



Achievement for all

SHERBURN SIXTH FORM



Prospectus 2018 - 2020



WELCOME TO SHERBURN SIXTH FORM

Sherburn Sixth Form is a happy, thriving environment in which students achieve outcomes in the top 10% of all providers nationally. We offer a modern curriculum and innovative teaching and learning, with a substantial offer of enrichment opportunities. A significant contributor to our success is the assistance and guidance students receive, in particular the bespoke 1:1 support regarding progression, whether on to university, apprenticeships, or employment. We are dedicated to helping our students to develop into confident, sensitive and responsible adults, who are able to play an active part in society. Our students receive the unique care and attention that only a dedicated team of staff are able to provide in relation to personal development. We truly put the student at the heart of all we do, and we look forward to welcoming you into our community.

Mr John Ralphs, Deputy Head Teacher



Having been at Sherburn High School since year 7, my transition into Sherburn Sixth Form was easy. There are three key reasons why I chose to come here. Most importantly for me is the teachers and the teaching; the teachers here know my learning style and I know them. They helped me to get fantastic grades at GCSE and, based on how previous students have done, I have every confidence that they will support me to equally great A level outcomes. Secondly, it's really convenient! A levels are challenging enough without other pressures, such as travelling for two hours a day, or having to make new friends, or learn my way around. And last, but by no means least, Sherburn offer a wide range of courses, so I was able to choose courses that I am interested in and will prepare me for my degree.

Lauren Barnett, Deputy Head Girl

Starting Sixth Form has given me a new lease of freedom and allowed me the space to develop into the independent learner that I am. I am treated as an adult; empowered to learn in the way that best suits me, for example using my free lessons to study at home, work with my friends in the P-rooms (computer rooms reserved for the use of Sixth Formers) or to get support from the teacher. This is a significant change to year 11. In the Sixth Form we are given regular, detailed feedback on our progress through the assessment hours; I have found this invaluable as it allows me to identify what I am doing well at and make improvements where I need to. I am incredibly pleased I made the choice to stay at Sherburn Sixth Form; over the last five years I have built great relationships with staff and I know that my teachers will go out of their way to support me with anything that I need. Plus, Sherburn has a pool table!

Jordan Rosindale, Deputy Head Boy

TOP TEN

REASONS TO CHOOSE SHERBURN SIXTH FORM

**Outstanding academic
success in the top 10% of all
providers nationally**

**Excellent teaching by
experienced subject
specialists**

**Personalised care and
guidance for you as a unique
individual**

**Excellent progress from
GCSE results (value added)**

**Rigorous academic
assessment enabling you to
monitor your progress and
supporting you in making
improvements**

**Individualised support with
your next steps: university,
apprenticeship or degree;
resulting in 95% of students
getting into their first choice
university**

**Facilities that enable you to
study in the way that suits
your learning style**

**A wide variety of
enrichment opportunities
that allow you to develop a
varied portfolio**

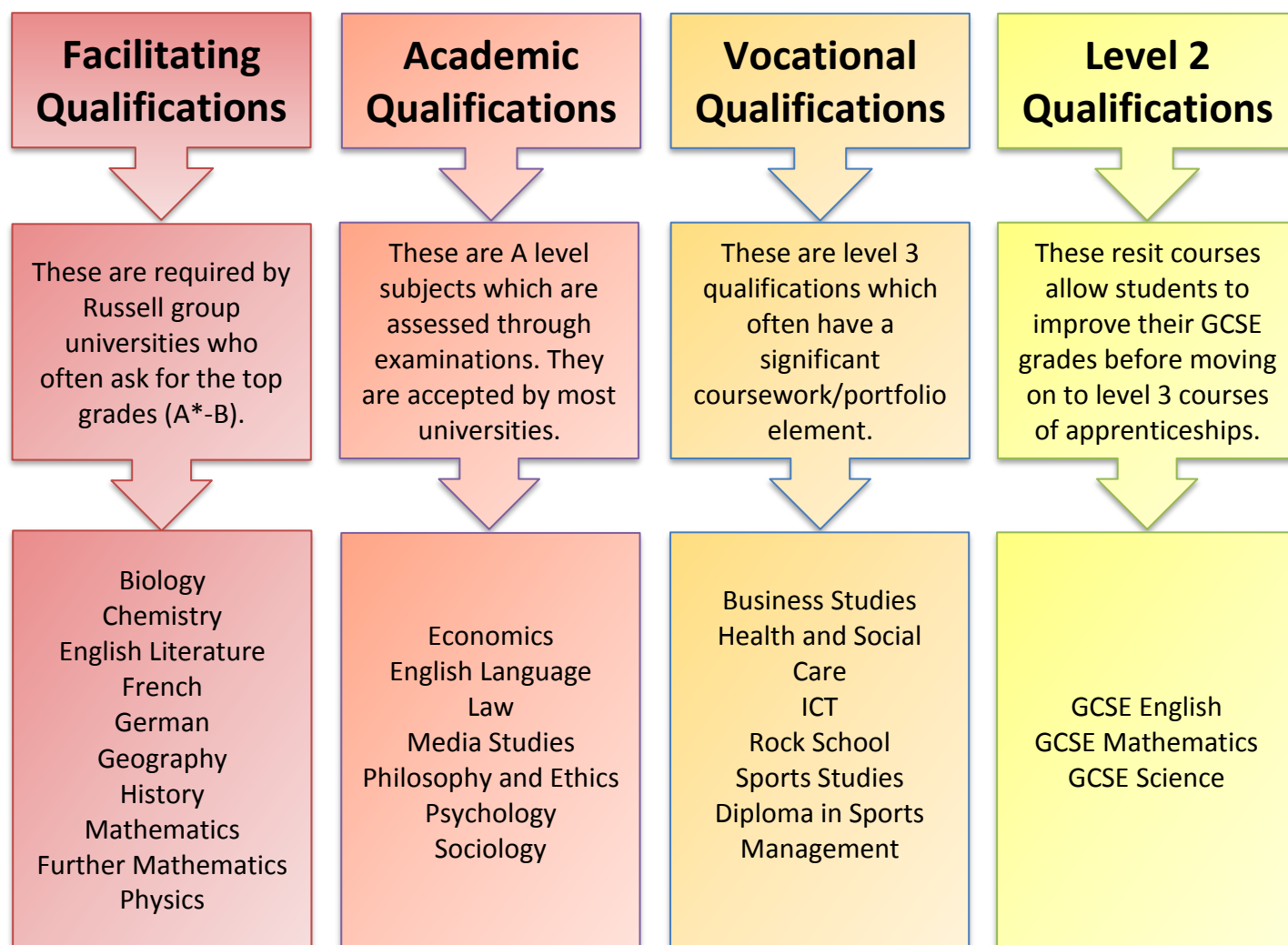
**An adult environment that
treats you as the
responsible, motivated
individual that you are**

**Exceptional relationships
with staff**

THE RIGHT COURSE FOR YOU

One of the most important decisions that you will make about your sixth form experience happens before you even start; choosing the right courses. This decision will affect the options that are available to you when you are 18 so it is important that you spend some time thinking about what you want to do next and select courses that will set you on the right track to achieve this.

We offer a wide range of courses at Sherburn Sixth Form and we're proud that Ofsted acknowledged that "*all aspects of the 16 to19 study programme are well planned*". We have four tiers of qualification available for you, and it is possible to mix and match between them to arrive at a bespoke package that will put you on the pathway to your chosen career.



How to make your choices

We understand that making decisions about your next steps is a really daunting experience for many young people, especially those who are unsure about what they want to do in the future. The Sixth Form team are here to advise you and provide support in making the decision that is right for you. Before you finalise your application make an appointment with Mr Ralphs or Ms Stockton-Pitt to discuss your choices and how this will support you in taking your next steps.





Outstanding Teaching

At Sherburn Sixth Form all of your teachers are experienced subject specialists. For most subjects, you will have nine hours of contact time per subject per fortnight. This is because excellent teaching and learning is at the heart of all we do.

Moreover, at Sherburn Sixth Form your teachers are freely available to you outside of your timetabled lessons, allowing you to access additional support when you need it. This is really important because, in Sixth Form, much of your learning is self-directed.

Independent Study Periods

When you do not have timetabled lessons you are granted independent study leave. This enables you to organise your studies in the way that best suits you; selecting the most appropriate time and place for you to learn. At Sherburn Sixth Form you only need to be in school for your timetabled lessons.

Open Access Computer Rooms

Sherburn Sixth Form has a dedicated suite of computer rooms set aside for you to use for your learning. These are available throughout the day,

from 8am to 6pm. This means that you are able to use the facilities outside of the normal school day.

Personalised Additional Support

Sometimes we all require additional help, and this is as true with Sixth Form studies as with anything else. Mrs Trueman offers personalised support to students who are finding the demands of Sixth Form particularly challenging. Working alongside the student, a bespoke package of support is designed to support individuals in improving their grade in a range of subjects. This usually includes a number of timetabled slots during which the student is able to work one-to-one with Mrs Trueman on assignments, coursework and classwork.

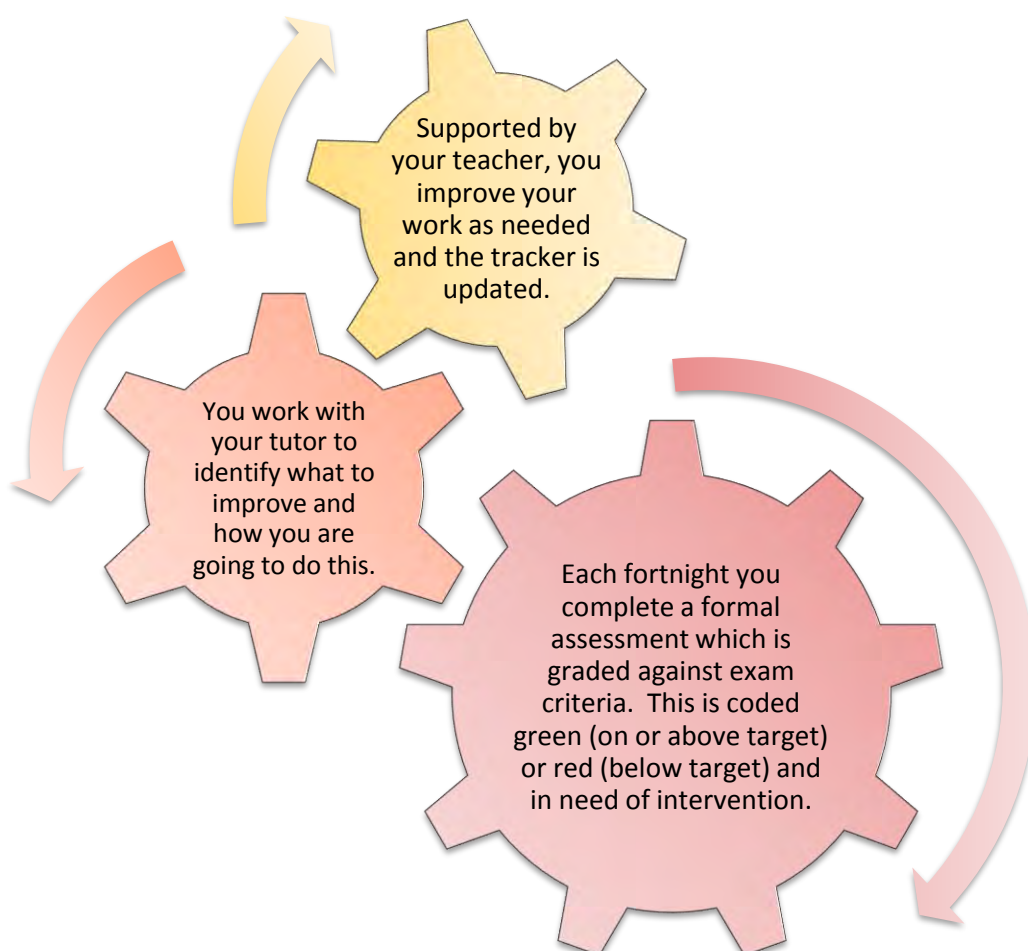
Tutorial Programme

Throughout the year you will attend weekly tutorial sessions. These will allow you to monitor your progress across your subjects, being supported by your Sixth Form tutor in identifying what is going well, where you need to improve and how you are going to do this.

Furthermore, the tutorial programme supports you in identifying your next steps, be this a degree, apprenticeship or employment.

RIGOROUS ASSESSMENT

Ofsted stated that “The Sixth Form is now good because teaching is effective and leaders track learner’s progress more robustly”. A vital element of this academic tracking in Sixth Form is the assessment trackers which are updated each fortnight to allow you to identify what is going well in your learning and what you need to work on next. You will then discuss this with your tutor to identify your next steps, and be supported by your teacher. In this way, you, your teachers and your tutor are all working together to enable you to make the best possible progress.



Maths Assessment Tracker (A2)

Student	TARGE T GRADE	ASPIRAT ION TARGET	WEEK 13 -EKK 16 -EKK 16 -EKK 19 -EKK 22 -EKK 25 -EKK 28 -EKK 31 -EKK 34 -EKK 27 -WEEK 40															
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At Sherburn Sixth Form we are passionate about supporting our students in their next steps, be this a university degree, an apprenticeship or employment. As a small provider we are able to offer students bespoke guidance and support ensuring each individual is well informed about their options and supported through the application process.

Year 12 Programme

Autumn Term

- Universities fair
- Tutorial programme on career aspirations

Spring Term

- Oxbridge Presentation
- Cambridge Residential

Summer Term

- University Open Days
- Work Experience
- Introduction to UCAS / Apprenticeships

Year 13 Programme

Autumn Term

- Parents UCAS Presentation
- Bespoke support with UCAS

Spring Term

- Mock interviews
- Student finance presentation
- Entrance exam support

Summer Term

- Post-exams support including clearing and employment guidance

Oxbridge and Russell Group Programme

We recognise that many of our students are aiming to undertake degrees at Russell Group Universities, with a number having aspirations to Oxbridge. As such, we have devised a comprehensive package of information, guidance and support that capitalises on our own experiences and contacts at leading universities, particularly Cambridge. This includes presentations in school, residential trips, information about independent open-days and preparation courses, personalised tuition for applications and entrance examinations, mock interviews with university tutors and on-hand care and guidance throughout the process.



PASTORAL SUPPORT

As a relatively small provider, at Sherburn Sixth Form we know each of you as individuals; your interests, your aspirations, your strengths and weaknesses. This means that we are able to support you; the distinctive person that you are. We have a dedicated Sixth Form support team who are here not only to help you academically, but also through any personal, emotional or social issues you may face during your time with us. Ofsted recognised the efficacy of our programme, commenting that *“owing to the range of support strategies available, more learners are now staying on from Year 12 into Year 13 because they are experiencing success”*. Sixth Form can be a really challenging experience; it is the time that you really transition from being a child into being an adult. We understand that this poses different challenges for each person, and we treat you as such.

The Sixth Form Support Team

Mr Ralphs, supported by Ms Stockton-Pitt, leads the Sixth Form Team (which includes Mr Green, Miss Oates and the Sixth Form Tutors). They are responsible for ensuring students are on the right courses, tracking academic progress, supporting you with your next steps (particularly through the UCAS process), ensuring the quality of teaching, learning and assessment in Sixth Form and dealing with academic issues.

Mrs Barnett is our Sixth Form Coordinator, but we like to think of her as our Sixth Form Mum; she offers understanding, guidance and encouragement.

They motivate you to do work and pull in students who are slacking!

Whatever the issue Mrs Barnett is there, lending an ear to listen, a shoulder to cry on or some words of encouragement. She also has an infinite supply of tissues, sweets and hugs! One of Mrs Barnett's

When you're having a bad day you can go and see them. They're there for you whether it's about school work or not.

main roles is to oversee attendance; ensuring students are in lessons and supporting them in accessing their learning. She also facilitates enrichment for students, including organising university trips, chairing Student Leadership Team meetings and supporting with charity and sporting events

Mrs Trueman is our Sixth Form Learning Mentor. She supports students who, for whatever reason, are having difficulties with their work, providing a safety net by liaising with subject teachers and sixth form staff to develop support plans to get them back on track. Mrs Trueman also runs the Sixth Form work experience programme, which enables every student to complete a work experience placement in their chosen field.

They make time for you whatever they're doing and help with any problem no matter how big or small

Tutorial Programme

At Sherburn Sixth Form we have a custom-made Sixth Form tutorial programme which supports you not only in monitoring your academic progress, but in understanding a range of social, political and cultural issues, including mental wellbeing, sexual health awareness, key political debates on topics such as immigration, financial management and radicalisation. This means that during your time with us you become a well-informed citizen, able to make informed choices and engage in social debate.

Sherburn-Tadcaster Sibling Programme

Inspired by the work of many universities, in 2018 we will be implementing the Sherburn-Tadcaster Sibling Programme. Starting at a new university, school or Sixth Form can be a really daunting experience. To help alleviate some of the stress and to make this a smooth transition, the Sherburn-Tadcaster Sibling programme will pair up students who are undertaking courses at the sister institution. The host sibling's role will be to welcome their sibling to the school, ensure they know their way around and can find the important things (like the vending machines and pool table!) and to answer any questions. Similar programmes have been successful in many universities and we hope that this will make the most of our collaboration with Tadcaster.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM

Our Sixth Form students are the leaders of the school; they are the role models that other students look up to. Many of you have great ideas about how we can develop and improve the school. As such, we have developed the Student Leadership Team; a group of elected Sixth Form representatives who each have their own remit and responsibilities. The roles are varied, both in terms of what the duty is and the leadership skills this develops. This allows potential candidates to select a role that they are most interested in and that will contribute to their progression in the most meaningful way.



Head Students

In the Autumn Term of year 12, two Deputy Head students are elected who go on to become Head Students in year 13. They are the public face of the Student Leadership Team, presenting at whole school events, liaising with teachers and stakeholders and leading on the organisation of whole school events. As Head Student you will develop a range of presentational, interpersonal and organisational skills.

We appreciate that some of you have lots to offer the school, but are not yet ready to present to large groups of people. Therefore, only students standing for the role of Deputy Head students are required to make a speech.

Charity Leader

Is responsible for working alongside the House Achievement Leaders to coordinate events for House charities, mentoring younger students in their charity roles and supporting the Sixth Form volunteers.

Mentoring Leader

Coordinates the Classroom Assistants' programme, enlisting and training Sixth Form volunteers and acting as the intermediary between teachers and assistants.

Resources Leader

Works with other Sixth Form students to establish ways of improving Sixth Form facilities identifying how to raise income for this.

Social Events Leader

Leads on organising and promoting social events, with the support of Mrs Barnett. This includes Christmas socials and the Year 13 Leavers' Ball.

Sports Leader

Liaises with school PE staff to organise and coordinate Sixth Form sports teams, including working alongside Mrs Barnett to direct the Athelstan Challenge.

Media Leader

Responsible for maintaining and developing the Sixth Form Social Media presence, providing items for the school newsletter and promoting events within the Sixth Form.

ENRICHMENT

Sherburn Sixth Form benefits from a wide range of community and school based enrichment activities. These not only broaden your experience of Sixth Form life, but often provide a welcome break from your academic studies. Moreover, participation in such a wide range of enrichment activities helps gives you the edge on other applicants, whether you go into the ever more saturated job market or the highly competitive university application process. We recognise how highly employers and universities value the broadening of horizons and we strive to meet the needs of a large variety of interests.



- National Citizens Service (NCS)
- Community Volunteering
- Step into Sport
- Rotary Youth Leadership Award
- Duke of Edinburgh
- The Athelstan Challenge
- Work Experience
- Sports Teams
- Drama Club
- Performing Arts Productions
- The Ardeche Trip
- World Challenge – Sri Lanka in summer 2019
- Classroom Assistant Volunteering Programme
- Library Assistants

Tadcaster Collaborative

One of the greatest enrichment opportunities that we offer is our collaboration with Tadcaster Grammar School. We appreciate that many of you have lived in Sherburn all of your lives, and the prospect of going straight to university can be somewhat daunting. Through the collaborative programme with Tadcaster you are able to access many of the more appealing benefits of college, such as having to make new friends, learning how other educational settings work and understanding new teachers, whilst profiting from the excellent teaching, outstanding guidance and unparalleled support offered by Sherburn Sixth Form.

As Sixth Form students, we like to treat you as young adults. A significant part of this is empowering you to learn in the way that is most suitable for you by supporting you to understand what good learning looks like and by providing you with the facilities that you need to achieve this. This includes:

- ✓ A dedicated Sixth Form area which is not open to main school students
- ✓ Three fully equipped study rooms with ICT provision for the sole use of Sixth Form students
- ✓ Purpose built teaching rooms with specialist equipment
- ✓ Access to Library facilities
- ✓ Higher Education and Careers Support
- ✓ Common Room with pool table and table-football
- ✓ Sixth Form Kitchen and an outdoor seating area with barbeque
- ✓ Open-access support to your Sixth Form Tutor and Sixth Form Teachers
- ✓ Care and Guidance support from our Sixth Form Coordinator (Mrs Barnett)
- ✓ Academic support from our Sixth Form Learning Mentor (Mrs Trueman)
- ✓ Senior Leadership Team links (Mr Ralphs and Ms Stockton-Pitt)

In the Sixth Form you have a number of “free” periods on your timetable. These are for independent study. We recognise that people learn in very different ways; some people prefer the comfort of home, whilst others learn better in a specific working environment. As such, provided that you are making good progress, you are only required to be in school for your timetabled lessons. Many students split their time between working individually at home and collaborating with their peers in the P-rooms. One of the great benefits of Sherburn Sixth Form is that you have a significant amount of learning spaces provided just for you.



The Bursary Fund

The Bursary Fund is provided to financially assist students who have the greatest need with expenditure that is directly related to school life. This can include support with transport costs (including for university visits), the purchase of stationery and technology required for school (including, if needed, a laptop) and support with catering requirements. Students can apply for The Bursary Fund when they join us in September. The Bursary Fund is means tested, and there are three groups of students eligible:

- Students who come from a household with a combined income of less than £22,000
- Students who are in care or are care leavers
- Students who qualify for Free School Meals (application forms are administered by North Yorkshire County Council and are available on their website).

ACADEMIC SUCCESS 2017

We are incredibly proud of the results that our Sixth Form students have achieved over the years; they are the product of the students' hard work in combination with the package of teaching, assessment, guidance and support that we offer. In 2017, 99% of the students passed their courses, with 62% of grades being A*- B. Moreover, these students had made outstanding progress; we project that our value added score will be +0.37 which is in the top 10% of all providers nationally. Most importantly, the outcomes that our students achieved meant that they were able to take their next steps on to university, an apprenticeship or employment, with all students who applied to Higher Education being able to take up a place and 40% of these progressing to Russell Group Universities.

Measure	2015	2016	2017	National Average
% A*/A	21%	33%	44%	26%
% A* - B	39%	55%	62%	51%
% A* - C	74%	78%	87%	85%
% A* - E	100%	99%	99%	99%
Average grade per entry (A levels)	n/a	D+	B-	C
Average grade per entry (vocational)	n/a	Distinction*	Distinction*	Distinction-



Lauren Buckley

A* A* A

Lancaster: Accounting and Finance



James Colton

A* A* A

York: Mathematics



Holly Davis

A* A A

Leeds: Dentistry



Laura Duckels

A* A* B

Leeds: Mathematics



Josh Harrison Moerman

A* A* A

Deferred: Mathematics 2018



Jessica Farnill

A* B C

Sheffield Hallam: Nursing



Adam Liversidge

A* B B C

Lancaster: Mathematics



Jack Miller

A* A* A*

Brunel: Aviation Engineering



Holly Thompson

A* A B

Liverpool: Physiotherapy



Keyleigh Westood

A* B B

Liverpool: Law



Rachael Farnill

A* A* B D

Huddersfield: Accounting and Finance



Megan Martin

A A B

Kent: Film and Screen Studies



Josh Griffin

A* B C

Apprenticeship: Accounting



Rebecca Prideaux

A* B B

Leeds: Journalism



Pepe Bean

A* A C

Newcastle: Computer Science

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Are you treated the same as the rest of the school?

No. Sherburn Sixth Form is separate to the main school, and you will be treated as a young adult. This means we expect you to take responsibility for your own learning and to manage your own time. If you choose to get a part-time job whilst studying, it will be your responsibility to manage your own commitments, although we advise you to not work any more than ten hours per week. We trust that you will attend your lessons, complete your independent study and homework, and keep us informed of any problems you may need support with. In return, staff will treat you as an adult and you will find the atmosphere in Sixth Form much more mature and relaxed than the main school.

Do we have to stay in school when we have free periods between lessons?

No. Once you have settled into your classes, you will be free to come and go as you choose in-between lessons. You will have independent work and homework to do and many students choose to do this in school - that's why we have so many work spaces available for you to use in the sixth form centre. However, as long as you are making good progress, it is up to you when and how you get this work done.

How much homework will I get?

Every subject is different, but you can expect at least five hours of homework per week for each subject. That might sound like a lot but remember you'll only have three or four subjects instead of nine or ten. Furthermore, at Sherburn Sixth Form we arrange your timetable so that you have free periods which you will use to complete your homework. If you're planning to go to university, your A levels are where you learn the independent study skills necessary to study at undergraduate level.

What if I find A levels too hard?

A levels ARE hard but if you find yourself struggling, there is plenty of support available to help you. Our Sixth Form Learning Mentor, Mrs Trueman, is based in the Sixth Form centre and will work together with you and your subject teachers to find out what's going wrong and help you fix it. There is always a member of the Sixth Form Team around who you can talk to, so just let us know if you need anything.

How many subjects will I study?

Most students study three subjects, although we are able to support you in studying four subjects if you wish. Russell Group universities, including Oxbridge, only require students to have three A levels, and are emphatic in their desire for students to show that they are rounded individuals with a varied extra-curricular portfolio. As such, we encourage students to pursue enrichment activities alongside their academic studies. That said, you are all individuals and there are students for whom four A levels is a good choice; we want to work with you to design a package that is most suited to your academic profile and needs.

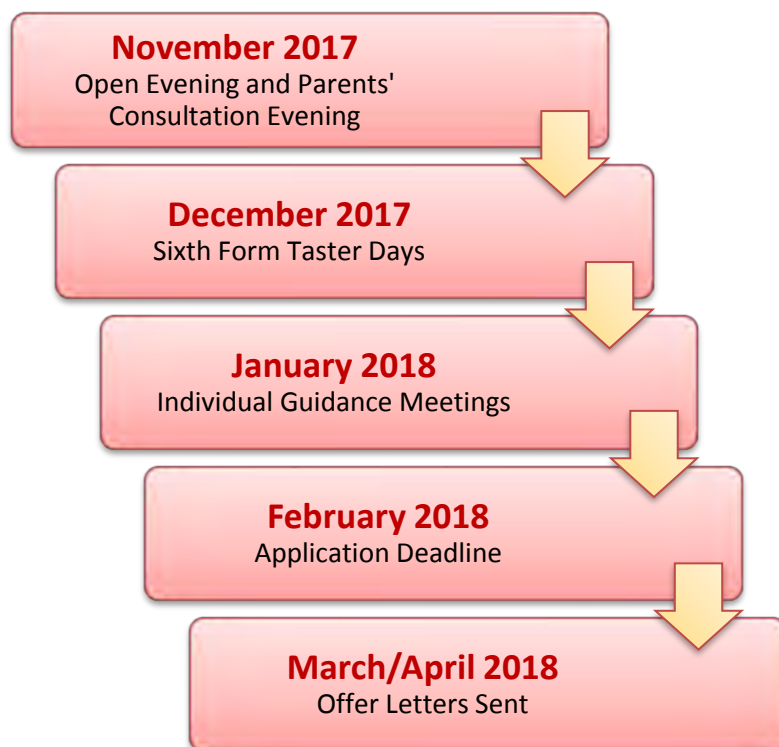
Will I be able to change subjects once I have started?

Yes. During September and October we have a transfer window that allows students to move from one course to another. This is done in consultation with Mr Ralphs or Ms Stockton-Pitt along with the subject Curriculum Leader to ensure the course is suitable for you. We ask you to indicate your likely subject choices on your application form, but these are not finalised until you have your GCSE results in September.

How do I decide what to study?

It can be really difficult to decide what you want to study in Sixth Form; there are new subjects that you won't have studied before and, for some people, it can be really difficult to narrow down to just three or four subjects. This is why we start the process really early, to give you plenty of time to decide. In December, you will take part in Sherburn Sixth Form Taster Days where you will get to try out between eight and ten subjects. This is a great opportunity for you to learn more about both new courses and about what life at Sherburn Sixth Form is like. Furthermore, during January and February you will each get to meet with Mr Ralphs, Ms Stockton-Pitt or Mrs Williams to discuss your aspirations and intentions. This will allow you to talk through what you enjoy, what you are hoping to do after Sixth Form and help you to decide on the route that is most appropriate for you.

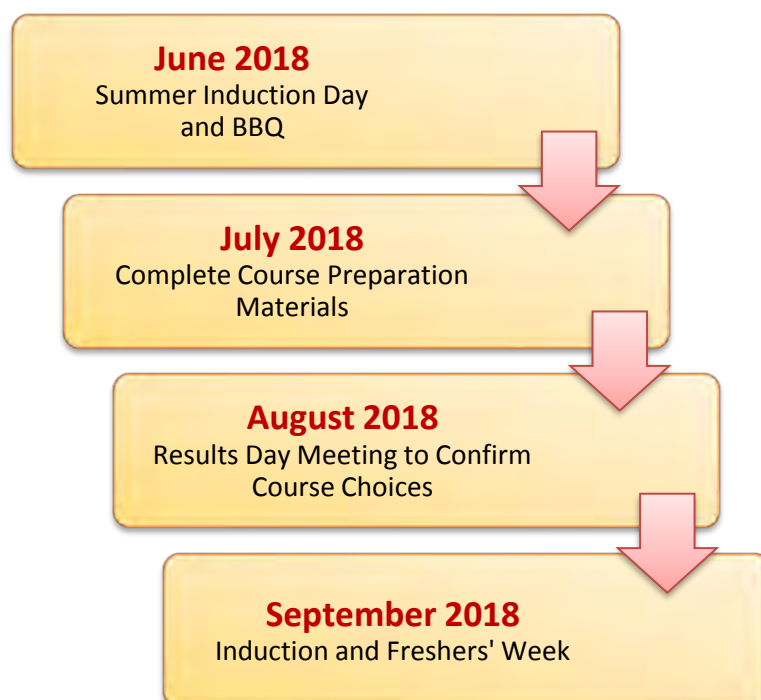
THE APPLICATION PROCESS



Entry Requirements

For entry onto level 3 courses (including A levels and BTEC courses) you are required to achieve a minimum of five or more GCSEs, including English and Maths, at grade 4 or above. If you have not achieved a grade 4 or above in English and/or Maths you will complete a GCSE resit programme alongside your other subjects.

We run a bespoke one year Improvers Programme for students who have not achieved five or more GCSE at grade 4 or above. This programme is individualised for each student and will be prepared in consultation with Mr Ralphs or Ms Stockton-Pitt. If you wish to find out further information about our Improvers Programme, please make an individual appointment.





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All details in this prospectus are correct at the time of going to press (November 2017).

Please note that all courses offered are subject to there being enough students opting for the course to make it viable.

The creation of option pools takes place in February and March after applications are submitted.