



POST 18 CAREERS GUIDANCE

HIGH STORRS SCHOOL

At High Storrs there is extensive support for students to help them prepare for life after Sixth Form. We support students when they are considering their future careers and Post 18 options. In addition to the experienced Sixth Form team, the school provides independent careers advice and guidance from Sheffield Futures.

We work hard to ensure that all students feel prepared for life after Sixth Form by discussing all of their Post 18 options with them. For the vast majority of students this will be university, but we place equal value on other Post 18 pathways, including apprenticeships, a year in industry, full time employment, foundation college courses and gap years.

The Sixth Form Team work closely with all students to support them through the lengthy process of making university, apprenticeship and job applications, with form tutors helping in the research and decision-making process. We cover much of our Post 18 work in Tutorial sessions, with additional activities in registrations and as enrichment in study periods.

There are also many other opportunities in school for students to explore their Post 18 options, including:

- **talks from High Storrs alumni from a range of professions**
- **visits from universities**
- **visits from performing arts institutions**
- **STEM workshops.**

Typically, we take the whole year group to a local university for a full day in the summer term of Year 12.

We encourage students to seek work experience, whether this is for a targeted week or a regular placement during Wednesday afternoon enrichment time. For many this is an essential activity to complete alongside their studies. Students planning a career in, for example, medicine, veterinary medicine, nursing, teaching, or physiotherapy they will find that it will be almost impossible to secure an offer at university without some relevant work experience.

In the Sixth Form, we tailor careers activities and promote opportunities via Careers Pathways. Through each Careers Pathway, students will:

- **receive targeted information and work experience and other experience related to the field(s)**
- **access relevant university outreach programmes and outside speakers**
- **be directed to important activities to broaden their CV, for example additional courses.**

Our Careers Pathways are:

- 1. Business, Finance and Law**
- 2. Creative and Performing Arts**
- 3. Education and Public Services**
- 4. Humanities, Languages and Literature**
- 5. Medicine and Health**
- 6. STEM and Computing**

Although Careers work is embedded throughout Sixth Form, it is most intensive in the summer term of Year 12 and autumn term of Year 13. During this time, the majority of our students will make applications to university via UCAS. A summary of the UCAS process, along with our predicted grades principles, is below. The internal deadline for UCAS applications this year is Friday 3rd December.

Students following different Post 18 pathways (including conservatoires, some performing arts schools, some arts courses, apprenticeships and/ or full-time employment) may have different timelines and deadlines.

The Sixth Form Team will provide equal support for such applications, but expect that students understand their own deadlines and also book a 1:1 meeting with their Student Support Assistant or Head of Year to discuss applications.