

The
Sheffield
College

SCHOOL ENGAGEMENT - TEACHER'S GUIDE



WHAT WE CAN DO FOR YOU...

At The Sheffield College we are committed to working with local schools and key partners to provide comprehensive support for your students, helping them to take positive steps in their transition to further education and future career pathways.

By working with you we aim to:

- Raise ambitions and ensure students are fully informed of the opportunities available to them in further and higher education
- Deliver a complete service which supports the successful transition of students into further education, higher education and the world of work
- Work collaboratively to support new initiatives

We deliver a range of engagement activities throughout the academic year to suit the needs of you and your students. Delivery is flexible and can be accessed across a variety of locations, including at your school or The Sheffield College.



OUR COURSES

A Levels

Biology | Business Studies | Chemistry | Criminology | English Language
English Literature | Film Studies | Fine Art | Geography | History | Law |
Maths | Media Studies | Photography | Physics | Psychology | Sociology

Vocational

Animal Care | Aviation, Tourism and Events | Business | Catering and
Hospitality | Childcare and Education | Civil Engineering | Computing
Construction and Building Trades | Design and Visual Arts | Engineering
ESOL | Hair and Beauty | Health and Social Care | Horticulture
Media, Journalism and Photography | Motor Vehicle | Performing Arts
and Music | Uniformed Public Services | Science, Dental and Pharmacy |
Sport

Apprenticeships

Accounting | Bakery | Bricklaying | Business Administration | Carpentry
and Joinery | Childcare | Commis Chef | Construction | Customer
Service | Dental Nursing | Dry Lining | Engineering | Hairdressing |
Health and Social Care | Horticulture | Hospital Care (NHS) | Hospitality
Team Member | Floristry | IT Practitioner | Journalism | Lab Technician |
Motor Vehicle | Painting and Decorating | Paralegal | Pharmacy Services
Plastering | Plumbing and Heating | Supporting Teaching and Learning
in PE | Veterinary Nursing



GATSBY BENCHMARKS

The Sheffield College can support schools to achieve the Gatsby Benchmarks. The most prominent benchmark is number 7; 'Encounters with further and higher education', however our wide range of activities can support in a variety of ways. You can identify which benchmarks our activities support by using the following key throughout this guide.

Gatsby Benchmarks

1. A STABLE CAREERS PROGRAMME
2. LEARNING FROM CAREERS AND LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION
3. ADDRESSING THE NEEDS OF EACH PUPIL
4. LINKING CURRICULUM LEARNING TO CAREERS
5. ENCOUNTERS WITH EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES
6. EXPERIENCES OF WORKPLACES
7. ENCOUNTERS WITH FURTHER AND HIGHER EDUCATION
8. PERSONAL GUIDANCE



OUR ACTIVITIES

What do you want to be? An introduction to post-16 options

Recommended for Year 7

Exploring career aspirations. Within this presentation students will explore the curriculum areas on offer at The Sheffield College and the courses available to help them achieve their career goals. The session will also highlight the differences between school and college life and help students to understand the many post-16 options that are available to them.

GATSBY 2, 4 & 7

GCSEs matter

Recommended for years 8 & 9

KS3 is a vital time for students choosing their GCSE options. This session focuses on why GCSEs matter and offers information and advice on how the different GCSE choices link to students' future prospects.

GATSBY 2, 4 & 7

Exploring options, jobs and careers

Recommended for Year 9

This session looks at the connection between subjects and the range of careers available. It also focuses on the transferable skills gained during further education and the impact that decisions made by students at each stage of their learning journey could have in regards to their future careers.

GATSBY 4 & 5

The Sheffield College presentation

Recommended for years 10 & 11

Available all year round, we can visit your school to present an overview of The Sheffield College offer which includes Apprenticeships, A Levels, vocational study programmes and university level courses. We also delve into what college life is like, extracurricular activities, finances and student support. The presentation can be tailored to fit an assembly or delivered in more detail during a careers lesson.

GATSBY 7

What is an Apprenticeship?

Recommended for years 9, 10 & 11

Available all year round, this informative session provides students with information, tips and advice about the growing popularity of Apprenticeships. We cover everything you need to know about Apprenticeships including the different framework / standards and levels, how to find one, how to apply, wages and support. We also discuss our free Apprenticeship recruitment service, Job Connect, and how students can access this.

GATSBY 2 & 7

University level study presentation

Recommended for years 10, 11, 12 & 13

This is a session providing an introduction to university level qualifications, including how and where they can be studied. Students will gain information about the types of post-16 options available and which have progression pathways that are available at university level. This session aims to raise aspirations and widen the participation of students studying at a higher level.

GATSBY 7

College tours

Recommended for years 7 to 11

Available all year round, college tours are a great way of getting students familiarised with the college environment and are ideal for students who are undecided about their post-16 options. We will take individuals or small groups of students on a tour around the college campus of your choice (City, Hillsborough, Olive Grove or Peaks). Students will have the opportunity to look at the facilities and social areas including:

- The Silver Plate restaurant
- Revive Hair & Beauty Salon
- engineering and construction workshops
- sports pitches and gyms
- science and dental labs
- media suites
- performing arts theatres / rehearsal studios
- Learning Resource Centres
- Refectories and social spaces
- Student Central

GATSBY 7

Additional activities

- Sheffield Progress support
- Taster days
- Course/subject specific talks
- Attendance at Careers Events and Parents' Evenings
- Bespoke presentations and workshops

Please note that our activities are targeted at specific year groups but can be adapted to meet your needs if necessary.

HOW TO BOOK

If you would like to book any of the activities that we have available, or want to discuss any of our sessions in more detail, please follow these easy steps and we'll do the rest!

Step 1 - Choose an activity

The activities in this booklet are not exhaustive. If there are any types of activity you would like which are not detailed in this booklet, please let us know and we will do our best to accommodate your requirements.

Step 2 - Contact us

- Ruth Edwards - Schools and Community Engagement Manager
ruth.edwards@sheffcol.ac.uk
- Bethan Varney - Schools and Community Engagement Officer
bethan.varney@sheffcol.ac.uk
- Sophie Norris - Widening Participation Engagement Officer (HE)
sophie.norris@sheffcol.ac.uk

Step 3 - Confirmation

Confirmation of your booking will be sent or a member of the team will contact you to discuss bespoke requests.

OPEN DAYS

Open Days are an excellent opportunity for your students to look around our fantastic facilities, talk to our teaching staff and ask as many questions as they need to. Our curriculum areas will be hosting interactive activities on the day to give students a little snippet of what they can expect.

What happens?

Students will have the opportunity to:

- Meet the people who will be teaching them and have a chat about what the course involves
- Tour our fantastic facilities and see where they'll be learning
- Find out more about how to travel to our campuses, including our excellent bus, tram and rail links
- Speak to our job experts about careers they're interested in and what they need to do to get there
- Have a look at some examples of the work they'll be doing on the course
- Have a look at our sports teams and enrichment offer



Please visit www.sheffcol.ac.uk/open-days for more information or to book a place.



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