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# MAKE AN OUTSTANDING CHOICE

## Welcome from the Head of Sixth Form

At Shireland Sixth Form, we're committed to creating a dynamic and supportive environment where you can grow, achieve and prepare for an exciting future.

Our core values - **innovation, inspiration and collaboration** - shape every part of your journey. We place a strong focus on **academic excellence**, with outstanding teaching that sees students progress to top Russell Group universities and secure degree apprenticeships with respected global organisations.

But success goes beyond results. Our **Futures Programme** introduces you to inspiring industry professionals, explores diverse career pathways, and equips you with the tools to build your personal brand and stand out. Alongside this, our **Personal Development** and **Tutor Programme** helps you grow as a confident, well-rounded individual, with sessions on leadership, teamwork, employability and financial literacy to prepare you for life beyond sixth form.

You'll be supported every step of the way by a dedicated and experienced team, including our Head and Deputy Head of Sixth Form, Heads of Year, Inclusion and Mentoring Support staff, and an Academic Coach—all working together to provide tailored academic and pastoral support.

At Shireland, our values of **Honesty, Opportunity** and **Commitment** are at the heart of everything we do. We help you challenge yourself, strive for excellence, and unlock your full potential—whether that leads to university, an apprenticeship or the world of work.

**This is your time. Take your future into your own hands.**

**Ben Brogan**  
Head of Sixth Form



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# SIXTH FORM LIFE

Beyond the classroom, we offer a vibrant enrichment programme designed to help you discover new interests and develop valuable skills that will enhance your UCAS application, degree apprenticeship, or job prospects. Whether you're participating in the Young Enterprise Programme, engaging in voluntary work, or completing an Extended Project Qualification, you'll be encouraged to challenge yourself and gain meaningful experience.

You'll also have the opportunity to work towards the prestigious Duke of Edinburgh's Award, building resilience, leadership, and confidence along the way. Additionally, our volunteering programme is a great way to strengthen your CV and prepare for future employment.

We also believe in learning beyond the school gates. Students have the chance to attend a variety of exciting trips—both locally and further afield. These experiences are designed to broaden your horizons, deepen your understanding of the world, and support your academic and personal development. Whether it's a university taster day, a cultural visit, or an outdoor adventure, our trips offer unforgettable opportunities to grow and explore.



## ***Student Council is at the Heart of Sixth Form Life***

We believe in the power of student voice. That's why we actively encourage students to apply for a place on our Student Council—a team that plays a vital role in shaping the sixth form experience. From influencing key decisions to leading initiatives that matter to their peers, Student Council members help ensure that our sixth form reflects the ideas, values, and ambitions of its students.

**This Sixth Form is rated Outstanding**  
**"Sixth Form teachers engage students in highly ambitious, challenging and independent learning. This enables students to achieve well..." - Ofsted**

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# 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.

#### **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.

#### **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.

#### **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.



# PATHWAYS

## **Why choose our level 2 programme?**

Our Level 2 programme is designed to give you the support, skills and qualifications you need to take your next steps in education. Here's what you can expect:

- Tailored courses designed to support progression onto A level and vocational studies
- Choose two of the following subjects to study alongside IT: Business Studies, Sport and Social Science
- Resit English and Maths if needed to meet future entry requirements
- Build confidence, boost skills and get back on track for your success

## **Level 3 Pathways**

You'll benefit from a flexible curriculum tailored to your goals, delivered by a Sixth Form renowned for its strong academic ethos and supportive learning environment. With our expert teachers, personalised support and cutting-edge resources, you'll be equipped to thrive and step confidently into your future. Whether you're aiming to move onto A level and vocational studies at Shireland or exploring new opportunities, we're here to help you succeed.

### **A level Subjects:**

- Art
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- Dance
- English Literature
- Further Maths
- Geography
- German
- History
- Maths

- Philosophy, Religion and Ethics
- Photography
- Physics
- Politics
- Product Design
- Psychology
- Sociology
- Spanish
- Textiles
- Travel and Tourism

### **Vocational Subjects:**

- Applied Science
- Business Studies
- Digital Information Technology
- Health and Social Care
- Psychology
- Sport

### **RSL Subjects:**

- Drama
- Music

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# FOOTBALL PROGRAMME

***Develop your football skills while achieving your qualifications.***

Shireland Sixth Form, in partnership with Aston Villa Foundation, offers a specialist post-16 football programme for students who want to combine professional football and sporting development with a high-quality education.

Programme overview:

- Students on the programme will benefit from:
- 2 training sessions per week with UEFA-qualified coaches.
- Competitive fixtures, including the EFL CEFA Birmingham County FA Wednesday College League.
- Opportunities to visit Villa and experience its elite facilities for training and classroom-based activities.
- Strength and conditioning training and video footage of the games for analysis.
- Individual player development plans aligned to the Foundation's curriculum and philosophy.
- Opportunities to work towards a sports leadership qualification.

## ***Qualifications and academic development***

Alongside football, students will also be working towards their A level, vocational or Level 2 qualifications, ensuring academic progress and personal development remain central to their Sixth Form journey. This integrated approach keeps future opportunities wide open, preparing students for university, apprenticeships or employment, while continuing to develop their ambitions in sport.

In partnership with



**FOUNDATION**





# PROUD PARTNERS

*At Shireland, we believe in the power of collaboration to create meaningful change in our students' lives. That's why we're proud to work with leading and forward-thinking institutions who share our vision for innovation and want to help you achieve your goals.*

These partnerships open the door to exciting experiences across sport, the arts, enterprise, and more. They bring fresh perspectives to your learning, connect you with professionals in a variety of fields, and help you develop the skills, confidence and ambition to shape your future.

Our partners include:

- Birmingham Hippodrome Education Network
- City of Birmingham Rockets
- The Elephant Group
- Aston Villa Football Club
- VESPA Academy
- Digital Schoolhouse (with Nintendo Switch)
- National Highways
- NHS Careers
- Aim a Little Higher



We also work with top universities to help you raise your aspirations and prepare for life after sixth form. You'll have access to mentoring, outreach events and guidance to support your academic journey, including university applications.

Our university partners include:

- The University of Warwick
- Aston University
- University of Birmingham
- University of Cambridge

# HOW TO APPLY

- September onwards**  
Complete your application form. Visit our website and click on 'Apply Now' or 'Sixth Form Admissions'. The application form requires information including contact details as well as your preferred subject choices.
- November**  
Open Evening.
- December**  
Attend your consultation evening appointment. As part of this, we invite you and your family to attend a consultation evening to discuss your subject choices and offer advice and guidance. It is not an interview.
- January**  
Following your consultation evening appointment we will send you a conditional offer letter.
- May to June**  
GCSE exam season!
- July**  
Attend our Sixth Form Induction to meet your new teachers, your new classmates and start your academic studies.
- August**  
GCSE Results Day! Once you know your grades, we will confirm your subject choices. If you don't meet the entry requirements we can offer other courses, subject to availability.
- September**  
Before you start your academic studies, we help you settle in by completing our enrolment programme.

**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 to a destination of their choosing, be that university, apprenticeships, work or a gap year.*

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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