

## How to prepare for your first year with us



## Welcome

At The Sheffield Sixth Form we have an extensive range of A Levels to choose from. This allows you to tailor your study to a specific career path or university course, or to keep your options open for the future.

A Levels give you a unique opportunity to study three or four different subjects at the same time, as you work towards gaining UCAS points for university entry and developing your knowledge of the subject you choose.



Tim Binns  
Head of Sixth Form

## Summer Projects – What you can do to prepare to join us in September.

It is a very unusual time at present with people studying at home because of the coronavirus. We have produced a set of tasks that you can complete over the summer to help prepare you for joining us in September.

For each of your A Level choices, there is a **separate set of guides / tasks** that you can complete over the summer. Each is designed to take you about 15 hours of study. When you join us in September, we expect that for every 1 hour of study you do in the classroom, you complete 1 hour of study in your own time.

Remember, up until your enrolment in September, you can change your A Level options, so if you want to do more than 3 summer tasks then you can.

## Competition

With each A Level summer project, there is a competition with a prize of £30 Amazon voucher\*.

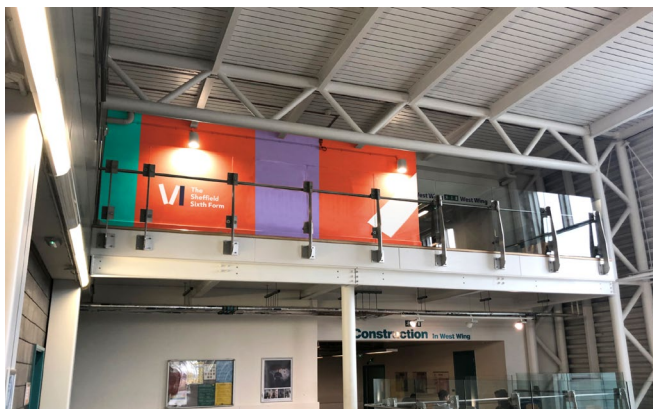
The deadline for all competition entries is Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2021 at 4pm. You will need to hand in your summer task, that you are doing for each of your A Levels during the relevant lesson during that week and there is a limit of one entry per applicant. We will spend the next week judging all the entries with winners notified by Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September.

We wish you all the best with your preparation but if you need any help with the tasks and the competition please could you email our A Level Administrator, Cheryl Jones, on [Cheryl.jones@sheffcol.ac.uk](mailto:Cheryl.jones@sheffcol.ac.uk).

The Sixth Form has its own Common Room just for A Level students that is equipped with a kettle, comfy chairs and a study area.



Please note\*. The winner can claim their £30 Amazon Voucher only if they are enrolled as an A level student as at 11am on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2021.



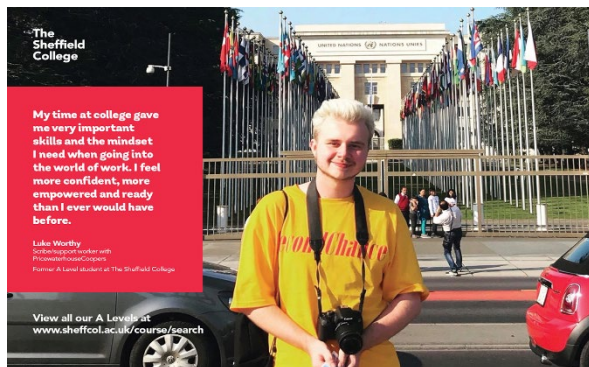
Nearly all of your lessons will be taught in the West Wing of The Sheffield College's City Campus. This picture shows the entrance to the West Wing via the balcony and the Sixth Form Common Room.

### How is each A Level assessed?

Courses are assessed through coursework and end of year exams. Academic study skills (such as research, referencing and essay writing) are also embedded within all our A Levels as we help you develop transferable skills required for university and your career.

All of our current A Level offer is listed below. Next to each A Level in the table below, we have listed how your A Level is assessed. We will test you every 4 weeks to get you used to exam questions and also include at least 2 mock exams under exam conditions during each academic year. We will give you feedback to help you improve and gain a higher grade.

A Level	How is it assessed
Fine Art	Coursework and Timed Assessment
Biology	Practical Endorsement and Exam
Business	Exam only
Chemistry	Practical Endorsement and Exam
Criminology	Course work and Exam in year 1 and year 2
Computer Science	Coursework and Exam
English Language	Coursework and Exam
English Literature	Coursework and Exam
Economics	Exam only
Film Studies	Coursework and Exam
Geography	Coursework and Exam with 4 educational mandatory visits
Law	Exam only
History	Coursework and Exam
Media Studies	Coursework and Exam
Maths	Exam only
Photography	Coursework and Timed Assessment
Physics	Practical Endorsement and Exam
Politics	Exam only
Psychology	Exam only
Sociology	Exam only



## Student Support

We have a range of support available to help you study. Have a look at the following information and see if you are eligible for any of the financial support options. If you would like to check your eligibility or want to enquire further, please talk to us as soon as possible.

### Free college meals

If you meet the eligibility criteria we'll be able to support you with free meals. You'll get a set amount of money that you can use within the college shops and diners each day you're in. This will be added to your student ID card which allows you to purchase items via our contactless system.

### 19 + Advanced Learner Loan

If you are aged 19 or over, there could be a loan available to help fund your study. You can find full details at [www.gov.uk/advanced-learner-loan](http://www.gov.uk/advanced-learner-loan)

### Travel Pass

Students who live in South Yorkshire are eligible for a 16-18 Travel Pass, entitling pass holders to cheaper travel on buses and trams in South Yorkshire. Pass holders are also entitled to half fare on Northern train services in South Yorkshire.

You can apply for a student pass at [www.travelsouthyorkshire.com/student-passes](http://www.travelsouthyorkshire.com/student-passes) or purchase a value pass from us at reception, including a college-specific product for all ages.

### Student Support Fund

Students who are enrolled with us may receive support towards the cost of:

- travel
- books and materials
- uniform and equipment
- essential course trips
- NUS card
- DBS checks needed for your course (previously known as CRB)
- childcare

If childcare is affecting your opportunity for further study and you are aged 19 or under, you may be able to get extra help via the Care to Learn Scheme.

Go to [www.gov.uk/care-to-learn](http://www.gov.uk/care-to-learn) for more information.

If you are aged 20+, you can apply for the 20+ Childcare Fund - contact our Financial Support Team for more details on all of the above at [financial-support@sheffcol.ac.uk](mailto:financial-support@sheffcol.ac.uk)