



SHIRELAND
SIXTH FORM

PROSPECTUS

Welcome from the Head of Sixth Form

Welcome to our vibrant sixth form community where we believe in creating an environment that fosters growth and success. Our core values of innovation, inspiration, and collaboration shape the foundation of your educational journey, preparing you for exciting prospects beyond sixth form.

We take pride in our commitment to your academic excellence and this is underpinned by exceptional teaching. As a result, our students earn coveted spots in prestigious Russell Group universities and embark on degree apprenticeships with globally renowned organisations.

But we're not just about academic achievement. Our pioneering Futures programme opens doors to a world of career possibilities. Through engaging with external speakers, including influential figures like the former Vice President of Twitter and the Deputy Governor of the Bank of England, you will gain insights into diverse career pathways. You will learn to craft a unique brand identity and be able to equip yourself with the skills needed to thrive in a competitive world.

In parallel, our Personal Development and Life Skills programme equips you with essential tools, from employability to financial literacy, team building, and leadership. We empower you to navigate societal challenges and ensure you have a positive, fulfilling experience as you prepare for the future.

At Shireland Collegiate Academy Sixth Form, we share your aspirations and passion for hard work. Our staff are dedicated to guiding and supporting you every step of the way. We believe this is a place where you can work diligently, bask in excellence, and explore the world's opportunities with unwavering confidence.

Join us in shaping a brighter future.

Liam Fletcher
Head of Sixth Form



SIXTH FORM LIFE

This is an outstanding sixth form within an outstanding school.

The sixth form experience combines the tradition of following a structured school day, offering students a supportive and nurturing environment, but combined with the freedoms that you might expect as you become a young adult. We have a dedicated sixth form building with private study rooms and open learning spaces to encourage you to develop your independent learning skills. We combine this with expert knowledge from dedicated sixth form and subject staff which sets us apart from other sixth forms and colleges. Access to technology at Shireland Sixth Form is second to none, and you can expect to be prepared for work in the 21st century.

At Shireland you have access to:

- Academic pathways tailored to your needs.
- Futures programme that enables you to achieve your post-18 ambitions
- Personal development programme that nurtures your development
- A dedicated form tutor who is your point of contact within the Sixth Form
- An expansive enrichment programme to develop skills, hobbies and interests that make your UCAS, Degree Apprenticeship or job application stand out among the crowd.
- Young enterprise programme
- Voluntary programme
- Extended project qualification
- Duke of Edinburgh Award
- Access to our 16-19 bursary fund to support with the costs associated with education where applicable, including travel to and from the academy.



THE RIGHT CHOICE

Making the right choice of sixth form is crucial to your future success. At Shireland Collegiate Academy Sixth Form we value the importance of your education, we are ambitious for you, and we want you to achieve. We also care about the impact you can make on society and that is why we invest in you as a whole person, not just your academic achievements.

Guidance on post-18 pathways

Our students benefit from tailored UCAS support and continuous guidance for their post-18 career pathways. Our experienced team of tutors are here to provide bespoke assistance in pursuing your higher education, higher apprenticeships, employment or gap year aspirations.

UCAS

We offer expert advice on UCAS applications, personal statements and CVs, ensuring you have the support needed to reach your goals. You can also expect individual tutorials and personalised assistance throughout the application process, making your journey to higher education or other opportunities a well-guided one.

Bursary

We are committed to ensuring that every student can access the education and training they need. The 16-19 Bursary Fund is available to provide financial support, tailored to individual needs, helping students overcome any specific barriers to their participation in post-16 education and training. This funding can assist with various costs, such as travel expenses, UCAS expenses, essential resources and any reasonable expenses required for students to fully engage in their chosen courses.

Extracurricular Activities (sports team, clubs and societies)

At our Sixth Form, you'll enjoy a wide array of opportunities tailored to elevating your skills, qualities and attributes, ultimately setting you apart when you apply for university or employment. Our extracurricular activities form an integral part of your experience here at Shireland Collegiate Academy Sixth Form, enriching your journey and nurturing personal growth.



EXCELLENCE

Our students can study three A levels or equivalent BTECs on our Level 3 pathway. In exceptional circumstances we enable students to choose four subjects. We encourage families to explore those courses by scanning the QR code to view our subject guide.

Option Blocks

Block A subjects:

- A Level – Biology, Further Maths, Philosophy, Religion and Ethics, Politics, Textiles, Product Design
- BTEC – Applied Human Biology, Digital Information Technology

Block B subjects:

- A Level – Maths, Art, Photography, English Language, English Literature
- BTEC – Business Studies, Health and Social Care
- RSL - Music

Block C subjects:

- A Level – Psychology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Art, Dance
- BTEC – Psychology, Health and Social Care, Sport, Applied Science

Block D subjects:

- A Level – Geography, History, Physics, Maths, Sociology, Travel and Tourism, German, Product Design
- RSL – Drama

Level 1 & 2 Pathways

At Shireland Collegiate Academy we believe post-16 education should be inclusive and accessible. We offer a specific Level 1 and Level 2 pathway to support young people who do not meet the entry criteria for Level 3 programmes of study. More information about these pathways is available on our website.



TECHNOLOGY

We recognise the positive impact access to technology has on young people.

All sixth form students are provided with a new laptop to support them through their two years of study. Students can expect to have access to technology and software that enriches their experience:

- Full Office 365 student license
- Entire Adobe CC software suite
- Classrooms fitted with state-of-the-art touch screens
- Music recording studio
- State-of-the-art auditorium
- Immersive space which brings virtual reality to life



Education is the most powerful weapon that we can use to change the world.

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In the last academic year our students began reading subjects at some of the UK's top Russell Group universities and started their employment on degree apprenticeships with some of the most notable companies in the world.

All our young people progress onto a destination of their choosing be that university, apprenticeships, work or gap years.

Our students pursue a diverse range of subjects, including:

- Geography at the University of Birmingham
- Mechanical Engineering at the University of Birmingham
- Neuroscience at the University of Leeds
- Interior Design at the University of Edinburgh
- Chemistry at the University of Bristol
- Engineering at Warwick University
- Law at the University of Birmingham
- Civil Engineering at the University of Manchester

Furthermore, we equip our students with the skills and knowledge required to excel in their chosen fields post-graduation, making them well-prepared for various opportunities, including apprenticeships with reputable organisations such as:

- National Highways
- Bentley
- Capgemini
- Mott McDonald
- Mondelez



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