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Dagenham Park CofE Sixth Form

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Prospectus

Director of Sixth Form - Ms A Smith

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A Message from the Director of Sixth Form – Ms A Smith

DP6 is a successful and inclusive sixth form where sixth formers achieve their potential and academic goals are a priority. We offer outstanding A Level and BTEC teaching and our achievement places us among the top sixth form providers of this region. Our student's progression onto university is exceptional and includes the Russell Group of universities including Oxbridge and the University of Arts London. This success is a compliment to the commitment, drive and effort of our students as well as the highly qualified and caring teachers.

Our enrichment programme, first-rate facilities, work experience placements and DP6 preparation for university programme all guide and support our students onto their desired next steps. Our DP6 Sporting Academies enable athletes and scholars to develop sports skills and performance while stretching and challenging academically, this provides the opportunity to pursue global higher education destinations and or professional level playing.

DP6 students are valued and offered opportunities to cultivate the right values as role models and prepare for life in the 21st century. Students develop not just academically but holistically through Christian Ethos, life skills, philanthropy, trips, sport, arts festivals and social events which build transferable skills such as communication, team and leadership skills.

As our slogan says below, we at DP6 are honoured to be working with our inspiring students. We are extremely proud of what our Alumni have achieved at DP6. Now you have the privilege and opportunity to join our successful sixth form.

"A privilege for you, an honour for us!"



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The sixth form team includes :-

Director of Sixth Form – Ms Smith

Head of Achievement Yr13 – Mrs Bains

Assistant Head of Achievement Yr13 – Ms Akhtar

Head of Achievement Yr12 Academic Progress and Aspiration – Miss Greenslade

Head of Achievement Yr 12 Vocational Progress and Enrichment – Mr Trayler

DP6 Level 1 Coordinator – Mrs Jn Baptiste

DP6 Academic Learning Mentor – Mrs Richards

DP6 Academic Learning Mentor and Work Experience Coordinator – Ms Bini

DP6 TA – Ms Jenkins and Miss Lacey

Yr 12 Tutors – Mr Ridout, Ms Bini, Ms Jenkins, Mr Sotoyimbo, Ms Begum, Miss Lacey

Yr 13 Tutors – Ms Akhtar, Mr Altinok, Mr Condon, Ms Grafton, Mr Davidson

Admin – Mrs Richardson and Mrs Woolley



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The DP6 Curriculum –

The DP6 Curriculum offers four pathways which are all dependant on meeting an entry criteria based on GCSE and L2 BTEC results achieved at the end of year 11. The pathways are -

Route	Courses	Entry criteria	Progression
Foundation Pathway (1 year)	Level 1 BTEC and GCSE Maths and Eng	0-25 points score with maths and Eng GCSE Grade 2 or below	Foundation Pathway
Middle Pathway (2 years)	Level 3 BTEC – Ext Dips	36 Points score with maths and Eng GCSE grade 4 and above	University or Apprenticeship
Upper Pathway (2 years)	A level x3 EPQ Core Maths Optional	46 Points Score with 6 in subjects you are taking with maths and Eng GCSE grade 5 and above	University or Apprenticeship
Upper Sports Pathway (2 years)	A Level x 3 Basketball Academy	46 Points Score with 6 in subjects you are taking with maths and Eng GCSE grade 5 and above	University or Apprenticeship Or USA Scholarship
High Pathway (2 years)	A level x4 Core Maths Optional	66 Points Score with maths and Eng GCSE grade 5 and above	University or Apprenticeship

DP6 offers A Level and BTEC courses in its curriculum, both have an entry criteria based on grades achieved by students in their GCSE's. A student's attainment in their GCSE indicates which type of course, A Level or BTEC, they will be more suited to and successful on.

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DP6 Enrichment

Enrichment is an important part of your sixth form curriculum at DP6. In the Sixth Form, your learning will extend far beyond the classroom. The skills you learn in our dedicated **Enrichment Programme** will support your studies and well-being, as well as help to prepare you for life after school. The programme is complementary to your A Level and BTEC studies and includes a host of activities, seminars and events, including many that you will be involved in organising.

- **Activities and Opportunities** – These are listed on the next two pages and students get to select which they would like to attend – please read through and think about which ones you are interested in. Students must select one compulsory Wednesday Activity and additional opportunities. All sixth form students are encouraged to develop leadership skills by selecting additional opportunities where they interact with lower school pupils and in this way sixth formers are role models.
- **Seminars** – these are weekly sessions that cover a variety of life skills and career related learning. The topics covered include money matters, road safety, e safety, British Values, independent learning skills, healthy living, talks from Russell Group Universities and UCAS applications.
- **Trips** - There are many trips on offer to DP6 students – these include the Christian Ethos trip to St Paul’s Cathedral, The British Values Trip to Parliament and The UCAS and Apprenticeship Fair at the Excel Centre London.
- **DP6 Students Leadership** – Halfway through year 12, students can apply to be **Prefects**. Prefects chosen include **Head Boy and Girl**. With the privilege of being a prefect, comes increased responsibility, as these students represent the school at open days and other key events. As well as Prefect roles, all Sixth Formers are encouraged to develop leadership skills by running charity events such as fashion shows and sporting events, especially during social action week. _

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Enrichment Activities -



Enrichment Activity	Description
Sport Academy Training	<p>At DP6 we have 2 Sports Academies –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Barking Football Club Scholars Academy- The National League Youth Alliance under 19's League DP6 Basketball Academy – The NBL under 19's League <p>Academy students combine their studies with extensive, high quality training sessions with experienced coaches. Those who are part of the DP6 Basketball Academy or Barking FC</p>



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	Scholars Academy will follow a programme of training and matches in the leagues listed above during enrichment sessions.
Company Programme	<p>The Young Enterprise Company programme is the ultimate business and enterprise experience!!</p> <p>The Company Programme provides a real-life learning opportunity that introduces you to the realities of the world of work.</p> <p>Students set up and run their own company. They make all the decisions about their business, from deciding on the company name and product to managing the company finances. Students sell to the public with pop up shops at YE Trade Fairs and on YE Market Place, the dedicated online sales platform. Participants gain the practical business experience, adaptability, entrepreneurial mindset and employability skills needed to secure successful futures.</p> <p>By taking part in an online self-assessment, students receive a certificate to evidence the development of employability skills.</p> <p>You will develop a wide range of skills and receive an invaluable entrepreneurial experience and at the end of the academic year, your student company can compete on a local, regional, national and European level to be crowned Company of the Year!!</p>
Music Performance Group	Do you play an instrument? Can you sing? Would you like to be in a band? The music performance group will rehearse and perform in a range of venues such as The Royal Albert Hall, The Barbican Theatre and The Broadway Theatre Barking, possibly even a tour abroad!!
Cookery	Get prepared for Uni life away from home and learn to cook nutritional meals on a budget.



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Sport	Keep fit following the traditional KS4 PE Curriculum and opportunities to play regular matches/tournaments in sports such as Basketball, Football and Netball and the Fitness Suite/gym.
Debate Mate Plus	This is an activity which meets regularly and gives you the opportunity to develop your communication and leadership skills. You will be able to work with top university students during the programme and inspirational peer mentors. Your debates will take place at a number of prestigious venues across London such as The Houses of Parliament and The Foreign Office.
Young Interpreters	Are you bilingual? Offer your skills to enhance staff/home and pupil communication and support our EAL students – often students who are in need of support as they are usually new to the school and sometimes new to the country!
Christian Fellowship Group	An opportunity for you to attend a regular worship session
Science Mentor	Assist with lower school STEM club and teach STEM in our local primary schools. Mentor a lower school pupil who needs your expertise to improve their STEM and science grades.
Science Gold Crest Award	Using Science and practical work enquiries and investigations the Gold Crest Award allow students to conduct real scientific research into a topic of their choice. At Gold level, your work should contribute something new to the scientific or technological community or to a particular field of study.
Duke of Edinburgh	You will have a DofE information session in September – DP6 can offer both Bronze and Silver depending on your prior involvement level – take a look on the DofE website www.dofe.org The DofE gives you the chance to do something completely new and improve on



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	<p>things you're already doing. It takes you out of your comfort zone and into a place where you'll push yourself and have amazing new experiences. There are four award areas – volunteering, physical, skills and expedition and in completing them you'll also enjoy yourself!</p> <p>Some of the activities listed above can count towards your volunteering element for DofE.</p>
<p>Philosophy Debating Group</p>	<p>This is a highly popular enrichment session where sixth form student lead the debates, sometimes with lower school students invited to take part.</p> <p>Led by sixth formers who want a passionate way to discuss what matters.</p>



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University, Apprenticeship and Careers at DP6

Dagenham Park Sixth Form offers a range of career enhancement opportunities providing students with employability skills and the chance to gain an insight into and work within a professional environment related to their chosen career path.



UCAS stands for Universities and Colleges Admissions Service. It's the centralised service that students use to apply to university.

When applying to university, choosing the right course is of paramount importance. Researching the possibilities is essential and you can find guidance on the [UCAS website](https://www.ucas.com).

This section of the UCAS website also offers guidance on entry requirements (including UCAS tariff points), open days and events, and studying abroad.

Sixth form staff offer help and guidance with the application process which is outlined on <https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/applying-to-university>.

On this part of the UCAS website there is guidance on:

- [Writing a personal statement](#)
- [Entry requirements](#)
- [Admissions tests for certain courses](#)

We support students at every step of the way with the UCAS process, this includes research into university options and choices, support for using the UCAS system, help with competitive personal statements and ongoing support throughout the interview and offer process.



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We also support with the UCAS Clearing process if needed on results day and beyond to help students secure higher education places.

The preparation for the UCAS procedure starts in the summer term of Year 12. The deadline for all applications is January 15th of Year 13 although applications to Oxbridge, medicine and veterinary science have early application dates of 15th October.

Students can have five choices, unless they are applying for medicine or veterinary science which means four choices plus one additional course e.g four medicine courses and one biomedical science.

Alongside this guidance, students need to be communicating with their form tutor for support, regarding searching for appropriate degree courses and also writing of the personal statement. Once tutors have been utilised, all students can access any member of staff in the sixth form team for further advice and guidance. Our door is always open.

Personal Statements

The Personal Statement section is the only part of the UCAS application form which gives you a chance to say something about yourself, and at the same time make a positive impression. It is vital to get it right as it may well be the deciding factor in whether you get an offer.

Over the years the space UCAS allocate to the Personal Statement has grown from a few lines to a whole page, emphasising how important admissions tutors think it is. You should give it similar attention. Take as much time and care as you can to make it effective.

The most important thing is to explain why you are applying for your particular courses: what attracts you to that subject area, how your current A level studies have influenced you, career plans etc. The UCAS Personal Statement should also include details of your achievements in and outside school/college, your experience of work, travel, responsibility and helping others and what you enjoy doing in your spare time.

Higher Education/Futures Week

A week during year 12 dedicated to the higher education application process which includes visits to universities and extensive guidance on completing personal statements, making university and degree choices related to your chosen career path and financial guidance.

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Medicine and Healthcare Work Experience

- The Sixth Form works in partnership with the North East London Foundation NHS Trust providing work experience and summer schools for students in medicine and health care related fields including medicine, nursing, midwifery, physiotherapy and paramedic science.
- **Insight into Medicine Programme** A three day placement with BHR Hospitals Trust for Barking and Dagenham students. Gives students an overview of life working in a major NHS Hospital, the tasks involved and the skills required. Students will shadow junior doctors and attend a seminar on medical careers and the medical school application process.

Trident Work Experience - Work experience for a range of fields can be arranged through Trident.

Tutor Programme

- The sixth form tutor programme provides students with life and career related skills including guidance on applying to university and apprenticeships, extensive support with UCAS applications, job interview techniques, preparing for exams, as well as sessions on healthy living, finance, successful relationships, critical thinking, dealing with stress and confidence building.
- As part of the tutor programme students create their own personalised account with '@Kudos' – a career development programme - this is an online career development profile where students can shortlist subjects, careers, qualifications and degree's/apprenticeships which suit their personality, skills and career objectives.

Key Dates

15 October: Student applications to Oxford or Cambridge, medicine, dentistry and veterinary science

15 January: Submission for all other UCAS applications

We are incredibly proud of the provision of support we offer our students throughout the UCAS process and of the successful university offers that come from this.



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During the last 5 years DP6 has had average grade scores for A levels and BTEC that are above the national average

- **A Level B (National Average is grade C) and BTEC Distinction (National Average grade is Merit)**
 - **DP6 achieves 100% Pass Rate**
 - **DP6 achieves 100% Progression onto higher level apprenticeships or HE**
- **DP6 achieves 98% to Higher Education with 1 in 4 students going to prestigious Russell Group Universities.**

It is our aim to ensure each student has the opportunity to fulfil their post sixth form aspirations and we are committed to providing dedicated support for applicants to make informed decisions about course choices, universities and potential career paths. To minimise barriers for our students to access Higher Education, we significantly invest in their futures by financing the online UCAS application and subsidise travel expenses for university open days and interviews. Personalised guidance is fundamental in our approach and the quality of this is a result of establishing strong links and partnerships with Russell Group and research-intensive universities. Our students find that partaking in formal careers guidance interviews with experienced advisors from City University, entailing in-depth course advice and graduate employment pathways, is the key to their decision-making process and being confident in their future choices.

On commencing their sixth form careers, students are encouraged to actively explore their prospective options and are offered a wide variety of pre-university activities to engage in. These encompass subject masterclasses and university taster sessions, residential summer schools, UCAS Higher Education exhibitions, and online courses created by leading universities. Participation in such opportunities have led to successful applications at competitive universities and, for some, conditional grade offers have been lowered.

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Useful Links

Sixth form staff offer help and guidance with the application process which is outlined on <https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/applying-to-university>.

Student Finance

The website below will hope to explain how student finance works and will hopefully answer the questions about how student finance works.

MoneySavingExpert.com - Student Finance

The 16+ team believe in our students' potential to fulfil their future academic ambitions and ensure individual support is offered to all students from Oxbridge interview preparation to securing bursaries or scholarships, we are with them every step of the way until their university place has been confirmed.



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DP6 Bursary Statement

The **16-19 Bursary Fund** enables DP6 to provide financial support to help students overcome specific financial barriers to educational participation so they can remain in education. It is therefore intended to support costs related to education.

There are two types of bursary, discretionary and vulnerable groups.

Discretionary Bursary

Students who meet an eligibility check may obtain full or partial support with one or more of the following –

Travel costs from home to DP6
Participation item costs to cover purchase of books, trips, kit and other learning resources stipulated by teachers.
Where possible, support with costs incurred for industry placements, university interviews and open days.

The eligibility checks include meeting/providing the following –

Free School Meals
UK Residency Status
Distance travelled in commute from home to DP6
Course Participation Requirements such as books, kit, trips
Number of dependents living in your household (under 18 yrs of age)



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Annual Household Income
Bank Account held in the student's name

Vulnerable Groups

Where a student is living or has lived in care, they are eligible for a vulnerable group's bursary. Additionally, students who are in receipt of Disability Allowance, their own personal Universal Credit or Personal Independence Payments are also eligible for this bursary.

Application

Application for discretionary bursary is made through the following process via the DP6 Bursary Admin staff.

1. Completion of Bursary application phase 1 where a student's free school meal status is confirmed.
2. Completion of Bursary application phase 2 where a student's application is further supported by required documentation evidence. Documentation evidence is required by the 16-19 Bursary Fund and includes proof of household income in the form of a parent/carer's last 3 months of bank statements, proof of student travel costs, proof of residency such as passport or right to remain documentation.

Once an application is complete students will receive a bursary award letter outlining what they have been allocated and how it will be provided, either via their bank account or in kind. In kind means DP6 will purchase agreed items that will enable a student to participate in their education such as books, trips, kit etc...

Vulnerable groups bursary is obtained through an application via the schools Looked After Child Coordinator.



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All bursary is reviewed annually so students on two-year programmes of study will have to re-apply after a year.

Receipt of bursary funding does not affect receipt of other means-tested benefits paid to families, such as IS, Jobseeker's Allowance, Child Benefit, Working Tax Credit, Housing Benefit or, generally, UC.

The 16-19 Bursary Fund Government Guide [16 to 19 Bursary Fund guide 2021 to 2022 academic year - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#) stipulates all household income and other evidence provided in support of a bursary application will need to be retained by the school for six years. Once this period of time has expired evidence will be disposed of securely. All evidence submitted in support of Bursary applications will be kept private and used only in support of an application in line with the schools data protection policy which can be found on the schools website [Data Protection Policy Sept 20.docx \(sharepoint.com\)](#)

Terms and Conditions

Discretionary bursary payments once awarded will either be paid monthly into student bank accounts or purchased once application for an item has been made. They are an individual offer for each student and will differ. They are not a universal blanket amount that is the same for all students.

Discretionary bursary applications will only be awarded if students provide all requested documentation and meet the eligibility criteria. If a student does not provide these/meet these then they will not be awarded a bursary.

Discretionary bursary payments will not be paid if a student is absent for a prolonged period of time e.g. 4 weeks or is removed from roll as they have left DP6.

To ensure discretionary payments are made students must ensure they follow The DP6 Way. Any student who is placed on one of the four DP6 behaviour stages may not be paid.



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A-Level subjects offered at DP6

Art and Design
Biology
Business Studies
Chemistry
Computer Science
Core Maths
Economics
English
EPQ
Geography
History
Maths
Media
Philosophy and Religious Education
Physics
Psychology
Sociology

BTEC Subjects Offered at DP6

BTEC L3 Extended Diploma in Applied Science
BTEC L3 Extended Diploma in Business
BTEC L3 Extended Diploma in Sport
BTEC L3 Extended Diploma in Performing Arts
BTEC L1 in Vocational Studies

Please see our on line subject prospectuses for a detailed breakdown of subjects offered with exam board specs and topic selection.



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To Apply from 5th November

Step 1	go to http://dagenhampark.org.uk/wp/dp6-admissions/ or The Dagenham Park CofE School Website
Step 2	Click on 'Sixth Form' and then on 'How to Enrol'.
Step 3	Complete an application form and submit – you will need your school e mail for this if you attend Dagenham Park School. Be sure to make a note of your application password.

Once we receive your application we will be in touch to arrange an interview.



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