



Welcome to our
Post 16 Opportunities
Evening 12th October 2016



Which way now?

Thank you for taking the time to attend our Post 16 Opportunities Evening. This evening is part of the process to help you and your son/daughter to access information about routes and courses available at 6th Form Schools, Colleges and Training Providers.

The evening will consist of a short presentation in the main hall by:

Mr Anne Ashmore
Assistant Head Teacher

We would like to welcome:





Cerys Evans- Career Advisor



Lifelong Learning & Skills

A description of Qualifications

Qualification	Description
GCSE (General Certificate of Secondary Education)	There is an opportunity to repeat Maths and English GCSE's in College. This is only a recommended option if you have received D grades initially. It is usually completed as part of a level 2 course.
GCE AS Levels (Advanced Subsidiary Level) <i>(AS Levels and A Levels are changing from Sept. 2015)</i> www.ofqual.gov.uk/qualification-reform/a-level-reform	Taken in the first year at Further Education, the AS Level is worth half an 'A' Level; <i>half the workload not half the difficulty</i> . Students usually select 3 or 4 AS levels in Y12 then opt out of one of them once they have gained the qualifications.
GCE A Levels (A2) (Advanced Level)	The full qualification is usually achieved after 2 years of study. Students usually convert $\frac{3}{4}$ of their AS Levels into full 'A' if they continue the subject to A2
BTEC (Business and Technology Education Council) course	These are qualifications covering a wide range of work related areas, e.g. Health and Social Care, Engineering etc. It is a qualification recognised by Universities and Employers. They are available at 3 levels: Level 1, 2 and 3.
BTEC Level 2 Diploma BTEC Level 3 and Extended Diplomas	The BTEC 1 st (Level 2) is a 1 year Vocational Course that could lead to BTEC Level 3 Diplomas. 4 D's are required for the BTEC 1st Diploma . 4 C's for the BTEC Level 3 Diploma and 5 C's for the BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma . Level 1 and Entry Level courses come into the 'Foundation Learning' set of qualifications. English Language is required for all courses level 2 & 3
NVQ's (National Vocational Qualifications)	NVQ's are vocational qualifications that measure a person's ability to complete a job. They can take between 1 and 2 years to complete and are always completed whilst on an apprenticeship which is employed status. Students who gain 5 A-D's at GCSE usually start on NVQ 2 and progress to NVQ level 3, students with qualifications lower than this will start at Foundation Learning Stage.
Apprenticeships	Students are required to achieve 4/5 A-D at GCSE Level 2 and 5 A - C at GCSE Level 3 including English Language for both levels in order to be accepted on to an Apprenticeship. Students can start on an NVQ 2 and progress to an NVQ 3. Students have to have an employer to embark on an Apprenticeship. Students achieving lower than D grades can access work based training via a Foundation Learning Programme/Traineeships (pre-apprenticeships)

	<u>Open Days and Careers Events</u>	
All Saints Sixth Form	3 rd November 10am to 12pm	www.allsaints.sheffield.sch.uk
Birkdale Sixth Form	15 th November 6.45pm - Onwards	www.birkdaleprepschool.org.uk
Dronfield Henry Fanshawe	24 th November 6pm to 9pm	www.dronfield.derbyshire.sch.uk
High Storrs Sixth Form	1 st November 6.30pm to 9pm	www.highstorrs.co.uk
King Egbert Sixth Form	17 th November 7pm to 9pm	www.ecgbert.sheffield.sch.uk
King Edward VII Sixth Form	24 th November 7pm- Onwards	www.kes.sheffield.sch.uk
Meadowhead Sixth Form	2 nd November 6pm to 8pm	www.meadowhead.sheffield.sch.uk
Notre Dame Sixth Form	12 th November 10am to 12noon	www.notredame-high.org.uk
Silverdale Sixth Form	9 th November 6.30pm to 9pm	www.silverdale.sheffield.sch.uk
Tapton Sixth Form	22 nd November 7pm to 9pm	www.taptonschool.co.uk
The Sheffield College (all sites- Sheffield City College, Olive Grove, Hillsborough and Peaks College)	13 th October 21 st November 24 th January 8 th March 11 th may 4pm to 7.30pm	www.sheffcol.ac.uk
University Technical College (UTC) Sheffield	21 st October 5.30pm to 7.30pm	www.utcsheffield.org.uk (book a place via the website)
Chesterfield College	19 th October 28 th November 30 th January 22 nd March 18 th May 28 th June 4.30pm to 7pm	www.chesterfield.ac.uk
Thomas Rotherham College		
AMRC Training Centre		

Useful websites for researching Post 16 options

www.ucasprogress.com	Find out about and apply for courses, apprenticeships and other work based learning.
www.sheffieldfutures.org.uk	Your local Sheffield Futures website. Information about careers, jobs, training, FE and all post 16 options. Free helpline 0800 652 9900
www.sheffieldinteractive.com	Information bringing together a number of websites about careers, learning and higher education.
www.direct.gov.uk/en/EducationAndLearning/	Everything you need to know about education, qualifications, finance and much more.
www.apprenticeship.org.uk	Information about apprenticeships.
www.nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk	Careers information for all ages plus free helpline 0800 100 900
www.plotr.co.uk	Careers information and resources

Things to think about-

What do you need to know?

What are the entry requirements?

How will I be taught and assessed?

Will I get a work placement or work experience?

Do you offer the subjects that I want?

Do you have an open event I can attend?

How are you different from other colleges/sixth forms/training providers? Why should I apply to you?

When should I apply?

How difficult is it to get a place?

How do you decide who gets a place?

What are apprenticeship providers looking for?

How can I find an employer that'll take me on as an apprentice and when should I start looking?

Which skills are important for this course/apprenticeship?

If I study this, where will it lead?

Could this lead me to university?

What do students from this course do afterwards?

Practical stuff

How will I get there?

Can I get help with the costs of study/travel/equipment?

Will I get a student discount card?

What kind of support is on offer?

How will I get settled in, meet new friends or find my way around?

What clubs, societies & facilities are on offer?

Please could you take the time to fill in one of our questionnaires to give us some feedback on how you think the evening went and if it was useful for you and your son/daughter?

We will continue to update the Westfield School Website with useful careers information over the next few months – please click on the careers advice section.



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Thank you

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