

TECH START



Technical qualifications in Engineering, Health, Science
or Business for Year 10 & 11 school students

What is TechStart?

TechStart is an innovative programme created to introduce Year 10 & 11 students to technical education. Students spend one day per week over two years at SBUSixth in Brixton, preparing for a Level 1 or 2 BTEC Award in Business, Science, Engineering or Health. TechStart students will be in a class of the same year group, taught by a sector specialist in SBUSixth's dedicated workshops and classrooms.

The scheme successfully piloted in 2025-26 with all 33 students gaining a qualification and progressing to Year 2 of the programme. We are offering around 30 places for 2027 start.

How it works

- SBUSixth and school collaborate to design a technical offer as part of Year 9 GCSE options.
- Students then attend the Sixth Form weekly on an agreed day, with a full timetable of lessons and lunchtime facilities.
- The qualifications students will work towards are Cambridge Technicals. The school will 'own' the achievements as part of your KS4 offer.
- A senior leader from each school will be integral to joint quality assurance processes throughout.
- Students will be invited to a 'Welcome' day in Term 3 as part of a comprehensive induction to the programme.

About SBU Sixth Form

Part of the London South Bank University group, SBUSixth is London's only 16–19 technical sixth form. Our curriculum is intentionally narrow and focused on four career pathways, designed to achieve outstanding outcomes in industry sectors identified as high priority in the London Local Skills Improvement Plan.

With around 400 students aged 16-19, operating out of a single campus with full support services, SBUSixth is an ideal provider of specialist options for KS4 students from partner schools.

Find out more

Interested schools are invited to an initial discussion with a senior manager at SBU Sixth. We warmly welcome school leaders and educators to visit us, see our facilities, meet our staff, and speak with our students. To arrange a visit or conversation, please contact Tony Pope, SBUSixth Outreach Executive: tony.pope@sbusixth.ac.uk

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