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YOUR FUTURE YOUR SIXTH FORM

WELCOME

Welcome to South Bank University Academy, where our motto, "Create a better future," is at the heart of everything we do. We are driven by a commitment to excellence and a belief in the limitless potential of every young person.

Our academy is a place where ambition is nurtured, talent is developed, and students are empowered to succeed—academically, personally, and professionally. We create a culture that inspires curiosity, resilience, and a passion for lifelong learning.

Guided by our core values of excellence, professionalism, integrity, inclusivity, and creativity, we shape confident, responsible individuals who are ready to thrive in an ever-changing world and make a positive impact on their communities.

Annette Moses
Principal at South Bank University Academy

Vision

Our vision is to ensure that our students gain the knowledge and experience they need, and the strength of character to become changemakers in the world, living well and improving the lives of others.

Core Values

- Excellence – We aim high and work hard to achieve our full potential.
- Professionalism – We act responsibly, show respect, and prepare for the world of work.
- Integrity – We are honest, fair, and take responsibility for our actions.
- Inclusivity – We value and respect everyone, ensuring all can succeed.
- Creativity – We think differently, explore new ideas, and solve problems with confidence.

Motto

'Create a better future'

Being influenced by our values empowers us to make an impact in our own lives and in the lives of our community.

Together, these principles shape our journey toward a brighter future.

QUICK FACTS

3
different academic pathways

100+
Industry partnerships

90%
graduates progress to university, apprenticeships or employment rate within 6 months

150+
community engagement projects annually

Ofsted
Good Provider

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PATHWAYS

A LEVELS

We offer a broad range of A Level subjects that allow you to tailor your studies around your interests, strengths, and future ambitions.

A Levels are two-year Level 3 qualifications where you typically study three subjects in depth. Through classroom-based learning, discussion, research, and critical thinking, you will develop the knowledge, independence, and skills needed to progress confidently into higher education, apprenticeships, and professional careers.

Alongside your studies, you will have opportunities to develop your employability skills through work experience, employer engagement, and careers-focused activities. These experiences help you understand how your subjects connect to the world of work and prepare you for your next steps.

Our A Level pathway is designed to challenge and inspire you while supporting you to become a confident, independent learner ready for your future.

Entry Requirements

- Minimum of five GCSEs at Grade 5 or above, including English and Maths
- Grade 6 or above in the subjects you wish to study (subject specific requirements may apply)

Future Destinations

A Level students progress onto Russell Group and leading universities, degree apprenticeships, and careers within sectors such as medicine, engineering, law, finance, psychology, business, and the creative industries.

Subjects

- Biology
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- Design Technology
- Economics
- English Literature
- Further Mathematics
- History
- Law
- Mathematics
- Physics
- Politics
- Psychology
- Sociology

BTECs

We offer a wide range of BTEC courses across Level 1, Level 2, and Level 3, providing you with opportunities to build your confidence, develop your skills, and progress towards your future goals.

BTECs combine classroom learning with practical, hands-on experience, allowing you to apply your knowledge to real-world situations. Through coursework, projects, practical activities, and industry-focused learning, you will develop specialist skills alongside essential skills such as teamwork, communication, and problem-solving.

Many Level 3 BTEC qualifications are equivalent to A Levels and carry UCAS points, supporting progression into higher education, apprenticeships, or employment. You will also have opportunities to gain valuable work experience and connect your learning to real industries, helping you understand the career pathways available to you.

Whether you are starting at Foundation level or progressing towards Level 3 study, you will be supported to achieve your goals at the right pace for you.

Level 3 Entry Requirements

- Minimum of five GCSEs at Grade 4 or above, including English and/or Maths depending on the course
- Subject-specific entry requirements may apply

Future Destinations

Students can progress through each level of study and move onto higher qualifications, including Level 3 courses, apprenticeships, university courses, or employment within sectors such as sport, business, media, and the creative industries.

Subjects

- Business
- Computing
- Digital Media
- Sports
- ICT

T LEVELS

We offer employer-focused T Level courses designed to help students build the technical knowledge, practical skills, and professional confidence needed for future success.

T Levels are two-year Level 3 qualifications equivalent to three A Levels. They combine classroom-based learning with substantial industry experience, giving students the opportunity to apply their knowledge in real workplace settings and develop the skills employers and universities value.

Students complete a 45-day industry placement, working with an employer in their chosen sector to gain hands-on experience and insight into the world of work.

Entry Requirements

- Minimum of five GCSEs at Grade 5 or above, including English and Maths
- A minimum of Grade 5 in any additional subjects relevant to the chosen T Level (where applicable)

Future Destinations

Students can progress onto university, higher and degree apprenticeships, or directly into skilled employment within industries such as digital, education, health, engineering, and business.

Subjects

- Digital Software Development (ICT)
- Media, Broadcast and Production
- Marketing (Business)

02

A LEVELS

BIOLOGY

Biology is the study of life and the processes that allow living organisms to survive, grow, and interact with the world around them. Building on your GCSE knowledge, you will explore topics ranging from cells and genetics to ecosystems and human physiology, gaining a deeper understanding of how living systems function. As scientific discoveries continue to shape healthcare, medicine, and environmental sustainability, Biology provides insight into some of the most important challenges facing society today.

What you will study

- Biological molecules and cells
- Exchange and transport systems
- Genetics, evolution, and ecosystems
- Energy transfers in and between organisms

How you will learn

Lessons combine theory, data analysis, practical investigations, and exam-style questions. You will regularly develop your scientific practical skills through experiments and investigations.

Where it can take you

Biology opens up pathways into some of the most important and fast-growing industries in the UK and globally, particularly healthcare, medical science, and environmental work.

Students often progress into degrees and careers such as medicine, nursing, biomedical science, physiotherapy, dentistry, pharmacology, genetics, and sports science. Biology is also highly valued in research and laboratory-based roles, where professionals work on developing treatments, improving public health, and tackling global challenges like disease and climate change.

With healthcare and life sciences continuing to expand, Biology supports careers that directly impact people's lives and wellbeing.

CHEMISTRY

Chemistry helps you understand the substances that make up our world and how they interact with one another. You will explore the structure of atoms, chemical reactions, energy changes, and the chemistry behind everyday materials, medicines, and technologies. Combining theoretical understanding with practical investigation, Chemistry develops the analytical and problem-solving skills needed to explain how and why chemical processes occur.

What you will study

- Atomic structure and periodic table
- Bonding and structure
- Energetics and kinetics
- Organic chemistry and analysis

How you will learn

You will take part in practical experiments, develop mathematical applications in chemistry contexts, and build confidence through structured exam practice.

Where it can take you

Chemistry is essential in industries where precision, innovation, and problem-solving matter most. It is a core subject for careers in medicine and healthcare, but also plays a major role in engineering, pharmaceuticals, environmental science, and forensic analysis.

Students commonly progress into chemical engineering, medicine, pharmacy, dentistry, materials science, and laboratory research. In industry, chemists may work on developing new medicines, improving sustainable materials, or analysing substances in forensic and environmental settings.

Chemistry is highly respected by universities and opens doors to both scientific and technical career routes.

COMPUTER SCIENCE

Computer Science explores the principles that power modern technology, from software applications and websites to artificial intelligence and cybersecurity. You will learn how computers process information, solve complex problems through programming, and support the digital systems that underpin everyday life. As technology continues to transform industries around the world, Computer Science provides valuable insight into the systems shaping the future.

What you will study

- Programming and software development
- Algorithms and problem solving
- Data representation
- Computer systems and architecture
- Cybersecurity
- Databases and networks

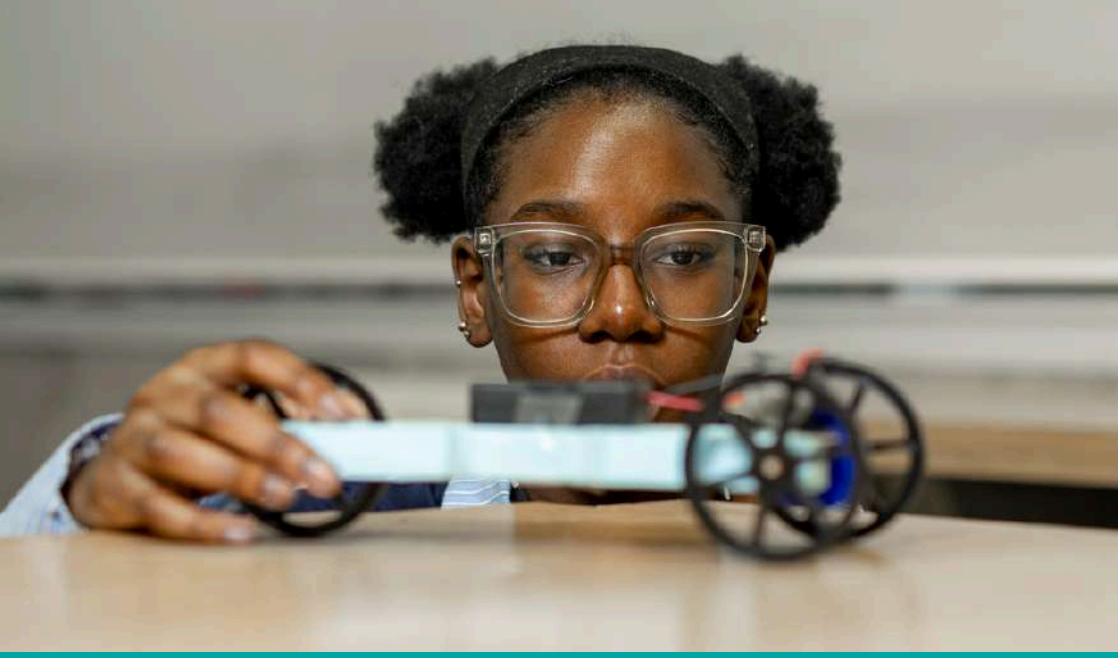
How you will learn

You will learn through a structured cycle: retrieve prior knowledge, define key computer science concepts, break complex ideas into clear steps, see worked examples modelled, practise with guidance, receive feedback, correct mistakes, and then apply your learning independently through programming, problem-solving, exam questions, and project work.

Where it can take you

A Level Computer Science supports progression into university, apprenticeships, and careers in software engineering, cybersecurity, artificial intelligence, data science, games development, systems analysis, robotics, cloud computing, and wider technology roles. It is also valuable for subjects such as mathematics, engineering, physics, business, and digital media.

In industry, Computer Science graduates often work on building apps, protecting systems from cyber threats, analysing data to support business decisions, or developing new technologies used in everyday life.



DESIGN TECHNOLOGY

Design Technology combines creativity, innovation, and technical knowledge to solve real-world problems. You will learn how products are designed, developed, tested, and manufactured while considering factors such as sustainability, user needs, and functionality. The course encourages you to think creatively and critically while developing practical design solutions.

What you will study

- Product design principles
- Design processes and development
- Materials and manufacturing
- Sustainability and innovation
- Prototyping and testing
- Design evaluation

How you will learn

You will learn through practical design projects, modelling, research, product analysis, and coursework. The course combines creative thinking with technical understanding, allowing you to develop and refine your own design ideas.

Where it can take you

Design Technology leads into creative and technical industries where innovation and problem-solving come together. It is ideal for students interested in designing products, systems, and solutions that are used in real life.

Students progress into careers such as product design, architecture, engineering, industrial design, and user experience (UX) design. In industry, designers and engineers work on developing everything from everyday consumer products to large-scale buildings and sustainable technologies.

This subject is highly valued in creative and engineering sectors where practical design thinking is essential.

ECONOMICS

Economics is the study of how individuals, businesses, and governments make decisions about resources, money, and opportunities. You will explore why prices rise and fall, how markets operate, and the factors that influence economic growth and living standards. By applying economic theories to real-world events, you will develop a deeper understanding of the decisions that shape society both nationally and globally.

What you will study

- Markets and market failure
- Economic performance
- Government intervention
- Inflation and unemployment
- International trade
- Global economies

How you will learn

You will learn through discussion, case studies, data analysis, independent research, and applying economic concepts to current affairs and real-world events.

Where it can take you

Economics develops an understanding of how businesses, governments, and global markets operate, making it highly relevant to careers in business, finance, and public policy.

Students often progress into careers such as banking, investment, accountancy, business consultancy, data analysis, economics, and government roles. In industry, economists and analysts are responsible for understanding trends, advising organisations, and helping businesses make strategic decisions.

With increasing focus on global markets and financial systems, Economics is highly valued across both private and public sectors.

ENGLISH LITERATURE

English Literature explores how writers use language, structure, and form to communicate ideas, challenge perspectives, and reflect the societies in which they live. Through the study of novels, plays, and poetry, you will analyse complex themes and develop your own interpretations of literary texts while engaging with a range of historical and cultural contexts.

What you will study

- Shakespeare and drama
- Poetry across different periods
- Modern and classic prose texts
- Literary criticism
- Comparative analysis
- Independent coursework

How you will learn

You will learn through discussion, debate, close reading of texts, independent research, presentations, and essay writing. Lessons encourage critical thinking and the exploration of different interpretations.

Where it can take you

English Literature develops advanced communication, analysis, and writing skills that are highly valued across a wide range of industries.

Students progress into careers such as law, journalism, publishing, marketing, public relations, education, content creation, and media. In industry, English graduates often work in roles where strong communication and critical thinking are essential, such as writing campaigns, analysing information, or shaping public messaging.

These skills are also highly transferable into business, government, and creative industries.

FURTHER MATHEMATICS

Further Mathematics extends the concepts studied in A Level Mathematics and introduces new areas of mathematical thinking. You will explore advanced algebra, calculus, matrices, and mathematical modelling, developing sophisticated problem-solving skills and a deeper understanding of mathematical concepts. The course follows the Edexcel examination board, providing a rigorous and well-respected qualification that prepares you for mathematically demanding degrees and careers.

What you will study

- Core Pure Maths 1 and 2
- Further Stat 1 and 2
- Further Decision 1 and 2
- Further Pure 1 & 2

How you will learn

You will tackle challenging problems, investigate mathematical concepts, and apply advanced techniques to unfamiliar situations. The course encourages independent thinking and resilience when solving complex questions, with rigorous assessment and regular feedback embedded throughout teaching to help you monitor your progress and achieve your full potential.

Where it can take you

Further Mathematics is highly regarded by leading universities and is often recommended for students considering mathematically demanding degrees. It develops advanced problem-solving and analytical skills that are valued in industries where precision and complex thinking are essential.

Students often progress into degrees and careers such as mathematics, engineering, physics, computer science, economics, data science, and actuarial science. In industry, professionals use advanced mathematics to model complex systems, develop new technologies, analyse large datasets, and solve real-world challenges.

As technology, artificial intelligence, and data-driven decision-making continue to grow, Further Mathematics provides a strong foundation for some of the most competitive and high-demand careers.

HISTORY

History is the study of people, events, and ideas that have shaped the world we live in today. You will investigate significant periods of change, conflict, and political development while analysing historical evidence and evaluating different interpretations of the past. History encourages you to think critically about cause, consequence, and the impact of decisions throughout time.

What you will study

- Key historical periods and events
- Political change and power
- Conflict and international relations
- Historical interpretations
- Source analysis
- Independent historical investigation

How you will learn

You will learn through source analysis, discussion, debate, independent research, and essay writing. Lessons encourage you to evaluate evidence and construct balanced, evidence-based arguments.

Where it can take you

History develops the ability to analyse evidence, evaluate different perspectives, and construct well-supported arguments. These skills are highly valued across a wide range of industries where research, communication, and decision-making are important.

Students often progress into careers such as law, journalism, politics, public policy, teaching, international relations, heritage management, and the civil service. In industry, historians and researchers help organisations understand complex issues, interpret information, and make informed decisions based on evidence.

History is particularly valuable for careers that require critical thinking, strong communication skills, and an understanding of how societies, governments, and institutions evolve over time.

LAW

A Level Law develops your understanding of the English legal system, legal issues, and key areas of private and public law. You will learn to analyse legal scenarios, apply legal principles, and construct clear, logical arguments supported by case law and legal authority. Throughout the course, you will use legal terminology accurately while developing strong analytical and evaluative skills.

What you will study

- The nature of law and the English legal system
- Criminal Law
- Tort
- Law of contract
- Human Rights
- Legal skills

How you will learn

You will learn through discussion, debate, independent research, and essay writing. Lessons encourage you to evaluate evidence and construct balanced, evidence-based legal arguments.

Where it can take you

Law develops the ability to analyse legal issues, interpret legislation and case law, evaluate different viewpoints, and construct well-reasoned arguments. These skills are highly valued across a wide range of industries where critical thinking, problem-solving, communication, and decision-making are essential.

Students often progress into careers such as law, policing, criminology, politics, public policy, business management, human resources, teaching, and the civil service. In professional and commercial settings, legal knowledge helps organisations understand regulations, manage risk, resolve disputes, and make informed decisions within legal and ethical frameworks.

A Level Law is particularly valuable for careers that require logical reasoning, attention to detail, strong communication skills, and an understanding of how legal systems, rights, and institutions shape society. It also provides an excellent foundation for those considering further study in Law or related disciplines at university.

MATHEMATICS

Mathematics develops the ability to think logically, solve problems, and interpret information with precision. Building on GCSE foundations, you will explore pure mathematics alongside statistics and mechanics, applying mathematical concepts to both theoretical and real-world situations.

What you will study

- Algebra and functions
- Calculus
- Trigonometry
- Statistics and probability
- Mechanics
- Mathematical reasoning

How you will learn

You will learn through problem-solving, investigation, collaborative discussion, and regular practice. Lessons focus on developing confidence in applying mathematical methods to unfamiliar situations. You'll also have opportunities to take part in the UKMT Senior Maths Challenge, and benefit from our strong links with the King's College London Department of Mathematics, where selected Sixth Form students are offered after-school extension sessions and advanced mathematical enrichment.

Where it can take you

Mathematics is one of the most versatile A Levels and is highly valued across academic and professional pathways. It is a key requirement for many competitive university courses and careers.

Students progress into careers such as engineering, data science, finance, actuarial science, economics, software development, and scientific research. In industry, mathematicians and analysts use mathematics to solve complex problems, model real-world systems, and support decision-making using data.

With the rise of technology and data-driven industries, Maths continues to be one of the most in-demand subjects for future careers.

PHYSICS

Physics seeks to explain the fundamental principles that govern the universe, from the smallest particles to the largest galaxies. You will explore concepts such as forces, energy, electricity, waves, and quantum physics while developing a deeper understanding of how the physical world operates.

What you will study

- Particles and radiation
- Waves and optics
- Electricity
- Forces and motion
- Energy and mechanics
- Astrophysics and modern physics concepts

How you will learn

You will learn through practical experiments, mathematical modelling, investigations, and theoretical study. The course combines scientific enquiry with problem-solving and analytical thinking.

Where it can take you

Physics is at the heart of innovation and discovery, making it one of the most respected and versatile A Levels. It underpins many industries that are shaping the future, from engineering and technology to renewable energy and space exploration.

Students often progress into careers such as engineering, aerospace, astrophysics, data science, robotics, scientific research, and technology development. In industry, physicists and engineers work on designing advanced technologies, improving energy systems, developing medical equipment, and solving complex scientific challenges.

With increasing demand for innovation across science and technology sectors, Physics provides a strong foundation for careers that help drive progress and improve the way we live and work.

POLITICS

Politics examines how decisions are made, how power is exercised, and how societies are governed. You will study political systems, ideologies, elections, and the relationship between governments and citizens while exploring issues that influence national and global affairs.

What you will study

- UK politics and government
- Political ideologies
- Democracy and participation
- Elections and voting behaviour
- Rights and responsibilities
- Contemporary political issues

How you will learn

You will learn through discussion, debate, independent research, analysis of current affairs, and evaluation of political arguments and evidence.

Where it can take you

Politics provides insight into how power, decision-making, and public policy shape society. It develops the ability to analyse issues, evaluate arguments, and understand the forces that influence local, national, and global events.

Students often progress into careers such as law, journalism, public affairs, government, international relations, diplomacy, campaigning, and communications. In industry, political professionals may advise decision-makers, develop public policy, manage stakeholder relationships, or work on issues that affect communities and organisations.

As governments, businesses, and organisations navigate increasingly complex social and global challenges, the skills developed through Politics are more relevant than ever.

PSYCHOLOGY

Psychology is the scientific study of human behaviour and mental processes. You will investigate why people think, feel, and behave in certain ways, exploring topics such as memory, attachment, mental health, social influence, and psychological disorders. Through research and evidence-based theories, you will gain fascinating insight into both individual behaviour and human development.

What you will study

- Social influence
- Memory
- Attachment
- Clinical psychology and mental health
- Biopsychology
- Research methods

How you will learn

You will learn through case studies, research activities, discussions, independent reading, and the analysis of psychological investigations. You will also develop your ability to interpret data, evaluate evidence, and construct well-reasoned arguments.

Where it can take you

Psychology provides insight into human behaviour, decision-making, and mental processes, making it highly relevant to careers that involve understanding and working with people.

Students often progress into careers such as psychology, counselling, mental health services, education, social work, human resources, marketing, and healthcare. In industry, psychologists and behavioural specialists may support wellbeing, improve workplace performance, influence consumer behaviour, or contribute to research that helps organisations better understand people.

As awareness of mental health and human behaviour continues to grow, Psychology is becoming increasingly valuable across a wide range of professional sectors.

SOCIOLOGY

Sociology explores how society influences the way people live, think, and interact. You will examine social issues such as education, families, crime, inequality, and culture, while exploring how social structures shape opportunities and experiences. Sociology encourages you to question assumptions, explore different perspectives, and better understand the world you live in.

What you will study

- Education
- Families and households
- Crime and deviance
- Beliefs in society
- Social stratification and inequality
- Sociological theories and research methods

How you will learn

You will learn through discussion, debate, case studies, current affairs, independent research, and the analysis of sociological evidence. Lessons encourage critical thinking and the exploration of contemporary issues affecting society.

Where it can take you

Sociology helps you understand how society influences people's lives, opportunities, and experiences. It develops critical thinking and analytical skills that are highly valued in careers focused on communities, social issues, and public services.

Students often progress into careers such as social work, policing, teaching, law, public policy, community development, journalism, and social research. In industry, sociologists and researchers help organisations understand social trends, tackle inequality, improve public services, and respond to the changing needs of society.

As organisations place greater emphasis on diversity, inclusion, and social impact, Sociology provides valuable insight into the challenges and opportunities facing modern communities.

"Studying A Levels at SBUA has helped me develop strong academic skills while giving me the confidence to take the next step towards university.

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A Levels Maths, Chemistry & Biology

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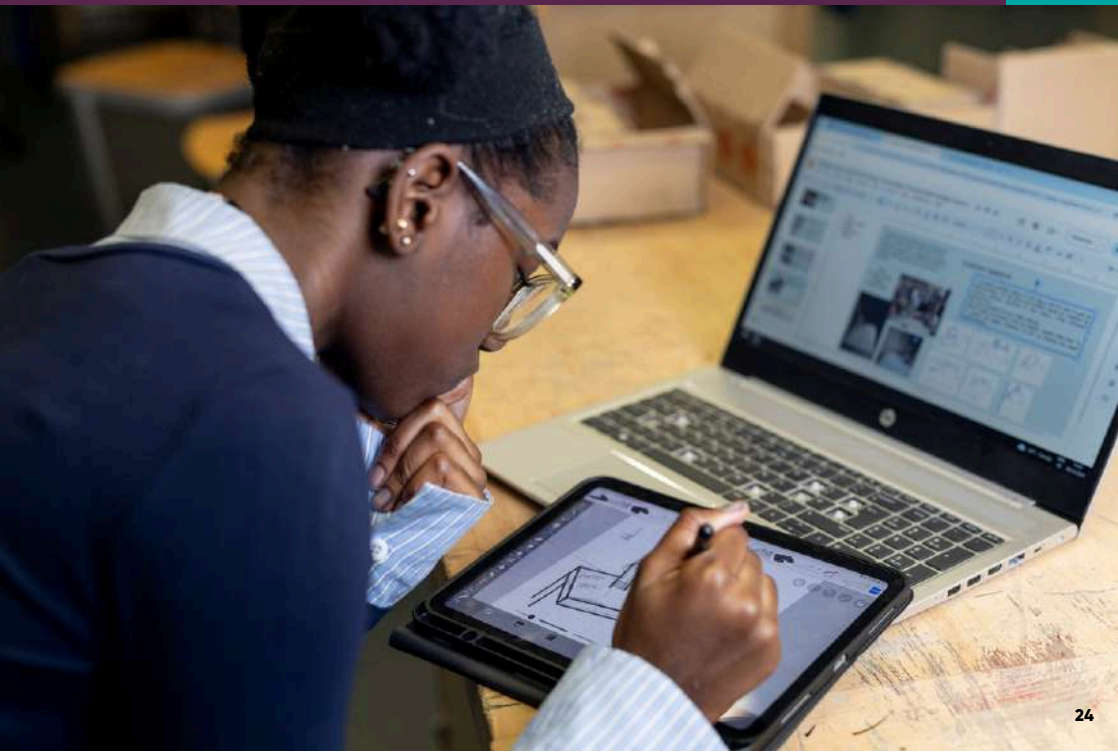
BTECs



APPLIED SCIENCE

Applied Science combines the study of Biology, Chemistry, and Physics with practical laboratory skills, helping you understand how science is applied in real-world settings. You will explore scientific concepts through investigation, experimentation, and research while developing the technical skills used by professionals across healthcare, laboratory, and scientific industries.

The course is ideal for students who enjoy science and want to develop both their scientific knowledge and practical skills through a more applied approach.

Qualification

Qualification	Equivalent To
National Extended Certificate in Applied Science	1 A Level

💡 **Did You Know?**
Vocational qualifications can be combined with A Levels. For example, an Extended Certificate can be studied alongside two A Levels, while a Diploma can be paired with one A Level.

APPLIED SCIENCE

What you will study

- Human physiology and body systems
- Practical scientific investigations
- Laboratory techniques and procedures
- Chemical and physical principles
- Scientific data analysis
- Research methods and scientific reporting

How you will learn

You will learn through practical experiments, laboratory investigations, coursework, and scientific research. Lessons combine theory with hands-on learning, helping you develop the skills and confidence needed to apply scientific knowledge in real-world contexts.

Industry Connections

Applied Science reflects the work carried out in laboratories, healthcare settings, research facilities, and scientific organisations. You will develop practical skills and scientific techniques that are widely used across science-related industries.

Where it can take you

Applied Science opens pathways into healthcare, laboratory science, biomedical science, environmental science, forensic science, sports science, and scientific research. Students often progress to university, higher apprenticeships, or careers within healthcare and science-based industries.

With increasing demand for skilled professionals in healthcare, medical research, and life sciences, Applied Science provides a strong foundation for a wide range of future opportunities.

Entry Requirements

Five GCSEs at Grade 4 or above, including English and/or Maths.

BUSINESS

Business explores how organisations operate, grow, and succeed in a fast-changing global economy. You will develop an understanding of how businesses respond to customer needs, manage finances, develop products, and compete in different markets.

The course combines theory with real-world application, helping you build commercial awareness and an understanding of how decisions are made in real organisations. You will develop skills that are essential in almost every industry, from marketing and finance to entrepreneurship and management.

Qualification

Qualification	Equivalent To
National Extended Certificate in Business	1 A Level
National Diploma in Business	2 A Levels
National Extended Diploma in Business	3 A Levels

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BUSINESS

What you will study

- Business environments and how organisations operate
- Marketing, branding, and customer behaviour
- Finance, budgeting, and financial planning
- Human resources and recruitment
- Business planning and strategy
- Entrepreneurship and enterprise

How you will learn

You will learn through coursework, case studies, research tasks, presentations, and applied business scenarios. Lessons are designed to reflect real business situations, helping you develop teamwork, communication, and problem-solving skills.

Industry Connections

You will explore how real businesses operate in different sectors and how they respond to challenges such as competition, customer demand, and economic change. You will also develop an understanding of how organisations innovate and adapt in today's economy.

Where it can take you

Business opens pathways into marketing, finance, human resources, management, entrepreneurship, and consultancy. Students often progress into university courses in business, management, marketing, economics, or finance, as well as higher apprenticeships with major employers.

Entry Requirements

Five GCSEs at Grade 4 or above, including English and/or Maths.

COMPUTING & IT

Computing and ICT focuses on how digital systems are designed, built, and used in the modern world. You will develop both theoretical understanding and practical skills in areas such as programming, systems analysis, and digital technologies.

This course reflects the growing importance of technology in every industry, helping you understand how digital systems solve problems, store data, and support communication in modern society.

Qualification

Qualification	Equivalent To
National Extended Certificate in Computing	1 A Level
National Extended Certificate in IT	1 A Level

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COMPUTING & IT

What you will study

- Programming and software development
- Computer systems and architecture
- Data and databases
- Cybersecurity and online safety
- IT systems and digital solutions
- Problem-solving using computational thinking

How you will learn

You will learn through a structured cycle: retrieve prior knowledge, define key computing terms, break concepts into clear steps, watch teacher modelling, practise with support, receive feedback, correct mistakes, and then apply your learning independently through coding, problem-solving, and coursework tasks.

Industry Connections

You will explore how computing is used across industries such as healthcare, business, gaming, engineering, and finance. You will also learn how organisations protect data, build digital systems, and use technology to improve efficiency.

Where it can take you

Computing and IT lead to careers in software engineering, cybersecurity, data science, artificial intelligence, app development, and games design. These skills are in high demand across almost every modern industry.

Entry Requirements

Five GCSEs at Grade 4 or above, including English and/or Maths.

DIGITAL MEDIA

Digital Media focuses on how content is created, designed, and shared across modern platforms such as social media, film, advertising, and online media. You will develop both creative and technical skills while learning how media influences audiences and shapes culture.

This course combines practical production work with media theory, helping you understand how digital content is planned, created, and distributed in the real world.

Qualification

Qualification	Equivalent To
Cambridge Technical Extended Certificate in Digital Media	1 A Level
Cambridge Technical Diploma in Digital Media	2 A Levels
Cambridge Technical Extended Diploma in Digital Media	3 A Levels

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DIGITAL MEDIA

What you will study

- Media production techniques (video, audio, digital content)
- Advertising and marketing campaigns
- Media audiences and representation
- Storytelling and content creation
- Digital editing and production software
- Planning and producing media projects

How you will learn

You will learn through hands-on production work, creative projects, group tasks, and digital content creation. You will use industry-standard software and develop a portfolio of media work throughout the course.

Industry Connections

You will explore how media industries operate, from advertising agencies to film production companies and digital content creators. You will also analyse how brands use media to engage audiences and build identity.

Where it can take you

Digital Media leads into careers in film, television, social media marketing, content creation, advertising, journalism, photography, and graphic design. It is also a strong foundation for creative degrees and apprenticeships in media industries.

Entry Requirements

Five GCSEs at Grade 4 or above, including English and/or Maths.

SPORT

Sport explores the science, psychology, and practical elements behind physical performance and athletic development. You will study how the human body responds to exercise, how athletes train, and how sport is organised and managed at different levels.

This course combines academic study with practical application, helping you understand both the theory behind sport and its real-world performance environment.

Qualification

Qualification	Equivalent To
National Extended Certificate in Sport	1 A Level

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SPORT

What you will study

- Anatomy and physiology
- Sports performance and training
- Fitness testing and programming
- Psychology of sport
- Sports leadership and coaching
- Sports organisation and development

How you will learn

You will learn through practical sessions, fitness testing, coursework assignments, and applied theory lessons. You will also take part in performance-based activities and develop coaching and leadership skills.

Beyond practical performance, students develop an understanding of the issues that shape sport in society, including socioeconomic barriers to participation, equality and inclusion, and the significant role sport plays within the local, national and global economy.

Industry Connections

You will explore how sport operates at grassroots, professional, and elite levels, including coaching, sports science, fitness industries, and sports development organisations.

Where it can take you

Sport leads into careers in coaching, physiotherapy, sports science, personal training, PE teaching, sports development, and sports psychology. It is also a strong route into university degrees in sport-related disciplines.

Entry Requirements

Five GCSEs at Grade 4 or above, including English and/or Maths.

TRANSITION 2-3 PROGRAMME

The Transition 2–3 Programme is a one-year pathway designed for students who need additional support before progressing onto Level 3 study. It focuses on building core academic skills, confidence, and independence in a structured and supportive learning environment.

This programme helps you strengthen your English, Maths, and study skills while introducing you to vocational subject areas and future progression routes.

Qualification

Qualification	Equivalent To
Transition Programme	Foundation pathway to Level 3 study

Who is this programme for

This programme is ideal for students who:

- Do not yet have a Grade 4 or above in English and/or Maths
- Need more time to develop confidence, maturity and study skills
- Want a clear route into a T Level or similar Level 3 qualification

TRANSITION 2-3 PROGRAMME

What you will study

- **Maths and English**
  - Students with a Grade 3 will resit GCSE Maths and/or English
  - Students below Grade 3 will follow Functional Skills, progressing from Level 1 to Level 2
- **ASDAN Level 2 Qualification – Personal Effectiveness**
  - Communication skills
  - Teamwork
  - Decision-making
  - Critical thinking
- **Working with employers**
  - A tailored work-experience placement
  - Employer-set projects linked to future T Levels
  - Industry talks, visits and interview preparation

Industry Connections

You will be introduced to different career sectors and real-world working environments, helping you understand future options and expectations in education and employment.

How you will learn

You will learn in small groups with high levels of support. Lessons are structured to help you build confidence step by step through guided learning, practical tasks, and skills-based activities.

Where it can take you

Successful completion of the programme can lead to progression onto Level 3 vocational or academic courses, apprenticeships, or further training pathways depending on your strengths and interests.

Entry Requirements

Entry is based on individual assessment and discussion at enrolment.

"There's a good balance between independence and guidance. You're encouraged to take responsibility for your learning, but you always know there's support when you need it.

ERFAN

Vocational Business
A Level Economics

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T LEVELS

Equivalent to 3 A Levels

DIGITAL SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT

Equivalent to three A Levels, the T Levels Digital Software Development course is designed for students who want to understand how software, applications, and digital systems are designed, developed, and maintained. You will develop both technical knowledge and practical skills while exploring how technology is used to solve real-world problems.

You will complete a minimum 45-day industry placement with an employer, applying your learning in a professional environment and gaining first-hand experience of working in the digital industry.

What you will study

- Programming and software development
- Digital environments and systems
- Problem-solving and computational thinking
- Data and databases
- Testing and evaluating software solutions
- Digital project management

How you will learn

You will learn through a structured cycle: retrieve prior knowledge, define key technical terms, break skills into clear actions, see teacher modelling, practise with guidance, receive feedback, correct and improve your work, then apply your learning independently through software projects and employer-style tasks.

Where it can take you

Software development sits at the heart of the modern economy, with organisations across every sector relying on digital systems and technology. This course can lead to university, higher apprenticeships, or careers in software development, web development, app development, cybersecurity, data analysis, digital project management, systems development, and technical support.

With demand for digital skills continuing to grow, this course provides a strong foundation for university, higher apprenticeships, and careers within the technology sector.

Equivalent to 3 A Levels

MARKETING

Equivalent to three A Levels, the T Levels Marketing course explores how organisations attract customers, build brands, and communicate effectively with different audiences. You will learn how businesses develop marketing strategies, create campaigns, and use data to understand consumer behaviour.

The course combines practical projects with a minimum 45-day industry placement, helping you understand how marketing influences business success in today's digital world.

What you will study

- Business environment
- Marketing principles and strategy
- Branding, promotion, and campaign planning
- Consumer behaviour and market research
- Digital marketing and social media
- Data analysis to inform marketing decisions
- Principles of sales and procurement
- Marketing legislation and regulations

How you will learn

You will learn through live briefs, project-based learning, case studies, campaign planning, presentations, and employer-led activities. Lessons encourage creativity, communication, and analytical thinking.

Where it can take you

Marketing plays a vital role in every industry, helping organisations build relationships with customers and grow their brands. Students often progress into careers such as digital marketing, brand management, advertising, market research, public relations, social media management, and business development.

As organisations increasingly rely on digital platforms and data-driven strategies, marketing professionals continue to be in high demand across both public and private sectors.

Equivalent to 3 A Levels

MEDIA, BROADCAST AND PRODUCTION

Equivalent to three A Levels, the T Levels Media, Broadcast and Production course explores how content is created, produced, and distributed across television, film, radio, digital platforms, and live events. You will develop creative, technical, and production skills while gaining an understanding of how the media industry operates.

As part of your T Level, you will complete a minimum 45-day industry placement with an employer, helping you gain valuable experience within the media and creative industries.

What you will study

- Media production processes
- Content creation and storytelling
- Broadcast and production techniques
- Media planning and project management
- Creative industry practices
- Audience engagement and distribution

How you will learn

You will learn through practical projects, creative production tasks, collaborative work, employer-set briefs, and industry-focused assignments. Lessons encourage creativity, teamwork, and professional practice.

Where it can take you

The creative industries are one of the UK's fastest-growing sectors, offering opportunities across digital media, television, film, broadcasting, and content creation. Students often progress into careers such as media production, broadcasting, journalism, content creation, video production, advertising, and creative project management.

With organisations increasingly producing content across multiple platforms, there is growing demand for creative professionals who can develop engaging and impactful media experiences.

Equivalent to 3 A Levels

SCIENCE

Equivalent to three A Levels, the T Level Science course combines classroom learning with practical laboratory and scientific investigation skills. You will develop a strong understanding of key scientific principles while exploring how science is applied in real-world settings, including healthcare, laboratory sciences, and research environments.

As part of your T Level, you will complete a minimum 45-day industry placement with an employer, providing valuable experience in a professional scientific setting.

What you will study

- Scientific principles
- Cell biology
- Chemical reactions
- Physical sciences
- Laboratory techniques
- Data analysis

How you will learn

You will develop both your scientific knowledge and technical skills through lessons, investigations, practical experiments, employer-led projects, and a minimum 315-hour industry placement. Assessment is through examinations, practical skills demonstrations, coursework, and an employer-set project

Where it can take you

The T Level Science qualification prepares you for a wide range of opportunities within the scientific and STEM sectors. You could progress directly into skilled employment in areas such as laboratory science, healthcare science, biomedical science, food science, environmental science, or forensic investigation.

Alternatively, the qualification provides a strong foundation for university study in subjects including Biomedical Science, Forensic Science, Applied Science, Environmental Science, Food Science, and related degree programmes

"The support from my teachers helped me become more confident in my studies and achieve results I didn't think were possible.

CHINAZA

A Levels Art, Biology & Psychology

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FACILITIES & RESOURCES

SBUA Sixth Form provides an environment where students are challenged academically, supported personally, and encouraged to make the most of every opportunity.

Meirion Lewis
Vice-Principal

NEW Digital Hub

A future-focused learning space connecting students with digital, creative, and technology

Library & Learning Resources

A dedicated learning environment designed to support independent study, research, and academic success.

Sports Centre

Access to professional-standard sports facilities that support both enrichment and wellbeing.

YOUR SIXTH FORM SPACES

01 Sixth Form Hub

Your Space Between Lessons
Catch up with friends, collaborate on projects, or find a comfortable place to study between lessons in the heart of Sixth Form life.

02 Study Zone

Focus When You Need It
A dedicated quiet space designed for group or independent study, revision, and staying on top of your academic goals.

03 Common Room

Relax, Recharge and Connect
Take a break, watch a film, play games, or simply unwind with friends in a space created just for you.

04 Rooftop Terrace

Take Learning Beyond the Classroom
Enjoy fresh air, city views, and recreational activities in a unique outdoor space designed to help you recharge throughout the day.

NEW DIGITAL HUB
COMING 2027

Learn Alongside Industry

Meet professionals, hear from guest speakers, and gain insight into the careers and industries shaping the future.

Work on Real-World Projects

Work with other students on exciting projects using technology and creative thinking to solve real-world challenges.

Build Skills for the Future

Develop the technical, professional, and employability skills that universities and employers are looking for.

SUPPORT AND WELLBEING

01

Pastoral Support

Your wellbeing matters. Our experienced pastoral team provides guidance and encouragement to help you navigate the opportunities and challenges of Sixth Form. From settling into a new routine to managing your wellbeing, you'll always have someone to turn to.

02

Academic Support

We're committed to helping every student achieve their best. Teachers provide regular feedback, progress reviews, and personalised support to help you stay on track, build confidence, and reach your academic goals.

03

Personal Development

Sixth Form is about more than qualifications. Through enrichment opportunities, leadership roles, the Future Pathways Programme, and wider student experiences, you'll develop the confidence, independence, and transferable skills needed for your next steps.

04

Inclusive Support

We are proud to be an inclusive Sixth Form where every student is encouraged to succeed. If you have additional learning needs or require extra support, our dedicated team will work closely with you to ensure you have access to the guidance and resources you need to thrive.

05

Preparing You for Your Future

From university applications and apprenticeships to employment and career planning, you'll receive personalised advice and guidance to help you make informed decisions and take confident steps towards your future ambitions.

FUTURE PATHWAYS PROGRAMME (FPP)

FPP is designed to help you discover what's possible after Sixth Form. Whether you're aiming for university, an apprenticeship, employment, or still exploring your options, you'll have access to experiences that help you make confident decisions about your future.

From meeting industry professionals and visiting workplaces to exploring university campuses and developing employability skills, FPP helps you connect your studies to the opportunities waiting beyond Sixth Form.

What we offer

- ✔ University & Apprenticeship Support
- ✔ Employer & Industry Engagement
- ✔ Workplace Visits & Experiences
- ✔ Networking Events & Guest Speakers
- ✔ Employability & Leadership Skills
- ✔ Personalised Careers Guidance

Brands we work with

SBUA JOURNEY

Since 2014, SBUA has continually evolved to provide students with the skills, experiences, and opportunities needed to thrive in education, employment, and an ever-changing world.

2014

The school opened its doors with a vision of providing students with an education that combines academic achievement with real-world opportunities.

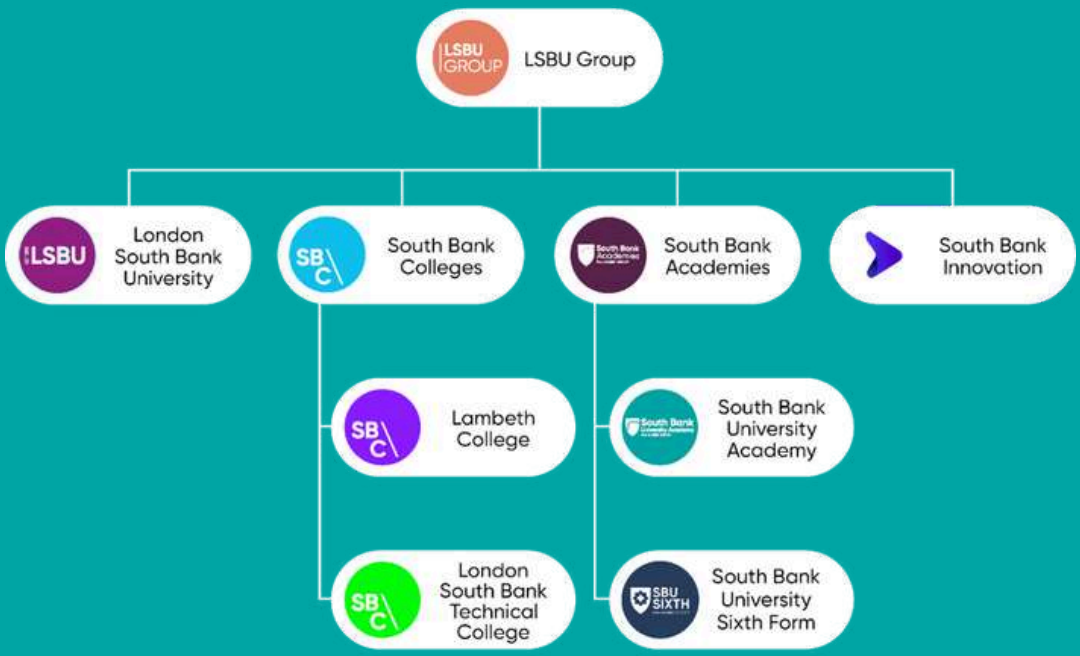
2021

The school was renamed South Bank University Academy, strengthening its connection to the LSBU Group and its commitment to preparing students for future pathways.

2026/27

SBUA fully transitions into a dedicated Sixth Form, creating a specialist post-16 environment focused on academic excellence, industry engagement, and progression to university, apprenticeships, and employment.

LSBU GROUP



PART OF LSBU GROUP

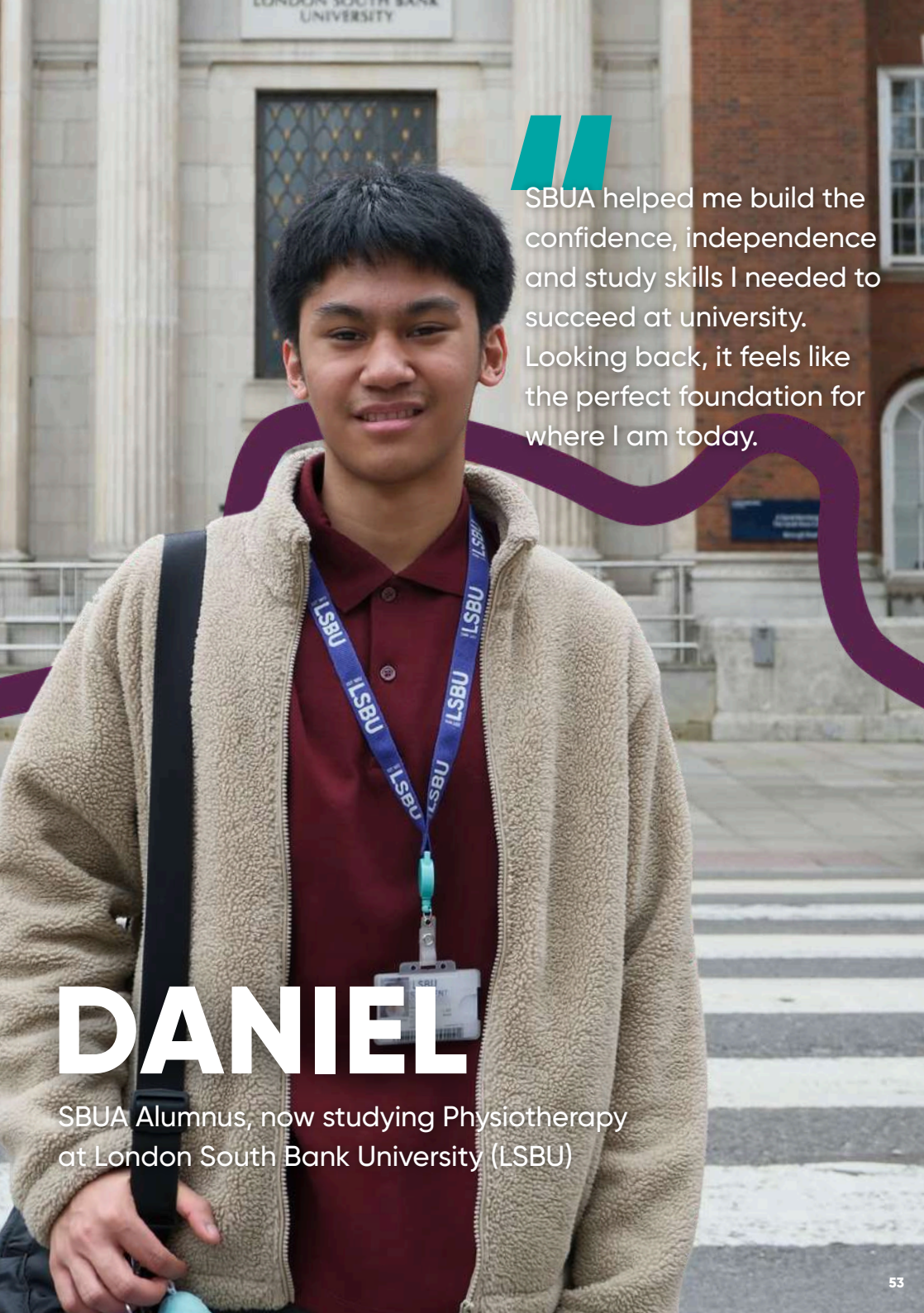
When you join SBUA, you become part of the LSBU Group, one of London's largest education groups. This gives you access to unique opportunities, including university experiences, employer partnerships, industry experts, and modern facilities that help you prepare for life beyond Sixth Form.

Throughout your time with us, you'll benefit from a curriculum enriched by our connections with the wider LSBU Group, giving you valuable insight into university, apprenticeships, and the world of work. It's all part of helping you take your next step with confidence.

PART OF LSBU GROUP

Benefits:

- Use of brand new library and learning spaces
- Inclusive, supportive environment
- Uni-style taster lectures and seminars
- Direct path to LSBU degrees
- Access to top-tier gym
- 10k employer placements
- Smooth move from sixth form to uni
- Full student support services
- £1,000 progression award



"SBUA helped me build the confidence, independence and study skills I needed to succeed at university. Looking back, it feels like the perfect foundation for where I am today.

DANIEL

SBUA Alumnus, now studying Physiotherapy at London South Bank University (LSBU)

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