



**The
Sheffield
Sixth Form**

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A Level
Prospectus



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OPEN DAYS

We are currently planning for our January and March Open Days to be hosted virtually. We will update our website throughout the year to confirm how and when we will be delivering our Open Days in 2021.



For more information and to find out how to join our Virtual Open Day please visit www.sheffcol.ac.uk/open-days

From 4pm – 7pm

All information is available at our Virtual Open Days.

For more information, please visit sixthform.sheffcol.ac.uk

WELCOME

Are you thinking about leaving school and keen to make a fresh start?

The Sheffield Sixth Form is the home of A Levels at The Sheffield College, and is ready to welcome you!

We provide an exciting subject offer at our dedicated sixth form based within the West Wing of The Sheffield College's City Campus, to help you go further in your career.

Our sixth form is set to grow. During the last academic year 2019/20, we saw some fantastic results with the pass rate rising to 98%.

What's more, 68% of students achieved at least one A* to B grade and the majority of A Level subject areas achieved a 100% pass rate.

The Sheffield Sixth Form at City Campus, which is close to Sheffield city centre and well served by bus, tram and train routes, has its own facilities including a common room.

You can choose to study three or four A Levels, and you will also get support with study skills, university and job applications, industry tasters and enrichment activities.

We will provide you with independent careers information, advice and guidance to help you achieve your career goals, and you'll be able to enjoy other aspects of college life through our enrichment activities.

Our students progress to a wide range of exciting destinations including top universities, Apprenticeships and employment.

We look forward to welcoming you!



Angela Foulkes,
Chief Executive and Principal
The Sheffield College

LOCATION AND FACILITIES

The Sheffield Sixth Form is based at The Sheffield College's City Campus in the heart of Sheffield city centre. City Campus is easily accessible and well serviced by bus, tram and train routes across Sheffield and the surrounding areas. We are just a short walk from Sheffield's:

train station	bus station	city centre
		
5 minutes	10 minutes	15 minutes

The Sheffield Sixth Form provides students with:

- interactive classrooms with the latest technology
- exclusive access to a common room
- social spaces

As well as the facilities in The Sheffield Sixth Form, students will also have access to all facilities at City Campus, including:

- Learning Resource Centre
- Student Central
- Refectory
- Sports hall and fitness suite
- The Silver Plate Restaurant
- Revive Hair and Beauty Salon



ARE A LEVELS FOR YOU?

At The Sheffield Sixth Form we have an extensive range of A Levels for you 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 in the subjects you choose.

Subjects can be assessed through exams but can also include coursework. Academic study skills (such as research, referencing and essay writing) are also embedded within all our A Levels as we help you develop the transferable skills required for university and your career.

Entry requirements:

3 A Levels

5 GCSEs at grade 4 or higher, including English Language and Maths

4 A Levels

6 GCSEs at grade 6 or higher, including English Language and Maths

Additional entry requirements for specific subjects are shown on the relevant course pages of this prospectus.



Phoenix Dolan,

English Language, Film Studies and History. Now studying a Degree in Marketing Communications and Advertising at Sheffield Hallam University.

"I'm happy with my results. I've enjoyed the atmosphere as it is less rigid than being at school."



TOP TIPS FOR PICKING A LEVELS

Choose what you're interested in

A Levels last for two years. Two years is a long time to study any subject, so make sure that you choose subjects which you have a passion for as you will be expected to put the work in outside of the classroom.

Think about what you want to study at university

If you already have your eye on a specific course at university, it is worth checking the entry requirements for that course before you choose your A Levels. As well as UCAS points, some universities require additional entry requirements, such as A Level-specific subjects, so it is important that you plan ahead.

Choose subjects which complement each other

If you have a set idea about one or two of the subjects that you want to study but not the others, then it makes sense for you to choose subjects which are linked to your initial choices. It will help you develop a more rounded and thorough understanding of all subjects. We have developed a pathway approach to help you with this.

Keep your options open

Of course, it's also completely fine if you don't know what you want to study next. A Levels are also great for keeping your options open by choosing a variety of different subjects. Make sure you still think about studying what you are interested in and what you are good at.

GETTING YOU READY FOR UNIVERSITY OR WORK

At The Sheffield Sixth Form, we're here to help you go further. We will support your progression to university, Higher or Degree Apprenticeships, or employment in a number of ways.

If you are hoping to apply for university, we will make sure that you are fully equipped with all the information you need to make the right decision. Throughout the year, we will prepare you by organising:

- trips to UCAS exhibitions and university fairs
- visits to universities around the country
- inspirational guest speakers and alumni
- workshops about decision making, student finance and how to apply through UCAS

University is not your only opportunity, though. We also work hard to prepare you for employment by giving you the opportunity to make yourself stand out from the crowd. To complement your studies we will arrange:

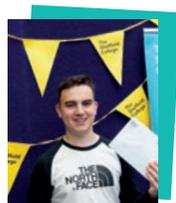
- careers talks
- masterclasses from industry experts
- visits to the workplace in a variety of industries
- opportunities for work experience and mentoring
- opportunities to work on projects set by employers
- exhibitions to display work or make presentations



Kat Padmore,

English Literature, Film Studies and Media Studies.
Now studying a Degree in Filmmaking at the
University of Leeds.

“Studying at The Sheffield Sixth Form has been the best educational experience of my life. I’ve really enjoyed my subjects, the teachers are great and I’ve had so much fun. The SEND team has been incredible – I couldn’t have done it without them.”



Lewis Robinson,

Media Studies, English Language and Sociology. Now
studying a Degree in Journalism and Multimedia at the
University of Salford’s Media City UK.

“I’m really pleased with my results. Coming here has really opened up different ways of learning.”



TEACHING

Insight, knowledge, passion and commitment. Experts of their field. Many of our excellent teaching staff have worked, or are still working, in the industry that you are trying to break into.

They are all about you. It's their job to support you on your career path from start to finish.

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. It also means that they can open doors for networking and arrange unrivalled behind-the-scenes trips to the workplace.

This experience is invaluable to your progression and their passion for the industry gives you a fantastic advantage when it comes to applying for a job.



INDEPENDENT STUDY

During A Level study you will be expected to work hard outside of your lessons in order to achieve the highest grades possible.

In a typical week you will need to spend 37 hours on your studies. This is comprised of classroom learning, tutorials, work experience and independent work which is important preparation for university.

TUTORIALS

In addition to your A Level subjects, you will also meet with your Tutorial Mentor each week. Your Tutorial Mentor is there to support you with any queries or support needs you may have.

Our tutorials provide you with a fantastic support network and advise you about support with finances, exam stress or additional learning support needs.



Alex Durham,

English Language, English Literature and History. Now studying American Studies and Politics at the University of Sussex.



"I am really pleased with my results! It's been a great experience studying at the college. I made a good decision going back into education."



Katie Wells,

English Language, Geography and Film Studies. Katie progressed to study BA Primary Education with QTS at Sheffield Hallam University.

"All of my Tutors went above and beyond to help me succeed with my studies. They took my dyslexia in to account, providing me with support and encouragement when I was preparing for university interviews and pre-entry exams."

STUDENT SUPPORT

We understand the stresses that come with studying. Our fantastic Student Support Team are here to help you with any questions, concerns or problems that you might face with us.

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

- issues of a personal nature
- travel to and from college
- financial support
- in-class support
- support with exams
- support with a learning or physical disability

For more information, please contact info@sheffcol.ac.uk

GO FURTHER WITH CAREERS

Careers advice

We know that the decisions you make now can help shape your future career and path to university.

As a student at The Sheffield Sixth Form, you will work closely with our Careers Team to help you plan your future.

We will work with you individually, talking you through your ideas and looking at the progression options open to you.

You will also be able to access advice through in-class sessions, or at careers fairs and events that we hold regularly.

For example, we will support you through the UCAS application process or keep you up-to-speed with new opportunities and pathways in the ever-changing job market.

You can contact our Careers Team on CEIAG@sheffcol.ac.uk



MONEY

We will always do our best to support you through your studies, this includes helping with finances. We have a specialist support team who can give you all the advice you need, including what financial support might be available to you so that you don't go short during your studies.

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

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/studentpasses 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

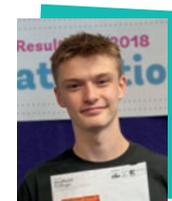
 DBS checks needed for your course (previously known as CRB)

 childcare

Please contact financial-support@sheffcol.ac.uk for more information.

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 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 the above at financial-support@sheffcol.ac.uk



Sam Wright,
 English Language, Film Studies and Psychology.
 Sam progressed to study a football scholarship at
 a university in America.

"I'm really pleased with my results. I worked really hard during the last year and it's paid off. I owe a lot to my lecturers, they have been brilliant and so supportive. I'm looking forward to moving to the States. I've always wanted to do something different."

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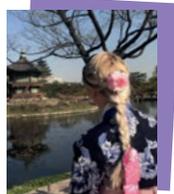
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Robyn Tyler,

Maths, Biology and Chemistry. Now studying Pharmaceutical Science at the University of Nottingham.



"I am really, really pleased with my grades. I just love science. It's so important to all of our lives."



Bella Degg,

English Literature, English Language and Sociology. Bella progressed to the University of Sheffield to study BA Korean Studies.

"I learnt academic skills that I can now put to use at university, including exam techniques, essay writing and referencing. I went on to study BA Korean Studies where I studied intensive Korean language and other cultural modules such as politics and history surrounding Korea and East Asia."

BIOLOGY

100%
PASS RATE
on this course

This course will suit you if you wish to have a career or study a degree in a biological science.

It will introduce you to more complex theory than you will have covered at GCSE, as well as develop the necessary practical and analytical skills needed for further study.

You will study a wide range of key elements such as human, animal and plant cells, biological molecules, genetics and ecology.

Key units:

Year 1

Biological molecules (proteins, lipids, carbohydrates, enzymes, nucleic acids)
Cells and cell structure, and membranes
Transport (osmosis, diffusion, active transport) and plant transport
The cardiovascular system
The gas exchange system

Year 2

Nervous and hormonal control of systems
The biochemistry of respiration and photosynthesis
Excretion
Genetics and gene technology (cloning and genetic engineering)
Ecology

Additional GCSE entry requirements:

- Grade 9-6 in Maths
- Grade 9-6 in Biology (if sciences studied separately)
- Grade 9-6 in Double Science, or Core Science and Additional Science

BUSINESS STUDIES

**100%
PASS RATE**
on this course

This A Level covers all aspects of business relevant in today's economic climate. You will look at key developments in the business world, including digital technology, business ethics and globalisation which is of particular importance in the UK in the wake of the Brexit referendum.

Throughout the course you will learn about what businesses do and how they do it, what factors are likely to make businesses successful, and practical information about the legal and financial requirements of the business world.

Key units:

Year 1

The four functional areas of a business; finance, marketing, HR and operations

The interrelated nature of business functions and how they affect competitiveness

The competitive environment and the markets in which businesses operate

The influences on functional decisions and plans

The importance of decision making and the factors that might determine whether a decision is successful

Year 2

The impact of technology on strategic decision making

The influences of Corporate Social Responsibility, ethical and environmental issues on strategic decisions

The difficulties in forecasting future trends

The importance of assessing feasibility and risk when making strategic decisions

The impact of stakeholders on strategic decisions and their response to such decisions



CHEMISTRY

Knowledge of chemistry is fundamental to an understanding of biology and biochemistry, and of certain aspects of geology, astronomy, physics and engineering.

This course aims to:

- develop your interest in, and enthusiasm for, chemistry, including developing an interest in further study and careers in chemistry
- appreciate how society makes decisions about scientific issues and how the sciences contribute to the success of the economy and society
- develop and demonstrate a deeper appreciation of the skills, knowledge and understanding of “How Science Works”
- develop essential knowledge and understanding of different areas of chemistry and how they relate to each other

Key units:

Year 1	Year 2
Atomic structure	Concepts from year 1 are developed further
Bonding	
Reactions associated both with inorganic and organic chemistry	
Modern analytical techniques	
The link between chemistry and the environment	

Additional GCSE entry requirements:

- Grade 9-6 in Maths
- Grade 9-6 in Chemistry (if sciences studied separately)
- Grade 9-6 in Double Science, or Core Science and Additional Science

COMPUTER SCIENCE

NEW FOR 2021/22

A Level Computer Science is an exciting but demanding subject that will help you develop an analytical, problem-solving approach which is sometimes called ‘computational thinking’.

The course will equip you with the fundamentals of problem-solving which you will put into practice by developing computer programs using Visual Basic .NET. It is crucial that you spend time every week developing your programming skills outside lessons. In the second year of the course, you will undertake a significant programming project which you will choose yourself.

In A Level Computer Science, students learn the principles of computation and algorithms, computer programming, machine data representation, computer systems (hardware and software), computer organisation and architecture, communications and networking, databases and the consequences of using computing

Computer science is a discipline which requires thinking both in abstract and in concrete terms. On a higher level, computer science is concerned with problem solving: modelling and analysing problems, designing solutions, and implementing them. Problem-solving requires precision, creativity, and careful reasoning.

This OCR A Level Computer Science can be studied alongside Maths, Physics and Economics.

Key units:

Computer systems	Programming project
Algorithms and programming	

CRIMINOLOGY

Criminology is the study of the reasons why individuals commit crimes. By understanding why a person commits a crime, we can develop ways to control crime or rehabilitate the criminal. There are many theories in criminology.

This course will offer you an exciting insight into the field of criminology. You will study crime, deviance and the criminal justice system. You will develop your understanding of the key concepts, theories and principles of criminology, and their application across a range of case studies and examples.

Knowing about the different types of crime and the criminological approaches to theory will give you a sharper insight into the kind of thinking used by experts and politicians to explain crime and criminality. Public law makers are informed by theory and apply these theories to their own solutions to the problem of crime.

Key units:

Changing awareness of crime	Crime scene to courtroom
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Criminological theories	Crime and punishment
.....

Forensic Science pathway:

We have developed a new Forensic Science pathway that allows learners to study the A Level Criminology course alongside the BTEC Level 3 Diploma Applied Science that supports progression to higher education courses in forensics and criminology. This course may be suitable for those learners who wish to pursue a more practical approach to learning.



ECONOMICS

NEW FOR 2021/22

Economics includes the study of how people behave and interact with each other, as well as the dynamic between consumers, manufacturers and government.

You'll look at the fundamental forces which affect our lives, such as employment, prices, international trade and poverty. Economists are often in healthy debate with each other over these issues and it is this controversy which makes the subject lively and interesting, and which allows you the opportunity to make your own judgements and form your own opinions. There are several definitions of economics, with each trying to encapsulate the essence of the subject. However, most textbooks seem to agree that "economics concerns the allocation of society's scarce resources amongst the many alternative uses to which they could be put."

Students develop the knowledge and skills needed to understand and analyse data, think critically about issues and make informed decisions. They will also build upon their quantitative skills and appreciate that, when evaluating arguments, both qualitative and quantitative evidence are important.

This AQA A Level Economics can be studied alongside Maths, Sociology, Psychology, Politics, Geography and Business.

Key units:

Individuals, firms, markets and market failure

The national and international economy

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

100%
PASS RATE
on this course

The study of the English Language A Level allows you to refine and develop your powers of reading, writing and analysis, whilst preparing you for possible study at university. You will read and explore the use of language in a variety of texts, including advertisements, newspaper articles, short stories, speech transcripts, social media, letters and travel writing. This will include exploring how people, events, places and cultures are represented within those media.

You will also study theories concerning language itself, including language change, gender, accent and dialect, teen sociolect and child language development.

Key units:

Paper 1

Language, the individual and society

Textual analysis and essay on child language development

Paper 2

Language, diversity and change

Essay, analysis and opinion article on change and diversity topics

Non-Exam Assessment (NEA coursework): Language investigation and original writing

Additional GCSE entry requirements:

- Grade 9-5 in English Language

ENGLISH LITERATURE



On this course you will look at the way writers shape meaning through form, structure and language, and how texts relate to their historical and social contexts. The course develops your powers of analysis, and your reading and writing skills. It also encourages personal response and engagement with texts and, hopefully, a love of literature.

The core content of the course includes exploring texts in the key areas of love through the ages, texts in shared contexts (WW1 and its aftermath) and independent critical study. The course involves studying prose, drama and poetry.

The important study skills needed for this course are literacy: reading and writing. The key intellectual skills are an enquiring mind and a willingness to engage in literary debate.

Key units:

Paper 1 – Love through the ages

- one Shakespeare text
- one prose
- one poetry text

Paper 2 – Texts in shared contexts (WW1 and its aftermath)

- one prose
- one drama
- one poetry text

NEA (coursework) is a comparative essay on two texts. This is 20% of the overall A Level.

- Grade 9-5 in English Language

FILM STUDIES



Film Studies is designed to deepen your understanding, appreciation and enjoyment of film - the major art form of the twentieth century.

You will engage with a wide range of different kinds of films, developing skills of observation, critical analysis and personal reflection. You will have the ability to develop your creativity and practical skills by storyboarding and developing films, either in audio-visual or written form.

Key units:

Year 1

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- A comparative study of the classic Hollywood era and the new Hollywood era
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- A study of American film with focus on two key films
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- A study of British film with focus on two key texts
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Year 2

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- Understanding of world cinema, film genre and audiences
-
- Global film analysis of one European film and one produced outside Europe; documentary film and film movements, including silent cinema and experimental film
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You will also begin work on a practical film production that will be completed in Year 2. In your production session you will undertake research into film and develop a creative production based on your work.

FINE ART

**100%
PASS RATE**
on this course

Fine Art will allow you to learn and experiment with new techniques in order to develop as an artist. In addition to experimenting with a whole range of drawing and painting materials, you will also have the opportunity to try printmaking, collage, photography and mixed media.

Throughout the course you will also learn by looking at the work of a number of modern and contemporary artists, and will gain the confidence to analyse and understand their ideas and techniques so that you can use this knowledge to develop your own work.

To begin with coursework projects are Tutor directed. As the course progresses you will increasingly become a more independent learner and develop work based on your own interests and ideas.

There will be various enrichment opportunities offered throughout the course, largely comprising of visits to exhibitions, both locally and nationally.

Key units:

Component 1

Personal investigation (supporting studies, practical work and a personal study)

Component 2

Externally set assignment (preparatory studies and 15-hour period of sustained focus)

Additional GCSE entry requirements:

- Grade 4 or above in an art-related subject



GEOGRAPHY

100%
PASS RATE
on this course

Geography is a subject that seeks to understand the earth and the effects that human activity is increasingly having on it. This A Level will particularly appeal to you if you like asking questions and finding answers.

You will learn to think independently so that you can understand geographical issues from a variety of viewpoints.

Recent geographical events will be incorporated into the course and students will be encouraged to follow them on the news.

Key units:

Year 1

Tectonic hazards

Coastal landscapes

Globalisation

Urban and rural regeneration

Year 2

Water cycle and insecurity

Carbon cycle and energy security

Superpowers

Health and human rights

Additionally, you will undertake a personal investigation which is based on your own fieldwork study. This is handed in during the second year.

HISTORY

100%
PASS RATE
on this course

History is a broad subject that covers a variety of skills and knowledge areas.

This course focuses on British and European history in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries.

Throughout the course, we aim to stimulate your interest in the past and your appreciation of the importance of history in the contemporary world. We also aim to develop your understanding of the controversial nature of history and your skills of historical enquiry.

You will experience a mix of learning activities in class, and will be given a variety of tasks and assignments to be completed in your own time. This will mainly be on assignments set by your Tutors, but you will also be encouraged to take personal responsibility for your learning through self-assigned tasks such as extended research and note making.

Key units:

Year 1

German history from 1918 to 1989

Italian history from 1911 to 1946

Year 2

French wars (1793-1815)

Crimean War (1854-56)

Second Boer War (1899-1902)

First World War (1914-18)

Your second year will also include the undertaking of coursework which focuses on the development of representation and democracy in Britain over the period 1830-1930, with a particular emphasis on the causes of change over the 100-year period.



LAW

Law is an exciting and dynamic subject that governs every aspect of our lives, from conception to exhumation. It is a vital discipline and one which is respected by many universities because of the essential skills it develops. You will learn how the legal system operates in both civil and criminal law, and study key criminal offences/defences.

The aim of this course is to develop:

- knowledge and understanding of the English legal system, and areas of both private and public law within the law of England and Wales
- an understanding of legal method and reasoning as used by lawyers and the judiciary
- application of the techniques of legal method and reasoning to analyse and offer answers to problems based on legal principles, legislation and case law
- the ability to construct conclusions and communicate legal arguments by reference to appropriate legal authorities
- the ability to communicate persuasive legal arguments by reference to appropriate legal authorities, and to be able to demonstrate critical awareness of the influence and operation of the law in society

Key units:

The legal system and criminal law

Law making and the law of tort

Further law

MATHEMATICS



Mathematics is the study of quantity, structure, space and change. The mathematician Benjamin Peirce called mathematics “the science that draws necessary conclusions” and that is exactly what you’ll do on this course.

During the first year of the course you will study the content of the AS Mathematics syllabus. This will build on your knowledge and skills from GCSE, and equip you with a strong knowledge base in the key areas of mathematics such as algebra and calculus. This is assessed by two examinations in the summer term; one for each of the main topic areas of pure maths and applied maths. This will normally be by an internally set college paper to assess your progress on to the second year or the formal, externally set AS exam.

During the second year, students will further develop the new concepts and techniques studied at AS.

Key units:

Year 1	Year 2
Algebra	Further calculus
Calculus	Further trigonometry
Trigonometry	Functions
Exponentials	Series
Curve sketching	Further statistics
Statistics	Further mechanics
Mechanics	

Additional GCSE entry requirements:

- Grade 9-6 in Maths

MEDIA STUDIES



Media Studies is a theoretical and creative practical course in which you will learn about media texts, audiences and institutions in relation to the magazine, television, film, advertising and multi-media industries. Throughout the course you will cover a variety of areas, both theoretical and practical.

You will learn how to plan and create your own media from a specific brief, developing your technical skills and demonstrating your understanding of theoretical concepts. You will also learn about how the media represents different segments of society and how it is consumed.

Key units:

- Advertisements, news articles, computer games, magazines and films
- Media issues and media representations
- Media regulation and censorship
- New technologies
- Textual construction
- Individual research project
- Creating a media product (such as creating a magazine for students, a promotional campaign for a film or a music video)

PHOTOGRAPHY

100%
PASS RATE
on this course

A Level Photography is an exciting course which challenges you to apply technical understanding to conceptual photo-based project work. You will learn to use professional digital camera technologies and industry standard software to produce a creative portfolio.

In addition to this, you will be trained to shoot on location in Sheffield's vibrant city centre where you will learn to capture a variety of different shots.

You will be introduced to a variety of experiences that explore a range of photographic media, techniques and processes, including the use of both traditional and new technologies. You will explore relevant images, artefacts and resources relating to a range of art, craft and design from the past and from recent times, including European and non-European examples.

Key units:

You are required to work in one or more area(s) of photography such as those listed below. You may explore overlapping areas and combinations of areas:

.....
portraiture
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landscape photography (working from the urban, rural and/or coastal environment)
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still life photography (working from objects or from the natural world)
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documentary photography, photojournalism
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fashion photography
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experimental imagery
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.....
multimedia
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.....
photographic installation
.....

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moving image (video, film, animation)
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Additional GCSE entry requirements:

- Grade 4 or above in an art-related subject

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

NEW FOR 2021/22

Our Physical Education A Level qualification allow students to play to their strengths and gain dynamic skills for further education and a healthy future.

The course will give you a fantastic insight into the amazing world of sports performance. Not only will you have the chance to perform or coach a sport through the non-exam assessment component, you will also develop a wide-ranging knowledge into the how and why of Physical activity and sport.

This course can be studied alongside other A Level subjects such as Psychology and Biology, Chemistry and Maths.

Please note that one day a week will be taught at our Hillsborough Campus to take advantage of the high quality sports facilities with your remaining time being taught at the City Campus.

Key units:

Paper 1

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Applied anatomy and physiology
.....

.....
Skill acquisition
.....

.....
Sport and society
.....

Paper 2

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Exercise physiology and biomechanics
.....

.....
Sport psychology
.....

.....
Sport and society and technology in sport
.....

30% Non-Exam assessment (NEA) giving you the opportunity to apply the theory to your own sporting performance (as either a coach or a practitioner) and also to analyse performance in your chosen sport.

Additional entry requirements:

You will need to take part in a sport at a competitive level for this A Level. Sports are wide-ranging and can include gymnastics, athletics, cricket, canoeing, cycling, football, hockey, kayaking, rock climbing, rugby, tennis, windsurfing, sailing, triathlon, boccia, blind cricket and more. You could also be part of one of our sport academies such as basketball.

PHYSICS

100%
PASS RATE
on this course

A Level Physics builds your current knowledge of science and physics, and expands your learning into more complex areas, including particle matter, quantum phenomena and electricity.

As well as your theoretical learning, you will develop investigative and practical skills as you apply that learning to experimental applications. This hands-on approach encourages an appreciation of the big picture in physics and aids in the development of rational thinking.

You will look at particles and quantum phenomena, electricity, mechanics, materials and waves. Then you will delve into further mechanics before exploring the fascinating areas of nuclear physics, medical imaging techniques, thermal physics and astrophysics.



Additional GCSE entry requirements:

- Grade 9-6 Maths
- Grade 9-6 Physics (if sciences studied separately)
- Grade 9-6 in Double Science, or Core Science and Additional Science

POLITICS

NEW FOR 2021/22

As a politics student, you will develop knowledge and an informed understanding of contemporary political structures and issues in their historical context, both within the UK and globally.

You will also develop a critical awareness of the changing nature of politics and the relationships between political ideas, institutions and processes, as well as develop knowledge and an informed understanding of the influences and interests which have an impact on decisions in government and politics.

You will explore the rights and responsibilities of individuals and groups, the ability to critically analyse, interpret and evaluate political information to form arguments and make judgements and also develop an interest in, and engagement with, contemporary politics.

It will be expected that you will take part in the college's clubs and societies and take a role in either representing your local community and college to gain experience as a position of responsibility and further develop your political industrial skills

This AQA A Level Politics can be studied alongside History, Economics, Law, Sociology, Psychology and Business.

Key units:

Government and politics of the UK

Government and politics of the USA and comparative politics

Political ideas

PSYCHOLOGY

Psychology is the study of human behaviour, and aims to explain how we develop and predict patterns of behaviour by using scientific observation and experimentation.

You will learn about how our behaviour is influenced by other people and external stimuli such as stress, how psychology is employed by the media and psycho pathology. You'll also study and explore different research methods and how to apply these to psychological experiments.

Psychology can lead to careers in clinical psychology or research, and can provide a good balance to other subjects. The skills you will learn in psychology are highly transferable and will be of benefit to you at university and employment. For instance, you'll develop critical reasoning skills (essential for any degree course), learn to analyse and interpret data, and how to put across your point of view fluently.

Key units:

Social influence

Memory

Attachment

Psychopathology

Biopsychology

Approaches in psychology

Research methods

Issues and debates in psychology

Schizophrenia

Relationships

Forensic psychology

Additional GCSE entry requirements:

- Grade 9-5 English Language and Maths, and at least one science subject depending on future progression.

SOCIOLOGY

100%
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on this course

Sociology is one of the social sciences and tries to understand human behaviour in the wider context of society. It particularly concerns the study of social life, offering different explanations and evidence for what affects our social behaviour. Sociologists are also interested in the historical development of societies.

We can all see evidence of social influences and factors, and statistically there are correlations between aspects of social life which sociologists debate. For example, it is widely known that poorer people have worse health and life expectancy than wealthier citizens – but why? It is clear that females commit fewer crimes than males – but why? These would be just two questions you might study and there will not necessarily be any definitive answers.

Sociology will make you look at everyday life in lots of new ways, so be prepared to be challenged!

Key units:

Year 1

Education with theory and methods

Education

Methods in context

Theory and methods

Optional content 1) Culture and identity
2) Families and households 3) Health
4) Work, poverty and welfare

Year 2

Crime and deviance

Theory and methods

Optional content 1) Beliefs in society
2) Global development 3) The media
4) Stratification and differentiation



HOW TO APPLY

1

If you're currently in Year 11 and at school in Sheffield, Rotherham or Barnsley, you will apply online through Sheffield Progress. Your school will support you through this process.

If you are applying from outside of Sheffield, you can apply on our website by clicking 'Apply Now' on the pages of the A Levels you are interested in.

2

We'll let you know when we've received your application

Check online at Sheffield Progress or, if you have applied through our website, keep an eye on your emails for acknowledgement of receipt.

3

Application processing

Our expert team will process your application. Please make sure your contact details are accurate as we may need to contact you to discuss further.

4

Your first choice

We will invite you for an interview. It's nothing formal, we just want to make sure the subjects are right for you.

5

Offer made

We'll make you a conditional offer and remind you of the entry requirements. If you don't think you'll get the grades, don't worry. We will help you explore alternative options.

6

Keeping in touch

If anything changes before you start, let us know. Just get in touch and we'll help you move forward or apply for something else.

7

Give us a try

You'll be invited to attend an admissions event to meet your Tutors and some of your classmates.

8

Enrol

You'll be invited to attend a welcome event or enrolment session (we'll contact you with the exact date and time). You'll need to bring things like your exam certificates and ID with you. If you don't get the grades for the A Levels you applied for, come to enrolment anyway and we can arrange an alternative subject or study programme for you.





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