

Shoreham Academy

The best in everyone™

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Sixth Form Prospectus



WELCOME TO SHOREHAM ACADEMY

Welcome to Shoreham Academy – a vibrant and thriving school at the heart of the communities of Shoreham-by-Sea and Southwick.

There is something for everyone at Shoreham Academy – whatever their interests, whatever their abilities – and we actively encourage students to take full advantage of everything on offer at the academy. We have created a happy and inclusive community at Shoreham Academy and our Sixth Form students are an integral part of this.

Our school has come a long way in recent years and we are now embarking upon a new and exciting journey. Our recent transition to academy status will catapult us to greater success and open up a host of opportunities for accelerating progress. As a member of the ULT family, we have a secure and bright future ahead of us. ULT's wealth of experience and expertise in education will help us bring out the best in all our students.

I look forward to welcoming you to Shoreham Academy.

Heidi Brown
Principal





THE GATEWAY TO YOUR FUTURE



The decision to join Shoreham Academy's Sixth Form is about much more than spending another two years at school; it is about exploring subjects you enjoy in greater depth, gaining essential qualifications, discovering new talents, developing leadership skills and receiving useful support and guidance as you make important decisions about your future. But above all, the Sixth Form at Shoreham Academy is a gateway to a whole host of opportunities which will enable you to lead a successful and fulfilling adult life.

Our Sixth Form offers a wide range of both academic and vocational subjects so students can gain the qualifications they need either to progress on to higher education or into the world of work. Outside the classroom, there are numerous opportunities for students to develop new talents and skills by participating in our programme of extracurricular activities and taking on roles of responsibility.

As students progress through the Sixth Form, they are faced with making important decisions about their future. We are very proud of the advice and guidance we give students as they make these decisions. Whatever students decide to do, we make sure they are fully prepared to take on the next challenge. In this, we are fortunate to work in partnership with the University of Chichester which assists us in providing the very best support to our students.

I hope this prospectus gives you a good idea of what the Sixth Form at Shoreham Academy is like. Please come to our Sixth Form evening to find out more.

Brett Widdows

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Head of Sixth Form

SIXTH FORM LIFE

Whilst our Sixth Form students are an integral part of our academy community, Sixth Form life is very different from that of students in the younger years.

Sixth Formers at Shoreham Academy are:

- Treated like adults and given more freedom and independence
- Taught in small classes so they receive more personalised tuition
- Given the chance to develop close working relationships with their teachers who are specialists in their subject areas
- Encouraged to make a significant contribution to academy life through numerous leadership roles
- Expected to take responsibility for their own learning but always encouraged to seek help when they need it
- Housed in a separate purpose-built Sixth Form facility fully-equipped with all the technology and facilities they need to explore the Sixth Form curriculum.



Our Sixth Formers also enjoy special access to the Common Room. This is the perfect place for students to relax between lessons, chat to friends and buy food and drink. In the Common Room, students can read a wide selection of daily newspapers and some magazines, such as the New Scientist.

Personal Tutor

Each Sixth Former has a Personal Tutor who they meet with regularly to discuss progress and set targets for the future. Tutors help students improve their learning and study skills and give them useful revision tips.

Dress Code

Unlike the rest of the academy, Sixth Form students are not required to wear the academy uniform. They are, however, expected to wear smart casual clothing, appropriate to a working environment.

“It’s great to have such friendly teachers. It’s so easy to talk to them during and outside of lessons about work and other things too. I feel really at home here.”

Matt Davies, Year 12



COURSES

We offer a range of carefully chosen subjects to bring out the best in you. At Shoreham Academy, there are courses for all abilities and all interests.

Shoreham Academy offers the following courses (in line with any other college, the viability of any course depends on student uptake):

Level Two Courses

- BTEC First Diploma in Children's Care, Learning and Development
- BTEC First Diploma in Sport
- BTEC First Diploma in Media
- BTEC First Diploma in Travel and Tourism
- BTEC First Diploma in Public Services
- OCR National Certificate in ICT
- EDEXCEL Diploma in Society, Health and Development
- ALAN Numeracy
- ALAN Literacy

"The teachers make lessons engaging and enjoyable and the smaller class sizes make the whole learning experience all the better."

James Hadden, Year 13



Level Three Courses

- BTEC National Award in Biology
- BTEC National Diploma in Child Care
- BTEC National Certificate in Media Studies
- BTEC National Certificate in Performing Arts (specialising in Dance)
- BTEC National Certificate in Sport (Coaching, Development and Fitness)
- BTEC National Diploma in Sport (Coaching, Development and Fitness)
- OCR National Certificate in ICT
- Fine Art
- Creative Art
- Biology
- Business Studies
- Chemistry
- Critical Thinking
- Design and Technology
- Drama
- English Literature and Language
- French
- Further Maths
- Geography

- German
- Health and Social Care
- History
- Maths
- Media Studies
- Music
- Music Technology
- Photography
- Physical Education
- Physics
- Psychology
- Sociology
- Travel and Tourism (Applied)

Additional Courses

- Football Coaching Level 1
- Community Sports Leadership Award
- Higher Sports Leadership Award
- GCSE re-take classes in English and Maths

INDEPENDENT LEARNING

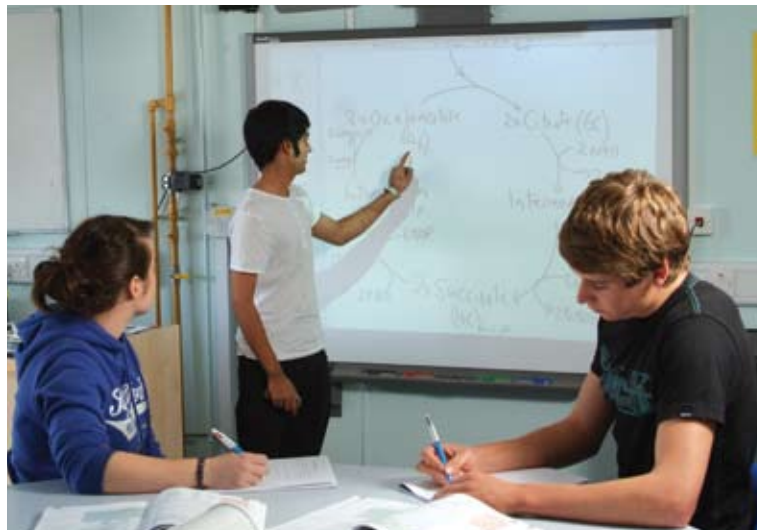
We cultivate an ethos of independent learning in the Sixth Form and we set students a number of independent learning tasks which they are required to complete by themselves. These tasks help students understand their subjects more fully so they are better able to achieve good grades.

There are also a number of lessons which are set aside as personal study periods. Sixth Form students should use this time to complete homework and coursework assignments.

Reporting Achievement

Students and their parents receive two reports a year – one at Christmas and one at Easter. The reports include a student's current grades and what grades they should be working towards. They also provide clear written advice on what students should be doing to achieve their targets. Parents receive additional information on their child's progress through mid-term learning reviews and the annual parents' consultation evening in early February.

As well as telling students how we think they are progressing, we also invite them to give us feedback on the quality of teaching they receive and on Sixth Form life more generally. We take any comments very seriously and constantly seek to improve our Sixth Form for our students.



Learning Support

We treat each student as an individual and pay close attention to their progress. Where we notice a student encountering particular difficulties with their work, we always provide extra support either through one-to-one sessions with teachers or booster classes. Before important exams, we offer additional revision sessions which are open to all students.

“There is so much support on offer in the Sixth Form. The teachers are really approachable and always ready to help me when I get stuck or confused.”

Sadie Jones, Year 13

“The vibrant atmosphere amongst the pupils and the staff in both the main school and the Sixth Form truly brings out ‘the Best in Everyone’.”

Francesca Petts, Year 12



A BRIGHT AND PROMISING FUTURE

We want students attending the Sixth Form to have a bright and promising future to look forward to.

Through one-to-one sessions with their personal tutor, each student is supported as they explore all the options open to them. Once a student has decided what they want to do, our experienced team of specialist careers and higher education advisers ensures they are fully prepared to embark on the next stage of their journey.

Students who choose to go straight into work are assisted in writing CVs and have the opportunity to hone their interview skills through practice sessions. Through our extensive network of local employers, we also help students arrange work experience placements so they can gain the necessary experience that will give them access to their chosen profession.



For students who choose to progress on to higher education, we are fortunate to benefit from a partnership with the University of Chichester:

“The partnership between the University and the academy is about empowering students to make some of the most important decisions of their lives. As the academy’s higher education partner, our role is to guide and support students and help them make informed decisions as to which path to follow when they leave school.

Through visits to the university campus and mentoring sessions with university students, we seek to give academy students a better understanding of what university could offer them. For those who do decide to progress on to university, we guide them through every stage of the university application process – from choosing courses to writing UCAS statements to attending interviews.

The University of Chichester shares the academy’s aim of giving every student the best possible start in life and instilling in them a lifelong love of learning. The level of student satisfaction at the University of Chichester is one of the highest among universities in the UK and we are keen to give students at Shoreham Academy the chance to experience how enjoyable, rewarding and relevant higher education can be.”

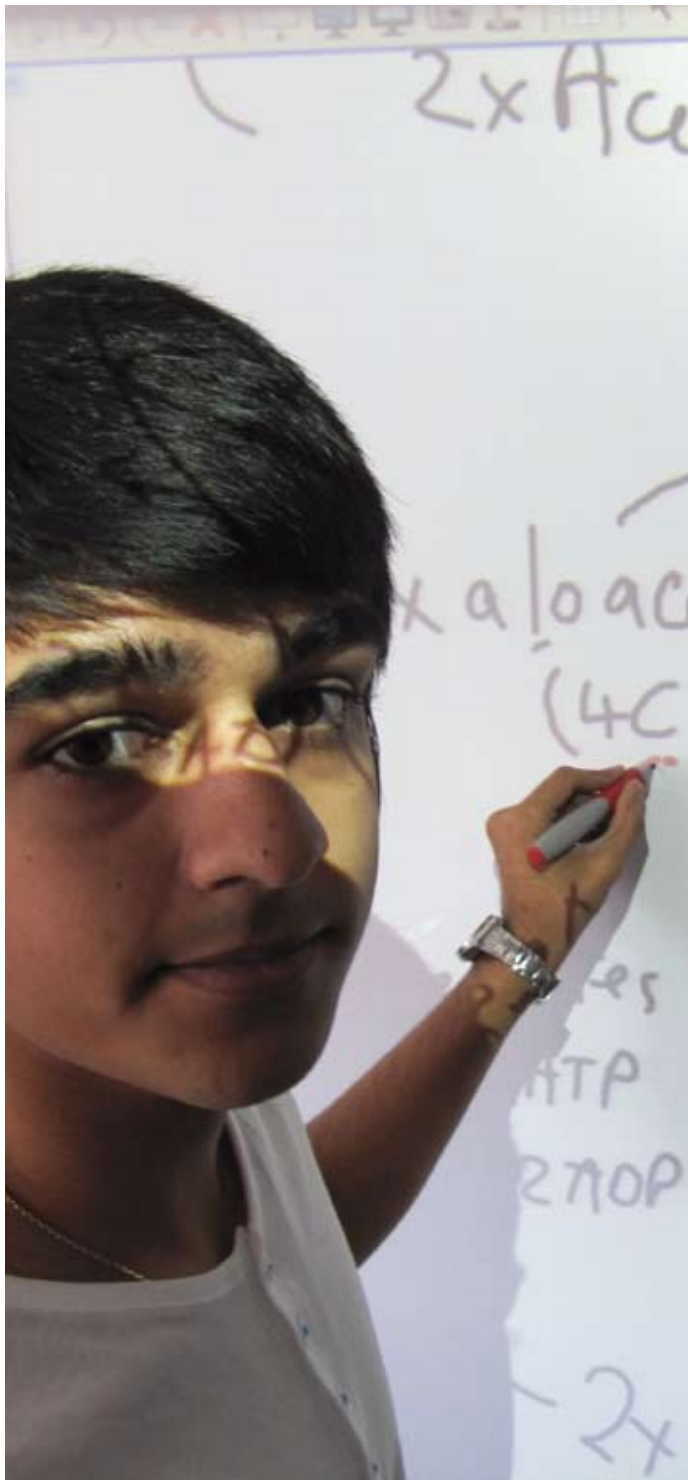
Dr Robin Baker

Vice Chancellor, University of Chichester



“I chose Shoreham Academy to feel part of something rather than just one in a crowd and to be able to wake up in the morning and look forward to seeing my friends. At Shoreham Academy, I can explore my future options and learn with teachers who know me well and do all they can to help me achieve my goals. All this and it’s only down the road!”

Sarah Gathergood, Year 13



WIDER OPPORTUNITIES

Gaining good academic qualifications is only one aspect of Shoreham Academy's Sixth Form. We seek to develop the whole student and, as such, provide a whole host of opportunities for Sixth Form students to discover and develop new skills and talents outside the classroom. Our wide-ranging and exciting programme of extracurricular activities gives all students the chance to find something they enjoy and can excel at.

In recent years, activities have included:

- IT animation
- Jazz group
- Italian classes
- The Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme
- Film club

Sixth Form students are also able to take on voluntary work in the local community. These work placements, which are arranged through the Outset organisation, include:

- Working on a radio station in a local hospital
- Helping out in a local junior school
- Organising a lunch club for local pensioners



If students would like to participate in other activities which are not currently offered at the academy, we are always happy to help them establish new clubs or groups.

We also expect Sixth Form students to play an active part in the life of the academy and gain useful leadership skills. Students can:

- Sit on the Sixth Form Council which meets regularly to discuss matters relating to Sixth Form life as well the wider academy community
- Participate in the paired reading scheme in which they can help younger students improve their reading skills
- Act as mentors for younger students

"I love coming to the academy every morning. The atmosphere is really friendly and I feel safe."

Lorena Yeates, Year 12

THE UNITED LEARNING TRUST

Shoreham Academy is sponsored by the United Learning Trust (ULT).

ULT was established to create a family of academies that provide outstanding education. It was formed in 2002 as a subsidiary of the United Church Schools Trust which has been running high-quality independent schools in the UK for over 125 years. ULT offers the stability of an organisation with a long-term commitment to education in this country and the experience to run successful schools.

ULT is the largest single sponsor of academies in the UK. Its academies are inclusive and welcoming schools where students of all faiths, backgrounds and abilities are valued and respected.

As a member of the ULT family, Shoreham Academy shares the objective of developing every student into a balanced and articulate individual with the intellectual freedom to be creative, the confidence to initiate, the resilience to cope with adversity, the strength to lead, the compassion to serve others and the motivation to achieve a lifelong love of learning.



UCST Schools

- 1 Arnold School
- 2 Ashford School
- 3 Bournemouth Collegiate School
- 4 Caterham School
- 5 Guildford High School
- 6 Hampshire Collegiate School
- 7 Hull Collegiate School
- 8 Lincoln Minster School
- 9 Sunderland High School
- 10 Surbiton High School

ULT Academies

- 1 Accrington Academy
- 2 Barnsley Academy
- 3 Kettering Buccleuch Academy
- 4 Lambeth Academy
- 5 Manchester Academy
- 6 Midhurst Rother College
- 7 Northampton Academy
- 8 North Oxfordshire Academy
- 9 Paddington Academy
- 10 Salford City Academy
- 11 Sheffield Park Academy
- 12 Sheffield Springs Academy
- 13 Shoreham Academy
- 14 Stockport Academy
- 15 Swindon Academy
- 16 Walthamstow Academy
- 17 William Hulme's Grammar School

APPLYING TO SHOREHAM ACADEMY

There are 160 places in the Sixth Form each of which is free of charge. The Sixth Form at Shoreham Academy is open to all students including students from other schools and from outside the Shoreham area.

Students can apply for a place in the Sixth Form by using the application form which can be obtained from the Sixth Form office, the front office or the Year 11 common room. Application forms will also be available at the Sixth Form Open Evening.

All students who apply will be given a formal interview to ensure the courses they want to do are appropriate for their ability and desired career. After this interview, students will be given a letter of acceptance that will offer them a place in the Sixth Form. To secure a place, this letter needs to be signed by a parent or guardian and returned to the Sixth Form office.



Open Evening

Come to our Sixth Form open evening to discover more about what the Sixth Form at Shoreham Academy can offer you. Meet staff and students, see our facilities and find out which courses are best suited to you.

For further information about the Sixth Form at Shoreham Academy please contact:

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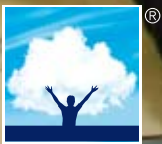


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