

Sixth Form & T-Levels



University Academy Holbeach

A vibrant yet caring environment, the aim of our Sixth Form is to ensure that every student enjoys their learning experience, makes solid progress and achieves the very best that they can. We have an excellent reputation in the local community and our pupils routinely exceed their predictions.

Our Sixth Form thrives on respect and consideration towards others at all times. Our young people work hard at everything they attempt and are encouraged to take on new roles and responsibilities. This helps them develop interpersonal skills that will stand them in good stead into the future, enabling them to make a positive contribution throughout their lives.

Whether you are currently studying at the University Academy Holbeach or are visiting us to see what we have to offer, we look forward to sharing our outstanding facilities, our broad and challenging curriculum and our exceptional results with you.

Student Support

We recognise the value of an inclusive and welcoming community, as well as the importance of strong pastoral support and how this affects achievement. Care and guidance provided by staff helps students develop into independent, committed and positive learners.

Tutors are the first port of call for advice together with dedicated Sixth Form Learning Co-ordinators and a Student Manager. We expect our young people to work to the best of their ability, dress appropriately and respect each other as well as the Academy environment.

Apprenticeships

University Academy Holbeach was the first school in the country to be offered the opportunity to deliver Apprenticeships. Since then the programme has developed to provide progression into employment for many pupils across a wide range of sectors.

For more information please visit www.universityacademyholbeach.org.

Employment

Whatever you choose to study at UAH, you will be given the opportunity to gain practical experience and make contacts to develop your future employment prospects. There is an emphasis on learning by doing and every course either involves work placements or live projects. As part of our enrichment programme, experienced staff and guest speakers provide a wealth of support with job applications, CVs and interview practice to further prepare you for your next steps.

Higher Education

University Academy Holbeach provides personalised advice to support students applying to University. Experienced staff work 1:1 with pupils, helping them decide which course is right for them, prepare personal statements and practice interview techniques.

Visits are regularly organised to different Universities and UCAS conventions and students are invited to talks and presentations from a range of guest speakers.

Teaching Excellence

All UAH teaching staff are specialists in their chosen areas and are committed to developing our young people into independent thinkers, problem solvers and professionals. We offer them much more than qualifications by combining academic and vocational skills with real world industry experience. UAH pupils enjoy a full and rounded learning experience, to prepare them for the future.

Employability

97% of UAH students are in work or further study 6 weeks after completing their courses, all of which are developed in consultation with businesses in order to meet industry needs, with options for work placements and live projects linked to study.

Student Experience

We work closely with the Student Council to continually invest in the areas that most enrich our students' experience. Our safe, friendly Sixth Form provides an ideal environment with a wealth of resources and facilities including specialist teaching areas, state of the art IT, extensive study space and a dedicated common room and canteen.

6 Students undertake a well-planned programme of work experience to complement their study programme. They also take part in a variety of enrichment opportunities which include various community activities. They are well prepared for life in modern Britain **9**

Ofsted

66 Teaching and learning in the sixth form are consistently good. Students benefit from teachers with strong subject knowledge. Teachers use this to plan effective learning. As a result, students make consistently good progress in both academic and vocational qualifications **99**

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66 Pupils are very well prepared for their next stages of life and education. **99** Ofsted

66 Apprenticeships are an excellent way of gaining qualifications while working. As an employee, you can earn as you learn and gain practical skills in the workplace. **99** Ofsted

Which Course? We offer courses for everyone - different subjects at Level 1, 2 & 3





T-LEVELS THE NEXT LEVEL QUALIFICATION

T-Levels

Along with a comprehensive range of other level 3 qualifications, UAH is delighted to offer an exciting range of T Levels, government backed qualifications which have been designed in collaboration with businesses to genuinely prepare young people for working life. T Levels are a practical alternative to A levels, apprenticeships, BTEC and other courses for 16-19 year olds.

T Level students enjoy 80% classroom learning with 20% of their time being spent on an industry placement. Equivalent to three A Levels, the qualifications give learners the knowledge, skills and experience they will need to succeed in their chosen industry, or continue on to a degree or higher apprenticeship. Students will earn UCAS points towards their future educational pathway, to a maximum of 168 points, the equivalent of three A* at A Level.

T Level are both flexible and highly targeted technical options. The combination of in-class learning and industry placements afford the students a rounded experience to ensure knowledge, skills and work related behaviours are developed in order to launch a career in their chosen field.

66 What sets T-Levels apart is that they have been co-designed with over 250 global and leading employers so that you can be sure you will gain the knowledge and skills that employers need for jobs of the future. **9**

Gillian Keegan, Minister for Apprenticeships and Skills

How do T-Levels work?

T Level courses are structured around the following compulsory components:

- > An approved technical qualification in the student's chosen industry area. This is broken down into a Core Component which covers core theory, concepts and skills for that specific area, and further Occupational Specialisms which teach more specialist skills and knowledge for a particular occupation or career within the chosen industry area
- > Must have a Grade 4 in GCSE Maths and English prior to starting course
- > A relevant industry placement (these are usually around 45 days but could be longer).

Industry Placements

Employers can offer students a placement in one or more blocks, on a weekly basis or a mixture of both. UAH will work closely with employers to ensure the placement is carefully designed and the student is thoroughly supported throughout.

T-Levels

Building Services Engineering (Gas Engineering, Plumbing and Heating and Electrotechnical)

Childcare and Education

Digital Support Services

Health Science (Supporting Adult Nursing)

Science (Food Science and Laboratory Science)

Management and Administration

Onsite Construction (Brickwork and Joinery)

Engineering and Manufacturing (Light and Electric vehicles)

Media, Broadcast and Production

Entry Requirement: 5 x 4-9 grades including Maths and English

How are T-Levels different to Apprenticeships?

T Levels are based on the same standards as apprenticeships, are designed by employers and have been approved by the *Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education*. However, the ratio of time spent in class to 'on the job' is reversed. Apprenticeships are typically 80% on the job training and are more suited to students who know exactly what career they wish to pursue and are ready to enter employment and earn a wage from age 16.

T Levels involve many more hours' learning than other technical qualifications available, and are geared towards industry relevant content to better equip the learner for the world of work. At UAH, our established relationships with local employers means we can deliver both the best content and relevant Industry placements.

66 Students value their experience in the sixth form and recognise the importance of positive professional relationships.**99** Ofsted

Grading and certification

Students who complete their T Level will receive an overall grade of Pass, Merit, Distinction or Distinction*. They will be given a nationally recognised certificate which will show their overall grade as well as a breakdown of what they have achieved during the course including:

- > an overall T Level grade: Pass, Merit, Distinction or Distinction*
- > a separate grade for the Core Component, graded using A* to E
- > a separate grade for each *Occupational Specialism*, shown as pass, merit or distinction.
- > Overall T Level grade calculated from the grades on the core & occupational specialism(s)
- > It will also include confirmation that the student has:
 - completed the industry placement
 - met any additional mandatory requirements
- Students who do not pass all elements of their T Level be able to achieve the full T Level qualification.

What do I do next?

Come and see for yourself! Open days and subject taster sessions will be available throughout the year.

Please contact us for further details Miss A English Sixth Form Student Manager



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Prospective Parents are welcome to attend one of our Open Days, or contact us to arrange a tour of the school.

This can be done by telephoning: 01406 423042

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