



Post 16 Evening
Wednesday 25th October
2017



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:

Mrs Anne Ashmore
Assistant Head Teacher

We would like to welcome:



Chorus Education Trust
Head of Sixth Form – Richard Horton



Julie Measures – Careers Advisor



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 if you have received grade 3's initially. It is usually completed as part of a level 2 course.
GCE AS Levels (Advanced Subsidiary Level)	AS results will no longer count towards an A level. AS courses will be linear assessments typically taking place after one year of study. <i>To check on changes to AS and A levels go to:</i> www.ofqual.gov.uk/qualification-reform/a-level-reform
GCE A Levels (Advanced Level)	A levels are studied over 2 years with assessment taking place at the end of the second year. Most subjects have now been reformed to this format.
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 Level 1, 2 and 3.
BTEC Level 2 Diploma BTEC Level 3 Diploma and Extended Diploma	The BTEC Level 2 is a 1-year Vocational Course that could lead to BTEC Level 3 Diploma. Four grade 3's are required for the BTEC Level 2. BTEC Level 3 Diploma is a two-year course equivalent to 2 A levels and requires four grade 4's or above including English Language and Maths BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma is a two year course equivalent to 3 A levels and requires five grade 4's or above including English Language and Maths.
Level 1 and Entry Level	These courses come into the Foundation Learning set of qualifications.
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 GCSE at grades 3 and above 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 GCSE's at a minimum of grade 3 to start an Intermediate or Level 2 Apprenticeship. and 5 GCSE's at grade 4 or above (including English Language) for a Level 3/Advanced 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>	
Silverdale Sixth Form	Wednesday 15 th November 6.30pm - Onwards	www.silverdale.sheffield.sch.uk
Birkdale Sixth Form	Tuesday 14 th November 6.45pm - Onwards	www.birkdaleprepschool.org.uk
All Saints Sixth Form	Saturday 11 th November 10am – 12pm	www.allsaints.sheffield.sch.uk
High Storrs Sixth Form	Tuesday 7 th November 6.30pm – 9pm	www.highstorrs.co.uk
King Egbert Sixth Form	Thursday 16 th November 6.30pm - Onwards	www.ecgbert.sheffield.sch.uk
King Edward VII Sixth Form	Thursday 23 rd November 7pm- Onwards	www.kes.sheffield.sch.uk
Meadowhead Sixth Form	Wednesday 8 th November 6pm – 8pm	www.meadowhead.sheffield.sch.uk
Notre Dame Sixth Form	Saturday 18 th November 10am – 12pm	www.notredame-high.org.uk
Dronfield Henry Fanshawe	16 th November 6pm - Onwards	www.dronfield.derbyshire.sch.uk
Tapton Sixth Form	Tuesday 21 st November 7pm – 9pm	www.taptonschool.co.uk
The Sheffield College (all sites- Sheffield City College, Olive Grove, Hillsborough and Peaks College)	Thursday 12 th October Monday 20 th November Tuesday 23 rd January Wednesday 7 th March Thursday 17 th May All 3.30pm to 7pm	www.sheffcol.ac.uk
University Technical College (UTC) Sheffield	Various subject specific dates, please check the website	www.utcsheffield.org.uk (book a place via the website)
Chesterfield College	Wednesday 18 th October 4.30pm to 7pm	www.chesterfield.ac.uk
Thomas Rotherham College	Tuesday 7 th November Thursday 8 th February 3.30pm – 7pm	www.thomroth.ac.uk
Rotherham College	Wednesday 22 nd November 3.30pm – 6.30pm	www.rotherham.ac.uk
Sheffield Park Academy	Saturday 18 th November 10am – 12pm	www.sheffieldpark-academy.org
Longley Park Sixth Form	Saturday 18 th November 10am – 2pm	www.longleypark.ac.uk

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?

The Careers Hub is open in school 5 days a week if students, parents or carers require any advice on post 16 pathways or a general enquiry on what to do next, please contact Mrs Daughtry or Julie Measures via main reception.

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. We also have a Y11 notice board in school that is constantly updated with important information for Y11 students.

www.westfieldschool.org.uk

Thank you

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