winning!



Independent Learning Zones (ILZs)

Subject-specific zones situated on multiple floors provide quiet spaces with learning resources appropriate to the subject. Staff are on hand in these spaces to help you with any queries you have.



Photography Studio and Darkroom

From setting the scene with lighting equipment and green screens to editing software, and complemented with a purpose-built darkroom for developing prints, the studio has everything a photography student could need to succeed.



Auditorium and Lecture Theatre

Our large, open plan auditorium and lecture theatre has been specially designed for assemblies, exams, external guest speakers, enrichment activities and the campus engagement programme.



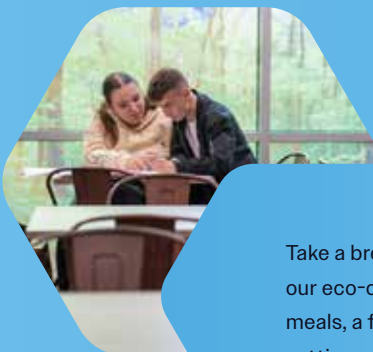
Gym Facilities

Our sports studio and massage suite are fully air-conditioned, with state-of-the-art equipment that creates electricity as you exercise. Burn off some steam with cardiovascular equipment like cycling, rowing and running machines, or tone up with strength and conditioning weights.



Science Laboratories

Our cutting-edge science labs were designed to help students develop practical work skills. These industry-standard spaces allow course-specific study with access to a range of specialised equipment.



Cafeteria and Natural Press Coffee Shop

Take a break from your studies in our upgraded cafeteria or our eco-conscious Natural Press Coffee Shop. Enjoy nutritious meals, a fresh salad bar, and delicious coffee in a relaxed social setting - designed with your wellbeing and the planet in mind.



What Our Students Say



The teachers here really boost your morale, reassure you, and help you feel at your best.



This is an environment where being yourself is encouraged and praised.



There's a great blend of independence and support.

How We



Support You

Academic and Pastoral Support



At Leeds Sixth Form College, you will be provided with plenty of support to help you maximise your potential. Time is allocated in your timetable for peer study groups or 1:1 coaching sessions with a tutor, where you can share ideas and receive support with your studies.

Student wellbeing

If you are experiencing personal difficulties that may affect your studies, you can access specialised 1:1 support from our dedicated pastoral team.

We provide drop-in help sessions to support with studying, revision and exam preparation - ensuring you are fully equipped to succeed.

You can also engage with an array of enrichment activities to build friendships, pursue your personal interests and contribute to the student body.



ilearn

We recognise that education is not just about the subject knowledge you learn. ilearn (independent learning) supports students to develop independent skills and achieve personal goals. Our staff are on hand to deliver both full classes and more personal one-to-one sessions with students to support their learning.

ilearn supports students in five key areas:



Academic skills - all things assignments and writing to get the best grades possible.

Independent skills - tools and skills you need to be autonomous and less reliant on your teachers, keeping you top of the game.

Digital sense skills - we use Google and lots of apps that help you become digitally savvy.

Future-ready skills - getting you ready for the next step or improving your employability.

Digital sense - understanding your digital world, online footprint, cybersafety & more.



The support you receive is my favourite thing about being here.



Financial Support



We offer a range of support with course-related costs such as:



Free breakfasts

Free lunches

Travel passes

Childcare

Please note funds are limited and allocated on a case-by-case basis. More information, including eligibility criteria, can be found on our financial support page.

Information for Parents and Guardians



At Leeds Sixth Form College, we value the relationship we have with parents and guardians. We recognise the part you play in supporting your child during their education and the importance of keeping in touch with you throughout their time with us. We will provide regular updates on your child's academic progress, and you can contact us if you have any queries.

Each student is assigned a coach who provides weekly tutorials and ongoing support, monitoring their development. You'll have the opportunity to meet your child's coach at our **Parents' Welcome Evening** in October and can arrange a meeting at any time throughout the year if you have any questions or concerns.

At key academic intervals throughout the year, you will be invited to attend **Parents' Evenings** to discuss your child's progress with their subject teachers. Additionally, our **Parents' Progression Evening** offers valuable insights into future opportunities, with expert advice on 'next steps' and how your child can maximise their potential.



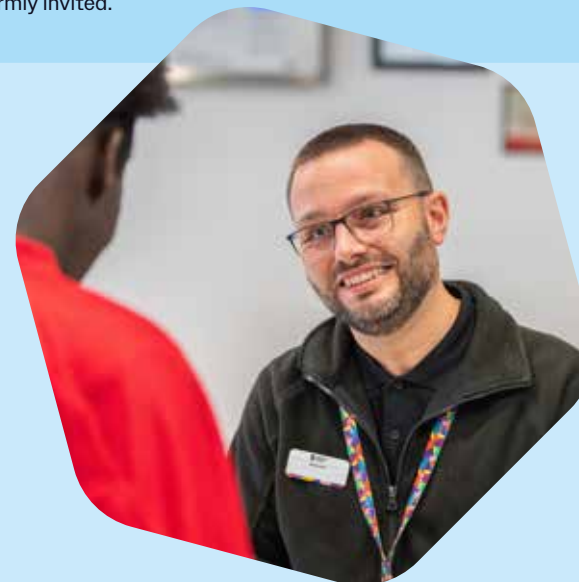
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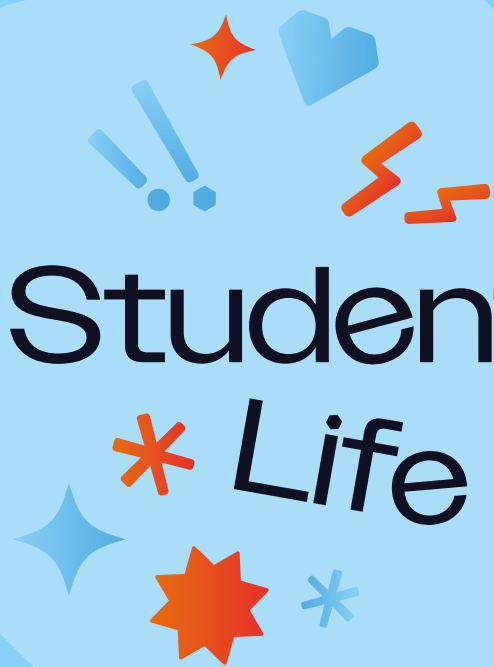
At any time throughout the year, you can access our online portal via our website to find information regarding your child's attendance, progress and assessment grades for each subject.

If your child is below 18 years of age, we will send you a full written report on their progress in each of their subjects. This report will include individualised feedback from each tutor.

You will also receive our termly newsletter brimming with good news stories, upcoming events, opportunities for your child and what's been happening around campus.

We also want to welcome you to share the success of our students at events held throughout the year. The annual Leeds Sixth Form College Awards evening, for example, is an important date in the calendar to which you are warmly invited.





Student * Life



All our staff are dedicated to ensuring you get the best education and leave with the life skills that will see you reach your goals. To support and encourage you in your development, we have a number of teams in place at college, all looking after your needs.

Safeguarding, Wellbeing, Health and Behaviour, and Care Experience

The safety and wellbeing of our students and staff is a top priority. All staff are trained in safeguarding and child protection and our dedicated Safeguarding team is on hand for advice and support.

Wellbeing

At Leeds Sixth Form College, supporting wellbeing and promoting good mental health for all our students and staff is paramount. It's always good to talk and we have dedicated mental health trained coaches who can direct you to services that can help. We offer services ranging from sharing mindfulness techniques to short-term counselling.

Health and Behaviour

Here at Leeds Sixth Form College we promote positive relationships and all staff are trained in Restorative Practice. As well as championing positive behaviour, we provide information and support relating to health. From running health campaigns such as Stoptober to awareness campaigns such as World AIDS Day and National Vegetarian Week, we aim to promote healthy lifestyles and relationships.

Our food and catering services produce a wide range of delicious and nutritious food, and we run a number of events throughout the year. Our events give students practical advice as well as the opportunity to sample dishes, learn new recipes and enjoy food from different cultures.

Care Experience

We offer support for all Children Looked After and Care Leavers to ensure a smooth transition to college life. We have a designated staff member in every curriculum department to support care experienced students. Financial support may also be available for eligible students - please visit our website for more details.

Equality, Diversity & Inclusion (EDI)

All our staff complete EDI training which helps to foster an inclusive and innovative environment. We also have an EDI team who work across the group to create a culture of mutual respect where everyone feels welcome and valued. Our network of EDI Champions represent each department and partake in numerous activities to promote equality, diversity and inclusion.



Engagement

Enrichment

Recognising that there is more to sixth form education than a piece of paper, we run an extensive range of enrichment activities. These activities are a great way to make new friends and have fun. Enrichment will not only help build your confidence and enhance your learning experience, they are also a positive addition to university and job applications.

Our societies are student-run, with support from our Students' Union and Enrichment team. We welcome any suggestions for societies and activities, and below is a selection of our current clubs and sports:

- African-Caribbean Society
- Book Club
- Debate Club
- Dungeons & Dragons Club
- French Speakers Society
- Friends of the Earth Social Action
- Gaming Club
- Gardening Club
- Great British Railway Society
- Law Society
- LGBTQ+ Society
- Badminton
- Basketball
- Football
- Gym and Fitness
- Yoga

NatWest Grad Scheme Competition, London



General Election VIP Counting



McAvoy, Belfast



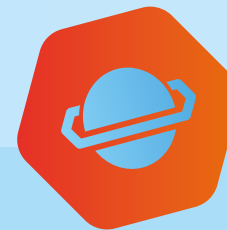
Botswana



Athens



Antigua



Trips and excursions

At Leeds Sixth Form College, learning isn't confined to the classroom. We offer students the chance to take part in a range of trips to consolidate their learning, expand their horizons and gain invaluable experience along the way.

Recently students have enjoyed visits to local universities, attending humanities, business and media events.

Subject specific trips have included:

- Taking part in the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) Competition Scam Smart Challenge in London
- Field trips to Fountains Abbey, Robin Hood's Bay and Flamborough Head
- Attending the Royal Institution Youth Summit at the University of Leeds
- Hearing from MPs and Councillors at the Leeds Council Community Youth Summit
- Exploring careers within the media industry at Production Futures at Production Park
- A social action project to support St Annes Resource Centre – students raised money and organised and hosted an afternoon event at the centre
- Visiting local universities including the University of Bradford, Leeds Beckett, Leeds University and Leeds Conservatoire
- The Good Business Brunch in association with Friends of the Earth. Students presented ideas on ethical business practices to MPs, Leeds Building Society, The Bookish Type and trade union representatives

Whether you're looking to develop your skills, experience new cultures, or simply challenge yourself in a new environment, our trips and excursions offer unforgettable opportunities to learn and grow.



Students' Union and Student Voice

As part of Luminate Education Group, Leeds Sixth Form College works in partnership with Leeds City College's Students' Union (LCCSU) - an independent organisation that makes your student experience more enjoyable.

From fun events to the promotion of student-led activity, our aim is to ensure you are engaged, represented and supported throughout your time at Leeds Sixth Form College.

Student Voice

It's important for students to have their say and our Students' Union officers act as representatives for different groups. There are opportunities for you to become a student leader, have your say and work with the College to continually develop Leeds Sixth Form College now and for future students.



Tutorial and Personal, Health, Social and Citizenship Education (PHSCE)

Tutorials and PHSCE lessons give you the opportunity to explore and discuss topics beyond your chosen courses. From developing a greater understanding of the world around us and preparing for life in modern Britain to discussing health and wellbeing, equality, diversity and inclusion and citizenship, we explore a wide range of subjects. Focus is also given to your personal development in 1:1 tutorials.



Student Funds and Welfare

The Welfare Team supports students through crises, giving advice on benefit problems, debt, housing and homelessness, loss of work, and not having enough money for food and bills.

We don't want financial concerns to hold students back - as a college we work hard:

- Supporting students to overcome financial barriers to attending college*
- Providing a range of support including meals, travel passes and help with childcare*

In addition to the above, support may be available for students aged 16-18 who live alone or are in care or are a care leaver.

**Eligibility criteria apply - please visit our website for full details*

Careers, Work Experience and Progression

Careers Advisors play a key role in helping you think about what you will do once you complete your education with us. Advice covers a range of subjects from jobs and apprenticeships to university.

All students will have the opportunity to attend higher education fairs, employer talks and careers fairs held on campus.

Work experience is an important part of your studies and all students will undertake some form of work experience, including placements, employer-led projects, work tasters and social action projects. This practical experience can boost your UCAS application and equip you with the working knowledge necessary for higher education or employment.

To ensure that we find placements that suit you, we partner with a range of employers: from small and medium-sized businesses to well-known national companies.

Just some of our partner employers:



I love my course
and all the freedom
and challenges it
throws my way;
I wouldn't change
it for the world.





Entry
Requirements

and Courses



Entry Requirements

Our general entry requirements are five GCSEs graded 9-4, including English and maths. If you have grade 3, or lower, in GCSE English or maths, we can still consider your application, depending on your course choices, however you will be required to study these alongside your chosen programme.

Specific subjects may require grade 5 or above in GCSE English or maths. Please refer to the tables below to check the requirements for each subject.

If you have any questions regarding entry criteria for any of our courses, feel free to call and speak to a member of our Course Enquiries team.

Course Enquiries team:
0113 532 4428 | courses@leedssixthform.ac.uk



A Levels

Course	Description	Entry requirements
Art, Craft & Design	Hone your artistic skills with this comprehensive course. At the end of first year you will choose to specialise in Fine Art, Textiles or 3D.	Grade 9-4 at GCSE in an art-based subject; a portfolio is also required at interview
Business	Understand how and why businesses are set up and how they succeed in an ever-changing world.	Grade 9-5 in GCSE Maths
English Language	You will study a range of language topics and learn how to analyse different texts, including conversations generated by modern technology.	Five GCSEs at grade 9-4, including GCSE English and GCSE Maths
English Literature	Learn to analyse complex literary issues with the help of important critical ideas and theories.	Grade 9-5 in GCSE English
Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)	An independent research project which involves writing an essay of 5000 words, or creating a product- which might be anything from an art object to an iPhone app.	Five GCSEs at grade 9-4, including GCSE English and GCSE Maths
Film Studies	Film Studies sees you analyse key scenes and sequences within films. The A Level has a 30% production element in which you create your own short film.	Five GCSEs at grade 9-4, including GCSE English and GCSE Maths
Geography	A Level Geography delves into physical and human geographical issues like globalisation, inequality, and climate change.	Grade 9-5 in GCSE English or GCSE Geography
History	A Level History is made up of three components: a breadth study, looking at the Tudors; an in-depth study of post-1945 America and a coursework module - Russia between 1855 and 1964.	Grade 9-5 in GCSE English or GCSE History

Course	Description	Entry requirements
Law	Gain insight into our legal system and how this affects ordinary citizens. You will develop an understanding of where our laws come from and how legal cases reach a verdict.	Grade 9-5 in an essay subject (GCSE English, GCSE History or GCSE RS)
Media Studies	You will analyse a wide range of media to understand how they are constructed to appeal and convey particular meanings. The course includes a 30% practical production unit.	Five GCSEs at grade 9-4 including English
Philosophy	Explore four major areas of philosophical thought, including epistemology (theory of knowledge); moral philosophy; the Metaphysics of God and the Metaphysics of Mind.	Grade 9-5 in GCSE English
Photography	Learn about a range of photographic influences, approaches and technologies. You will cover both digital and analogue methods to develop and master your own creative and technical skills.	Grade 9-4 at GCSE in a creative subject (GCSE Art or GCSE Photography), plus portfolio
Politics	The first year focuses on British politics, switching to US politics in your second year. You will also study different political ideologies, such as socialism, liberalism, conservatism and feminism.	Grade 9-5 in an essay subject (GCSE English, GCSE History or GCSE RS)
Psychology	A Level Psychology develops your knowledge of psychological approaches, theories, concepts and methods, along with how the science of psychology works.	Grade 9-5 in GCSE Maths, grade 9-5 in science (2 separate subjects or a minimum of grade 5-5 in GCSE Combined Science) and grade 9-5 in an essay subject (GCSE English, GCSE History or GCSE RS)
Religious Studies	A Level Religious Studies allows you to explore and debate a wide range of key topics, including the nature of God/gods, life after death, challenges posed by science, and the nature and role of religion.	Grade 9-5 in an essay subject (GCSE English, GCSE History or GCSE RS)

Sociology	Sociology is the study of individual and institutional relationships within society. You will develop your understanding of society through examination of cultural relationships, social interactions and research.	Grade 9-5 in an essay subject (GCSE English, GCSE History or GCSE RS)
Spanish	Discover a variety of artistic cultures from the varying Spanish-speaking countries, looking into music, film and literature.	Grade 9-5 in GCSE Spanish



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Aiming to study
Science at University?



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**Our Level 3 Applied Science course is equivalent to
3 A Levels - the perfect programme to realise your
STEM dreams.**

Study Biology, Chemistry and Physics in one course.

Satisfy your scientific curiosity, using professional standard
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Formulate your
future in STEM with
expert teaching
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College



Set on A Levels for your next chapter?

Explore your passion for STEM, with A Level

Biology

Chemistry

Core Maths

Physics

Psychology

Sociology

Maths



Follow your fascinations,
take a look at what's on offer
at Pudsey Sixth Form College



Vocational and A Level Combined Courses

Course	Description	Entry requirements
Applied Law	Learn how the English legal system works, how laws are made and explore the structure of the court system.	Five GCSEs at grade 9-4 including GCSE English and GCSE maths
Applied Psychology	Explore psychological approaches and applications. Learn about conducting psychological research and health psychology.	Minimum 4-4 in GCSE Combined Science
Applied Science	Study biology, chemistry and physics in our state-of-the-art laboratories.	9-4 in two separate sciences or 4-4 in GCSE Combined Science and 9-4 in GCSE Maths
AAQ Cambridge Advanced National in Human Biology	Investigate areas of science such as physiology, immunology and genetic engineering. Develop practical and experimental techniques, and build up analytical and research abilities.	Four GCSEs at grade 4 or above including English, maths and science
Sport Science & Exercise	Modules cover anatomy, physiology, fitness training, programming, and professional development, with an additional module in sports leadership or practical sports performance	9-4 in GCSE Maths



Hybrid Programme

The Hybrid Programme is our offer combining two A Levels and one vocational course. These excellent vocational diplomas are designed to dovetail perfectly with A Levels. They are an ideal springboard to high quality Higher Education courses, providing specialist content and supporting progression on to further study.

If you are interested in the Hybrid Programme, you will need to choose a vocational course from one of the following schools:

- Applied Law
- Applied Psychology
- Human Biology
- Applied Science
- Sport Science & Exercise



Two A Levels



One Vocational Course



✦ Hybrid Programme ✦



Step Up to A Levels (SUTA)



If you don't meet entry requirements for our A Level provision you can still study with us. Our Step Up to A Levels (SUTA) programme includes studying 5 GCSEs over one year enabling you to progress to A Level.

SUTA offers a number of different pathways. All include GCSE English Language and GCSE Maths, and then three other subjects of your choice.

Additional subjects could include:

- Science Synergy
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Physics
- Citizenship
- Business Studies

Your path to professional sport starts here.

LEEDS SPORTS  **CONNECT**

Leeds Sports Connect brings together academic excellence and sporting prowess to enable you to pursue your passion for sport without compromising on academic choices.



Together with our partners...



...we can kick-start your career in sport.

Working with professional sports clubs, Leeds Sports Connect will help you reach your potential in your chosen field. Specialising in football, rugby, netball, boxing, basketball and golf, you will train with like-minded athletes, learn from those who have coached the best and progress in your sport.

We understand the importance of commitment when it comes to sport and that's why your courses are designed around training schedules and skills that translate to the pitch, court or ring. You will train at professional-level facilities, taught by specialist coaches who will help you develop as an athlete.

Interested in seeing how you can progress in the sport you love whilst studying for the qualifications you want?

Find out more at leedssportsconnect.co.uk

Discover



Your Potential

Application Journey

Visit us (optional)

- 1 Our open events are a great opportunity to speak to tutors, see our campus, even experience some A Level lessons and find out if Leeds Sixth Form College is right for you. If you're not sure what courses you want to do, we can help you decide.

Apply

- 2 Apply by completing our online application via the Leeds Sixth Form College website.



Interview

- 3 Once your application has been reviewed, you will be invited to an informal interview which will include specialist advice and guidance, ensuring you get the best opportunity to achieve.

Offers

Offers are made following an interview and are conditional, based on you achieving the relevant GCSEs, or requirements agreed at interview.

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Bridging Day

You will be invited to a 'bridging day' where you will meet staff, experience some A Level lessons and view our facilities.

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Enrolment

An invitation to book an enrolment slot will be sent out mid-July, giving you all the information you need to enrol. Enrolment opens on GCSE Results Day.

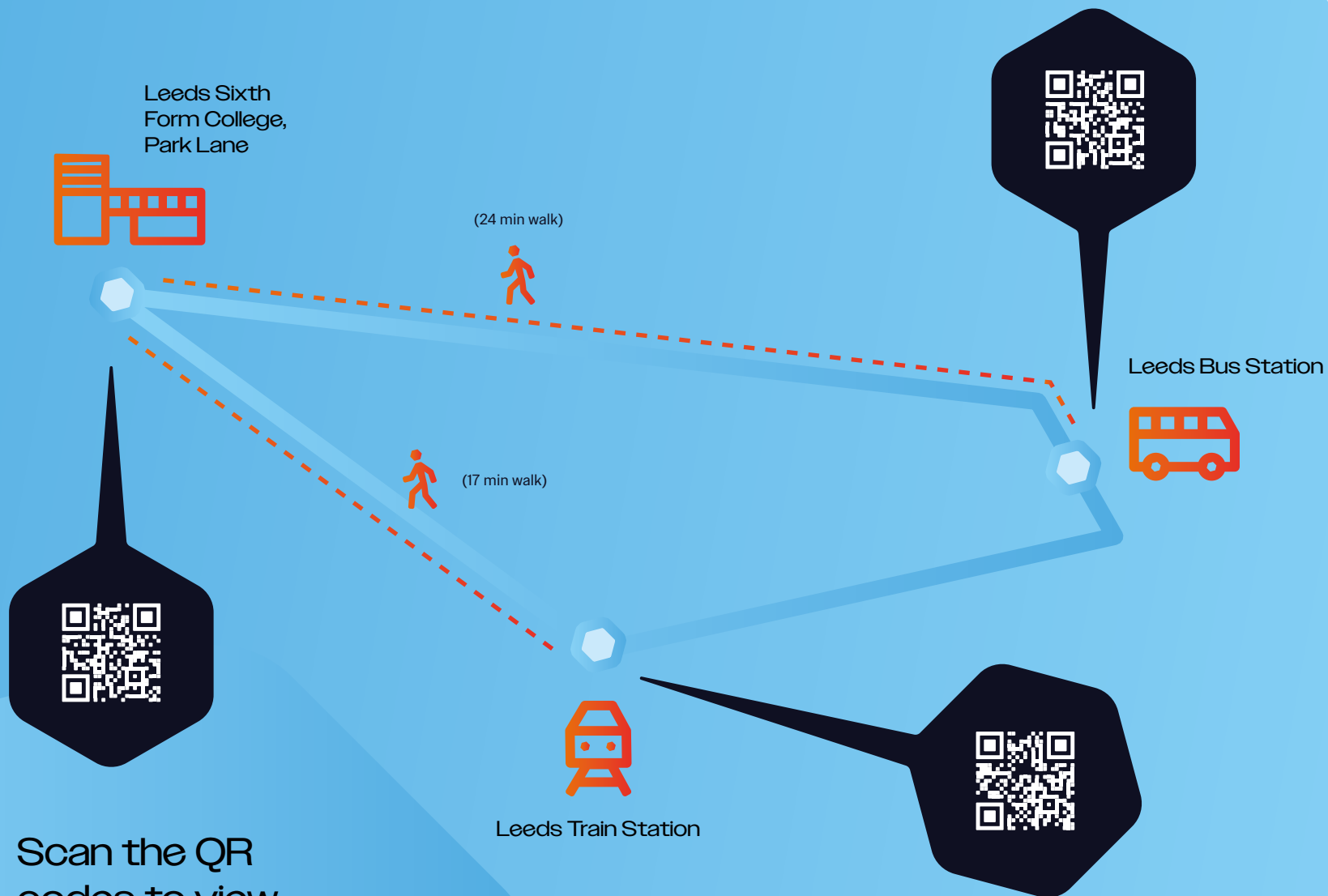
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Public Transport



Scan the QR codes to view transport links

Contact Information

If you're looking for more information, you can visit our website leedssixthform.ac.uk.

If you'd rather speak to someone, we have a dedicated team who will be more than happy to answer any questions.

Our contact centre is open:

Monday - Thursday, 8am-5pm

Friday, 8am-4.30pm

Social Media

Stay up-to-date with the latest news from Leeds Sixth Form College by following us on social media.

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 Leeds Sixth Form College

Just call
0113 532 4428

or email
contact@leedssixthform.ac.uk



We are the shape of things to come

Explore a range of hands-on and technical courses, taught in the heart of Leeds at a number of vibrant campuses. You'll learn in practical, purpose-built environments that mirror real workplaces, such as labs, kitchens, workshops and studios. Choose from vocational courses, T Levels, and apprenticeships in fast-growing areas like health and social care, engineering, digital media, hospitality, and the arts.



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you could learn



Start your own story

Pudsey Sixth Form College is an innovative college offering expert teaching that helps you go beyond your goals. With a choice of A Levels, T Levels or a hybrid programme, we deliver bold, ambitious curriculums that open the doors to limitless destinations.



Launch
your
future

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