



Shelley College

Sixth Form

a specialist centre for science

[excellence and enjoyment]

Welcome to Shelley College



“Students make very good progress and for a number of students in the sixth form, achievement is exceptional.”

OFSTED REPORT

“A positive and forward thinking college where everyone can take advantage of its high quality and modern facilities, and consequently achieve to the highest standard.”

DAN MURFIN, SIXTH FORM STUDENT

Welcome to our Sixth Form Prospectus. We hope you find it interesting and that it answers many of your initial questions about life in our very successful Sixth Form.

Our Sixth Form is one of the largest school sixth forms in Yorkshire and as a result we can offer a wide variety of opportunities for our students. It is open to all who we feel can profit from our wide range of courses and is a stepping stone either to Higher Education or to the world of work. Each year well over 300 students study our A level and A/S level courses and every summer we are delighted by the examination success they achieve.

We are a forward looking and caring school which provides the time, space and opportunity for students to flourish as people and develop their talents. Our sixth formers continually achieve excellent examination results but, equally importantly, they also develop their skills in other areas, for example in art, music, sport, outdoor activities and community service.

At the end of their time with us the vast majority of sixth formers leave to take up places at universities and colleges across the country – including the most prestigious institutions. Others begin worthwhile careers with genuine prospects.

We are proud of our record and our standing in the community we serve. We are also proud of the lead our Sixth Form gives to Shelley students. Shelley College is an exciting place at which to be educated and we welcome your interest in our school. We have achieved much already and we are determined to go on to even greater success.

Shelley College has a great deal to offer you and we very much hope that once you have read this prospectus you will decide that you want to be part of our future.





What can Shelley College offer you?

- High academic standards
- A fully supportive environment
- A quality learning experience
- A modern, forward-thinking outlook
- A wide variety of opportunities

Achievement and Success

Shelley College has a long tradition of examination success and we are proud of our record of high academic achievement. Students regularly gain the highest of A Level grades and achieve above national averages in their final examinations. Our students respond well to the culture in our Sixth Form and every year many of them gain final A Level grades which are well above those that their GCSE grades indicate they should achieve. Many subjects in the College enjoy a 100% pass rate at A Level.

We are not complacent however. Your own examination success will be extremely important to both you and us and we are constantly looking at ways to help students gain even greater success in the future.

Encouragement and Support

In the Sixth Form you will always be supported in your studies. Dedicated and experienced teachers will assist your learning and enable you to reach your potential.

Our strong tutorial system will provide you with guidance and support. Very quickly you will establish an effective working relationship with your personal tutor including regular individual discussions. These will help to monitor your progress and assist you during your time in the Sixth Form.

All teachers and staff working in the Sixth Form will take a keen interest in your development and be willing to give you extra advice at any time.

Sixth Form students receive additional help with study skills, career planning and university applications.

"Support from teachers has no limits. Their expertise and enthusiasm helps students to reach their potential."

KATIE THOMAS, SIXTH FORM STUDENT

"The support given to me has been very helpful and has helped me to further my education."

NATALIE DOSSOR, SIXTH FORM STUDENT

Learning in our Sixth Form



“The quality of teaching and learning is good...Some teaching is outstanding.”

OFSTED REPORT

“The support we receive in 6th form is excellent. The workload is more intense so it is important to have support from teachers.”

TORI COOKSON, SIXTH FORM STUDENT

Our teachers have considerable experience and expertise in developing learning; teaching is a real strength of the school. We have high quality subject specialists with enthusiasm for their subjects and this means that our students are enthusiastic about their learning too.

Class sizes are also much smaller than you would find elsewhere. You will be able to enjoy more individual attention and advice.

The teaching style in lessons reflects the adult relationship between teachers and students and you will play an active part in lessons. Our teachers thoroughly enjoy teaching sixth form students and their enthusiasm for their subjects is infectious. It rubs off on our students.

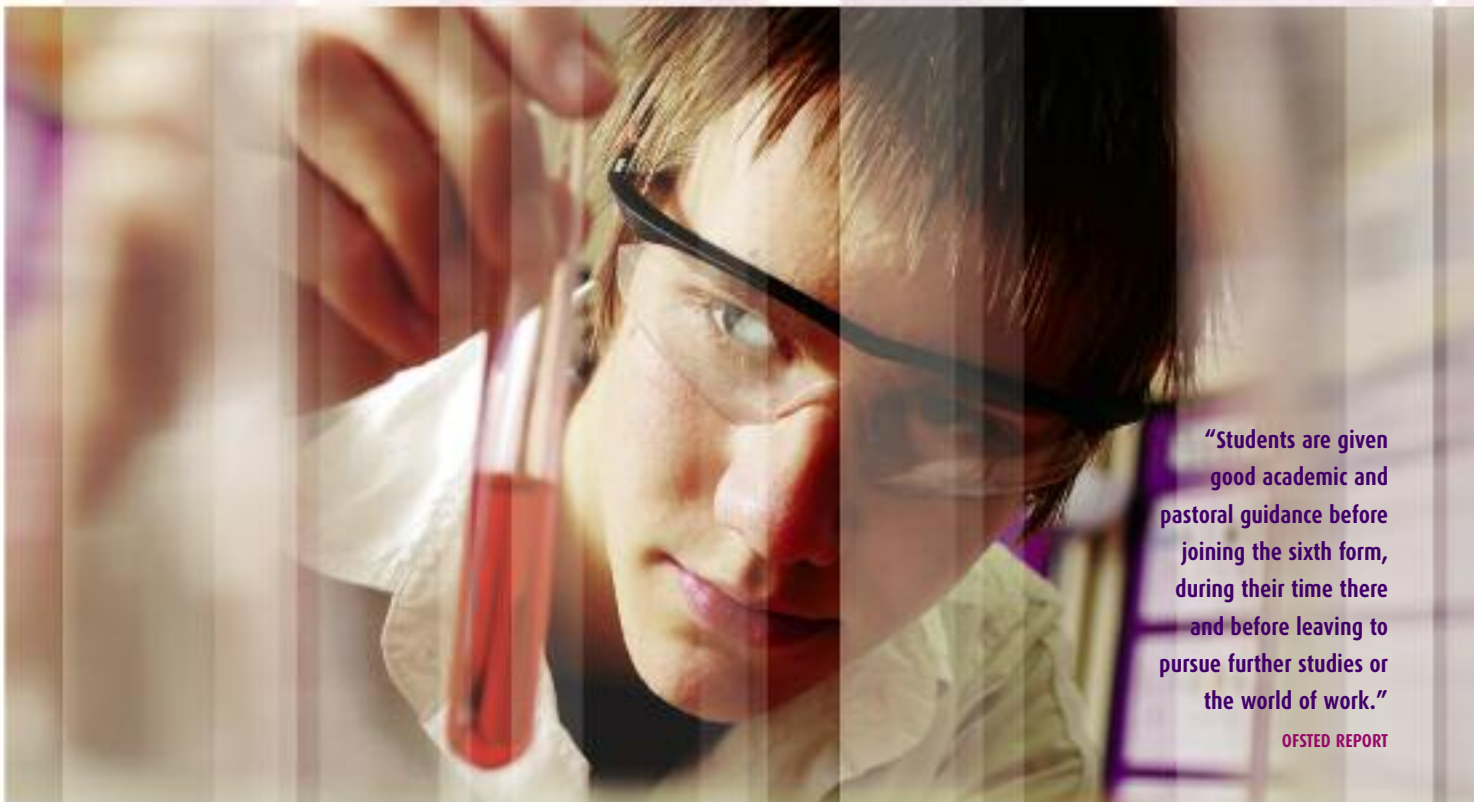
Resourced for learning

Recent investment means our students enjoy state-of-the-art facilities. Our Sixth Form students benefit from their own purpose-built building, including a resources centre and café.

The Altitude Café is an excellent facility, open throughout the day. It serves continental-style food and beverages in a modern setting.

The Resources Centre provides constant access to a suite of networked internet-enabled PCs, and allows students to study in pleasant surroundings during their time at Shelley College.

In addition, many subject areas have their own specialist facilities, which Sixth Form students can use. Sixth formers can also make full use of our main school library. The Centre is well equipped to help students develop their independent learning skills. As well as a wide variety of reference books, journals and ICT equipment, the Centre also houses a newspaper cuttings file and daily newspapers.



“Students are given good academic and pastoral guidance before joining the sixth form, during their time there and before leaving to pursue further studies or the world of work.”

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"Having access all the time to a computer has really helped with my studies."

OLIVER COX, SIXTH FORM STUDENT



A forward looking college

Shelley College is always looking to the future

We are always looking to build on our current successes and develop both our school and our Sixth Form. In 2007 we were re-designated as a national specialist school for Science as a result of our academic success. One of the commitments in our original bid was to ensure we spread the benefits of specialist status - and the significant extra funding it brought - across our whole school and out into our local community. We have achieved the national Healthy Schools Award; international Green Flag Eco Award; Arts Mark Gold Award; and we are part of the national School Sport Co-ordinator Partnership.

We listen to our students and we are keen to involve them in the running of our school.

In recent years sixth formers have been involved in the appointments of senior staff, including our Headteacher and two Deputy Heads.

The Sixth Form Council helps with the co-ordination and organisation of the Sixth Form. Representatives are chosen from both Year 13 and Year 12. Regular meetings with the Head of Sixth Form create easy communication between students and teaching staff and their ideas are discussed by the school's Senior Leadership Team. The College Council also has representatives from the Sixth Form.

Opportunities for All

The choice and breadth of courses at Shelley College is a major strength. This allows our students to pursue a range of interests to a very high level. We are able to offer both academic and vocational options designed to meet different learning styles. We also run courses in a number of subjects which students will not have previously had the chance to study.

The breadth of curriculum available allows our students to move successfully onto a myriad of professions and careers. We are very keen to ensure that you have the best advice about the courses you choose, so during your application and enrolment process you will receive guidance on your choice of courses, ensuring your selection contributes to your future career and meets your interests.

The SIXTH FORM EXPERIENCE

Whatever your choice of subjects you will find an exciting array of opportunities and challenges awaiting you at Shelley College.



“Overall, the curriculum is outstanding and enriched by a wide range of activities in sport, the arts, music and voluntary activities.”

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Many of our courses involve new and exciting activities, including, for example, visits to Russia; residential in Wales, the Isle of Arran and Yorkshire Dales; visits to London art museums; and educational events at, for example, the local Magistrates’ Courts.

Beyond the Classroom

We feel it is important to prepare our students for life after our Sixth Form. Many employers and universities like to see that young people have been able to take on positions of responsibility and challenge. You will have the opportunity to develop your leadership and interpersonal skills in a variety of roles, including tackling the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme; being involved in a Young Enterprise venture; assisting with a lower school tutor group; supporting younger learners; undertaking the Community Sports Leader Award; or taking on the role of a lunchtime supervisor.

Application to Higher Education

The majority of our students go on to continue their studies at university. We will assist you with your application and monitor each one individually. You and your tutor will work closely together, ensuring you can make the best possible application. In addition, we provide expert advice to guide you in your selection of universities and colleges. To help you start your selection we organise a visit to a UCAS university fair.

Careers Guidance

Every student in the Sixth Form has access to expert careers guidance, including our personal advisors from Calderdale and Kirklees Careers (Connexions). You can arrange an individual careers appointment at any stage during the year. Careers information is also available in our college’s library, which students can access at any time. Those students wishing to enter work are also given advice, including how to write quality CVs and letters of application.



“The facilities have helped improve the standard of my work. All the facilities are excellent.”

SARAH TAYLOR, SIXTH FORM STUDENT



Applications

Students at Shelley College have made a decision that they want to study at a higher level and gain the qualifications needed to further their careers. Our students value the adult relationships and the greater degree of responsibility in the Sixth Form. You will be a hard working student who is enthusiastic about learning and who is willing to benefit from the advice and support provided by the College's staff.

We welcome applications from students in Shelley College's Year 11, as well as external students. For further details including entry requirements, application forms and details of our Equal Opportunities policy contact:

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