

SHEFFIELD HIGH SCHOOL  
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SIXTH FORM



# Welcome

In choosing to join the Sixth Form at Sheffield High School, you can be confident that academic excellence is at the heart of school life. However, life in the Sixth Form at SHS is about more than simple academic success. We support the development of confident, well-rounded and independently minded young women. The Sixth Form will provide you with new freedoms and new responsibilities, as well as the opportunity to take a leading role in the school whilst guiding you in the next step in your career – be that university, employment or on to a gap year.

Sheffield High School offers a unique Sixth Form experience that combines academic excellence with

a wide curriculum choice for students, strong pastoral support and a varied enrichment programme. As a member of the Sixth Form at SHS you will enjoy the freedom and independence that goes hand-in-hand with your new status as a student.

As well as maintaining high academic standards, we will support you in making the most of the wide range of extra-curricular opportunities on offer. The Sixth Form is a chance to continue with existing interests and develop new ones.

We will also provide you with the opportunity to develop your leadership skills and act as role models for the younger pupils. This may be as a prefect, by

running a club or simply through a positive, mature approach to school life. The Sixth Form at Sheffield High School encourages you to take responsibility, individually and as a group, for managing your experience in the Sixth Form. In return you will find your tutors strong advocates for ensuring that your voice is heard across the School!

Finally, we hope you will have fun and enjoy the experience of being a member of the Sixth Form.



Dr James Raymond, Head of Sixth Form

*“The School has given me the confidence to believe I can achieve anything.”*

*Class of 2009*



# The bright life in the Steel City – student living at SHS!

The Sixth Form Centre nestles on the edge of the main school campus in the middle of Sheffield's student community. This enviable position in the centre of Broomhill (between the University and the Botanical Gardens) places our students at the heart of the most vibrant, diverse and student-friendly city in the region. There are strong links between the school, local universities and the wider community that will all enhance and enrich your time as a student at SHS!

The newly refurbished and extended Sixth Form Centre is in a separate building, housing common rooms, teaching rooms and tutorial bases. A new learning resource centre provides access to key study materials, laptop computers and a wealth of careers resources. All this allows you to enjoy a distinctive and enviable Sixth Form experience that bridges the gap between school and university. As well as a modern and bright café-diner where you are free to prepare a lunch of your choice, you can enjoy the

secluded and leafy grounds which surround the Sixth Form and make a great space to relax and unwind with friends. Our students also make the most of the wide variety of cafes and sandwich bars in the friendly and cosmopolitan suburb of Broomhill.



*“The teachers are always ready to give up their free time to help you if you are finding things difficult and the resources such as the ICT facilities are excellent in terms of helping you with your work.”*

*Class of 2007*

*“Many schools advertise their caring attitude, giving students a ‘rounded education’, looking beyond academic ability and bringing out the best in each individual. The High School actually does this and, as a result, I have seen my shy 11 year old blossom into a confident young woman. Sheffield High School has given her the very best foundation to launch her into the next chapter in her life.”*

*Parent of Year 13 leaver 2010*





# Broadening your horizons – a bridge to university

You have reached an exciting crossroads in your academic careers where, for the first time, you will enjoy the opportunity to fully dictate the subjects you want to study. You will notice a significant change from your experience at GCSE, as you focus on a smaller number of subjects in greater depth. The subjects will continue to be demanding and require dedication, determination and commitment, but you will also notice a new relationship with your teachers. The Sixth Form at SHS embraces a new partnership between you and your teacher and, although styles will vary between subjects and teachers, you will be encouraged to pursue independent research, ask

questions and take responsibility for your learning in much the same way as you could expect at University.

Sheffield High School offers a varied, challenging and exciting curriculum for our Sixth Form students. Most students study 4 AS subjects in Year 12, followed by 3 A2 subjects in Year 13. There is also the opportunity to study 5 subjects at AS following consultation with staff in school. Advice about subject combinations is always available from the Sixth Form tutorial team.

We also offer students in the Sixth Form the opportunity to study for the AQA Baccalaureate.

This is an academic qualification that builds on your core A-level subjects by adding value through wider learning and enrichment activities. To achieve the qualification you need to study at least 3 subjects to A2 level and an AS in either General Studies or Critical Thinking. You must also complete an Extended Project and participate in enrichment activities. By completing the AQA Baccalaureate you will show that you have developed your personal qualities and skills to the full. For example, it will show that you are resourceful, imaginative, can use your own initiative and can work independently or with others.



*“If I had to choose the most important thing the High School has taught me, it would be to believe in my abilities. The strong pastoral support service and the friendly, outgoing ethos of staff and pupils here is always enough to cause you to try that little bit harder. This fantastic school has provided me with the best imaginable springboard for my future career as a doctor.”*

*Class of 2010*

*“I feel that I have been given overwhelming support during my time at Sheffield High School, particularly during my A-levels. My subject teachers have given up much of their time to help me to reach my full potential, with constant encouragement and reassurance.”*

*Class of 2010*

# An enriching experience

We understand that student life is about much more than academic success. In the Sixth Form at SHS you will find the opportunity to continue existing interests and develop new ones.

All members of Year 12 take part in two hours of enrichment activities every week and in our wide range of extra-curricular options there is something for everyone. Whether you are a budding sports star or want to improve your cooking skills, there

is an activity for you. Some of our most popular enrichment activities include the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme, Young Enterprise and our Peer Mentoring course which provides members of the Sixth Form with the training and opportunity to offer pastoral support to our younger pupils.

Moreover, as part of a larger school community you will enjoy a wide range of leadership opportunities. As a member of the Sixth Form you will be able to set

the tone for the school and take the lead – be that as a Prefect, House Captain or Sports Captain. Many of our Sixth Form students also enjoy the opportunity to take on a position of responsibility in the Junior School, acting as an assistant in the classroom or by participating in the Toe-by-Toe reading support programme.





# Moving on up

Whatever your aspirations, goals or dreams for the future might be, life in the Sixth Form at SHS is designed to prepare you to take that next step. You will be supported by an experienced personal tutor who will be able to offer guidance and support as you research, plan and prepare for your future. All our Sixth Form students have a tutor with whom they have regular timetabled contact. Tutors help them to review their overall progress and to prepare for university entry.

As you think about entering the Sixth Form you will already have developed a strong sense of what you

want to achieve academically and personally. In joining us at SHS you can be confident that you will be surrounded by a supportive, friendly pastoral team who wish to see you succeed and will support you in each step of the next two years.

All of our students benefit from enrolment with the Independent Schools Careers Organisation (ISCO), which offers individual careers advice and guidance that is consolidated and supported in school by our first class Careers Department. Furthermore, as a member of the Girls' Day School Trust you will enjoy membership of the Minerva Network. This is a unique

Alumni association, which boasts nearly 50,000 members, and provides students with unrivalled opportunities to make career and social connections across the UK that will last a lifetime. Our students also benefit from the opportunity to access a wide range of voluntary and work experience placements with local businesses and charitable organisations.

All students who choose to do so go on to Higher Education and every year approximately 15% choose to apply for Oxford or Cambridge. Some students like to take a gap year between school and university and our careers staff can advise on this.



# What next?

In this prospectus we have only been able to give you a flavour of our school. The best way to get a feel for life in the Sixth Form is to come and visit us, and take the opportunity to talk to staff and students about life in the Sixth Form at SHS. We are always keen to welcome you and answer questions!

The easiest way to do this is at our Open Morning held on a Saturday in November. Alternatively you can ring for a personal appointment when a senior member of our staff will be delighted to show you around the Sixth Form and to resolve all your queries.

We have a number of scholarships, awarded on academic merit, and means-tested bursaries available, with some free places, for applicants to the Senior School and Sixth Form. Details of these are available in the information pack.

We look forward to meeting you.

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*“You can always tell a High School girl from her confidence and ability to communicate on all levels.”*

*Work experience placement provider*







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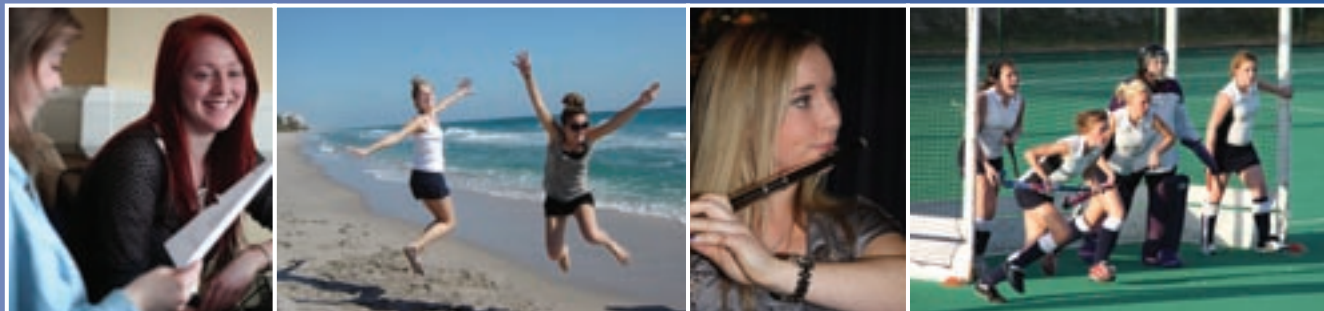
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