



Shoreham Academy

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Sixth Form Prospectus



WELCOME TO THE SHOREHAM ACADEMY SIXTH FORM

Shoreham Academy Sixth Form is an outstanding learning community with the highest aspirations for both academic and personal excellence.

Studying at 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, excelling in essential qualifications, discovering new talents, supporting the community and developing leadership skills. You will receive first class support and guidance as you make important and exciting decisions about your future. At Shoreham Academy we strive for the best in everyone because all students are expected to achieve to their full potential. This is realised through the provision of an outstanding teaching and learning culture, positive mind-set, hard work and high aspirations. Above all, the Sixth Form at Shoreham Academy is a gateway to a whole host of opportunities which will enable you to lead successful and fulfilling lives.

When asked 'why Shoreham Academy Sixth Form?' the answer is simple. We provide an educational experience that is unique and suited to each individual student. In addition to this we know exactly how to enable you to achieve your aspirations which is why we have Shoreham Academy students gaining places at Harvard, Oxford and Cambridge.

Our prospectus gives you a flavour of life in the Sixth Form at Shoreham Academy. To see for yourself what the academy can offer, please come to one of our Open Days or make an arrangement to visit us at another time.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Coupe'.

Jim Coupe
Principal





THE GATEWAY TO YOUR FUTURE

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 apprenticeships or work (please see our website for detailed course information). Outside the classroom, it is expected that all students take up the numerous opportunities to develop new skills, whilst participating in our comprehensive programme of enrichment activities, work experience, taking on roles of responsibility and supporting the wider school community.

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 be highly successful as they take on their next challenge. In this, we are fortunate to work in partnership with the University of Sussex, Brighton and Chichester and our academy sponsor United Learning which assists us in providing the very best support to our students.

I hope the information in this prospectus is useful for you as you make your decision on the next stage of your education. Further information can be found on our website and any of the sixth form team will be happy to answer any further questions.

Kieran Felton
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 and feedback
- 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
- Expected to be reliable and resilient in the face of challenges and be resourceful to fully utilise our superb facilities
- Expected to take risks, be pioneering and challenge themselves to be deeply aspirational and go beyond what is just expected.



Our sixth formers enjoy special access to the group work room & library. This is the perfect place for students to complete independent study between lessons and chat to friends. In addition to their own garden our sixth formers also have a private study room in order to work in their own quiet space, whilst also being supported by a dedicated study supervisor and career adviser.

Academic Mentor

Each sixth former has an academic mentor who they meet with regularly to discuss progress and set targets for the future. Mentors help students improve their learning and study skills, cope with the challenges of sixth form courses and help them produce their personal statement.

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 formal learning environment.

“Sixth Form has been an eye opening introduction to the subject I want to pursue at University. It’s an opportunity to begin to specialise in the subjects you enjoy, making it fun, but also challenging-something we all appreciate.”

Spencer Pescod, Sixth Form student



COURSES



We offer a range of carefully chosen subjects to bring out the best in you.

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

Courses

We have revised and expanded our course offer for 2018/19. Please check the academy website for full details of all of our courses and additional enrichment opportunities that may be combined with your main course offer.

Sports Academies

For 2018/19 we are also launching a number of Sports academies for;

Football - Powered by Pro Direct

Gymnastics - In association with iStar Academy

Dance - In association with 3Fall Dance company and University of Chichester

INDEPENDENT LEARNING

We cultivate an ethos of independent learning and resourcefulness in the Sixth Form. Students are required to complete a number of independent learning tasks. 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 designated as independent study periods. It is vital that Sixth Form students use this time to complete homework and coursework assignments, whilst reflecting and review learning. We know that high achievement takes hard work and dedication and we want students to have every opportunity to succeed. Effective use of time is essential.

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 can also receive additional information on their child's progress through mid-term learning reviews and the annual parents' consultation evening in early March. 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 the 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 and guidance which is open to all students.

“Being a 6th former is especially good as you already have an excellent relationship with many teachers and are treated as an adult.”

Matt Randall, Sixth Form student



A BRIGHT & PROMISING FUTURE

We want students attending the Sixth Form to have the brightest and most promising future to look forward to. We know that every student can be highly successful and believe that there are no barriers or excuses to high achievement. Through one-to-one sessions with their academic mentor, 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 exciting journey. Students who choose to go onto apprenticeships or into work are assisted in writing CVs and have the opportunity to hone their interview skills through one-to-one practice sessions. We provide work experience 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 co-ordinated by our dedicated work experience co-ordinator.

For students who choose to progress on to higher education, we are fortunate to benefit from partnerships with Sussex, Brighton and Chichester Universities.



University of Chichester...

"The partnership between University and the academy is about empowering students to make some of the most important decisions of their lives. As one of the academy's higher education partner, our role is to guide and support students and help them make informed decision 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. This advice is objective and does not presume that students will choose Chichester – we simply aim to raise aspirations and facilitate progression.

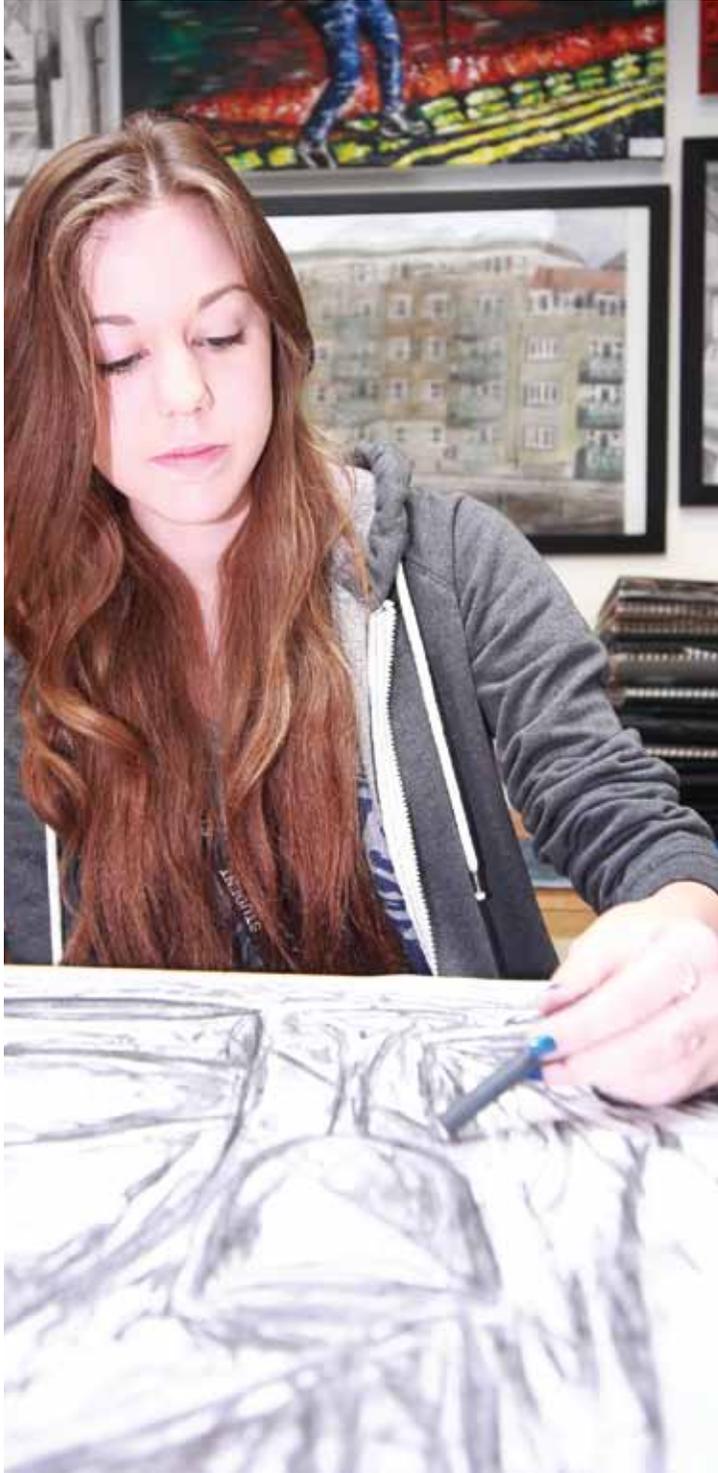
The University of Chichester shares the academy's aim of giving every student the best possible start in life and instilling in them a lifelong love of learning. The level of student satisfaction at the university is one of the highest among universities in the UK and we are keen to give students at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

Professor Clive Behagg

Vice-Chancellor of the University of Chichester

"I really enjoy coming here; the teachers are great, the resources are first rate, there are dozens of computers and the 6th form rooms are fantastic."

Chantal Ewins, Sixth Form student



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 enrichment activities gives all students the chance to widen their experience, broaden their aspirations and gain valuable evidence to demonstrate why they are one step ahead of the rest.

In recent years, activities have included:

- TEFL course (Teaching English as a Foreign Language)
- Film club
- Careers Advice and guidance
- First Aid Course
- Fitness group
- Political Debates
- Safe Driving
- Sixth Form Sports Team
- Sixth Form Newspaper
- Trips Abroad

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:

- Join the Sixth Form Leadership Team 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
- Volunteer and organise charitable events that support the wider community
- Work with the school Eco-group to support our local environment

"It is a friendly and close community in the sixth form. It is a fun and brilliant sixth form and everyone is there to help."

Tia Rooney Sixth Form Student



APPLYING TO SHOREHAM ACADEMY

There are 300 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 or online at www.shoreham-academy.org/sixthform.

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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