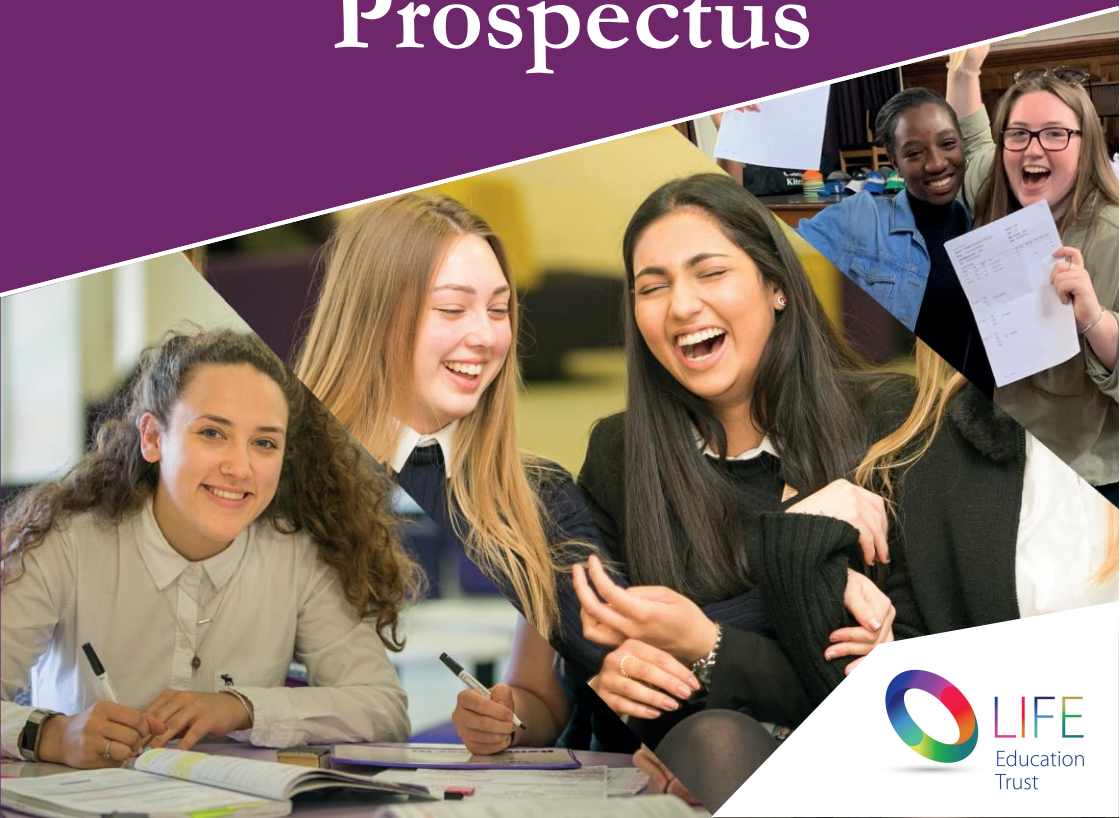




Frances Bardsley Academy for
Girls

Sixth Form Prospectus





A message from the Headteacher

In 1906, Miss Frances Bardsley established a school in Romford to enable girls in the area to have access to a first-class education which would develop their skills, abilities and self-confidence.

Over a hundred years later, we still hold on to her vision and mission: we exist to empower young women with the knowledge and personal characteristics needed to live successful and fulfilling lives.

Our Sixth Form plays a crucial part in the life of the school. We believe that for most of our students, they are best served by remaining with us for seven years and we truly welcome students from other schools into Year 12.

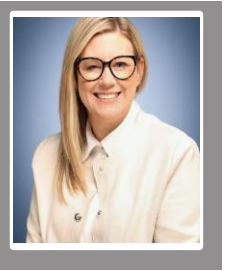
We are an academic school and we expect our students to strive towards achieving the very best results. Our expectations are high but our approach is also holistic - we recognise that we all face many challenges and we aim to offer the support needed so that all our girls can overcome any difficulties and become confident, resilient individuals. Physical Education, cultural enrichment, spiritual and moral development are all vital to school life. Clubs, activities and events offer the chance to demonstrate and develop leadership and social skills.

We aim to instil a love of learning in all within the school community. Our motto, 'Gladly Lerne, Gladly Teche' emphasises our desire to retain a sense of joy, awe and wonder as we work together and support each other in the pursuit of our goals.

Emilie Darabasz

Headteacher

A message from the Head of Sixth Form



Frances Bardsley Sixth Form, is a special place providing an inclusive and vibrant community where each student is challenged to fulfil their potential. Whether the students have joined us from the lower school or join us in Year 12 from another school, their contribution to the school community will be valued and is important to us.

We offer a wide variety of subjects and lessons which are well taught by committed teachers who closely track the progress of their students. We offer fantastic academic and extra-curricular opportunities and we have a proven track record of guiding our Sixth Formers into the universities of their choice as well as into high profile apprenticeships.

I am proud to lead a Sixth Form where we have a clear emphasis on examination success as this is a key for future opportunities but we aspire our students to be much more than this. We support our students to develop skills, competencies, personal qualities and characteristics that will help them on their journey to success, whatever the route they choose to take. We strongly believe that education is about developing global citizens, so we value happiness and personal development at every stage.

We know that choosing the right Sixth Form is an important decision and we welcome you to visit our Sixth Form and to see for yourselves our academically focused and caring community. We offer a small, inclusive environment and I truly believe our students leave us as confident young women, prepared and equipped to take their place in our ever-changing world.

Kerry Celisse,

Assistant Headteacher., Head of Sixth Form



“The opportunities to prepare you for what life has in store are truly endless”

Outstanding facilities

Our £1m purpose built Sixth Form centre allows the students to have their own place to study and socialise. The students benefit from a large Common Room overlooking the beautiful school grounds, which provides them with their own kitchen facilities and a social space with a flat screen television. There is a large study room equipped with over 50 PCs to support learning and a fantastic lecture theatre for assemblies and other events.

Excellent pastoral support and care

We recognise it is our duty to ensure that every young person in our care receives the support and guidance they need to flourish whilst at our Sixth Form. All students are supported by their form tutors and the Sixth Form Team, and will have regular opportunities for support if needed. Students will have access to our school counsellor and can also visit the Well-being centre where our school pastoral team is based. We are a friendly Sixth Form and if you are thinking of joining us from another school rest assured you will be made most welcome, around a third of our intake are from other schools.

Mentoring and Academic guidance

At our Sixth Form we have high expectations but ensure students are provided with clear support and guidance. Progress is closely monitored through day-to-day contact with tutors and with subject teachers. Students in the Sixth Form are expected to devote at least 15 hours per week to their studies, in addition to their time spent in lessons. In recognition of the significant demands of A-levels and BTEC courses it is also expected that students have no more than twelve hours paid employment. Parental engagement is important to us and we will regularly communicate the students' progress to ensure we can work as a team.



Choose FBA because of friendly staff and pupils, the high teaching standards as well as the sense of belonging and being a part of something special.

Excellent Higher Education and Careers guidance

Our students are very well prepared to make the right choices post 18. We begin preparing students for their futures in Year 12, as we believe it is useful to have a goal to work towards and important to be aware of university and employer expectations.

Towards the end of Year 12 all of our students benefit from our 18 Plus Week in which they visit a university, attend a HE Fair, hear from apprenticeship providers, listen to career journeys of some of our past students and participate in a number of workshops with titles such as 'How to write the personal statement', 'interview techniques' and 'taking a gap year'. This is an inspirational week, something unique to The Frances Bardsley Sixth Form of which we are immensely proud.

We have also built one week of work experience into our learner programme for the summer term of Year 12 to give students the chance to demonstrate and develop the transferable skills that universities and employers are looking for. All of our students have access to careers advice and support from our Careers Manager. All students applying for university will receive specialist guidance from our UCAS Coordinator.

Our aim is that our students will be well equipped for life after Sixth Form, whether it is university, an apprenticeship, a job or a gap year.

There is excellent support guidance which will help to ensure you leave as the best version of yourself.



Sixth Form Life

Taking on positions of responsibility is an important part of Sixth Form life at Frances Bardsley. Our Sixth Formers hold the positions of Head Girl, Deputy Head Girl, Senior Prefects, Heads of House and Deputy Head's of House, Subject Ambassadors and mentors to younger students.

Our student leadership team are encouraged to be role models and to play a significant part within the school. Developing skills in teamwork and leadership, communication and presentation, problem solving and tolerance, is vital in preparing for the future. In our Sixth Form we want our young women to be the leaders of tomorrow.

Our students benefit from our enrichment program that is focused on developing the key characteristics needed to thrive in life. These are: to be knowledgeable, resilient, articulate, creative, empathetic, reflective and studious. The KRACERS program is designed to develop the skills that are necessary for success in any career and also develop essential life skills. In addition, we offer a wide range of trips from one day subject conferences in London to three week expeditions working with our partner schools in Uganda. We also run a very popular Sixth Form trip to New York.

Throughout the year we run several 'Big Activity Days' where all students are off timetable for the day and engage in fun and productive workshops/sessions such as: Team Building, The Enterprise Challenge, Healthy Relationships, Motivational speakers, Sex Education, London Treasure Hunt and much more.

We also offer The EPQ (Extended Project Qualification) which allows students a chance to research their own area of academic interest, and to write it up as a dissertation, with the help of a supervisor and a series of focused research skills seminars. Alternatively, students may opt to produce an artefact, perhaps a piece of art or textiles, a DVD, CD or even a stage production.

There are a number of reasons why our students choose to study for an EPQ; it earns students as many UCAS points as an AS Level; it allows students to develop an area of academic interest outside the constraints of examination subjects, and encourages development in research and writing skills, which is invaluable practice for the girls' future learning at university.

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The teachers at FBA push you to achieve more than you can ever imagine.

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How to apply:

Stage 1

- Please visit us on our Open Evening where you will have the opportunity to get a real feel for our Sixth Form community and meet with Staff and Students. This evening will be the start of the application process.
- After the Open Evening our application form will 'go live' here <https://fbasixthform.applica.com/>.

Stage 2

- Once you have applied we will begin to meet with the students. Internal students will have opportunities to meet with Sixth Form staff and students informally to discuss their applications. External students from other schools will be invited in for an informal interview.
- Once these meetings have taken place we will write to the students letting them know if they have been offered a conditional place. This communication will be made by the end of February.

Stage 3

- Once we have received all applications we will then make final decisions on the courses that will run the following September. This decision is made based on the number of students applying for specific courses, as well as our ability to staff all of our A-Levels and BTEC courses. We will contact any students individually if it appears we are no longer able to run one of the subjects offered on our prospectus.
- All students will receive a letter to inform them of the subjects we are able to offer them and they must respond to let us know if they will be joining us in September.

If you have accepted an offer:

- Students who have chosen to study with us from other schools will be invited into Sixth Form during the summer term to meet the Sixth Form staff and students.

Joining us:

- On GCSE results day, all applicants with offers are required to attend the school in person with their GCSE results. We can then discuss the courses they have chosen to study and discuss whether these will remain the same or change.
- Please note, that on Results Day, we can still make offers to students. Please attend the school with your GCSE results, in person by 2pm. We will also be available for enrolment after Results day – please see school website for dates and times.

Visit our website to apply

Please email sixthformadmissions@fbaok.co.uk if you have any enquires.

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Students join the Sixth Form as young girls and leave as independent, mature young women ready to take on the world!

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