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elcome to South Bank University Academy! Our motto "Create a better future" reflects our commitment to providing quality education to all students . We are a unique school, genuinely led by our values.

At our school we believe that every student has the potential to succeed, and we strive to create an environment that fosters academic excellence, personal growth and lifelong learning.

Our core values of social responsibility, endeavour, kindness, empathy, and community guide everything we do at South Bank UA. We encourage our students to treat one another with kindness and respect, to take ownership of their learning and to persevere through challenges and setbacks.

We are proud of our diverse community of students, teachers, and staff and we believe that our differences make us stronger. As a school community we are committed to promoting equality, inclusivity, and social justice.

We support our students to develop the skills and knowledge they need to succeed in their education, make a positive impact in the world and become responsible citizens. Our curriculum is broad and powerful and we have excellent specialist facilities, giving students a high quality of education. Ofsted recognised this in awarding the school another Good judgement in June 2022. We enrich our curriculum with a range of initiatives, including the innovative Day 10, nominated for the TES Schools Awards 2023.



Annette Moses

Principal Annette Moses
South Bank University Academy


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"At South Bank University Academy pupils are safe and well cared for. They enjoy coming to school and like the strong sense of community"

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OUR VISION

Our vision is to empower our students with the necessary knowledge, support their character development, and provide enriching experiences that will help them create a brighter future for themselves and their communities.

We believe that education goes beyond the acquisition of facts and figures; it is about cultivating critical thinking, creativity, and empathy.

Our dedicated and expert staff are committed to nurturing a supportive learning environment that encourages curiosity, collaboration, and personal growth.

Through a comprehensive curriculum with high quality teaching, our Day 10 programme and a range of innovative extracurricular activities, we aim to equip our students with the skills, values, and resilience needed to navigate the complexities of the modern world.

By instilling a sense of social responsibility and emphasising the importance of community engagement, we inspire our students to become compassionate, well-rounded individuals who will make positive contributions to society. We strive to shape the leaders of tomorrow, ensure that our students not only excel academically but also embody the values of integrity, compassion, and lifelong learning.

"Staff know their pupils well and encourage them to do their best. Pupils value the academic opportunities provided for them. They work hard in lessons. Pupils are resilient and determined even when they find the work challenging." **Ofsted**



OUR VALUES+



Social justice

To achieve this, we must all ensure equity, diversity and inclusion in both access and participation.



Kindness and Empathy

We try to understand others' perspectives and meet them where they are. We approach all our interactions from a position of goodwill.



Endeavour

We expect and recognise effort and perseverance from staff and students.

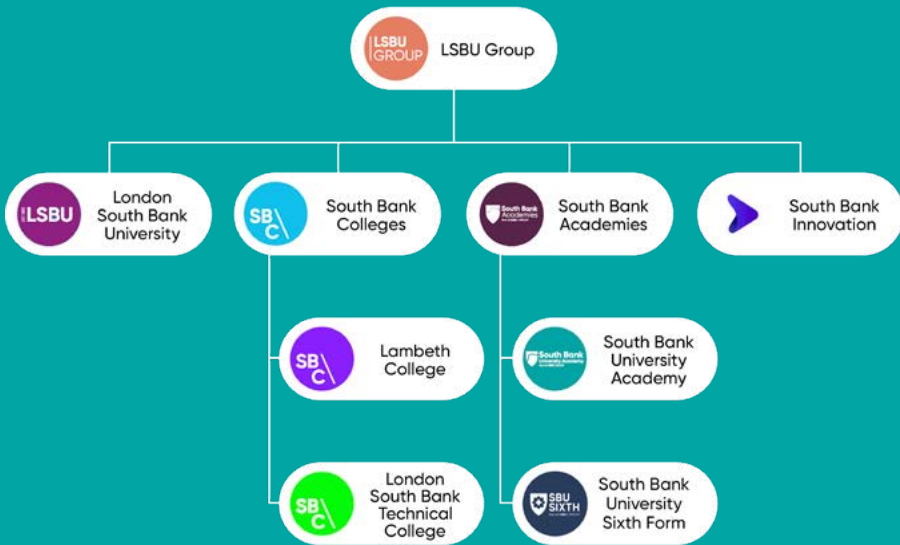


Community

We aim to be a driver of community cohesion where we live in each other's lives and understand the circumstances and perspectives of each individual. We want our students to have a real sense of belonging in our school and work in partnership with parents in the development of their children

"Pupils are taught what it means to be a responsible citizen. Pupils take full advantage of the opportunities made available to them. Pupils spoke about their social responsibility to work for the good of other people." **Ofsted**

WE ARE PART OF THE LSBU GROUP



South Bank University Academy operates as part of South Bank Academies Trust, sponsored by London South Bank University and part of LSBU Group.



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Worldwide Scan to learn more



Students who enrol at South Bank UA are joining far more than a traditional school; they are becoming part of a unique, respected, innovative, and inclusive family of education providers. We can provide your child with a clear and supported pathway throughout their education journey, including onto apprenticeships and degrees – and all based right in the heart of South London.

As part of LSBU Group – headlined by London South Bank University (LSBU) – your child will have access to immersive higher education experiences, cutting-edge facilities and resources, world-class teaching, and personalised support, that will set them apart from the rest and prepare them for a successful and rewarding future.

Through our work together with LSBU, we are able to tailor our curriculum to specifically prepare all our students for their chosen careers. This includes ample opportunities to connect with LSBU through our innovative Day 10 and enrichment activities.

Our students are supported to progress through LSBU Group and to University more widely with support for applications and interviews, and with academic, pastoral and financial support available.



LSBU Group includes London South Bank University, South Bank Colleges, South Bank Academies Trust, South Bank University Sixth Form and South Bank University Academy .

KEY STAGE 3

We provide a high-quality education that empowers and prepares all our students for a fulfilled life. We understand the importance of a comprehensive education that goes beyond academic achievements.

Our curriculum is carefully designed to equip your child with the core knowledge they need for success in education and later life. We believe in the power of education to unlock opportunities, and we strive to develop our students' confidence, ambition, and sense of social responsibility. We strive to develop students who possess a diverse range of skills, knowledge, and experiences, enabling them to excel in various aspects of life and contribute positively to the world.

We go beyond simply imparting subject-specific knowledge. Our enriched curriculum focuses on cultivating critical thinking skills. We foster an environment that encourages independence, integrity, and honesty in all aspects of their lives. Our students are taught to question assumptions, and develop their

own unique perspectives. In addition to a strong academic foundation, our curriculum includes a range of projects and activities that empower them to take ownership of their learning. Through collaboration with their peers, they learn the value of teamwork and develop strong interpersonal skills. Our curriculum is planned and resourced on Google Classroom where students are able to have unrestricted access to a wide range of educational resources to help their learning.

Opportunities for public speaking and presentation allow them to express themselves confidently and articulate their ideas effectively. We proudly emphasise cultural exposure, fostering an appreciation for diversity and preparing them for a globalised world.



Key Stage 3 Subjects

- English
- Maths
- Science
- Humanities (History, Geography and Religious Education)
- Design and Technology (Graphic Design, Resistant Materials and Textiles)
- Computer Science
- Spanish
- Music
- Drama
- Art
- Dance
- Physical Education
- Personal, Social and Health Education
- Relationships and Sex Education
- Day 10

HEAR FROM OUR STUDENTS

"My favourite experience in school so far has been our trip to Bushcraft. We had a real outdoor experience learning about wildlife, camping and rock climbing. We learned to coordinate as a team and tried out activities we wouldn't usually in a classroom environment."

"The sports opportunities at our school are varied. Alongside our PE lessons we visit LSBU Active and get access to the facilities at the university. Our school also encourages community sport where we participate in futsal sessions with Millwall Football Club and engage in multi sports with Peckham Town."

"I enjoy exploring a wide range of subjects, from science to history and even coding. It keeps learning exciting and helps us discover our passions and new experiences."

EMPOWERING EDUCATION WITH DAY 10

As a key component of our comprehensive approach to education, our unique Day 10 programme sets us apart. Your child will experience an exceptional learning journey far beyond a traditional curriculum to provide an inspiring and transformative experiences.

On Day 10, occurring once every ten teaching days, students in Year 7 to Year 9 delve into a world of alternative activities designed to broaden their horizons. Our carefully curated experiences enable students to explore new interests and develop essential transferable skills, forging connections between their learning and the real world.

Our Day 10 programmes allow us to embed our school values in a unique and innovative way: social justice, kindness, empathy, endeavour, and community. Through these programs, we foster a sense of social responsibility, encouraging students to actively contribute to their communities through service projects whilst allowing them to understand social mobility.

We complement their ongoing projects with educational trips and meaningful interactions with leading companies and organisations across London.

Brands we work with

THALES

Young
Vic
It's a big world
in here

LSBU **Active**

 **First Give**

**Design
Future
London**

**SOUTHBANK
CENTRE**

StChristopher's
More than just a hospice

 **METROPOLITAN
POLICE**

Southwark
Council

JAMIE'S FARM
CELEBRATING CHANGE



DAY 10

OUR STUDENTS

SAY:

Solutions for the planet:

Starting with an inspiring Big Ideas day, where students are introduced to the concept of sustainability and climate change, they identify solvable environmental challenges they wish to solve.

They then dive into brainstorming sessions to create either a campaign product or service aimed at addressing these issues. Guided by our dedicated LinkCity mentors and LSBU student ambassadors, they receive invaluable support in transforming their ideas into business plans and pitching to senior LSBU members and industry professionals.

Thales, LEGO and LSBU:

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Allotment project:

Our students are exposed to a wide array of skills and experience through the gardening project run at the school. The roof allotment allows for our students to continuously be part of a project that not only teaches them gardening skills but also enables them to develop key transferable skills like teamwork, communication, and responsibility. Exposing them to this space in a project allows for our students to reflect on their wellbeing, build self-confidence and develop qualities that they can develop in other facets of their lives.



"I enjoyed creating our Rubbish Robot with my friends in our Solutions for the Planet project, and even presenting to some very important people at LSBU. I look forward to being able to explore a model that can help create a sustainable future for our environment."

Lacey



"Working with Thales on the LEGO coding project at LSBU has been mind-blowing. I never knew coding could be so cool and applicable to real-world industries like railways."

Jack

"We've been reviving the allotment and it's interesting to have realised that this is a viable option for a career path as well as just a hobby. I didn't expect that this is an entire industry that people can get into and I've really enjoyed it and found it therapeutic alongside my studies."

Mahdhi

KEY STAGE 4 CURRICULUM

Our Key Stage 4 curriculum is designed to equip your child with the knowledge and skills they need to thrive in their future endeavours, whether it be further or higher education or an apprenticeship.

As part of this curriculum, your child will have the opportunity to pursue a minimum of eight GCSE qualifications, including English, Mathematics, and Science, which form the foundation of their academic journey. We believe in empowering our students and recognising their individual strengths and preferences. Our students are able to choose optional courses that align with their interests and abilities including a range of GCSEs and technical qualifications.

The Key Stage 4 curriculum includes Physical Education and Personal, Health, and Social Education, ensuring a holistic approach to student development. Through these diverse subjects, your child will gain a

comprehensive education that prepares them not only academically but also socially and physically for the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead.

At South Bank UA, we guide each student through the wide range of courses available, allowing them to tailor their education and pursue subjects that align with their interests and aspirations. With a supportive and nurturing environment, our students are able to build a strong foundation for future success.

We are committed to providing your child with a well-rounded education that instils a love for learning, fosters personal growth, and prepares them to become responsible and engaged citizens of the future.



SUCCESS STORIES



Joshua: Grade 9 in English, Computer Science, and Physics. Grade 8 in Maths and Chemistry. He is studying Maths, Physics, and Computer Science at A-Level

Damilola: Grade 8 in Maths, English, Biology, and Computer Science. She is studying Maths, English language and literature, and History.

Mason: Grade 9 in Maths and Statistics. Grade 8 in Physics. He is studying Maths, Economics, and Music at South Bank University Academy Sixth Form.

Zain: Grade 9 in Physics. Grade 8 in Maths, Biology, and Chemistry. He is studying Chemistry, Biolog

ENRICHMENT

We run a comprehensive after school enrichment programme of courses, clubs and activities available to all students. In addition to teaching students new skills these programmes increase students' wellbeing and support them in pursuing their personal aspirations. Students learn new skills they carry with them throughout their lives including vital leadership skills such as oracy, communication, team-work, commitment and responsibility.

Alongside this, our enrichment programme allows for the students to further develop the skills they have learnt during their Day 10 projects and during curriculum time, so they have a complete understanding of what they are learning.

"Enrichment activities at our school provide fun challenges, helping us develop skills beyond academics. I participate in the football club to help boost my motivation and provide a refreshing break from studies." - **Sadia**



SIXTH FORM

At South Bank UA, we are dedicated to offering Sixth Form education with our distinctive and forward-thinking approach. Our mission is clear: to offer a unique and innovative learning experience that prepares our students for the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead.

Our curriculum is designed to be career-focused and industry-led, empowering your child to thrive in high-demand employment sectors. We proudly offer a wide range of study options, including A-levels and technical pathways, ensuring that your child will have the flexibility to choose a curriculum which aligns with their interests and aspirations.

By offering a blend of academic excellence and practical application, we aim to equip all our students with the skills, knowledge, and experience needed to gain a competitive edge in today's dynamic job market. Through our industry and university connections including through LSBU Group, they will have the opportunity to engage with professionals, gain valuable insights, and build a strong foundation for their future careers.

We prioritise the individual growth and development of every student. With small class sizes and a focused approach with high standards of care, we create a nurturing learning environment that fosters students' potential.

Our expert staff body is dedicated to supporting students every step of the way, ensuring that they receive the guidance and encouragement they need to excel. We offer high quality resources and facilities including a range of study spaces to support students' independent learning. We plan and resource our curriculum through Google Classroom and all students in the Sixth Form receive a Chromebook, giving them access to learning on a powerful, flexible basis.

We understand that each student is unique, which is why we reject the notion of a one-size-fits-all education. Our personalised support programme is tailored to address the specific needs and aspirations of every individual. Alongside our high-quality educational support services, our wide range of enrichment activities enrich our sixth form students' learning experience and broaden their horizons.



SUCCESS STORIES

Zainab gained A*AA at A level and is taking a gap year before accepting a place on her Veterinary Science course.

Praise gained A*AA at A level and is studying Biochemistry.

Isaiah studied Business and Economics and gained a degree level apprenticeship JP Morgan.

George studied vocational Engineering and has gained an apprenticeship with Aviva.



SECURING THE FUTURE: CAREERS AT SOUTH BANK UA

At South Bank UA, we believe that careers education, advice and guidance serves as the vital bridge connecting our curriculum to the future. Our students gain a profound understanding of how the curriculum relates to their future career prospects, while also cultivating the essential skills needed for a successful working life.

In Key Stage 3, your child will embark on a journey of self-discovery, actively developing and documenting their skills both inside and outside the classroom. This exploration allows them to identify their strengths and passions, empowering them to take ownership of their GCSE choices confidently.

In Key Stage 4, your child will continue their extracurricular pursuits while also gaining invaluable real-world experiences through workplace engagements. By utilising up-to-date labour market information and support

from LSBU Group, we support all our students to plan career paths based on local and national demands, ensuring they are well-prepared for future opportunities.

Our students actively challenge preconceived notions about various job roles through numerous encounters with employers, further education institutions, and higher education establishments. We provide comprehensive and unbiased presentations on a wide range of academic and vocational options. Additionally, our dedicated careers guidance services cater to each student's individual needs, ensuring personalised support throughout their journey.

"I now possess the knowledge to make my aspirations a reality."

-Tadiyah

SIXTH FORM

Students in Years 11, 12, and 13 benefit from scheduled guidance interviews, enabling us to closely monitor their aspirations and equip them with the necessary tools for success on their chosen paths. In the Sixth Form, our students receive an hour every fortnight solely dedicated to careers. This enriching programme includes inspiring talks, networking events, engaging workshops, and eye-opening trips.

Our forward-thinking approach also enables our students to explore work opportunities and expand their professional networks, for example through our links with companies such as Morgan Stanley. We consider work experience an integral component of our careers education and assist in securing placements whenever possible. We are proud to share that this academic year, 100% of our UCAS applicants received at least one offer from their chosen university. Additionally, our students have successfully secured highly competitive degree apprenticeships, earning a salary and having their degree costs covered while gaining valuable work experience with reputable companies.

Situated in the heart of London, South Bank UA harnesses its location to the fullest. Our full-time careers service boasts exceptional partnerships with educational institutions, global employers, and charitable organisations. Our career offerings are meticulously measured against statutory benchmarks, tailored to each individual student, and continuously refined based on results and feedback. We are committed to empowering our students with the skills, knowledge, and connections they need to thrive in their future.



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Sixth Form
Course guide.



**CREATE A
BETTER FUTURE**



OUR NETWORK OF PARTNERSHIPS

"At Hayes PLC, I found an interest in the finance sector of recruitment. I'm keeping my options open, and contemplating whether to pursue a university education or a degree apprenticeship. This opportunity has provided me with ample time to assess and determine the best path for my future. I gained a great amount of experience and it has instilled in me a sense of confidence when entering various work environments."

- Sulayman, Year 12 Student

"At IBM, I gained valuable insights into the corporate world. I improved my communication skills through presentations and conversations, and got a better understanding of work-life responsibilities and career progression. Exploring the 'fancy floor' and learning about quantum computing left me fascinated by the possibilities of technology."

- Cody, Year 12 Student

"At KANTAR, shadowing former apprentices provided valuable insights into the diverse aspects of procurement and its various types. It was an enlightening opportunity to deepen my understanding of the field."

- Sundus, Year 12 Student



SAFEGUARDING AND WELLBEING

South Bank UA puts the safety and wellbeing of our students at the core of our work. We want all students to learn how to keep safe and stay happy. This will allow them to thrive both academically and emotionally, and enable them to contribute positively to the wider community. We are committed to ensuring that consistent and effective procedures are in place to fulfil its statutory obligation to safeguard and promote the welfare of the young people in its care.

We have a dedicated and compassionate pastoral team that works to build a strong, positive relationship with students and their families. They understand that students are individuals and no two students share the same personal journey. We strive to ensure that the time with us here will be happy, healthy, successful, and extremely positive for all our students.

Our commitment to providing high-quality personalised care, that supports students' educational and personal development. This includes Social, Moral, Spiritual, and Cultural (SMSC) support, personal development, careers guidance, work-related learning, sex and relationships education, and religious studies.



We are a harmonious community at South Bank UA. Our vision and values, systems and curriculum are all designed to support our community. We celebrate our diversity in many ways. We have an expert safeguarding team which works closely with staff, students and families.

OUR FACILITIES AND RESOURCES

We believe that an inspiring learning environment plays a crucial role in shaping students' academic success. Our modern facilities are equipped with cutting-edge technology, spacious classrooms, well-equipped laboratories, dedicated study areas, and extensive resources, providing all our students with the perfect setting to excel in their studies.

Academy Facilities:

- + Multi-functional Sports Hall
- + Astro turf multi-use games area
- + Great technology spaces including 3D Printers, CNC Router
- + Modern science Labs
- + Digital media suite
- + High quality computing
- + Learning Resource Centre
- + Spacious canteen with family dining
- + Lockers with charging points
- + Free gym membership at the LSBU Academy of Sport
- + Sixth Form Silent Study Area
- + Sixth Form Common Room
- + Sixth Form Communal Terrace

LSBU Group Facilities:

- + New, world-class learning hub and library
- + Business Incubator
- + Sport and Fitness Centre
- + Industry-standard Labs and Workshops
- + Specialist Facilities for Engineering, Business, and Health
- + Study Spaces
- + Digital Engineering Facilities
- + Virtual Reality and Gaming Technology
- + Robotics and 3D printing
- + Computer Engineering and Design

INCLUSION

South Bank UA prides itself on being highly inclusive. We work hard through our curriculum, enrichment, facilities, pastoral support and relationships with families and outside agencies to support our inclusive approach.

We are an inclusive school and a diverse community with a range of strengths and needs. We work with families to identify any barriers to learning and support each student in a way that is tailored to them. We use the experience and knowledge from staff within the school to support each pupil and ensure they have access to the curriculum. This includes an SEN department, Educational Psychologist and Specialist Support Teachers as well as a team of experienced Learning Support Assistants and Teaching Assistants. In addition to this, there are a large number of outside professionals who complement the work of the school staff offering expertise in their areas, such as Speech and Language Therapy and Occupational Therapy.

High quality teaching that is differentiated and personalised will meet the individual needs of our students. As part of this personalised teaching, there is a value placed on building a respectful and nurturing relationship between students and teachers to help with student progress and development.

We have an expert team of staff who are focused on quality teaching in the classroom. Where students need additional support, be it for special educational needs, disabilities, or additional English language support, we support them throughout their time in the Academy.

Our values-led approach ensures inclusivity for all students, irrespective of their background and this is reflected in our curriculum and enrichment programs, where we strive to support and empower students facing disadvantages, enabling them to attain academic success.

We offer a bursary scheme to ensure that financial circumstances do not hinder learning for our Sixth Form students. Additionally, we have a dedicated hardship fund available for those who may encounter financial difficulties throughout the year.



ADMISSIONS

Year 7 entry

For admission into Year 7, Parents and Carers are required to complete an online application form (known as the "Common Application Form" - CAF) which can be found at:

www.eadmissions.org.uk

*No applications direct to the academy can be accepted for the September intake.

If you are looking for a place in South Bank University Academy because you have recently moved into the area, or your child is at another school and you feel that a change of school would benefit their education and/or general well-being, you are entitled to apply for a school place directly through the academy. To do so, please email admissions@southbankua.org.uk directly: we will send you an application form.

Further details are found on the academy website

www.southbankua.org.uk

Sixth Form Admissions

To join the South Bank UA Sixth Form, please apply directly via the academy's website:

<https://www.southbankua.org.uk/how-to-apply-sixth-form/>

If the deadline for submitting your child's secondary application has now passed but you would still like to make an application to our school, please contact Southwark admissions:

<http://www.2.southwark.gov.uk>

School admissions team, 4th Floor, Hub 2, Children's Services, Southwark Council, PO Box 64529, London SE1P 5LX

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Email: Schools.admissions@southwark.gov.uk

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Getting Here:

Public Transport links are extremely frequent.

If you are planning to come by car, please contact the Academy Reception first as parking on site is restricted.

Nearest railway & tube stations:

Elephant & Castle

Bus Routes:

12, 35, 40, 45, 68, 171, 176
(East Street, Walworth Road)

21, 53, 63, 353
(Old Kent Road)

42 & 343
(East Street)





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