LAB6

LIVINGSTONE ACADEMY
SIXTH FORM

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A WELCOME FROM THE ACTING PRINCIPAL

It is a privilege to introduce myself as the Acting Principal of Livingstone Academy and to welcome you to **LAB6**, our exciting new Sixth Form. LAB6 represents the next step in our commitment to providing a vibrant, diverse, and forward-thinking learning community where every student is encouraged to thrive.

At LAB6, our vision remains clear:
"To empower future generations to follow their dreams and to build a society of which we can all be proud."
As part of the Aspirations Academies Trust, we place our **Guiding Principles – Self-worth, Engagement, and Purpose – at the heart of everything we do,** and these values underpin the experience our Sixth Form students will enjoy:

- **Self-worth** is nurtured by fostering respect, compassion, and belonging, celebrating effort and perseverance, and recognising the unique value of every student.
- **Engagement** is built through curiosity, resilience, and a determination to embrace challenge and growth in both academic and personal pursuits.
- **Purpose** develops when students take responsibility for their choices, are motivated to be their best, and are given opportunities to lead within our Sixth Form and beyond.

LAB6 is more than a place to study. Alongside strong academic outcomes, we prepare our students for the future with the knowledge, skills, and character they need to succeed in a rapidly changing world.
Our commitment to LAB6 students is to:

- Provide the support, guidance, and tools to flourish both academically and personally.
- Deliver an innovative and engaging curriculum designed to inspire excellence, curiosity, and independent thinking.
- Foster a community where students can develop leadership, creativity, and collaboration skills that will last a lifetime.

As a result, LAB6 students will:

- **Stand out as confident, articulate, and collaborative individuals.**
- **Demonstrate creativity, critical thinking, and resilience.**
- **Approach challenges with confidence, determination, and ambition.**

We are incredibly proud to launch LAB6 and are excited to welcome our first cohort of Sixth Form students into this inspiring new chapter of Livingstone Academy.

Mrs Warr Acting Principal

A WELCOME FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL KS4 & 5

It is with great pride that I welcome you to the Livingstone Academy Bournemouth Sixth Form, **LAB6** – a **vibrant and forward-thinking community** where **innovation, aspiration, and excellence** come together to shape the future. As part of the Aspirations Academies Trust, our Sixth Form embodies the Trust's core values: self-worth, engagement, and purpose. These principles underpin everything we do, ensuring that every student not only achieves academic success but also develops the skills, confidence, and mindset to thrive in an ever-changing world.

Although our Sixth Form is newly established, it stands on the **strong foundations** of Livingstone Academy Bournemouth's proven practices and culture of excellence. Our **experienced and passionate staff** bring a wealth of expertise, guiding students through challenging and exciting learning experiences designed to unlock their full potential.

At the heart of our approach lies an **innovative use of technology.** We embrace digital tools not as add-ons, but as powerful enablers of **deep, connected learning** – supporting creativity, collaboration, and critical thinking. Through a curriculum designed for the modern world, we prepare our students to become adaptable, forward-looking leaders equipped with the knowledge and digital fluency essential for success in the twenty-first century.

Whether your aspirations lie in higher education, entrepreneurship, or the world of work, LAB6 provides the environment, support, and opportunities to help you achieve them – and to do so with confidence, curiosity, and purpose.

Ms Royle, Assistant Principal KS4 and 5

WHAT MAKES LAB6

We are proud to introduce **LAB6**, our new Sixth Form, as the next stage of a truly all-through school, welcoming students from age 4 to 18. This continuity allows us to build strong, lasting relationships with students and their families, getting to know each learner; their strengths, passions, and future ambitions so we can support them every step of the way.

At LAB6, **digital creativity and innovation are at the heart of everything we do.** Sixth Formers have the opportunity to undertake the **Extended Project Qualification (EPQ),** developing research, planning, and presentation skills that prepare them for higher education. Alongside this, the **Aspirations Employability Diploma** provides real-world, practical experience, equipping students with the professional skills, confidence, and resilience they need to succeed in further study and future careers.

We are **reimagining the traditional education journey,** ensuring a personalised and engaging experience as students' progress from GCSEs into Sixth Form. Our teaching approach encourages creativity, collaboration, and tackling real-world challenges, preparing LAB6 students to excel in the modern world.

Diversity is celebrated at LAB6. As a dynamic and inclusive community, we value every voice and ensure that everyone is supported to succeed. Our strong House system continues into Sixth Form, giving students a sense of belonging, fostering healthy competition, and recognising achievement in all areas; from effort and attendance to creativity and contribution.

LAB6 is more than a place to study; it is a place to **grow, create, and make a difference.** Here, Sixth Form students are empowered to take ownership of their learning, explore their passions, and prepare for the next exciting chapter of their journey.

OUR COMMITMENT

Consistently high-quality post-16 tuition

At **LAB6,** we offer a broad and ambitious curriculum encompassing the sciences, arts, and vocational pathways. Students can choose the combination of subjects that matches their interests and ambitions, preparing them for the university courses or career paths of their choice. All our teachers are specialists in their subject areas and are passionate about inspiring students to explore their learning in greater depth.

A focus on applied learning and skills for the future

LAB6 is built around our STEAM-inspired curriculum and a clear vision:

“To empower future generations to follow their dreams and to build a society of which we can all be proud.”

All students will additionally study the **Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)** and the **Aspirations Employability Diploma,** enabling them to gain both academic knowledge and real-world skills. Students learn to research, problem-solve, collaborate, and innovate; developing the confidence, independence, and leadership skills that will serve them at university and beyond.

Supporting every student to achieve their potential

All our teachers are subject specialists, passionate about their areas of expertise, and committed to inspiring curiosity and independent thought. They provide consistently high-quality teaching, guiding students to exceed expectations and develop the skills required for success in future careers. At LAB6, every student is supported to be the best they can be. Our Sixth Form team, including dedicated Advisors, works closely with students to monitor progress, provide guidance, and ensure that every learner has the tools to achieve their ambitions.

OUR COMMITMENT

Preparing for the Future

At LAB6, we understand that the two years of Sixth Form are crucial in preparing students for life beyond school. We foster an environment of self-reliance, curiosity, and resilience, encouraging students to study independently while developing confidence in leadership and social skills. Comprehensive support is provided for university applications, apprenticeships, and career pathways, ensuring that every student has the tools and guidance to make informed choices about their future.

Leadership and Enrichment opportunities.

LAB6 students are encouraged to develop leadership skills by supporting younger students, contributing to House activities, and taking part in charitable and school-wide initiatives. Our Sixth Form Student Leadership Committee organises events, drives student-led projects, and ensures that students have a voice in shaping academy life. Head Students/Prefects act as role models for the whole school and represent LAB6 in meetings, events, and external partnerships.

A supportive Sixth Form community

While LAB6 nurtures independence, we recognise that students aged 16–18 still need structured support. Our Sixth Form team gradually empowers students to take more responsibility for their learning, providing guidance and encouragement every step of the way. Students are challenged, inspired, and supported to reach their full potential in a safe and vibrant learning environment.

Your LAB6 Experience

Students at LAB6 can expect a rich, engaging, and ambitious experience that develops academic excellence, personal growth, and professional skills. By the end of their Sixth Form journey, students will be confident, independent, and equipped to thrive in higher education, apprenticeships, or the world of work. LAB6 is not just a place to study; it is a place to grow, lead, create, and make a difference, fully embodying the values and vision of Livingstone Academy Bournemouth.

THE BEST GUIDANCE FOR YOUR FUTURE

At LAB6, our commitment is to ensure that every student has the guidance, support, and opportunities to achieve their ambitions.

Our Sixth Form team provides expert advice on university applications, high level apprenticeships, careers pathways, and professional development. Students are supported to make informed choices about higher education, apprenticeships, and careers, helping them prepare for success beyond school. We provide **specialist guidance for competitive applications,** including those to study Medicine, Law, or Oxbridge. Our personalised support ensures students understand each stage of the application process and develop the skills and confidence needed to succeed.

Russell Group and Advanced University Support

Students at LAB6 have access to programmes designed to strengthen applications to the most competitive universities. These include mentoring for Russell Group universities and advanced application support for students aiming for Oxford, Cambridge, and Medical School. Our approach combines personalised guidance with enrichment experiences to develop academic excellence and independent thinking.

Life Beyond School

LAB6 prepares students for life beyond Sixth Form through a wide range of **real-world experiences.** Students take part in workplace visits, meet inspiring speakers from fields such as finance, journalism, engineering, and technology, and engage in the **AED and EPQ,** which develops practical skills that employers value. These experiences help students explore career options, develop professional networks, and gain confidence in the world beyond school.

THE BEST GUIDANCE FOR YOUR FUTURE

A Dynamic and Inclusive Community

LAB6 is a vibrant, inclusive community of students from a wide range of backgrounds. Most Year 11 students progress from Livingstone Academy Bournemouth, alongside students joining from other schools, creating a diverse and collaborative environment. We ensure all students have opportunities to build friendships, engage with peers, and develop a sense of belonging. We foster a culture of mutual respect, collaboration, and positive behaviour, encouraging students to take responsibility for themselves and support each other.

Partnerships with Leading Universities, Colleges, and Employers

Our Sixth Formers benefit from strategic partnerships with top universities and arts organisations, giving access to facilities, mentorship, enrichment, and experiences that are unique to LAB6. Current partnerships include:

Universities: Bournemouth and Southampton Universities, alongside Southern University Networks and Downing College, Cambridge University.

Employers: Merlin Entertainment, JP Morgan, Natwest, Kier, The Health Bus and the NHS.

These connections provide opportunities for research, workshops, and events that enrich the student experience and prepare them for the demands of higher education and professional life.

Careers Guidance and Mentoring

At LAB6, we place great emphasis on personalised guidance and mentoring. Each student has an Advisor responsible for a small group, acting as the first point of contact for advice on learning, wellbeing, and university or career planning. Individual mentoring supports students in developing their goals, preparing applications, CVs, and navigating the steps needed to progress successfully to the next stage of their education or career.

Our combination of academic guidance, real-world experience, and specialist support ensures that LAB6 students leave Sixth Form well-prepared, confident, and ambitious, ready to thrive in university, vocational pathways, or the world of work.

A UNIQUE EXPERIENCE

A Strong Start to your Future

At **LAB6,** our brand-new Sixth Form centre provides a **fresh, modern, and inspiring environment** designed to give students the best possible start to their post-16 journey. From the moment you walk through our doors, you will experience a space built for learning, creativity, and innovation; one that prepares you for success in higher education, apprenticeships, and future careers.

Our **state-of-the-art facilities** ensure that students can fully explore their passions and develop practical, industry-standard skills. Highlights include:

- **CampusX VR Kit:** Students can immerse themselves in virtual reality projects, exploring design, architecture, engineering, and digital creativity in ways that go far beyond the traditional classroom. AI assistants provide personalized, on-demand support, particularly helpful when unpicking complex concepts.
- **MAC Suites:** Our industry-standard suites provide the perfect environment for digital media, film, photography, and design. Students can work with the same professional software and hardware used in universities and creative industries.
- **Collaborative Learning Spaces:** Flexible classrooms and breakout areas encourage teamwork, creativity, and independent study, helping students to take ownership of their learning.

At LAB6, your Sixth Form experience is more than academic; it's an opportunity to **develop the skills, confidence, and innovation mindset needed to thrive in a rapidly changing world.** Whether you are exploring STEAM subjects, preparing for Russell Group universities, or developing your creative portfolio, our facilities give you the tools to turn your ideas into reality.

With LAB6, you are not just continuing your education; you are **starting your future with a unique, cutting-edge experience** designed to empower you to achieve your ambitions.

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At Livingstone Academy, we believe that secondary school is more than just lessons; it's a place where you'll be encouraged to grow, excel and be yourself. Ofsted recognised us as a school that...

> *'Has very high aspirations for what pupils can achieve.'*
> *'Staff nurture pupils and know them well. Consequently, pupils flourish.'*
> *'Behaviour is exemplary. As a result, pupils feel safe and learn without interruption.'*

At Livingstone Academy, you'll be taught by **passionate, knowledgeable teachers** in a **broad, ambitious curriculum** that prepares you for the future and helps you develop skills you'll use for life. We make sure **everyone is included,** whether you need extra support, are new to learning English, or come from different backgrounds, you will feel you belong and can aim high. In all you do, you will be encouraged to be kind, thoughtful, and take on leadership within our school community.

HOW TO APPLY

All Livingstone Academy Bournemouth Year 11 students are entitled to enter the Sixth Form so long as they meet the entry requirements for their chosen course(s).

External candidates can access the application form on the Livingstone Academy Bournemouth website with the application form remaining open throughout the academic year. All applicants will hear back from the Sixth Form team and successful candidates will be given the opportunity to visit the school for a Sixth Form Taster Day in June/July.

Please note that all successful applicants will receive conditional offers (subject to GCSE results) for places at Livingstone Academy Bournemouth. Applicants will also be required to attend a meeting at Livingstone Academy Bournemouth on GCSE results day to confirm their place in the Sixth Form

To apply, please visit our Academy Website, and complete the online application. All applications from internal and external students will receive email confirmation of receipt.

https://www.livingstone-aspirations.org/

Part of the Aspirations Academies Trust

We are proud to be part of the Aspirations Academies Trust, a family of 16 schools across southern England educating over 9,000 young people aged 2–18. Founded in 2011 by experienced school leaders Steve and Paula Kenning.

The Trust is built on Dr Russell Quaglia's Aspirations Framework, focusing on self-worth, engagement and purpose. Our shared vision is to combine academic excellence with the skills and values students need for success in the modern world, preparing them to be confident, work-ready and future-ready learners.

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