

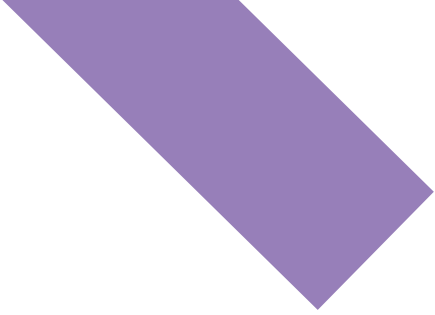


**The  
Sheffield  
Sixth Form**

**2026-2027**

A Level Guide

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# WELCOME

## Welcome to The Sheffield Sixth Form, the home of A Levels at The Sheffield College.

Our exciting range of qualifications allow you to easily pursue the career you're most interested in, enabling you to pinpoint your passion and set to work on achieving your ambitions.

You will be able to choose a blend of three academic and vocational subjects in line with your very own chosen route.

You'll also have the option to choose a career pathway to study from the sector that interests you most. These pathways each contain two pre-selected A Level subjects based on the skill sets that universities and employers are highlighting as the most important. You'll then choose your third A Level subject from the collection of related subjects in that sector.

Whichever route you select, studying with us will help you to gain the knowledge and skills for a place at university and a successful career in the sector you choose.

### **Dan Bell**

Assistant Principal –  
The Sheffield Sixth Form



### [Click here](#) to find out more about:

- Tips for picking A Levels
- Our location and facilities
- Student support
- Getting ready for university or work

# WHAT CAN I STUDY?

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What's the difference between A Level and vocational qualifications?

## A LEVELS

- Focus on theory to prepare for university
- Mainly exam-based academic qualifications

## VOCATIONAL

- Focus on practical skills for a specific career or industry
- Combination of coursework and exams



You will select three subjects out of the below in line with your chosen route. You can choose a combination of A Level and vocational qualifications:

## A LEVEL

- Art & Design
- Biology
- Business
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- Economics
- English Language
- English Literature
- Film Studies
- Geography
- History
- Law
- Mathematics
- Media
- Photography
- Physics
- Politics
- Psychology
- Sociology

## VOCATIONAL

- Criminology
- Applied Law
- Mental Health
- Health and Social Care
- Applied Science

# OUR CAREER PATHWAYS

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**If you already have a career path in mind, why not choose one of our career pathways?**

The subjects for each sector have been selected based on the key skill sets highlighted by careers information, universities, and employers as the most important for a career journey in these areas, meaning that you will be studying subjects that perfectly complement each other, helping you to gain the knowledge for a place at university or the first step on your career path.

## BUSINESS

A career in business could mean management, finance, law, marketing, or even starting your own business.

## WRITING

Exploring this sector could offer a career in journalism, authorship, editing and teaching to name a few.

## STEM

There are many career opportunities in this sector, with possibilities such as science, technology, engineering, maths, medical and environmental.



## CREATIVE ARTS

Pursuing the creative arts means you could land a career in photography, film, design or even artistry.

## HUMANITIES

Studying within this pathway will uncover opportunities within politics, geography, psychology and social work, plus many more.

## LAW

You could become a lawyer studying in this pathway, or kick-start a career as a police officer, a solicitor, a government official, or a charity worker, as well as many other possibilities.



[Click here](#) to find out more about each of our career pathways.





# IS THE SHEFFIELD SIXTH FORM RIGHT FOR YOU?

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Completing A Levels means studying three different subjects alongside each other, allowing you to tailor your studies to a specific career path or university course.

## KEY FEATURES

- Full-time study
- Study three subjects including A Levels or vocational qualifications, to tailor your learning to your career pathway
- Exam and coursework assessments
- Exclusive facilities in Sheffield city centre
- Enrichment opportunities that complement your chosen career or destination

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Vocational qualification: Average Point Score of 3.2
- 1 A Level and 2 vocational qualifications: Average Point Score of 3.5
- 2 A Levels and 1 vocational qualification: Average Point Score of 4.00
- 3 A Levels: Average Point Score of 4.5
- This includes GCSEs at grade 4 or higher in English Language and maths
- Certain A Levels will require additional entry grades in specific subjects

# CLASSROOM AND INDEPENDENT STUDY

- Your studies will include classroom learning, work experience and independent study, all of which is important preparation for university and beyond
- Studying A Levels requires a high level of independence, as you'll be expected to take responsibility for your own learning and work hard outside of lessons to achieve the best possible grades

## TUTORIALS

- At The Sheffield Sixth Form, you will meet with your Academic Tutor each week
- Your Tutorial Mentor will support you with any queries or support needs you may have
- They will also provide you with a fantastic support network and advise you about finances, exam stress and any additional learning needs that you may have

## TEACHING

- Many of our excellent teaching staff have worked, or are still working, in the industry that you're trying to break into
- The industry insight that our Tutors possess means that they are able to share their knowledge and experiences with you, including what to expect when you qualify, what problems you might experience and how to overcome them
- They can also open doors for networking and arrange behind-the-scenes trips into workplaces, giving you a fantastic advantage when it comes to applying for a job



[Click here](#) to find out more about studying A Levels at The Sheffield Sixth Form and our entry requirements

# WHAT ELSE CAN I STUDY?

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If you don't achieve the GCSE results that you were hoping for, then don't worry – we still have alternative options available for you, giving you the chance to re-sit and improve your GCSE results to achieve the required Average Point Score for entry into the two-year A Level and Vocational programme.

If you would like to choose one of these options, please discuss this with us.

## STUDENT SUPPORT

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At The Sheffield Sixth Form we have a fantastic Student Support Team who are always on hand to help you with any questions, concerns or problems that you might face while studying with us.

Our Student Support Team are based on campus and will help you with just about anything, including:

- Issues of a personal nature
- Travel to and from college
- Financial support
- In-class support
- Careers advice
- Support with exams
- Support with a learning or physical disability

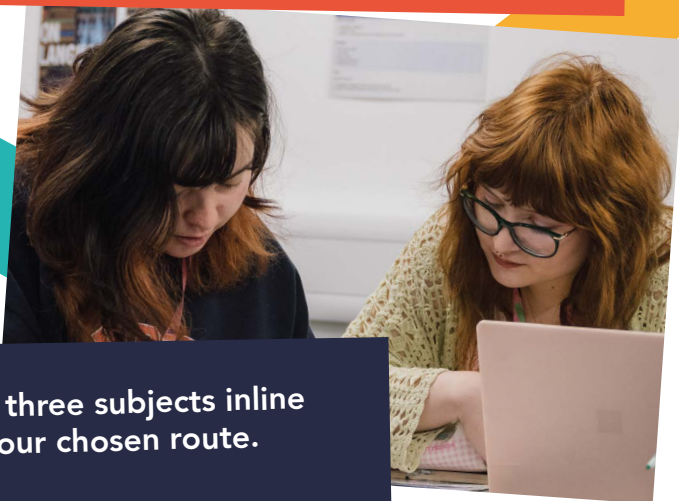


[Click here](#) to find out how we can support you.

# HOW TO APPLY

1

Head to [sixthform.sheffcol.ac.uk](https://sixthform.sheffcol.ac.uk) and click the sector that interests you most.



2

Select three subjects inline with your chosen route.

3

Click through and apply for your chosen areas.



[Click here](#) to view our available pathways.

# OPEN DAYS

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We hold Open Days throughout the year so you don't have to just take our word for why you should join us.

We want you to see for yourself!

Thursday

**23<sup>RD</sup>**

October 2025  
4pm – 7pm  
City Campus

Wednesday

**12<sup>TH</sup>**

November 2025  
4pm – 7pm  
City Campus

Thursday

**22<sup>ND</sup>**

January 2026  
4pm – 7pm  
City Campus

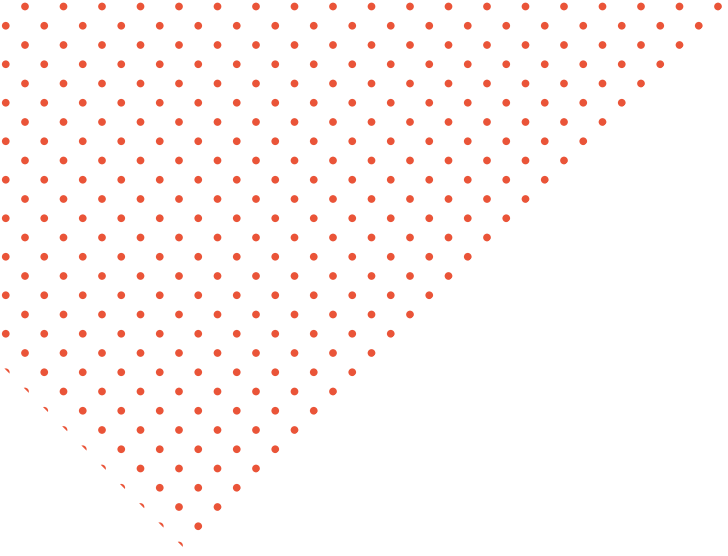
Tuesday

**10<sup>TH</sup>**

February 2026  
4pm – 6pm  
City Campus



[Click here](#) to find out more about our Open Days.



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