

Your parent & carer guide to

# TELFORD 6<sup>th</sup>



**TELFORD**  
COLLEGE

**THIS IS WHERE YOUR  
JOURNEY BEGINS**



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# PRINCIPAL'S WELCOME

## Coming soon...

We are counting down the days until the Telford 6th building opens and we absolutely cannot wait to open our doors and launch your future learning at our brand new site. But we can give you a little taster of what the finished article looks like.

Visit [telfordcollege.ac.uk/college-centre/telford-6th/](https://telfordcollege.ac.uk/college-centre/telford-6th/) for your exclusive 3D walkthrough of our new building and get your very first impression of your future campus.

Thank you for your interest in Telford 6th. We're delighted you are exploring what our **new campus** can offer your young person.

This guide provides a clear overview of our facilities, support, study areas, enrichment opportunities, and the welcoming community they will join. We hope it helps you feel informed and confident as you consider the next steps in their education.

**LAWRENCE WOOD**  
Principal & Chief Executive Officer



Why choose

# TELFORD 6<sup>TH</sup>



Telford 6th is a self-contained sixth form building in the town centre's Station Quarter. Conveniently close to public transport services, it will have state-of-the-art science labs for physics, biology and chemistry, a drama studio, arts studio, bespoke library for students, and much more. Telford College is already the largest sixth form in the area, with a curriculum which is growing and constantly evolving.

The town centre building means we can offer even more choice, and more exciting opportunities to prepare young people for their next steps into employment or higher education.

With specialist teaching staff, modern facilities, and a curriculum shaped by both academic rigour and real-world relevance, it's designed to foster intellectual curiosity, independence, and resilience.

Beyond the classroom, students will benefit from enriched pathways including mentoring, career guidance, and partnerships with universities and employers.

Every learner at Telford 6th is supported to reach their full potential. Whether you're aiming for top university placements, exploring career pathways, or simply striving to be your best, this is where your journey begins.

## Our commitment

# TO YOU AND YOUR YOUNG PERSON



## Stay in the loop

Newsletter updates via email, with information about what is happening in curriculum lessons and enrichment activities.



## Meetings

An opportunity to meet the faculty director and learner manager for A levels at information evenings for parents and guardians of new students, to be held early in the autumn term.



## Appointments

With the personal tutor, subject tutor or learner manager if either you or we need to discuss an aspect of your young person's progress.



A direct link with Telford 6th via your young person's personal tutor means we can provide a prompt response to any query or concern.



## Contact from the college

Should we become concerned about your young person's attendance, progress or general wellbeing.



## Parents' evenings

The opportunity to discuss your young person's progress with subject tutors and their personal tutor.

# OUR TELFORD 6<sup>TH</sup> COMMUNITY



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*Our mission at Telford 6th is to deliver the highest quality of education and training for our communities.*

As Telford & Wrekin's largest sixth form centre, we recognise our responsibility to meet the needs of the community we serve - especially local and regional employers who rely on us to develop the highly capable workforce of the future.

- We support every individual to achieve their highest possible outcome. We achieve this by working together to ensure that Telford College is a positive community which inspires action and success.
- Our college values are Ambition, Respect, and Connection. We aim high, embrace challenges, and strive to be our best.
- We treat everyone with dignity, kindness and fairness – celebrating diversity and creating a safe, inclusive environment where all voices are valued.
- A levels offer a rigorous foundation for success, but we believe they are best tackled by those ready to think critically, work hard, and grow intellectually.



A-Level Physics

EMILY

“*The facilities here are amazing. I chose to come to Telford College because of the teachers – the way they explain things and work through them with you is unlike anything I’d seen anywhere else.*”

“I’m studying physics, maths and biology, and what I like most is the amount of incredible content we get to cover. It’s amazing learning how everything works... even the little bits you didn’t realise, which turn out to be so much deeper than you thought.”

Emily, a former Madeley Academy student, has her sights set on a master’s degree in physics when she leaves college.

Speaking about the new Telford 6th building in Telford town centre, she says: “The new labs, classrooms and equipment will give people so many more opportunities.

“Being in the town centre is also really convenient for transport links. Being able to share that kind of academic space with people from different courses will be really nice.”

A-Level Criminology

JAMES



“*As a student at Telford College, I love the independence the place gives you. It’s a big step away from secondary school - you have a lot more freedom.*”

“It’s very easy to make friends here,” says the former Telford Priory School student.

“Of the three A levels I’m studying here, criminology is definitely the one I’m finding most interesting.

“It’s the best course for me, because it’s a good mix of practical work alongside theory – plus learning about the social aspects of crime, as well as the law-making, which is something I’m really interested in.

“It’s convinced me that I want to go to university to study psychology with some sort of forensic context.

“A lot of people think criminology is about why people commit a crime, but it’s also about the law-making processes as well, and understanding different roles in the criminal justice system like lawyers, judges and police officers.”

# ACADEMIC LIFE AND SUPPORT

We offer 25 subjects, with a growing range of A levels across STEM, Creative, Business, Humanities and Social Sciences.

Most of our students will take three A levels over the course of two years but we also offer some AAQ BTEC courses too which are A level studies with hands-on experience.

New and exciting courses are being added to the curriculum for the first year of Telford 6th including film studies, and medical science.

## Science

- Applied Science - AAQ
- Medical Science - AAQ
- Biology - A level
- Chemistry - A level
- Computing - A level
- Environmental Science - A level
- Physics - A level
- Psychology - A level

## Humanities

- Criminology - Diploma - level 3
- Geography - A level
- Geology - A level
- Health & Social Care - AAQ
- History - A level
- Politics - A level
- Sociology - A level

Some of our programmes offer combined pathways to suit different learning styles and university or career goals.

**Telford 6th also provides some options to mix vocational and A level subjects.**

## Business

- Business - A level
- Economics - A level
- Law - A level

## Creative

- Fine Art - A level
- Media - A level
- Photography - A level
- Theatre Studies - A level
- Film Studies - A level

## Maths & English

- English Language - A level
- English Literature - A level
- Mathematics - A level
- Further Maths - A level



## GIFTED AND TALENTED

The Telford 6th Gifted and Talented programme gives your young person access to a range of additional weekly activities, including work experience placements, guest speakers, university visits, mentoring schemes, inspiring masterclasses and lectures from professionals.

**Entrance to this programme is based upon GCSE grades and the grades achieved at our initial assessment. The benefits of joining the Gifted and Talented programme include:**

- Access to essential information, skills, and advice to help you apply to a top university and stand out in competitive fields.
- The opportunity to connect with an intellectually stimulating community of like-minded participants.
- The support and encouragement to help you reach your highest potential.
- Chances to enhance your CV and personal statement through super and extra-curricular experiences.
- Preparation for university entrance tests.
- The opportunity to broaden your horizons and make the most of your time at college.

# TEACHING AND SUPPORT

Telford 6th students receive regular progress reviews, one-to-one tutorials, and access to study support services, including mentoring, learning resources, and wellbeing support.

Each student has a dedicated tutor and access to a wellbeing team, ensuring both academic progress and personal development are supported.

Telford 6th has a dedicated careers team that provides advice on UCAS applications, apprenticeships, and employment, as well as visits from universities and employers.

**Parents are invited to progress evenings and can access regular updates from tutors.**



Entry

## REQUIREMENTS

To attend Telford 6th, a student will need to achieve **a minimum of five grade 9-4s at GCSE** including English language and maths. Each individual A level subject carries its own entry criteria, and some subjects do require higher grades than this.

For individual subject entry requirements and course details, please look at the subject information on our website. At our open events, our lecturers will talk you through the entry requirements so you have a clear understanding of GCSE targets.

**Due to the nature of the examination assessment method of A levels, we do not take level 2 equivalents as part of our entry criteria.**



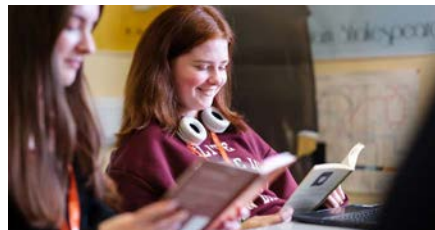
# STUDY AREAS



Telford 6th has a range of different study areas, from a bespoke library for quiet independent study to more communal spaces that encourage collaboration and group work.

All classrooms have 86" digital screens, access to laptops for teaching, and students can also loan laptops from the library for independent study.

**Wi-Fi is available to students, and there are charging points in social and study areas.**



“*Research suggests that students who perform best are those who commit to at least 5 hours of study per week, per subject.*”

Ideally this should not all take place in one sitting. Independent study should be set in a manner where it can be spread across a working week.

It is our aim to gradually build and embed the necessary skills needed for students to be able to do this independently by the time they reach their second year of study.

Students will be set work in most lessons that is to be completed in independent study time.

**This work should be completed as an addition to ongoing revision materials. Work can be completed at home or in our various study areas but should always be completed for the deadlines set.**

# TRIPS AND VISITS



DORSET



PARIS



HOUSES OF  
PARLIAMENT



JURASSIC COAST

The ability to bring A level subjects to life is really important to us at Telford 6th, and we are proud of the opportunities we provide to our students outside the classroom.

Recent trips and visits have included a four-day residential to Dorset for geology students, a two-day residential for geography students to Liverpool, frequent visits to the Houses of Parliament, and visits to Chester Zoo.

History students have the opportunity to visit Auschwitz, and all students get the chance to attend a range of universities including Oxford and Cambridge, plus Keele, BCU, the University of Birmingham, Staffordshire University and more.

Our commitment

# BE SAFE AND STUDENT SUPPORT



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*We want all students at Telford 6th to feel safe and to be safe, and we take this responsibility very seriously.*

At Telford College, the safety, welfare and protection of all students is paramount, and safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

We are committed to providing a caring, positive, safe and stimulating environment at Telford 6th that promotes the social, physical and moral development of all students.

**Every student is introduced to the BeSafe team during induction and taught about safeguarding risks – both in person and online.**



Tutorials and professional development sessions reinforce these messages, and student ID cards have relevant telephone numbers for ease of contact.

Students are taught – and understand – that all reports will be taken seriously and investigated swiftly. We want all students at Telford 6th to feel safe and to be safe, and we take this responsibility very seriously.

Telford College operates a 'zero tolerance' policy towards bullying, including physical, emotional, online or verbal abuse.

Every year, students confirm through surveys and 'student voice' activities that the college is a place where they feel safe.

**If you have any concerns about the safety of any student, we want you to contact a member of our BeSafe team for more details:**



Call: 01952 642220



[besafe@telfordcollege.ac.uk](mailto:besafe@telfordcollege.ac.uk)

# EARLY HELP

We believe that education is a shared journey between students, their families, and our staff. It is incredibly important to us that students and their families get the right support at the right time, whether that means academic guidance, wellbeing services, or practical advice.

We know that every young person's path is unique, and by working closely with parents and carers, we ensure that challenges are addressed early and opportunities are maximised.

Our commitment is to provide clear communication, accessible resources, and a welcoming environment where families feel confident that their young person is being supported every step of the way.

We also recognise that support extends beyond the classroom. From financial advice and careers guidance to counselling and safeguarding, our teams are here to help families navigate the wider aspects of college life.

By offering timely interventions and open channels of communication, we aim to build strong partnerships that empower students to thrive both academically and personally.



Early help

## OUR SERVICES

Telford College offers a wide range of its own Early Help services including:

- A comprehensive, student focussed, personal development programme.
- A full and robust tutorial programme, including statutory safeguarding topics.
- Counselling on campus by a trained and qualified counsellor.
- Access to external safeguarding groups to deliver engaging information sessions.
- Access to free period products to combat period poverty.
- Access to free breakfast and meal deals to support those who do not meet the threshold for bursary support.
- Student Centre Plus for SEND support, and designated teacher for those who are looked after.
- Behaviour support and Positive Behaviour Process.

Travel to

# THE CAMPUS

Telford 6th is easily accessible by bus, train, car, bike and on foot. It is a nine-minute walk to Telford Bus station and a five-minute walk from Telford Central train station.

Telford College runs a dedicated coach service serving Telford 6th, including pick up points in locations such as Worfield, Bridgnorth, Much Wenlock, Priorslee, Shifnal, South Telford, Broseley and Newport.

National and Local Cycling Routes are connected to Ironmasters Way and bicycle storage is available adjacent to the building's main entrance.

Telford 6th is also within walking distance of Hollinswood, Old Park, Priorslee, Snedshill and parts of Ketley, Oakengates and Randlay.

Car use is discouraged, but there are public car parks at Telford Town Centre and a drop-off point on Ironmasters Way. There is blue badge parking on-site for students with accessibility needs.

## Accessibility Needs

Students and visitors with accessibility needs can park in the disabled parking spaces at Telford 6th.

There are lifts to all floors, and all classrooms are accessible for wheelchairs. There are height-adjustable desks available in the science labs.



## Transport Map

**College Coach Routes**  
All routes are denoted by a solid coloured line.



All coaches stop directly outside of our Wellington and Station Quarter campuses.

**Public Bus Routes**

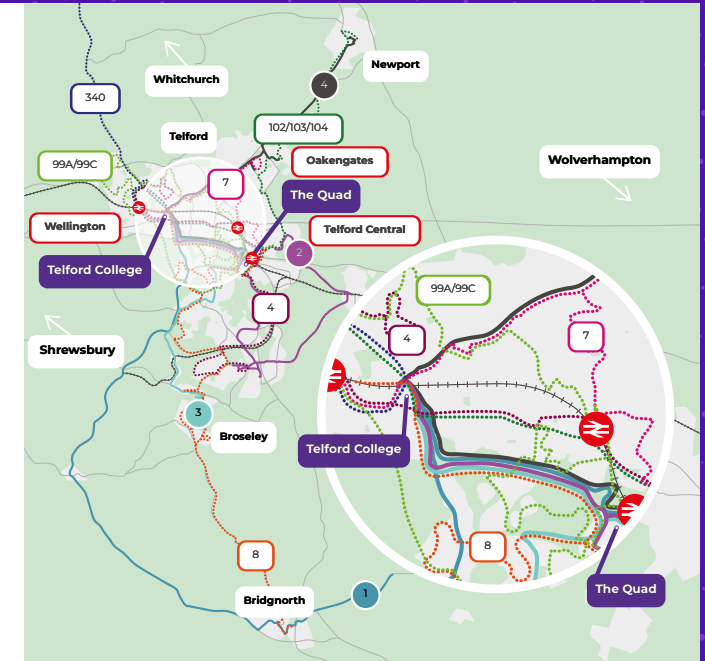
All routes are denoted by a dotted coloured line.



**Train Routes**



Travel in from either Shrewsbury or Wolverhampton to Wellington. You can also get the train to Telford Central for our Station Quarter campus.



## Telford 6th Map

- Pedestrian route
- Cycle Route
- (P) Paid Parking

### Things to do

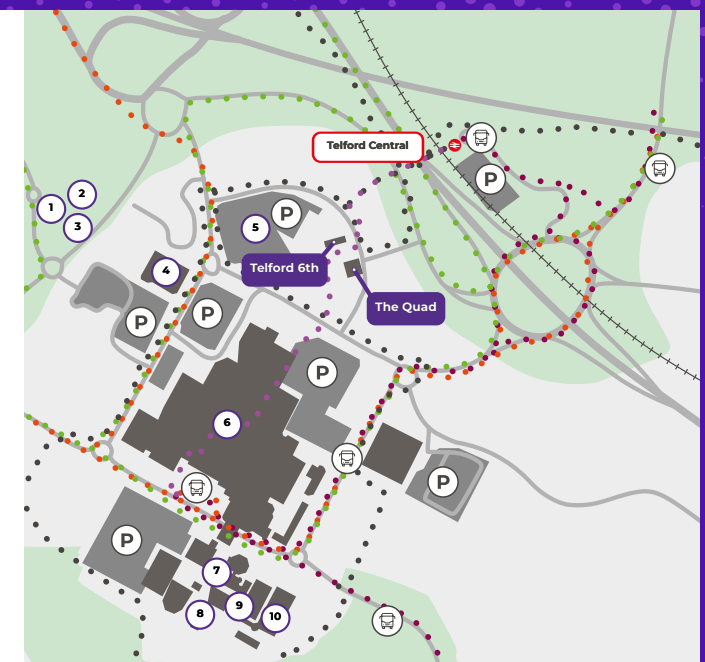
- 1 McDonald's
- 2 Five Guys Burgers and Fries
- 3 Costa Express
- 4 ODEON Luxe
- 5 The Tasty Pantry
- 6 Telford Centre, including Costa Coffee, Greggs, Subway and other places to eat
- 7 Southwater Way, including PizzaExpress, Miller & Carter and Nando's
- 8 Southwater Library
- 9 Tenpin Telford
- 10 Telford Icerink

### Public Bus Routes



(B) Bus stops

### Train Route



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# STUDENT COUNCIL



Our active student council is heavily involved in college life, and is a vital link between tutors, curriculum leaders, and students.

It provides a platform for learners to share ideas, raise concerns, and influence decisions that affect college life.

Telford 6th will have its own student council, feeding directly into the Telford College-wide student council.

The student council promotes leadership, teamwork, and communication skills, and collaborates with staff on initiatives ranging from wellbeing and safeguarding to enrichment activities and community engagement.



**By championing student perspectives, the council helps ensure the Telford 6th community remains responsive, supportive, and forward thinking.**

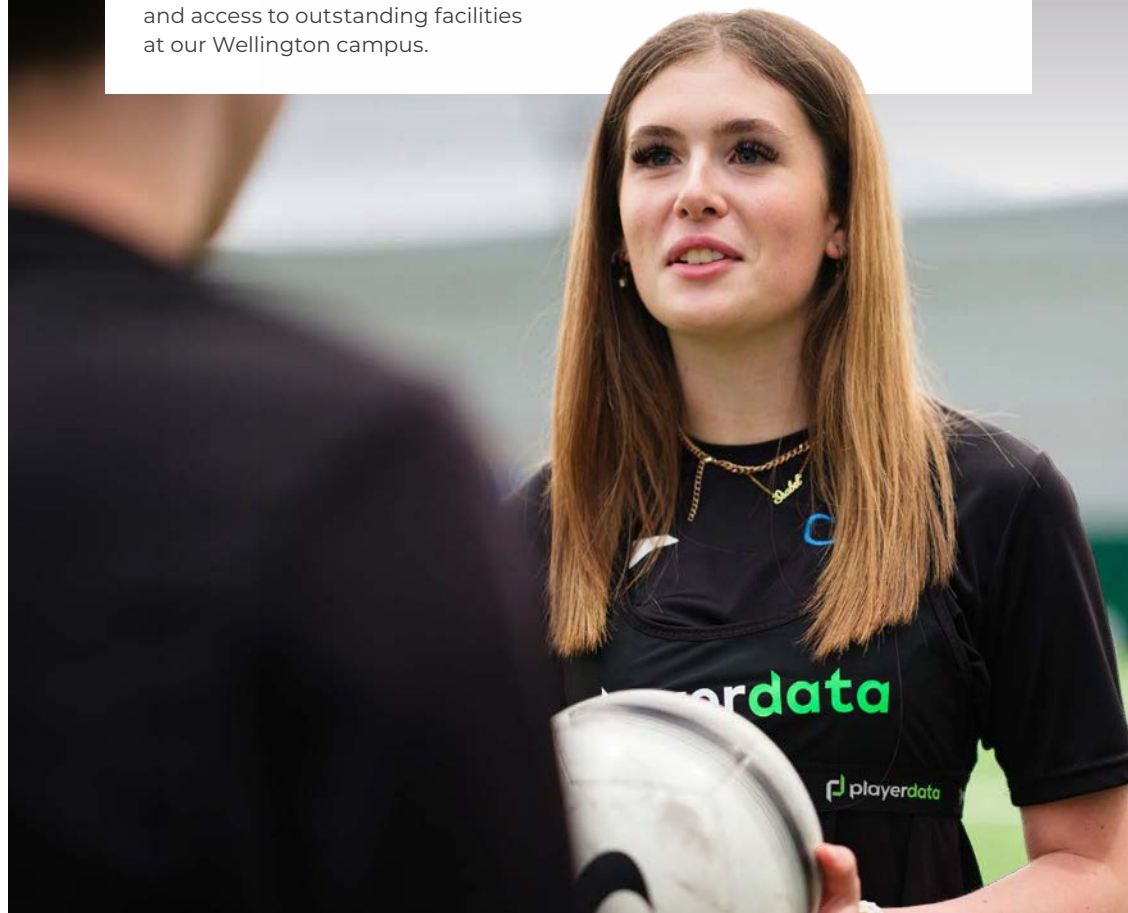
# LOVE PLAYING SPORT?

Everyone at Telford 6th has the chance to sign up to be part of our Sports Academy, where Telford College teams take on local rivals in a range of activities including football, basketball and volleyball.

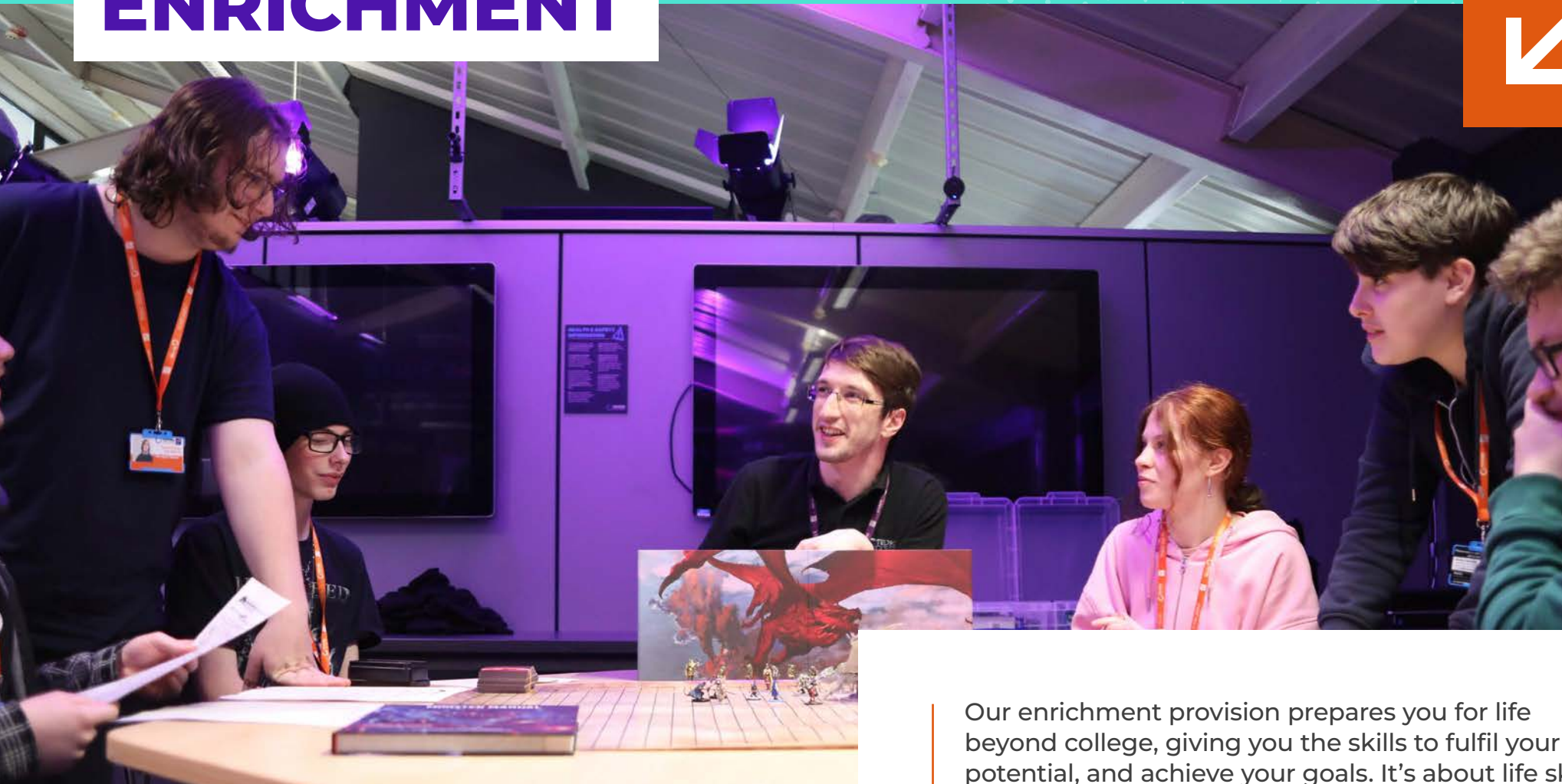
It offers students the chance to combine academic study with high-level athletic development and access to outstanding facilities at our Wellington campus.

**Our Wellington campus facilities include:**

- Indoor and outdoor 3G pitches.
- Double-sized sports hall.
- A professional dance and fitness studio.
- A fully equipped gym.



# ENRICHMENT



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*It equips them with the skills they need to present themselves more confidently to prospective employers.*

Our enrichment provision prepares you for life beyond college, giving you the skills to fulfil your potential, and achieve your goals. It's about life skills, British values, culture, diversity and democracy.

There's a packed and varied enrichment programme including music, sport, gaming, anime, language, Dungeons & Dragons, and much more.

Telford 6th students also have access to the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award. This is a fantastic opportunity which

encourages young people to find new interests, gain self-confidence and develop a real sense of purpose.

It equips them with the skills they need to present themselves more confidently to prospective employers.

# EATING



From fresh sandwiches and hearty hot meals to vegan options and sweet treats, there's something to suit every appetite and dietary need at Telford 6th.

Facilities range from grab and go snacks to full meals priced competitively with a range of meal deal options also available.

The Telford 6th café is a vibrant social hub, serving up daily specials and classic favourites, all at student friendly prices.



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*All of our students will have access to free breakfast items each morning, and the area surrounding Telford 6th also has a wealth of shops, cafés and restaurants.*

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## **How do we know if Telford 6th is right for our young person?**

A levels are seen as the natural academic progression at 16 and offer an in-depth study of chosen subjects. Assessment is usually carried out through formal exams at the end of the second year – similar to those at school. Deciding whether to choose an A levels programme or a full-time vocational course can be difficult.

Students should consider whether they are stronger at exams, or better suited to a mixture of coursework, practical assessments, observations, and exams. Whether they are a future engineer, historian, artist, or entrepreneur, A levels offer a rigorous foundation, but they're best tackled by those ready to think critically, work hard, and grow intellectually.

## **How do students apply to Telford 6th?**

Applications can be made online via the Telford College website. Students can also apply during open events or through their school's careers adviser.

## **What are the entry requirements?**

Entry requirements vary by course, but typically students need five GCSEs at grade 4–9, including English and maths. Some subjects require specific grades.

## **Why is Telford College creating the Telford 6th campus?**

To offer more choice, and a wider range of exciting opportunities which prepare young people for their next steps in employment or higher education – all delivered in a modern, focused, state-of-the-art learning facility exclusively for A level students.

## **What are the term dates?**

Telford 6th follows the Telford College academic calendar, with a mix of timetabled lessons, independent study sessions, and enrichment activities. Term dates for the current academic year can be found on the Telford College website, and dates for the following year will be added once available.

## **What are the building's opening hours?**

Telford 6th is open to students from 7.30am until 5pm, Monday to Friday, with classes running from 9am to 4.30pm. Wednesday afternoons are dedicated to enrichment activities.

## **Are Telford College and Telford 6th separate colleges?**

No. Telford 6th is a separate campus but is still part of Telford College and all students have access to the same facilities and opportunities. Transport will be available between our Station Quarter and Wellington campuses.

## **When should applications be submitted?**

We recommend applying by January of the year you wish to start, but applications are accepted throughout the academic year while places remain available.

## **Is Telford 6th a cashless campus?**

Yes. Our Sixth Form site is fully cashless. All payments for food, drinks etc must be made using a card or a digital payment method (such as contactless, Apple Pay, Google Pay, or preloaded student accounts).



# A SPACE FOR SUCCESS

- + More choice than ever, with 20+ study pathways
- + State-of-the-art facilities exclusively for A level students
- + Easily accessible by bus, train, car, bike and on foot
- + Gifted & Talented programme offering mentoring, masterclasses and trips
- + Excellent progression routes to university, apprenticeships, and careers
- + Strong pastoral support tailored to the unique needs of post-16 learners



To learn more *visit*

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