



Westfield School

Chorus Education Trust

Post 16 Evening

Thursday 13th October 2022



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.

We would like to welcome the following:



John Naylor – Head of Sixth Form



Mr Simmons – Deputy Head
Mrs Gaynor Radford – Work Related Learning Advisor



Sara Roberts – Independent Careers Advisor

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 lower than a grade 4 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: www.ofqual.gov.uk/qualification-reform/a-level-reform</i>
GCSE A Levels (Advanced Level)	A levels are studied over 2 years with assessments 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 a grade 4 can access work based training via a Foundation Learning Programme/Traineeships (pre-apprenticeships)
T Levels	T Levels are new, technical qualifications and are equivalent to 3 A Levels. They offer a mix of classroom study and work based learning, including an industry placement. They include subjects such as; Construction, Digital, Education, Engineering and Childcare.

Open Events

Silverdale Sixth Form	Tuesday 18th October	www.silverdale.sheffield.sch.uk
All Saints Sixth Form	Saturday 5 th November	www.allsaints.sheffield.sch.uk
High Storrs Sixth Form	Wednesday 2 nd November	www.highstorrs.co.uk
King Egbert Sixth Form	Thursday 17 th November	www.ecgbert.sheffield.sch.uk
King Edward VII Sixth Form	Thursday 10 th November	www.kes.sheffield.sch.uk
Meadowhead Sixth Form	Thursday 3 rd November	www.meadowhead.sheffield.sch.uk
Notre Dame Sixth Form	Saturday 12th November	www.notredame-high.org.uk
Dronfield Henry Fanshawe	Wednesday 9 th November	www.dronfield.derbyshire.sch.uk
Eckington School	Tuesday 1 st November	www.eckington.net
Tapton Sixth Form	Wednesday 23 rd November	www.taptonschool.co.uk
The Sheffield College (all sites- Sheffield City College, Olive Grove, Hillsborough and Peaks College)	Thursday 20 th October Wednesday 23 rd November	www.sheffcol.ac.uk
UTC Sheffield City Centre	Wednesday 9 th November Wednesday 11 th January	www.utcsheffield.org.uk
UTC Olympic Legacy Park	Tuesday 4 th October Tuesday 10 th January	www.utcsheffield.org.uk For subject specific open events please see the website
Chesterfield College	Monday 28 th November	www.chesterfield.ac.uk
Thomas Rotherham College	Wednesday 9 th November	www.thomroth.ac.uk
Rotherham College	Saturday 19 th November	www.rotherham.ac.uk
Longley Park Sixth Form	Saturday 15 th October Thursday 8 th December Thursday 19 th January	www.longleypark.ac.uk

Please note some colleges may require you to book

Useful websites for researching Post 16 options

www.sheffieldprogress.co.uk	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.prospects.ac.uk	General information on a wide variety of careers and higher education options.
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.gov.uk/apply-apprenticeship	Create an account to search and receive live alerts for apprenticeships in your local area.

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?

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?

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?

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?



Dates for the diary-

- **Courses go live from October 2022**
- **Our deadline for 6th Form applications will be mid-January 2023**
- **Our deadline for all College applications will also be mid-January 2023**

The Careers Hub is open in school 5 days a week. If students, parents or carers require any advice on post 16 pathways or have a general enquiry on what to do next, please contact Mrs Radford or Sara Roberts 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?

Notes

www.westfield-chorustrust.org

Thank you