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16-19 PROSPECTUS 2021





WELCOME

A CARING COMMUNITY DELIVERING EXCELLENCE & INSPIRING FUTURES

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WELCOME

Thank you for thinking about studying at the City of Stoke-on-Trent Sixth Form College.

As the first purpose built Sixth Form College in the country, we have been delivering post-16 education to students for 50 years. We have helped over 30,000 young people reach their potential by progressing on to universities, varied apprenticeships and impressive jobs. With a wealth of experience, we are experts in the field of providing a high quality, holistic education for all.

This education goes well beyond success in qualifications, encompassing a wide range of clubs, student-led societies, trips, work experience and extra-curricular experiences to inspire and develop the wider skills of every student.

We have high expectations of all our students; we will help you develop into independent learners through a range of tasks and activities that will bring out the best in each individual. At the same time, personal support is never far away, and staff always operate an open-door policy so that you can get help and advice whenever you need it. All of this is supported by a range of workshops and support sessions throughout the week.

So, don't be afraid to ask questions, try out your own ideas and learn from your mistakes, as this will give you the best possible preparation for success in your subjects. We can build a timetable around your needs; offer endless opportunities for you to try new things and to find out about your future career.

We hope to inspire you to become life-long learners, whether inside or outside of a classroom, so that you can develop the skills and determination to achieve far more than you ever expected. What's more, we promise to treat each student as an individual and to welcome you into our learning community.

I look forward to meeting you all.



Mark Kent
Principal & CEO Potteries Educational Trust

MAKE YOUR MARK

MARK UP YOUR PROSPECTUS TO EMPHASISE SECTIONS OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO YOUR ACADEMIC JOURNEY. DRAW ARROWS, UNDERLINE, CIRCLE AND MAKE NOTES, THE PAGES ARE YOURS TO MAKE YOUR MARK ON!

FIND OUT MORE

VISIT OUR OPEN EVENTS

- Wednesday 14th October 2020
 - Thursday 26th November 2020
 - Tuesday 2nd February 2021
 - Wednesday 17th March 2021
- All Open Events take place from 5pm – 7pm

COVID 19

We continue to follow the latest government guidelines, for up to date information please visit: www.stokesfc.ac.uk/covid-19-update-for-applicants/

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MAKE YOUR MARK

WITH A WORLD

OF OPPORTUNITY

As the only purpose built sixth form college in Staffordshire, we offer a wide range of specialist courses that can be taken in any combination.

But that's not all we're about...

Located in the heart of the University Quarter, you are guaranteed a vibrant, safe and attractive learning environment where you can access top-class equipment, including university standard science labs and sports facilities.

Each year many of our students progress onto top universities such as Oxford, Cambridge and a range of Russell Group universities as well as other prestigious institutions across the UK and abroad.

HERE ARE SIX REASONS TO STUDY AT THE CITY OF STOKE-ON-TRENT SIXTH FORM COLLEGE.

HIGH QUALITY TEACHING IN STATE-OF-THE-ART FACILITIES

Our staff are passionate about their subjects and are specialists at communicating their expertise whilst teaching in university standard facilities.



EXCELLENT RESULTS

Over 3/4 of A Level subjects achieved a 100% pass rate

99% BTEC pass rate – top class results across all BTECS

99% pass rate for A Level courses

250 A* or equivalent grades

Almost 80% achieved high grades A*-B for Extended Project Qualification



MORE THAN JUST QUALIFICATIONS

College life is an exciting mix of learning and personal enrichment, providing you with plenty of opportunities to branch out and try new things all whilst developing essential attributes and social skills.



FUTURE SUCCESS

Through our Futures Programme, we will inspire you to develop essential employability skills and a life-long love of learning. Our students consistently continue onto outstanding progression routes. Students will also receive a range of opportunities to support their development and aspirations.

CARING COMMUNITY

All students will receive excellent support, which includes access to an on-site counsellor, progress coaches, careers advisors, financial and learning support as well as open-door access to teachers and support staff.



OUR BROAD RANGE OF COURSES

We offer the widest choice of A Levels in the area. We are also one of the first Sixth Form Colleges to be offering the new T Level qualifications as well as BTEC and GCSE courses, all of which can be taken in any combination.





OUTSTANDING FACILITIES

The Sixth Form College has been designed to give you a learning environment in which you can thrive, create your future, and feel comfortable in being who you are. Whether you need a quiet place to complete your coursework, a studio to practise your dance routine in, or a social area to grab a bite to eat, there's a space for you.

SCIENCE CENTRE

Strengthen your learning through practical experiments that will prepare you for study at higher education or for employment. Shared between Staffordshire University and the Sixth Form College, our Science Centre features state-of-the-art equipment that will help you to boost your abilities and take your studies to the next level.

PLACES TO STUDY

Our Learning Resource Centres, Quiet Study Areas and Learning Pods are equipped with everything needed to help you focus on your studies. These include: computers, high speed internet access as well as an extensive selection of books and set texts. In these spaces you can work on coursework, develop your subject understanding and carry out your own research.

REFECTORY & ROEBUCK CAFÉ

We offer a broad selection of fresh, healthy lunch choices, and a range of hot food and sharing options for all tastes. Recharge and refuel in our very own Coffee Shop selling a range of drinks and snacks as well as lots of 'grab and go' offers.

TOP CLASS SPORTS FACILITIES

Whether you are studying a sport related course, are an elite athlete or simply want to keep fit, you will have access to the facilities at Staffordshire University and Fenton Manor Sports Complex. With all-weather pitches, badminton and squash courts, fully equipped gyms, a 25m swimming pool, studios and sports arenas, you will experience some of the best sports facilities in Staffordshire.

CREATIVE & PERFORMING FACILITIES

Our high-quality studios, rehearsal and performing spaces will support you in developing your expertise as an artist and performer. These include: a drama studio, dance studio, media editing suite, production and art workshops, games design suite, music practice and recording rooms.



NEW FOR 2020

New in 2020 is our cutting-edge Digital Centre. Containing vibrant collaborative learning spaces, an higher education hub and state of the art Computing and Science Labs.

Computing facilities are excellent with specialist equipment for 3D Games Design, Computer Science and Creative subjects including Adobe Creative Suite.

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1970-2020





WE'RE CLOSER THAN YOU THINK

TRAVELLING TO COLLEGE

BY BUS

Travelling to and from college is easy. Many local bus routes stop directly outside the college. A useful link for bus and train travel is the 'Traveline Midlands Journey Planner.' It will show you all routes using all forms of public transport. Visit www.travelinemidlands.co.uk

BY CAR

Parking spaces at our main campus on Leek Road are available for students who meet our qualifying criteria. Students can also be dropped off at the college's drop-off point, at our main campus. Alternatively, students are entitled to reduced rate parking at Fenton Manor Sports Complex, which is a short, safe walk along City Road.

BY TRAIN

The Sixth Form College is located next to Stoke Railway station with popular stops only a short distance away. Use the 'journey planner' on www.nationalrail.co.uk to plan your college journey.

GOOD TO KNOW: National Rail has launched the 16-17 Saver. Travelling to college just got 50% cheaper. Find out more at www.nationalrail.co.uk

DISCOUNTED TRAVEL

Discounted travel passes are available to all students. These allow unlimited travel 24 hours a day, seven days a week within a specified area and are available to purchase in college.

Students in receipt of the College Bursary will receive free travel to and from college. More information about the College Bursary can be found on our website at www.stokesfc.ac.uk

Local Education Authorities also offer assisted travel schemes for students who meet their selection criteria.

GREENER TRAVEL

We support sustainable travel and encourage students and staff to cycle or walk to college. We have invested in secure and covered cycle parking facilities, lockers and showers which are available for you to use.

FURTHER INFORMATION

If you have any questions about travel, would like any additional information or to apply for the College Bursary Scheme, then contact our Student Finance Desk on **01782 848736**, email bursary@stokesfc.ac.uk or visit www.stokesfc.ac.uk/financial-support

TRAVEL BY TRAIN

KIDSGROVE 7 MINS
STONE 8 MINS

ALSAGER 9 MINS
STAFFORD 23 MINS

CREWE 24 MINS
UTTOXETER 25 MINS



EXCELLENT RESULTS

WE GET RESULTS

Excellent results and enrichment led personal development means that our graduates progress onto outstanding destinations. Including competitive Apprenticeships with PWC, Employment, Medicine and Oxbridge.

A LEVEL

Our students achieved a 99% A Level pass rate, with 51% (over half) securing high A*-B grades. These results reflect the college's commitment to success and progress.

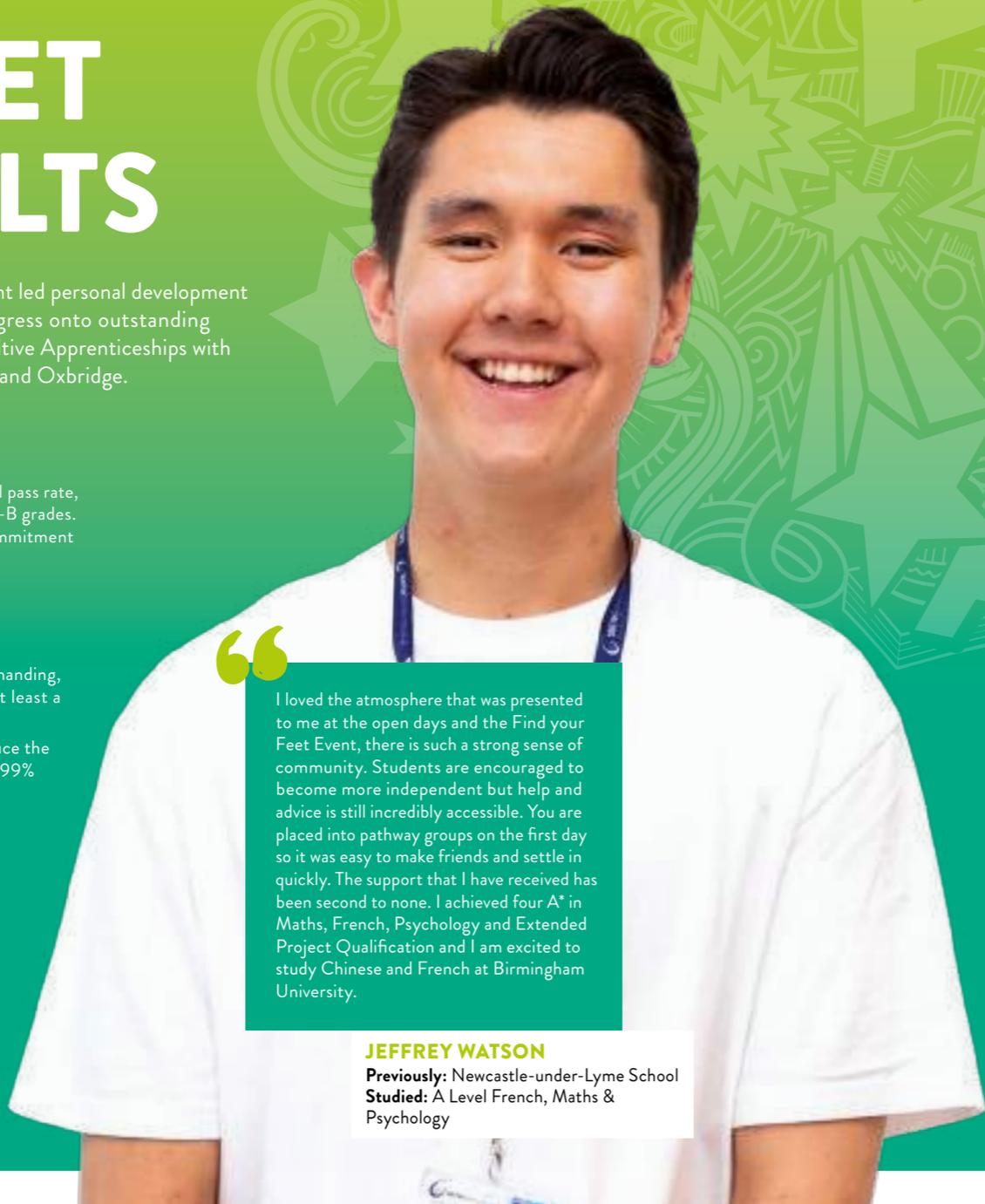
BTEC

85% of students sitting the more demanding, examined BTEC Courses achieved at least a Merit-Distinction*.

Our BTEC courses continue to produce the strongest results in the area, with a 99% overall pass rate.

3 YEAR

IMPROVEMENT IN RESULTS



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I loved the atmosphere that was presented to me at the open days and the Find your Feet Event, there is such a strong sense of community. Students are encouraged to become more independent but help and advice is still incredibly accessible. You are placed into pathway groups on the first day so it was easy to make friends and settle in quickly. The support that I have received has been second to none. I achieved four A* in Maths, French, Psychology and Extended Project Qualification and I am excited to study Chinese and French at Birmingham University.

JEFFREY WATSON

Previously: Newcastle-under-Lyme School
Studied: A Level French, Maths & Psychology

RESULTS HIGHLIGHTS

- We continue to achieve excellent results in Biological Sciences, particularly in Biology, Chemistry and Psychology with in excess of 40% high grades awarded.
- The college's unique offer of specialist subjects such as Geology, German, French, Spanish, Music, Further Maths, Dance, Games Design and many more continuously see large numbers of students progress onto prestigious universities including Oxbridge and Russell Group.
- Our specialist curriculum subjects continue to produce top-class results with Computer Science (A Level and BTEC) placing in the top 25% in the country.
- Two thirds of Sport and Public Services BTEC Students achieved the highest grades of Distinction*/ Distinction.
- The college continues to perform strongly in a range of A Level subjects including: Art, Geography, Media, PE, Product Design, Religious Studies, Psychology and Sociology.
- Excellent performance in a number of BTEC subjects including Applied Science, Health & Social Care, Graphics, Public Services, Performing Arts and Computing.
- Over 90% of Sixth Form College students applied for university courses this year.

85%

OF STUDENTS SITTING THE MORE DEMANDING, EXAMINED BTEC COURSES ACHIEVED AT LEAST A MERIT-DISTINCTION*



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The friendly atmosphere, approachable staff and great facilities are what initially attracted me to the Sixth Form College. The college has a good reputation for its STEM department and this combined with the modern facilities and shared science labs within Staffordshire University complemented my chosen career path to become a Doctor. After gaining three A* in Biology, Chemistry and Maths, I am looking forward to studying medicine at Sheffield University.

HANNAH BARLOW

Previously: Ormiston Meridian Academy
Studied: A Level Biology, Chemistry & Maths

ACHIEVE MORE

Every year students come to the Sixth Form College with an amazing array of exceptional skills and abilities – academic, sporting, musical and many more. We will challenge you to aim high in many ways during your time with us, and for academically talented students we offer specific programmes to help you excel.

HIGH ACHIEVERS

If you have achieved high GCSE grades and aspire to apply for Oxford, Cambridge, Medical or Veterinary College, Russell Group universities or institutions renowned for specialisms within particular areas including international universities such as Stanford, you will be given individual mentoring, guidance and support.

The High Achievers Programme has been designed by staff who are Oxbridge graduates, and incorporates their knowledge and experience of university admissions processes and tests; providing support in preparation for university interviews. These include: BMAT, LNAT, UCAT, PAT and TSA tests. High achieving students are encouraged to develop their academic interest through a dedicated lecture programme delivered by renowned academics and industry professionals, visiting from many universities and employers, including Oxbridge and other Russell Group universities. High achievers are also encouraged to complete the Extended Project Qualifications to stand out from the crowd.

For members of the programme, the college organises overnight stays to a number of prestigious institutions. This includes Cambridge, Oxford and other Russell Group universities.

HE+

The college is the regional hub for the University of Cambridge's prestigious programme for high achieving students. The programme gives students access to enrichment masterclasses delivered by Cambridge academics. Students also benefit from the opportunity to stay overnight at Cambridge and receive personalised support for their university application.

EXTENDED PROJECT QUALIFICATION

Boost your abilities, stand out from the crowd and get ready for university study with an EPQ. Focusing on a topic of your choice, you'll commit one hour per week to an independent research project. Working with a supervisor, you'll learn valuable research skills whilst expanding your subject knowledge. UCAS recognises EPQs as worth half of an A Level. Show universities your full potential by taking an EPQ.



I have always felt supported throughout my studies and the teachers are so inspiring. I am going to study medicine at university and college staff quickly encouraged me to start work experience to support my university applications. Extra support sessions after lesson time really helped to boost my grades. The time given to learn independently has provided me with a strong work ethic and has set me up for studying at university.

TIA PASHLEY

Previously: Clayton Hall Academy
Studied: A Level Biology, Chemistry & Maths

ELITE ATHLETE SUPPORT

At the Sixth Form College we take athlete support seriously and will work with you to ensure that you continue to enhance your abilities alongside your studies through our two dedicated support programmes.

TALENTED ATHLETE PROGRAMME

Students aiming to represent the college in regular competitive sport will experience quality coaching and access to top class sports facilities. The college competes at regional and national levels in football (male and female) basketball and netball through the Association of Colleges (AOC) leagues and one-off competitions.

JUNIOR ELITE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME

To nurture the development of elite athletes who compete at county level or above, the college, in partnership with Staffordshire University, has created a Junior Elite Scholarship. As a member, you will experience a comprehensive programme of athlete support, which includes strength and conditioning reviews, nutrition and psychology workshops as well as complimentary gym membership.



Sport has always been a big part of my life and it has been great to find a course which involves the both the theoretical and practical elements. The sports facilities at the Sixth Form College are amazing and there is such a strong link with Staffordshire University. College staff helped me to find extra-curricular activities and I was chosen for the Junior Elite Scholarship which supports my next steps to study a chiropractic course at university.

BEN HALL

Previously: Wolstanton High School
Studied: BTEC Sport & Exercise Science

ALMOST 80%

ON AVERAGE ACHIEVED HIGH GRADES A*-B ACROSS ALL EPQ'S



MORE THAN JUST QUALIFICATIONS

UNLOCK YOUR POTENTIAL

Coming to college offers a unique opportunity to take part in a broad range of exciting activities, which will help you to develop your confidence, give you great employability skills and help you have fun, whilst making lasting friendships.

INTERNATIONAL ENRICHMENT

Every year you will have the opportunity to engage in international enrichment programmes, visiting exciting locations such as Washington, D.C., Gambia, Poland and Iceland. By taking part you will discover the cultures of overseas communities whilst developing a rich global perspective. Universities and employers highly value these experiences and the skills you will develop.

STUDENT VOICE

Want to represent your fellow students' views and get your voice heard? Stand for election as a Course Representative or as Student Governor. Every year we hold elections for these positions. As a Student Governor, you will represent students' views and act as a link between them and our Governing Body. As a Course Representative you will receive sought-after leadership training, listen to the views of other students on your course and feedback their comments and questions to staff during subject meetings and at Student Parliament.

MUSIC MAKING

Showcase your musical talents by performing in college productions throughout the year, or take up a spot on our second floor balcony during a lunch break and entertain the college.

SPORTS ENRICHMENT

Our extensive sports enrichment offers plenty of activities for you to get involved with from archery, horse-riding, ice skating, rock climbing, rugby, skiing, table tennis and tennis to name a few.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH

Fancy a challenge? Want to develop your leadership and teamwork skills? We also run Bronze, Silver and Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award.

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DEVELOP TEAMWORK, SELF-CONFIDENCE AND CREATIVE SKILLS THROUGH OUR DIVERSE ENRICHMENT PROGRAMME.



CLUBS & SOCIETIES

You will have access to an array of clubs and societies as well as various sports enrichment activities at your fingertips. These will help you to develop your teamwork, self-confidence and creative skills all whilst having fun and making new friendships.

SOCIETIES CURRENTLY RUNNING

- Creative Writing Society
- Current Affairs
- Debating Society
- Film Crew
- International Society
- Let's Connect
- Musical Theatre Society
- Medical, Dentistry & Veterinary Society (MDV)
- Mathematical Science, Engineering & Computing (MEC)
- Pride (LGBTQ) Society
- Society of Change

FUTURE SUCCESS

For more information visit www.stokesfc.ac.uk

FUTURES PROGRAMME

Our creative and exciting Futures Programme is designed to provide all students with the very best opportunities and bespoke support to ensure that you achieve your maximum potential in your chosen subjects and career.

DISCOVER MORE

Developed from working closely with local and national universities and employers, our specially designed programme provides additional specialist support and activities aimed at giving students the tools to progress into life enhancing careers. You will receive the best possible preparation for progressing onto competitive degree courses, apprenticeship training or into employment. This impressive programme consists of an extensive array of specialist workshops and events, visits to workplaces and prestigious institutions, as well as lectures delivered by renowned guest speakers.

YOU WILL ALSO:

- Have access to the college's Futures Zone led by dedicated Careers and Employability Staff and tailored support to help you best prepare for your future career.
- Attend annual events supported by universities and Employers.
- Receive information and advice on applying to university, completing personal statements and preparing for the world of work.
- Attend immersion days - A day in industry. Finding out in depth aspects of a profession while gaining valuable work experience.
- Visit showcase events - This includes master classes, educational visits, practical work, and sessions with industry professionals.
- Receive progression preparation - Expert support and guidance to help students gain entry to highly competitive courses at Russell Group and other prestigious universities.
- Undertake high quality and relevant work experience.
- Develop relevant employability skills for your chosen career.
- To find out more please visit our brand new Futures Zone located in the First Floor Pod or visit our website www.stokesfc.ac.uk



OUR NEW FUTURES ZONE OFFERS EXPERT CAREERS ADVICE FOR ALL YOUR EMPLOYABILITY AND PROGRESSION SUPPORT.



SUPPORTING EVERY STEP

We want all of our students to enjoy their time at college and we are committed to providing a high level of personalised support, whether that is with your studies, your health and wellbeing or your finances. Our 'one stop' Student Services team are dedicated to providing friendly and professional advice and support.

PROGRESS COACH

Every student has a Progress Coach who will meet with you on a regular basis, offering support and guidance to ensure that you reach your full potential.

CAREERS GUIDANCE

Based in our Futures Zone, our on-site Careers and Progression team are always available to help you research appropriate career plans and support you in taking up work experience opportunities.

EMOTIONAL WELLBEING

Our experienced team of counsellors and emotional wellbeing workers are available for group and one-to-one confidential support.



There is such a good support structure provided by the staff at the Sixth Form College, personally I have been given help and support with my coursework and university application. I was given the opportunity to visit Leeds University as part of a college trip, I loved this experience so much that I have decided to study a degree in Nursing there.

PHILLIP MABHENA

Previously: The Kidsgrove Secondary School
Studied: BTEC Applied Science

STUDENTS WITH LEARNING DIFFICULTIES OR DISABILITIES

We are dedicated to ensuring every student has equal access to the courses and services we offer and will make every effort to ensure we meet your needs. You will have the opportunity to meet with our Learning Support Co-ordinator and, where possible, you will be offered time with one of our Learning Support Assistants.

STUDENTS WITH ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

We know some students have additional responsibilities at home, such as caring for other members of the family or being a young parent. Our broad range of courses means we can provide flexibility with a personalised timetable to fit around you.

LONE LIVING

We understand that a few students may live alone. If you are a student living independently in your own property or you are with a support agency then our college can help you to get additional support.

For more information visit www.stokesfc.ac.uk

EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY

We embrace and celebrate the rich variety of cultures that make up our college community through shows, events and performances throughout the year. We are dedicated to ensuring our learning environment is tolerant, understanding and receptive to everybody's needs, regardless of their gender, ethnicity or beliefs.

FINANCIAL HELP

You may be entitled to financial support from our College Bursary Scheme. For more information check our website at www.stokesfc.ac.uk or contact our Student Finance Desk on **01782 848736**.

OVERSEAS STUDENTS

A growing number of overseas students' study at the Sixth Form College. Every application that we receive is considered on its own merits. If you are a non-EU/EEA student and you have proof of your right to reside in the UK, you may be eligible to enrol at the college.

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WITH DEDICATED STUDENT SUPPORT AND PERSONALISED ADVICE AND GUIDANCE.



A FEW WORDS TO PARENTS

A CARING COMMUNITY DELIVERING EXCELLENCE & INSPIRING FUTURES

As a specialist 16–19 institution we provide students with a bridge between school and the world of employment or university.

A vital part of the college experience is for students to develop the maturity for self-discipline. We set challenges and targets to encourage them to take responsibility for their own progress.

Students will find they have more freedom than they have experienced at school. However, there is a clear expectation for them to achieve academic qualifications and to develop the essential social and employability skills needed to reach their full potential.

All students meet regularly with a Progress Coach who will support and guide them throughout their studies whilst monitoring progress and attendance. To help students excel, one-to-one subject specific support from teaching staff is available throughout the year.



OUR STUDENTS WILL

- Attend all of their lessons and tutorials and additional support sessions.
- Complete their work on time, with support from teaching staff and their Progress Coach.
- Develop the independent study skills necessary for success in level 3 courses and beyond.
- Accept advice and support when offered.
- Respect the college’s commitment to equality and celebration of diversity.
- Develop our Stoke6th Graduate Attributes to become inquisitive, independent learners, with the ability to prioritise their own workload.

KEEPING YOU INFORMED

We believe parental support is important in helping young learners to achieve. You will be invited to course discussions at the start of each year and termly Parents’ Evenings.

You will be given parental access to Cedar so that you can track your son/daughter’s progress. We encourage all parents to register so that you are able to view: their online timetable, attendance and punctuality information, performance against targets and aims set by your son/daughter’s teachers and Progress Coach.



The Sixth Form College has provided my daughter with a great support network which has enabled her to thrive. The college environment is so friendly and welcoming, staff really care and want the best for their students and take time to get to know them individually. As a parent, you want to know that your child is receiving the best education and that all of their needs are being met. Knowing my daughter is happy and supported through her studies leaves me with a great sense of satisfaction. I would highly recommend the Sixth Form College to any parent or student.

CHERISE GWILT
Parent



THE POTTERIES EDUCATIONAL TRUST

Our focus is to provide the very best education for every child and young person within the Trust, offering a high quality, broad, academic education for the children and young people of Stoke-on-Trent, North Staffordshire and beyond.

Working with like-minded partners the Potteries Educational Trust centres on the development of the very best practice in teaching, learning and assessment. We will provide teaching and learning in a nurturing, supportive environment with a broad range of opportunities and extra-curricular activities available for all within the Trust.

The Potteries Educational Trust was formed in 2017. We provide education for children and young people from 4 years to 18 years and beyond. Our establishments include the City of Stoke-on-Trent Sixth Form College, Biddulph High School, Moorside High School and Werrington Primary School.

OUR VISION

As a Learning Community, we share common values and principles which are embraced at every academy within the Trust. These values form the foundations of everything that we do and achieve as a Multi-Academy Trust with one outcome in mind, to create a caring community that delivers excellence and inspires futures.

We have dedicated and committed Members, Trustees and Local Governors with a wide range of educational and business experience. Each school and college has its own Local Governing Body so that decisions are made at a local level specific to the individual needs of each school. Each establishment has its own individual character and uniqueness. It is important for our Trust to celebrate our diversity whilst working to our common values and principles.

We offer a vast range of opportunities through the curriculum and extra-curricular activities to develop our young people for life experiences and promote high aspirations. The Trust has extensive links with regional and national businesses and universities. We provide wide ranging continuous professional development opportunities for all staff.

We are proud of being a Trust that successfully promotes the highest of aspirations in all our students as evidenced by the multiple opportunities available to meet leading professionals and academics, explore their vocation, experience educational visits across the globe. Please visit our website www.potteries.ac.uk and apply.

OUR VALUES

- We strive for excellence in both academic achievement and life experiences to provide a rich education and opportunities beyond just a set of qualifications.
- We seek to inspire our children and young people, raising their aspirations to be the best they can be and to make a positive contribution to our local and national community.
- We believe in the added value of working partnerships across all phases of education and the benefits and opportunities it brings to our students and staff.
- We will maintain an open access policy ensuring that admission is not based on academic success, within the context of the available curriculum in each establishment.
- The Trust will promote a broad, holistic education for all our children and young people who seek to broaden their understanding of the world.
- All partners in the Trust have an equal place and will work together with honesty, transparency and fairness. We will learn from each other to add value to our practices and to the children and young people and communities we serve.

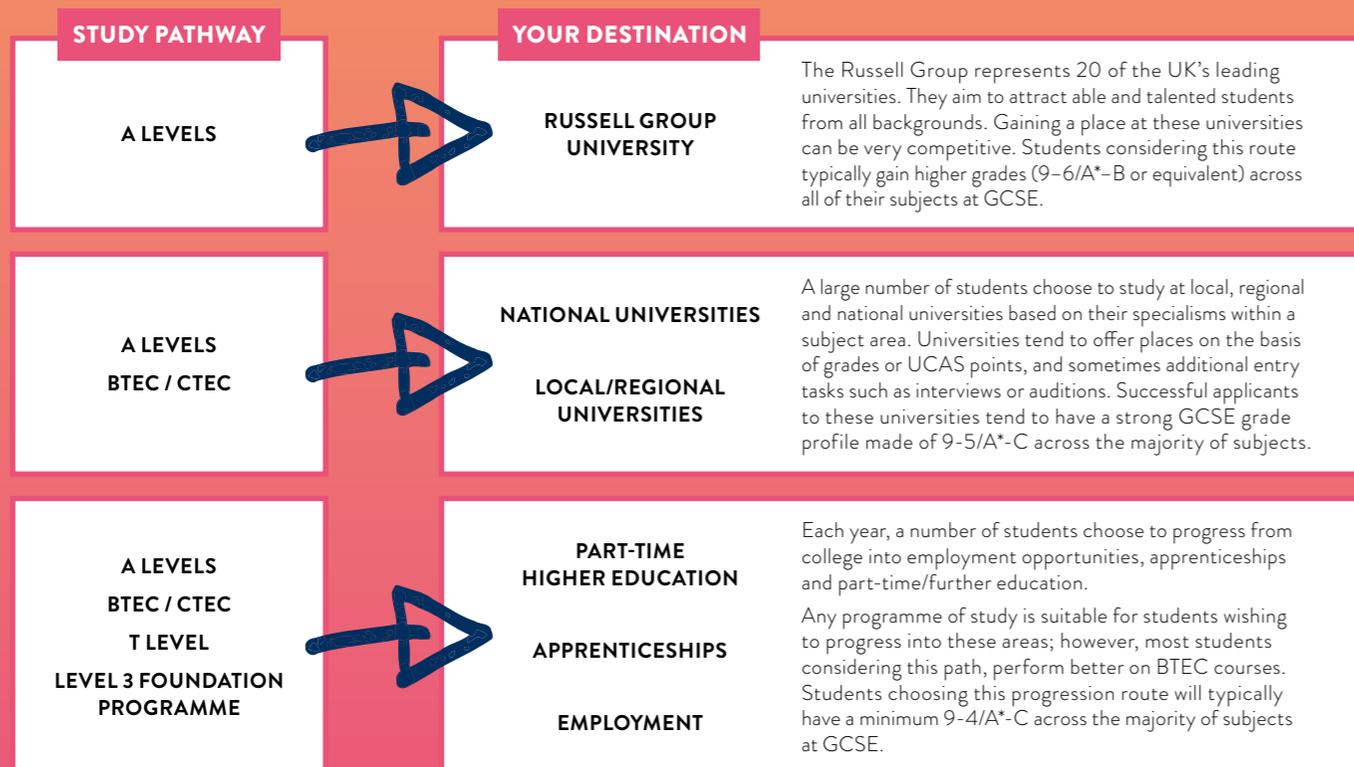
OUR PRINCIPLES

By working together and learning from each other to add value to our practices and to the children and young people and communities we serve, we will champion the following core principles:

- The safety and wellbeing of the children and young people we serve in every action taken by the Trust and its constituent members.
- A caring, community-centered ethos throughout the Trust, cherishing every individual child and young person.
- Excellence in academic terms but also in providing a broad education beyond qualifications – to be ‘Outstanding’ in all we do.
- We will ensure the effective use of resources for the benefit of all children and young people in the Trust.
- We are committed to every child and young person in the Trust; we celebrate diversity and will work to narrow any gaps in aspiration, achievement or attainment within our community.

CHOOSING YOUR COURSE

With more than 60 courses available, it's really important to choose the right courses for you that best support and enhance your university and career choices after college. To help enrol on a course combination that is suitable for your individual goals, staff at the college will advise and support you at every stage of your application.



NATIONAL REFORMS

Since 2015 the Government has implemented changes to the education sector. The aim of these changes is to better equip students with the qualifications and skills needed to compete with the best in the world.

A LEVEL

All A Level subjects are now linear. This means they are examined at the end of two years of study. The new linear AS qualification no longer counts towards an overall A Level grade. A Level subjects are now two year commitments; as a result, it is important that you choose the right courses for you.

GCSE

GCSE qualifications have undergone reform and are now assessed by external exam only (except where non-exam assessment is the only way to provide valid assessment of the skills required). Grading GCSEs has also changed from the traditional A*-G to Grade 1-9, with 9 being the highest grade students can achieve.

These changes are designed to engage and enthuse students whilst better preparing you for the demands of employment and further study. They will give students, parents, teachers, universities and employers greater confidence in the integrity and reliability of our qualifications system.

CONTINUED REFORMS

The Government has introduced changes to BTEC and CTEC courses adding examinations alongside course work. In addition, a new qualification, the T Level, will commence from 2020.

BTEC/CTEC

Following significant employer and higher education involvement, BTEC qualifications now include up to 50% external assessment. This could be in the form of examinations or externally set and marked coursework. These changes aim to prepare students for the reality of lifelong learning within the workplace.

T LEVEL

We are now offering the new T Level courses. T Levels will run across a two year period and will be equivalent to three A Levels. The new T levels will combine classroom theory, practical learning and an industry placement with an employer to make sure you have real workplace experience.

These new courses have been developed by employers and businesses so that the content you cover will meet the needs of industry, provide you with the knowledge and experience for highly skilled employment after college.



HOW WILL THESE CHANGES AFFECT ME?

The Sixth Form College has 50 years' experience of supporting students through national reforms in education. The college has taken significant steps to ensure our students receive the best possible advice and guidance. For more information come along to one of our Open Events.

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PROGRAMME OF STUDY

The Sixth Form College provides outstanding support to enable you to progress with your career; we are committed to making sure you start on the right course combination for you.

As a student of the Sixth Form College you will experience a holistic and stimulating curriculum. As well as your courses, you will receive a comprehensive programme of study designed to support and complement your education.

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

Develop skills in communication, information technology and numeracy. Every course at the college will encourage you to develop these vital skills both inside and outside of the classroom.

PROGRESS COACH

Each term you will spend one-to-one time with your personal Progress Coach to discuss your overall progress in college. Each meeting will also focus on your attendance and future plans. Alongside your one-to-one sessions, you will also receive a weekly tutorial session delivered by your Progress Coach where you will develop your employability skills as well as receive ongoing support to make sure you achieve your potential.

STUDY SUPPORT WORKSHOPS

You will be invited to a range of subject-specific sessions to develop your understanding and confidence beyond the classroom in turn, helping to support you to achieve the grades you are capable of.

MAKE YOUR MARK

VISIT THE FUTURES ZONE TO DISCUSS YOUR CAREER WITH OUR CAREERS PROGRESSION TEAM.



REGULAR ASSESSMENT

Six times a year, your subject teachers will formally review your progress via summative assessments. Together you will then agree targets to give you a clear plan of action to keep you on track and continuously improving.

VIRTUAL LEARNING

Learning is no longer confined to the classroom and can take place, anytime, anywhere. Through MySFC and Google Classroom, the college's virtual learning environments, you can continue your studies whether in or out of college.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Work experience is highly valued by employers, universities and further education providers as it develops valuable skills and qualities. In partnership with local businesses, you will be required to undertake work experience as part of your Sixth Form College journey. The work experience should be relevant to your chosen career path to help encourage your personal development and life experiences. We will support and encourage you throughout to ensure that you get the most out of your placement.

ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT

Each term the college organises a large number of subject-based visits. Last year we delivered over 140 of these academic trips in many subject areas including: a Public Services visit to Snowdonia, a Geology trip to Ecton Mine and a Law visit to local law courts. In addition our students also have the opportunity to take part in international visits. So far this has included trips to Washington, D.C. and Paris.

CEDAR

Cedar is your online portal to the Sixth Form College where you can track your progress, view your timetable, keep in touch with us and more.

YOU WILL ALSO HAVE ACCESS TO:

FUTURES PROGRAMME

Our Futures Programme is made up of activities, events and personal support to help you prepare for your chosen career. All students will take part in the Futures Programme and will take on valuable work experience, attend specialist Immersion Days in a range of businesses and public sector organisations, as well as have access to visits from guest speakers.

CAREER ADVICE AND GUIDANCE

The Careers Progression team, based in our Futures Zone, are available to assist you in considering and researching your future career. Through one-to-one advice sessions and workshops, the team will encourage you to plan and prepare for your future.



The Sixth Form College has a great sense of community; I like that you are treated as an adult which helped me to prepare for life after college. Staff on the MDV programme have encouraged me to reach my full potential and given me opportunities to develop my techniques and gain experiences. The High Achievers and EPQ Programmes have been very important towards my university application and have given me skills that will be highly beneficial in my further studies of Medicine at Leeds University.

JOHN ANDERSON

Previously: Wolstanton High School
Studied: A Level Biology, Chemistry & Maths

OUR COURSES

To help you find a course combination that works for you, our courses are organised into Progression Pathways. Reflecting career areas, our pathways show which courses typically work well together. However, don't feel restricted, at the Sixth Form College you can study any course in any combination. Choosing from over 60 courses, you'll pick a unique programme of study. A Levels, BTECS, or a mixture of both, we'll help you to find a course combination that works for you and your future.

MAKE YOUR MARK

WITH ONE OF OUR SIX PROGRESSION PATHWAYS.

- **BUSINESS, FINANCE & LAW** 26-29
- **CREATIVE & PERFORMING ARTS** 30-35
- **EDUCATION, SOCIETY & HEALTH** 36-39
- **HUMANITIES, LANGUAGES & LITERATURE** 40-43
- **SPORTS & LEISURE** 44-47
- **STEM** 48-53
SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING & MATHS



MAKE YOUR MARK

WITH ANY COURSE IN ANY COMBINATION

A LEVEL/LEVEL 3

- ART & DESIGN
- BIOLOGY
- BUSINESS STUDIES
- CHEMISTRY
- CLASSICAL CIVILISATION
- COMPUTER SCIENCE
- DANCE
- ECONOMICS
- ENGLISH LANGUAGE
- ENGLISH LITERATURE
- ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE
- FRENCH
- FURTHER MATHEMATICS
- GEOGRAPHY
- GEOLOGY
- GERMAN
- HISTORY
- LAW
- MATHEMATICS
- MEDIA STUDIES
- MUSIC
- PHILOSOPHY
- PHOTOGRAPHY
- PSYCHOLOGY
- PHYSICAL EDUCATION
- PHYSICS
- POLITICS
- RELIGIOUS STUDIES

BTEC/VOCATIONAL/LEVEL 3

- APPLIED HUMAN BIOLOGY
- APPLIED PSYCHOLOGY
- APPLIED SCIENCE
- BUSINESS
- CRIMINOLOGY
- DANCE
- DIGITAL GAMES DESIGN & DEVELOPMENT
- DIGITAL MUSIC PRODUCTION
- FOOTBALL COACHING & DEVELOPMENT - IN ASSOCIATION WITH PORT VALE FOOTBALL CLUB
- GRAPHIC DESIGN
- HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE
- LAW
- LIBF DIPLOMA IN FINANCIAL EDUCATION
- MUSIC PERFORMANCE
- MUSICAL THEATRE
- UNIFORMED PROTECTIVE SERVICES

- SOCIOLOGY
- SPANISH
- STATISTICS
- 3D DESIGN - PRODUCT DESIGN & ARCHITECTURE
- 3D DESIGN - TEXTILES, JEWELLERY & FASHION

- SPORT COACHING & DEVELOPMENT
- SPORT & EXERCISE SCIENCE
- THEATRE
- TV & FILM PRODUCTION

T LEVEL/LEVEL 3

- DIGITAL PRODUCTION, DESIGN & DEVELOPMENT
- HEALTH & SCIENCE



LEVEL 3 FOUNDATION PROGRAMME

- CTEC HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE
- GCSE ART & DESIGN
- GCSE CLASSICAL CIVILISATION
- GCSE COMBINED SCIENCE
- GCSE ENGLISH LANGUAGE
- GCSE MATHEMATICS
- GCSE MEDIA
- LIBF CERTIFICATE IN FINANCIAL EDUCATION
- T LEVEL TRANSITION PROGRAMME
- YMCA CERTIFICATE - FITNESS INSTRUCTING



The Sixth Form College offers an extensive range of subjects and many extracurricular activities which attracted me to study here. I chose to study Business and Geography and after attending Find your Feet and completing subject taster sessions, I discovered Economics. During my time at college I have developed a strong interest in Economics and I will be continuing my educational journey at Manchester University to study International Business, Economics and Finance.

HENRY BAKER

Previously: Endon High School
Studied: A Level Business, Economics, Geography & Extended Project Qualification

MAKE YOUR MARK

WITH A CAREER IN

BUSINESS, FINANCE & LAW

BUSINESS, FINANCE & LAW

DEVELOP & SUCCEED

Discover how entrepreneurs come up with winning business ideas, why supply and demand affect the prices we pay, what it takes to set up and run a company and keep it profitable and who decides the laws we live by.

Whether you want to be the next Mark Zuckerberg or Richard Branson, defend someone in a court case or work in an international bank or accountancy firm, this broad Progression Pathway will help you to understand some of the driving forces behind our ever-changing world.

With opportunities to take part in national competitions, work with experts in their professional environment, receive mentoring

from specialists in their field and attend talks from guest speakers and universities, we can help you develop your CV and entrepreneurial skills so that you're ready for life in the world of commerce.

With topics including criminal law, marketing, events management, finance, book-keeping, British Politics and strategic thinking, combined with a structured programme of activities and personal support, we will provide you with the opportunities you need to develop your skills and reach your full potential within your chosen career.

For more information on these subjects visit www.stokesfc.ac.uk



100%
 PASS RATE FOR A LEVEL
 BUSINESS & ECONOMICS

COURSES

A LEVEL/LEVEL 3

- Business Studies
- Economics
- Law

BTEC/VOCATIONAL/LEVEL 3

- Business
- Criminology
- Law
- LIBF Diploma in Financial Education

A LEVEL BUSINESS STUDIES

Assessed: Exam – 100%

Topics Include:

- Marketing
- Finance
- Operations Management
- Human Resources

Awarding Body: Pearson Edexcel

Duration: 2 years

Career Progression: This course often leads to progress to higher education courses and apprenticeships in Business related disciplines. There are a variety of career routes which include Marketing, Finance, Human Resources from small enterprises to large multinational organisations.

A LEVEL ECONOMICS

Assessed: Exam – 100%

Topics Include:

- Microeconomics
- Macroeconomics
- International Trade
- Development Economics

Awarding Body: Pearson Edexcel

Duration: 2 years

Career Progression: Many students progress to university to study Economics and business related degrees which will support a career in a graduate management role in industries such as: Banking and Finance, Accountancy and Public Policy.

A LEVEL LAW

Assessed: Exam – 100%

Topics Include:

- Criminal Courts and Lay People
- Criminal Law
- Human Rights Law
- Law and Justice

Awarding Body: OCR

Duration: 2 years

Career Progression: A large number of our students progress onto Law Degrees both LLB and combined honours programmes at local and national universities as well as degrees in Criminology, Criminal Justice and Forensic Science. Law students are also able to access Legal apprenticeships and many of our former students have now graduated and work in the industry as lawyers in small and large commercial practices.

BTEC DIPLOMA BUSINESS

A Level Equivalent: 2 A Level

Assessed: Combination of Examination, External Assessment and Coursework.

Topics Include:

- Developing a Marketing Campaign
- Personal and Business Finance
- Recruitment and Selection
- Investigating Customer Service

Awarding Body: Pearson Edexcel

Duration: 2 years

Career Progression: You can progress onto business related degrees at well-respected universities and potential career paths include junior management in a wide range of industries as well as careers related to Sales and Marketing, Retail, Logistics and Operations Management.

WJEC DIPLOMA CRIMINOLOGY

A Level Equivalent: 1 A Level

Assessed: A Level Equivalent:

Assessed: External Assessment – 50%, Internal Assessment – 50%

Topics Include:

- Changing Awareness of Crime
- Criminological Theories
- Crime Scene to Courtroom
- Crime and Punishment

Awarding Body: WJEC

Duration: 2 years

Career Progression: An understanding of criminology is relevant to many job roles within the Criminal Justice Sector, Social and Probation work and Sociology and Psychology.

BTEC EXTENDED CERTIFICATE LAW

A Level Equivalent: 1 A Level

Assessed: Coursework – 50%, External Assessment – 50%

Topics Include:

- Dispute Solving in Civil Law
- Investigating Aspects of Criminal Law and the Legal System
- Applying the Law
- Aspects of Family Law

Awarding Body: Pearson Edexcel

Duration: 2 years

Career Progression: Students who study BTEC Law progress to higher education to study Law, Criminology, Business and Forensic Science. Legal apprenticeships are also becoming a more popular route into the legal profession for students.

MAKE YOUR MARK

FOUND A COURSE THAT INTERESTS YOU? SHOW THAT YOU MEAN BUSINESS – CIRCLE IT!



LIBF DIPLOMA FINANCIAL EDUCATION

A Level Equivalent: 1 A Level

Assessed: Each year you will be assessed on two units through a combination of Multiple Choice Questions and a written paper.

Topics Include:

- Financial Capability for the Immediate and Short Term
- Financial Capability for the Medium and Long Term
- Sustainability of an Individuals Finances
- Sustainability of the Financial Services System

Awarding Body: London Institute of Banking and Finance

Duration: 2 years

Career Progression: You will develop a strong grounding for undergraduate study within finance and business-related disciplines, with many students going on to study Accounting, Business, Finance and Banking.



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There is such a great sense of community at the college and staff are so supportive and friendly which helped me to feel comfortable and happy. I was encouraged to become part of the HE+ programme which gave me the confidence to aim higher and apply to universities in the top 10 league table. The college has amazing facilities which enhance the learning experience for students. I have been given the opportunity to be able to develop practical filming and editing skills in preparation for studying Media and Communications at Loughborough University.

EBONY BAGGULEY

Previously: Excel Academy
Studied: A Level English Literature, Media Studies & Sociology

MAKE YOUR MARK

WITH A CAREER IN

CREATIVE & PERFORMING ARTS

CREATIVE & PERFORMING ARTS

EXPLORE YOUR IMAGINATION



Do you dream of producing your own fashion line, creating choreography for a West End musical, performing in front of a sold out audience, directing your own feature film or designing a blockbuster video game? Use your passion and talent to take the first step towards a rewarding career in one of the UK's fastest growing sectors.

This exciting Progression Pathway will challenge you to explore your imagination through different means of expression, with topics including arts and crafts, textiles, photojournalism, producing and editing techniques, music theory and practical projects.

You will build a strong portfolio through work based projects and placements, with design briefs from professional companies which have included Ikea, Jaguar Land Rover, Michelin, Creative Boom and East Midlands Trains.

With state-of-the-art facilities including two drama studios, a spacious dance studio, music recording and rehearsal spaces, media suite and art workshops, as a Creative and Performing Arts student you will be supported in enhancing your artistic skills.

From choreographing routines with local schools, hosting concerts in the community, performing at college events and working on graphic design, photography projects, real live briefs and producing promotional videos with local businesses and community groups, you are guaranteed a professional preparation for a career in the creative industry.

For more information on these subjects visit www.stokesfc.ac.uk



COURSES

A LEVEL/LEVEL 3

- Art & Design
- Dance
- Media Studies
- Music
- Photography
- 3D Design - Product Design & Architecture
- 3D Design - Textiles, Jewellery & Fashion

BTEC/LEVEL 3

- Dance
- Digital Games Design & Development
- Digital Music Production
- Graphic Design
- Music Performance
- Musical Theatre
- Theatre
- TV & Film Production

A LEVEL ART & DESIGN

Assessed: Externally Set Assignment – 40%, Coursework – 60%

- Topics Include:**
- Drawing Skills
 - Painting
 - Printmaking
 - Visual Communication

Awarding Body: AQA

Duration: 2 years

Career Progression: Successful completion of the course is an excellent platform for progression to a Foundation Course or university degree in Art and Design, and an essential step towards a career in a whole range of specialist areas including; Graphics, Fine Art, Illustration, Jewellery, Printmaking, Textiles/Surface Pattern, Photography, Fashion, Interior Design, Ceramic Design, Product Design, Crafts, Animation, Architecture and many others.

A LEVEL DANCE

Assessed: Exams – 50%, Practical Assessment – 50%

- Topics Include:**
- Dance Performance
 - Choreography
 - Dance Technique
 - Analysis of Professional Dance Works

Awarding Body: AQA

Duration: 2 years

Career Progression: A Level Dance is suitable for anyone wanting to pursue the arts or dance in higher education and who wants to become a 'thinking dancer'. It will support any future course requiring good communication and group work skills. Careers include: Performing, Teaching, Supporting Professions, Choreography.

A LEVEL MEDIA STUDIES

Assessed: Exam – 70%, Coursework – 30%

- Topics Include:**
- Media Products, Industries and Audiences
 - Media Forms and Products in Depth
 - Cross-Media Production

Awarding Body: Eduqas

Duration: 2 years

Career Progression: The range of skills required within Media Studies is recognised by both employers and universities as adaptable for a variety of courses and occupations. The media industry employs a wide range of people: Editors, Journalists, Engineers and Researchers. Within TV you can work in front of and behind the camera as Camera Operators, Editors and Production Assistants.

A LEVEL MUSIC

Assessed: Exam – 40%, Performance – 35%, Composition – 25%

- Topics Include:**
- Orchestral Music
 - Harmony
 - Composition
 - Debussy, Poulenc, Haydn, and Musical Theatre

Awarding Body: Eduqas

Duration: 2 years

Career Progression: Many students that study Music at college decide to continue their studies at university or Music College although some go straight into the Music industry after Sixth Form.

A LEVEL PHOTOGRAPHY

Assessed: Externally Set Assignment – 40%, Coursework – 60%

- Topics Include:**
- Studio Practice
 - Alternative Approaches to Photography
 - DSLR Technical Skills
 - History and Critical Thinking

Awarding Body: AQA

Duration: 2 years

Career Progression: This course allows students to apply for a variety of Higher Education courses including Foundation Degrees, HNDs and BA degrees in Art, Design and different areas of Photography. Courses such as Documentary Photography, Photographic Art, Fashion Photography, Fine Art, Art Practice, Graphic Design, Animation, Media Studies, Multimedia and Lens Based Media, Film and Television.

A LEVEL 3D DESIGN – PRODUCT DESIGN & ARCHITECTURE

Assessed: Externally Set Assignment – 40%, Coursework – 60%

- Topics Include:**
- Design, Environment and Ergonomics
 - Design and Manufacture
 - Design and Market Influence
 - Different Styles and Genres

Awarding Body: AQA

Duration: 2 years

Career Progression: This course can lead to many university options and career paths including: Product Design, Industrial Design, Automotive Design, Engineering, Furniture Design, Structural Engineering, Architecture, Ergonomic Design and Interior Design.

A LEVEL 3D DESIGN – TEXTILES, JEWELLERY & FASHION

Assessed: Coursework 100% (40% Externally set assignment)

- Topics Include:**
- Design for Different Applications and Users
 - Design for Sustainability
 - Design and Market Influence
 - Different Styles and Genres

Awarding Body: AQA

Duration: 2 years

Career Progression: There is an exciting future ahead of you studying this course. This can lead to many university options and career paths including: Fashion/Textile Design, Surface Pattern Design, Interior Design, Jewellery Design and becoming a Blacksmith or Silversmith.

BTEC EXTENDED CERTIFICATE DANCE

A Level Equivalent: 1 A Level

Assessed: Practical Assessment – 100%

- Topics Include:**
- Practical lessons in a range of dance styles including Contemporary, Jazz, International and Urban Dance
 - The development of your technical and expressive skills
 - Performance opportunities at both a regional and national level
 - Choreographic and teaching based units

Awarding Body: Pearson Edexcel

Duration: 2 years

Career Progression: This course is suitable for anyone wanting to pursue the arts or dance in Higher Education, or as support for any future careers requiring good communication and group work skills. Former students have gone onto study at the Northern School of Contemporary Dance, London Studio Centre, Urdang and Bird College of Dance.

BTEC DIPLOMA DIGITAL GAMES DESIGN & DEVELOPMENT

A Level Equivalent: 2 A Level

Assessed: Controlled Assessment – 20%, Coursework – 80%

- Topics Include:**
- Concept Art for Computer Games
 - 2D Animation
 - Game Engine Scripting
 - 3D Environments

Awarding Body: Pearson Edexcel

Duration: 2 years

Career Progression: You can progress from this course directly to university, onto a Level 4 Apprenticeship or employment. This course will develop the essential skills needed for study at a higher level but also the skills needed on a diverse range of courses, including Games Design, Game Development, Web Design, Graphics and 3D Animation.



MAKE YOUR MARK

GET CREATIVE: CIRCLE, UNDERLINE, HIGHLIGHT. MAKE YOUR COURSES STAND OUT.





BTEC EXTENDED CERTIFICATE DIGITAL MUSIC PRODUCTION

A Level Equivalent: 1 A Level

Assessed: External Assessment – 30%,
Coursework – 70%

Topics Include:

- Sound Creation and Manipulation
- Music Production Techniques
- Sequencing Systems and Techniques
- Music and Sound for Moving Image

Awarding Body: Pearson Edexcel

Duration: 2 years

Career Progression: This course can lead towards a choice of two pathways, either towards further study at university or to a career in the music industry.

BTEC DIPLOMA GRAPHIC DESIGN

A Level Equivalent: 2 A level

Assessed: Coursework – 100%

Topics Include:

- Branding in Graphic Design
- Graphic Illustration
- Graphics for 3D Packaging
- Managing a Client Brief

Awarding Body: Pearson Edexcel

Duration: 2 years

Career Progression: You can progress to careers in the graphic design industry such as Advertising, Editorial Design, Packaging Design, Photography, Corporate Design or Illustration.

BTEC EXTENDED CERTIFICATE MUSIC PERFORMANCE

A Level Equivalent: 1 A Level

Assessed: External Assessment – 25%,
Coursework – 75%

Topics Include:

- Practical Music Theory and Harmony
- Professional Practice in the Music Industry
- Ensemble Music Performance
- Solo Music Performance

Awarding Body: Pearson Edexcel

Duration: 2 years

Career Progression: Former students have gone on to study at LIPA (Liverpool Institute of Performing Arts) and other well-known establishments.

BTEC EXTENDED CERTIFICATE MUSICAL THEATRE

A Level Equivalent: 1 A Level

Assessed: Practical Assessment – 100%

Topics include:

- Musical Theatre Performance
- Group Performance Workshop
- Audition Preparation
- The Life of the Performer

Duration: 2 years

Career Progression: You will develop the key skills and confidence you need to go onto a range of performing arts disciplines either at higher education level or the world of work. Many of our students regularly achieve places in some of the best institutions in the country such as LIPA and the Laban Centre, as well as many of them going on to become performance teachers themselves.

BTEC EXTENDED CERTIFICATE THEATRE

A Level Equivalent: 1 A Level

Assessed: Practical Assessment – 100%

Topics include:

- Developing Skills and Techniques for Live Performance
- Acting Styles
- Physical Theatre Performance
- Group Performance Workshop

Duration: 2 years

Career Progression: Former students have now gone onto careers in acting, stage management, arts administration and teaching. The skills you gain from studying this course are valued by all types of employers, for example confidence, self-presentation, teamwork and collaboration.



BTEC DIPLOMA TV & FILM PRODUCTION

A Level Equivalent: 2 A Level

Assessed: Controlled Assessment – 20%,
Coursework – 80%

Topics Include:

- Single Camera Techniques
- Video Editing Techniques
- Stop Frame Animation
- Script Writing

Awarding Body: Pearson Edexcel

Duration: 2 years

Career Progression: You can progress from this course directly to university, onto a Level 4 Apprenticeship or employment. This course will develop the essential skills needed for study at a higher level but also the skills needed on a diverse range of courses including Film Studies, Film and TV Production, Media Production, Advertising, Marketing and Communications.



“The natural lighting and unique architecture of the building gives you a warm and welcoming feeling and, for me, this has aided a smooth transition from High School to college life. From day one I gained a strong connection with my teachers and I have felt comfortable to ask for help if I needed it. Meeting new people and making new friends has enabled me to develop strong communication skills and confidence. There is a large number of subjects to choose from, I chose Psychology as this subject intrigued me and it was never an optional subject at high school. I have enjoyed it so much that I intend to study this at Staffordshire University.

NATHAN WILLIAMS
 Previously: Sir Thomas Boughey High School
 Studied: A Level Biology, Geography & Psychology

MAKE YOUR MARK

WITH A CAREER IN

EDUCATION, SOCIETY & HEALTH

EDUCATION, SOCIETY & HEALTH

EXCEL IN YOUR EDUCATION

This Progression Pathway is all about people – what motivates us, why we act in a certain way, how we relate and communicate with each other and ultimately what makes us tick!

You can discover how the human mind works, why modern society functions as it does or how our shared human experiences differ from culture to culture. This Pathway also provides a strong practical focus for those interested in a career in the public sector, which includes real work experience in care homes, schools, hospitals and health care services and charities. As a member of this Pathway you will develop essential skills to help you succeed in today's diverse society.

With an exciting programme of guest speakers, visits and work experience you will learn in a fun, engaging environment which will prepare you for a broad range of careers from teaching to nursing, social work, speech therapy or service within the fire, police or armed forces.

If you want to develop your teamwork, problem solving, or communication skills, this Pathway will allow you to adapt and thrive in what can be a challenging but rewarding sector.

For more information on these subjects visit www.stokesfc.ac.uk



ALMOST
1/2
 OF A LEVEL SOCIAL SCIENCES STUDENTS
 ACHIEVED HIGH GRADES OF A*-B



COURSES

- A LEVEL/LEVEL 3**
- Environmental Sciences
 - Geography
 - Geology
 - Psychology
 - Sociology
- BTEC/CTEC/LEVEL 3**
- Applied Psychology
 - Health & Social Care
 - Uniformed Protective Services

A LEVEL ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

Assessed: Exam – 100%

Topics Include:

- Pollution
- The Living Environment
- Energy Resources
- Biological Resources

Awarding Body: AQA

Duration: 2 years

Career Progression: Degree level environmental science enables students to tackle many of the world's major environmental problems, including climate change and pollution. Graduates work in Agriculture, Law, Pollution Control, Ecology and more.

A LEVEL GEOGRAPHY

Assessed: Exam – 80%, Coursework – 20%

Topics Include:

- Changing Landscapes
- Tectonic Hazards
- Economic Growth and Challenge
- Energy Dilemmas

Awarding Body: Eduqas

Duration: 2 years

Career Progression: For students wishing to extend their geographical education to a higher level, universities offer a range of courses in Geography, Geology, Environmental Science and Sustainability.

A LEVEL GEOLOGY

Assessed: Exam – 100% + Practical Endorsement

Topics Include:

- Development of Practical Skills in Geology
- Foundations in Geology
- Global Tectonics
- Interpreting the Past

Awarding Body: OCR

Duration: 2 years

Career Progression: Around half of all UK Earth Science undergraduates studied Geology A level and it is also an accepted science qualification for progression to other science courses including Marine Science, Archaeology and Civil Engineering.

A LEVEL SOCIOLOGY

Assessed: Exam – 100%

Topics Include:

- Research Methods
- Families and Households
- Crime and Deviance
- Beliefs in Society

Awarding Body: AQA

Duration: 2 years

Career Progression: Students can progress directly on to degrees in Sociology, Psychology or Criminology. Sociology is also beneficial for degrees in Law, History, Politics or Social Work.

BTEC EXTENDED CERTIFICATE APPLIED PSYCHOLOGY

A Level Equivalent: 1 A Level

Assessed: External Assessment – 58%, Internal Assessment – 42%

Topics Include:

- Psychological Approaches and Applications
- Conducting Psychological Research
- Health Psychology
- Introduction to Psychopathology

Awarding Body: Pearson Edexcel

Duration: 2 years

Career Progression: When combined with other relevant qualifications, you could progress onto degree courses such as Occupational Health, Child Psychology, Sport Psychology.

CTEC EXTENDED CERTIFICATE, DIPLOMA OR EXTENDED DIPLOMA HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE

A Level Equivalent:

Extended Certificate equivalent: 1 A Level
Diploma equivalent: 2 A Level
Extended Diploma equivalent: 3 A Level

Assessed: Exam – 40%, Coursework – 60%

Topics Include:

- Building Positive Professional Relationships
- Equality, Diversity and Rights
- Health, Safety and Security
- Anatomy and Physiology

Awarding Body: OCR

Duration: 2 years

Career Progression: You will develop skills, knowledge and behaviours required to enter employment in the health and social care sector, or to progress in to health or social care related apprenticeships or degree courses, such as Nursing, Midwifery, Social Work, Early Childhood Studies, or a range of other health or social care related degree courses.

BTEC DIPLOMA UNIFORMED PROTECTIVE SERVICES

A Level Equivalent: 2 A level

Assessed: External Assessment – 40%, Internal Assessment – 60%

Topics Include:

- Behaviour and Discipline
- Teamwork, Leadership and Communication
- Government and the Protective Services
- Physical Preparation, Health and Wellbeing

Awarding Body: Pearson Edexcel

Duration: 2 years

Career Progression: You can progress either to employment in any of the military or civic uniformed public services or to a Higher Education Degree such as Crime, Deviance and Society, Policing and Criminal Investigation or Law (Criminology).



MAKE YOUR MARK

**MADE UP YOUR MIND?
MAKE YOUR COURSE
STAND OUT – CIRCLE,
UNDERLINE, HIGHLIGHT.**





The Sixth Form College came highly recommended to me and carries a broad range of subjects to choose from. I felt quite confident when I started the college as I already know people here and the staff are so friendly and accommodating. I found it useful to talk to the current students about the workload and style of examinations involved in each subject. I received exams arrangements which helped me to do very well in my mocks, which I was immensely grateful for. My aim is to go to Birmingham University to study Liberal Arts and Natural Sciences.

KEREN MASON
Studied: A Level Business,
 Philosophy & Psychology

MAKE YOUR MARK

WITH A CAREER IN

HUMANITIES, LANGUAGES & LITERATURE

HUMANITIES, LANGUAGES & LITERATURE

INSPIRE YOUR CREATIVITY

2/3

OF A LEVEL FRENCH, GERMAN AND SPANISH STUDENTS ACHIEVED HIGH GRADES A*-B

Whether you're thinking of working as a journalist, solicitor, interpreter, author or events organiser, the combination of subjects within this Progression Pathway will ensure you develop your ability to write and form a concise and persuasive argument.

You will build communication, expression and argumentation skills, whether in English or another language. These are skills which will help you in whatever field you pursue, whether it is academia, journalism, the law, languages, writing or beyond. You will develop skills and knowledge which are essential and valued in any field.

Learning won't just take place within the classroom, with regular talks, trips and work experience opportunities; you will develop a range of sought after attributes and amass valuable experiences.

This exciting, varied and thought-provoking Pathway will help to induct you into the study of human behaviour and its self-expression, while also giving you a broad and effective preparation for higher education or employment.

For more information on these subjects visit www.stokesfc.ac.uk



COURSES

- A LEVEL/LEVEL 3**
- Classical Civilisation
 - English Language
 - English Literature
 - French
 - German
 - History
 - Philosophy
 - Politics
 - Religious Studies
 - Spanish

A LEVEL CLASSICAL CIVILISATION

Assessed: Exam – 100%

Topics Include:

- Greek Religion
- Homer’s Odyssey and Society
- Imperial Image – Emperor Augustus
- Virgil’s Aeneid

Awarding Body: OCR

Duration: 2 years

Career Progression: Classical Civilisation is highly valued by universities as it is a challenging, academically rigorous subject and the subject also fosters skills which are valued by employers. Classicists can be found in a range of fields – not just teaching and museum/library work. Other areas include Law, Administration, the Media, Industry and Politics.

A LEVEL ENGLISH LITERATURE

Assessed: Exam – 80%, Coursework – 20%

Topics Include:

- Shakespeare & Drama and Poetry Pre-1900
- Comparative and Contextual Study
- American Literature 1880–1940
- Non-Exam Assessment/Coursework

Awarding Body: OCR

Duration: 2 years

Career Progression: English Literature is an enabling/facilitating subject. This means, it is respected by Russell Group universities as being a course that will help towards a good degree. Any university subject which requires analytical skills will benefit from a foundation in English Literature.

A LEVEL GERMAN

Assessed: Exam – 100%

Topics Include:

- Cultural Difference and Celebrating Difference
- Discrimination and Diversity
- Initial and Subsequent Process of Reunification
- Social Cohesion in Modern Germany

Awarding Body: Eduqas

Duration: 2 years

Career Progression: By studying German, you are part of a global community of over 100 million speakers. A large part of the European business world understands German and the subject fits very well with any other subject.

A LEVEL PHILOSOPHY

Assessed: Exam – 100%

Topics Include:

- Epistemology (knowledge)
- Moral Philosophy
- Philosophy of Religion
- Philosophy of Mind

Awarding Body: AQA

Duration: 2 years

Career Progression: Good Philosophy students find ultimate questions fascinating, enjoy reasoning and arguing about them and are able to communicate their views clearly and concisely. These skills make Philosophy graduates very valuable in all forms of employment.

A LEVEL POLITICS

Assessed: Exam – 100%

Topics Include:

- Use of Referendums in the UK
- The Use of Direct Action by Pressure Groups
- Is the Prime Minister Too Powerful?
- What Were the Main Reasons for the Result in the Us Presidential Election?

Awarding Body: Pearson Edexcel

Duration: 2 years

Career Progression: The vast majority of our Politics students progress onto university and many take related degrees: Government, International Relations or Public Administration. This subject is particularly useful if you are looking for a career in Law, Civil Service, Local Government or the Police.

A LEVEL RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Assessed: Exam – 100%

Topics Include:

- Philosophy of Religion
- Ethics
- Developments in Christian Thought

Awarding Body: OCR

Duration: 2 years

Career Progression: Religious Studies is a popular A Level both in college and nationally. It develops skills such as argument analysis, communication and allows students to understand and respect others. A qualification in this subject is valuable in Teaching, Journalism, Medicine and any other area where you come across people and their ideas.

A LEVEL ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Assessed: Exam – 80%, Non-Examination Assessment – 20%

Topics Include:

- Language, the Individual and Society
- Language Diversity and Change
- Language in Action

Awarding Body: AQA

Duration: 2 years

Career Progression: Studying English Language could lead to a variety of careers within, Journalism, Marketing & Advertising, Speech Therapy, Script Writing and Teaching.

A LEVEL FRENCH

Assessed: Exam – 100%

Topics Include:

- Family and Citizenship
- Youth Trends and Personal Identity
- Education and Employment Opportunities
- France 1940–1950

Awarding Body: Eduqas

Duration: 2 years

Career Progression: By studying the French language, many academic and vocational pathways will open worldwide where French is still considered a major power. French can be combined with any subject at a Higher Level.

A LEVEL HISTORY

Assessed: Exam – 80%, Coursework – 20%

Topics Include:

- In Search of the American Dream: the USA, c. 1917–96
- The Road to Independence: India, c. 1914–48
- The British Experience of Warfare: c. 1790–1918
- The Origins of the First World War

Awarding Body: Pearson Edexcel

Duration: 2 years

Career Progression: History at A Level is viewed as a strong subject by all the top universities and is described as a facilitating subject which they like to see on applications from students. You don’t therefore have to go on to study History at university for it to be a useful A Level for you to take.

MAKE YOUR MARK

FOUND YOUR COURSE COMBINATION? EXPRESS YOURSELF – CIRCLE, UNDERLINE, HIGHLIGHT.



A LEVEL SPANISH

Assessed: Exam – 100%

Topics Include:

- Education and Employment Opportunities
- Regional Culture and Heritage; Media, Art, Film and Music
- Cultural Identity and Marginalization; Migration and Integration
- El Franquismo; Post Civil War Historical and Political Repercussions

Awarding Body: Eduqas

Duration: 2 years

Career Progression: Spanish makes an excellent combination with another language or indeed other subjects at university and many students progress through this route in higher education. Spanish is not just a subject which leads to jobs in translation, interpreting or education since employees with language skills are highly valued in the service and manufacturing sectors of industry.





The sports facilities are what first attracted me to study at the Sixth Form College. I am a keen Rugby player so I was able to take advantage of the strong links that the college have with Staffordshire University, which enabled me to play as part of a team. The Sports and Exercise Science course that I study is a mixture of theoretical and practical, so the LRC and study facilities were equally important so that I could manage my time well. My ambition is to travel around the world with athletes as a Chartered Sports Psychologist and I intend to take my studies further and study Sports Psychology at Edge Hill University.

BETHANY MASSEY
Previously: Ormiston Meridian Academy
Studied: BTEC Sports & Exercise Science

MAKE YOUR MARK

WITH A CAREER IN

SPORTS & LEISURE

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PERFORM & ACHIEVE

Discover how elite athletes achieve and maintain top fitness, what it takes to coach a team to success and the effects of exercise on the human body in this practical and dynamic Progression Pathway.

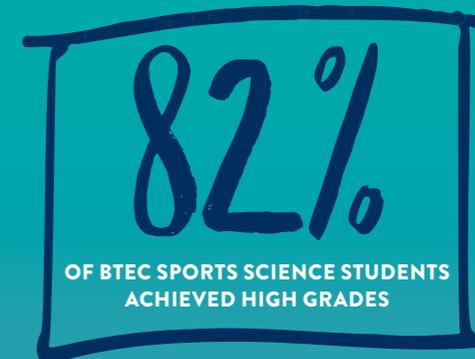
Train and learn in some of the best facilities in the area thanks to easy access to Staffordshire University and Fenton Manor Sports Complex, which offer grass and astroturf all-weather pitches, badminton and squash courts, several fully equipped gyms, a 25m swimming pool, exercise studios and sports arenas.

Learn about human anatomy, the importance of nutrition, how psychology helps teams to win and what fitness testing can reveal about particular training methods.

Put theory into practice through coaching placements in primary schools, high schools, academies, clubs and in the community. Challenge yourself to improve your own sporting performances and enjoy learning from teachers with experience in their subjects.

Our extensive sport and enrichment programme is available to all students offering a chance to take part in a variety of activities from archery to horse riding, badminton, squash or swimming – the choices are endless.

For more information on these subjects visit www.stokesfc.ac.uk



COURSES

A LEVEL/LEVEL 3
 – Physical Education

BTEC/LEVEL 3
 – Football Coaching & Development – In Association With Port Vale Football Club
 – Sport Coaching & Development
 – Sport & Exercise Science





A LEVEL PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Assessed: Exam – 70%, Coursework – 15%, Practical – 15%

Topics Include:

- Scientific Principles of Physical Education
- Psychological and Social Principles of Physical Education
- Practical Performance
- Performance Analysis and Performance Development Programme

Awarding Body: Pearson Edexcel

Duration: 2 years

Career Progression: A wide range of careers in sport including, Nutritionist, Physiologist, Physiotherapist, Teacher, Fitness pProfessional, Sports Development oOfficer, Outdoor Education Instructor, Sports Psychologist and Sport Coach.



FOOTBALL COACHING & DEVELOPMENT IN ASSOCIATION WITH PORT VALE FOOTBALL CLUB

Assessed: 100% Coursework

Topics include:

- Developing Coaching Skills
- Applying Coaching Skills
- Sports Development
- Careers in Sport
- Rules and Regulations in Football
- Technical and Tactical Skills in Football
- Fitness Testing and Fitness Training



Awarding Body: Pearson Edexcel

Duration: 2 years

Career Progression: Studying this course could lead to Higher Education or directly into employment. Progression routes include; Football Coaching, PE Teacher, Fitness Instructor, Performance Analyst and Football Development Officer.

BTEC DIPLOMA OR EXTENDED DIPLOMA SPORT COACHING & DEVELOPMENT

A Level Equivalent:

Diploma equivalent: 2 A Level
Extended Diploma equivalent: 3 A Level

Assessed: Internal Assessment – 100%

Topics Include:

- Developing Coaching Skills
- Health Wellbeing and Sport
- Fitness Testing and Training
- Self-Employment in Sport and Physical Activity

Awarding Body: Pearson Edexcel

Duration: 2 years

Career Progression: Studying this course could lead to Higher Education or directly into employment. Many of our students have progressed onto the following progression routes; Sports Coaching, Teaching, Leisure Management, Sports Journalism, Sports Retail, Sports Therapy, Fitness Instructing and Sports Development. Students will receive full accreditation as a coach to CIMSPA (Chartered Institute for Management of Sport and Physical Activity) upon completion of the qualification.

BTEC DIPLOMA OR EXTENDED DIPLOMA SPORT & EXERCISE SCIENCE

A Level Equivalent:

Diploma equivalent: 2 A Level
Extended Diploma equivalent: 3 A Level

Assessed: External Assessment – 42%, Internal Assessment – 58%

Topics Include:

- Psychology
- Anatomy and Physiology
- Sports Coaching and Injuries
- Technology in Sports Science

Awarding Body: Pearson Edexcel

Duration: 2 years

Career Progression: Studying this course could lead to Higher Education or directly into employment. Many of our students have progressed onto the following progression routes; Education/Training, Physiotherapy, Sports Nutrition, Sports Psychology, Biomechanics, Condition Coaching, Sports Technology Design and Physiology.



OUR BROAD RANGE OF COURSES



The support and encouragement teachers give to all students to reach their full potential is first class. My favourite aspect of the college is the support on offer academically and for wellbeing. You really feel that sense of belonging to a community. I have always wanted to study Medicine, so I chose to study on the MDV pathway. This has enabled me to combine studying and work experience which will facilitate me in making a competitive university application to become a Doctor.

LUCY HARVEY

Previously: Merit PRU

Currently studying: A Level Biology, Chemistry & Maths

MAKE YOUR MARK

WITH A CAREER IN

STEM SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING & MATHS

For more information on these subjects visit www.stokesfc.ac.uk

STEM SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING & MATHS

EXPERIMENT & DISCOVER

60%

HIGH GRADES IN A LEVEL BIOLOGY, CHEMISTRY AND MATHS

COURSES

A LEVEL/LEVEL 3

- Biology
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- Further Mathematics
- Mathematics
- Physics
- Statistics

BTEC/LEVEL 3

- Applied Human Biology
- Applied Science

T LEVEL/LEVEL 3

- Digital Production, Design and Development
- Health & Science

Do you aspire to be a renowned surgeon? Could you have the vision to create the Shard or play a part in developing a ground-breaking cure for cancer? Or perhaps you'd like to use mathematics to work at GCHQ as a code-breaker or with the Met Office researching climate change?

Explore, experiment and discover the world around you as this Progression Pathway aims to spark your curiosity and take you on a journey which will push you to develop your problem solving skills and prepare you for a career in one of the fastest growing and most well paid sectors.

With access to state-of-the-art science facilities, opportunities to support and mentor mathematics and science students at local schools, take part in practical investigations,

field trips and visits to sites including Ainsdale Nature Reserve and the Peak District, how you learn won't be confined to a textbook.

For those students thinking of a medical or engineering career, we have dedicated programmes developed to complement your studies with a series of dedicated personal support right at your fingertips. We will prepare you for medical admissions tests, support you in your engineering work placement, hone your interview skills so that you stand out from the crowd at university interviews and give you hands-on experience with a plethora of local businesses and medical institutions.

For more information on these subjects visit www.stokesfc.ac.uk



A LEVEL BIOLOGY

Assessed: Exam – 100% + Practical Endorsement

Topics Include:

- Cell Structure
- Heart Structure
- Conservation
- Biodiversity

Awarding Body: OCR

Duration: 2 years

Career Progression: Studying Biology at the Sixth Form College gives you the opportunity to pursue a general or a more specialised Biology degree at university or even enter the job market directly and train with an employer such as the NHS. Careers can include: Forensic Scientist, Conservation Biologist, Toxicologist, Geneticist, Environmental Consultant, Pharmaceutical Sales Representative, Zoologist, Marine Biologist, and Forester.

A LEVEL COMPUTER SCIENCE

Assessed: Exam – 100%

Topics Include:

- Data Security and Compression Techniques
- Web Based Programming
- Working with Stakeholders
- Building Long Program

Awarding Body: OCR

Duration: 2 years

Career Progression: Students who take this subject may study Engineering, Software Engineering, Computing Science, Games Technology, Information Technology, Information Systems and many other subjects.

A LEVEL FURTHER MATHEMATICS

Assessed: Exam – 100%

Topics Include:

- Numerical Methods
- Hyperbolic Functions
- Work and Energy
- Power

Awarding Body: Pearson Edexcel

Duration: 1 year (taken in second year of study)

Career Progression: This course is ideal for any student who intends to study Mathematics or an area related to Mathematics at university. You could follow a course in Mathematics at degree level. Students frequently take subjects, which are strongly related to Mathematics such as Physics, Computing, Astronomy, Medicine, Veterinary Science, Psychology, Economics, Philosophy and many others.

MAKE YOUR MARK

HAD A STRONG REACTION TO ANY OF OUR COURSES? MARK IT – CIRCLE, UNDERLINE, HIGHLIGHT.



A LEVEL CHEMISTRY

Assessed: Exam – 100% + Practical Endorsement

Topics Include:

- Foundations in Chemistry
- Periodic Table and Energy
- Core Organic Chemistry
- Physical Chemistry and Transition Elements

Awarding Body: OCR

Duration: 2 years

Career Progression: Chemistry is an essential A Level to study for access to certain degree courses, such as Medicine, Veterinary Science and Dentistry. But is also advantageous in pursuing careers such as; Archaeology, Biomolecular Research, Engineering, Forensic Science, Geology, Industrial Chemistry, Pharmacology, Radiography.



A LEVEL MATHEMATICS

Assessed: Exam – 100%

Topics Include:

- Trigonometry
- Integration
- Correlation and Regression
- Newton's Laws of Motion

Awarding Body: Pearson Edexcel

Duration: 2 years (1 year – fast track)

Career Progression: Students can progress to careers in Economics, Medicine, Engineering, Architecture, Accountancy, Psychology, Geography, Finance, Computing and Information Technology or to courses where Mathematics will support their knowledge.

A LEVEL PHYSICS

Assessed: Exam – 100% + Practical Endorsement

Topics Include:

- Astrophysics
- Particles and Radiation
- Medical Physics
- Nuclear Physics

Awarding Body: OCR

Duration: 2 years

Career Progression: Physics is essential for Engineering, Physics, Astrophysics, Nanotechnology and useful for Maths, Computing, Radiology, Physiotherapy, Optometry, Medicine, Dentistry, and the Armed Forces.

A LEVEL STATISTICS

Assessed: Exam – 100%

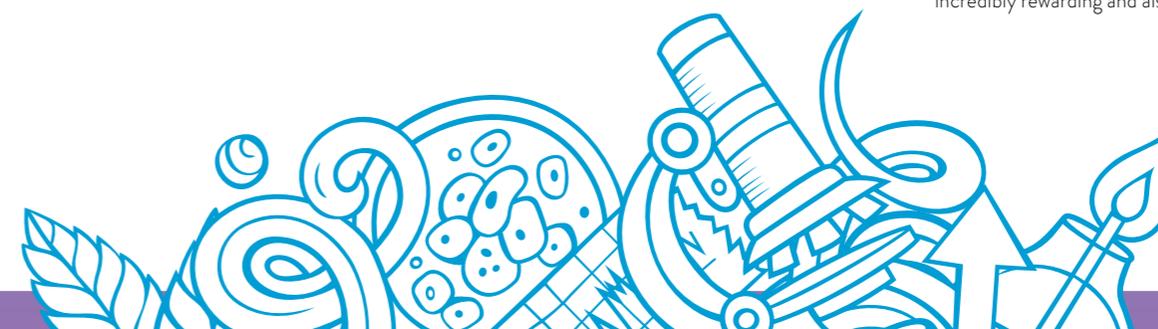
Topics Include:

- Correlation and Regression
- Statistical Investigation and Problem Solving
- Hypothesis Testing
- Sampling and Interpreting Data

Awarding Body: Pearson Edexcel

Duration: 2 years

Career Progression: Careers supported by the course include: Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmacy, Veterinary Science, Civil Service, Manufacturing, Data Analysts and many more. There is a world-wide shortage of statisticians and it is possible to follow a career as a professional statistician that is incredibly rewarding and also extremely well paid.



BTEC EXTENDED CERTIFICATE APPLIED HUMAN BIOLOGY

A Level Equivalent: 1 A Level

Assessed: Course Work – 42%, External Assessment – 58%

Topics Include:

- Principles of Applied Human Biology
- Practical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases
- Human Biology and Health Issues
- Functional Physiology

Awarding Body: Pearson Edexcel

Duration: 2 years

Career Progression: When combined with other relevant qualifications, learners can progress onto further study at higher education. Examples include:

- If combined with BTEC Sport and Exercise Science you could progress onto Sports Science degree courses.
- If combined with A Levels in Psychology and Sociology, for example, you could progress onto Nursing.

BTEC EXTENDED DIPLOMA APPLIED SCIENCE

A Level Equivalent: 3 A Level

Assessed: Exam – 30%, Coursework – 70%

Topics Include:

- Practical Scientific Procedures and Techniques
- Science Investigation Skills
- Laboratory Techniques and their Application
- Principles and Application of Science II

Awarding Body: Pearson Edexcel

Duration: 2 years

Career Progression: If your plan is to go straight into employment, you could work in a research laboratory, a quality control laboratory, a hospital laboratory, a materials testing laboratory, a forensic science laboratory or an environmental science laboratory. This course will also prepare you for continued study at university, graduates have gone on to study a range of science subjects at a range of universities.



T LEVEL DIGITAL PRODUCTION, DESIGN & DEVELOPMENT

A Level Equivalent: 3 A Levels

Assessed: Work Placement – 20%, Technical Qualification – 80% (made up of 100% External Assessment)

Topics Include:

- Cloud Computing
- Identifying Defects
- Proposing Software Solutions
- Relevant Industry Work Placement

Awarding Body: Pearson Edexcel

Duration: 2 years

T LEVEL HEALTH & SCIENCE

A Level Equivalent: 3 A Levels

Assessed: Work placement – 20%, Technical Qualification – 80% (External Assessment)

Topics Include:

- Working within the Health and Science sector
- Safety and Environmental regulations
- Managing information and data
- Good Scientific and Clinical Practice
- Core Science concepts

Awarding body: Pearson Edexcel

Duration: 2 years

T LEVEL

This qualification will primarily prepare students to move into skilled jobs but can also lead to further technical qualifications, higher apprenticeships or a degree course.



LEVEL 3 FOUNDATION PROGRAMME

Have you struggled at school, perhaps lacking in confidence, but have the commitment and ambition to succeed? Maybe you have been previously home schooled and need formal qualifications? Our Level 3 Foundation Programme will give you the qualifications and skills you need to progress.

GCSE ART & DESIGN

GCSE Equivalent: 1 GCSE
Assessed: Controlled Assessment – 60%, Externally Set Task – 40%
Topics Include:
 – Drawing
 – Painting
 – Mixed Media
 – Photography
Awarding Body: AQA
Duration: 1 year

GCSE COMBINED SCIENCE

GCSE Equivalent: 2 GCSE
Assessed: Exam – 100%
Topics Include:
 – Cells, Organs and Populations
 – Electricity and Radioactivity
 – How Science Works
 – Reaction Rates, Salts and Electrolysis
Awarding Body: AQA
Duration: 1 year

GCSE CLASSICAL CIVILISATION

GCSE Equivalent: 1 GCSE
Assessed: Exam – 100%
Topics Include:
 – Greek and Roman Myth and Religion
 – Roman City Life
Awarding Body: OCR
Duration: 1 year

GCSE ENGLISH LANGUAGE

GCSE Equivalent: 1 GCSE
Assessed: Exam – 100%
Topics Include:
 – Wilfred Owen poetry
 – Writing to Persuade
 – Reading Media texts
 – Writing for Purpose
Awarding Body: AQA
Duration: 1 year

GCSE MATHEMATICS

GCSE Equivalent: 1 GCSE
Assessed: Exam – 100%
Topics Include:
 – Number
 – Algebra
 – Probability
 – Data Handling
Awarding Body: AQA
Duration: 1 year

GCSE MEDIA

GCSE Equivalent: 1 GCSE
Assessed: Coursework – 60%, Exams – 40%
Topics Include:
 – Action and Adventure Films
 – Television Comedy
 – Analysis of the Way Different People Are Portrayed in the Media
 – Practical Skill Development for Video and Print Production
Awarding Body: OCR
Duration: 1 year

LEVEL 2 CERTIFICATE FINANCIAL EDUCATION

GCSE Equivalent: 1 GCSE
Assessed: 3 Units – each assessed separately:
 Units 1 and 2: Examinations and computer based multiple choice questions
 Unit 3: Pre-released case study
Topics Include:
 – Finance the Individual and Society
 – Practices of Managing Money
 – Financial Capability, Work and Experience
Awarding Body: London Institute of Finance and Banking
Duration: 1 year

YMCA CERTIFICATE FITNESS INSTRUCTING

GCSE Equivalent: 1 GCSE
Assessed: Exam – 50%, Practical Assessment + Portfolio – 50%
Topics Include:
 – Anatomy
 – Physiology
 – Fitness Training and Programming
Awarding Body: YMCA
Duration: 1 Year
Good to Know: This qualification is aimed at the learner who wants to pursue a career in the health and fitness industry as a fitness instructor in the context of gym-based exercise.

CTEC HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE

GCSE Equivalent: 1 GCSE
Assessed: Exam – 50%, Coursework – 50%
Topics Include:
 – Principles of Working in Health, Social and Childcare Settings
 – Health and Safety
 – Working in a Person Centred Way
 – Safeguarding
Awarding Body: CTEC
Duration: 1 year

T LEVEL TRANSITION PROGRAMME
 The T Level Transition Programme is a new type study programme, specifically designed to develop the skills, experience, knowledge and behaviours to support progression onto and success on a T Level. It is targeted at students who are not ready to start a T Level but have the potential to progress onto one following a tailored preparation programme. It is designed so that you'll ensure you get a grade 4+ in both English and Maths, with a focus on the one you just missed at GCSE, alongside a programme to get you ready for the T level the year after.



2x
 NATIONAL AVERAGE IN GCSE ENGLISH LANGUAGE
10%
 ABOVE NATIONAL AVERAGE IN GCSE MATHEMATICS

ACCESS TO LEARNING

WHICH LEVEL IS RIGHT FOR ME?

LEVEL 3 FOUNDATION PROGRAMME

Our Level 3 Foundation Programme is for students who do not initially meet the entry criteria for A Level or equivalent BTEC/vocational courses.

Designed to be a gateway for you to progress on to further study at the Sixth Form College, the Level 3 Foundation Programme is dedicated to giving you the skills and qualifications needed to progress.

Over a year, you will study an exciting and broad range of subjects from a choice of GCSEs and a range of vocational options, including BTEC courses. After successfully completing the Foundation Programme you will progress onto Level 3 study at the Sixth Form College.

Most careers, university courses and apprenticeships require at least a Grade 4 in GCSE English Language and Mathematics; students who haven't secured these grades will work towards achieving them whilst at college.

A LEVEL/BTEC/ VOCATIONAL LEVEL 3

Level 3 courses prepare you for entry to university, work or further training through an apprenticeship. We offer a broad range of A Level, BTEC or Vocational courses across a variety of subjects.

T LEVEL/LEVEL 3

T Levels are a brand new qualification designed to give you a head start towards your future. T Levels are the equivalent to three A Levels and incorporate work place learning into the curriculum. You'll spend 80% of your time in the classroom and 20% on a placement.

LEVEL 4 FOUNDATION*

Our Level 4 Foundation Year courses exist to gain you entry to your chosen undergraduate programme. They enable you to gain subject-specific knowledge and the skills required to embark on degree-level study.

*To find out more about Level 4 Foundation Courses, visit www.stokesfc.ac.uk



The Sixth Form College has helped to develop my communication skills and confidence. Initially I was very nervous going into a new environment but the support from staff really helped me to settle in. Studying at the college has enabled me to reach my full potential and I am now looking to apply to study Music or Business at university.

GEORGIA BOULD
Previously: Ormiston Horizon Academy
Currently studying: BTEC Business & BTEC Music Performance



WHAT'S NEXT?

APPLY

ONLINE

Applying online is quick and easy, all you need to do is visit our website at www.stokesfc.ac.uk click onto APPLY NOW and follow the instructions to complete your application.

If you have any questions about your application, please contact our friendly Admissions Team:

T: 01782 854221

E: admissions@stokesfc.ac.uk

W: www.stokesfc.ac.uk

*Paper application forms are available on request.

FIND YOUR FEET

Once you have made an application to study with us, you will be invited to our Find Your Feet event which takes place in late June. This is your opportunity to try out subjects, and to experience what life as a Sixth Form Student is all about.

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NEXT STEPS

ONCE WE HAVE RECEIVED YOUR APPLICATION, HERE'S WHAT WILL HAPPEN NEXT:



You will be invited into the college for a First Course Discussion Appointment, where you will discuss your application with a member of our staff.



After your First Course Discussion, you will be offered a provisional place to study the subjects that you have expressed an interest in.



Throughout the summer we'll send you plenty of information about what to expect from college life.



In late June we'll invite you to our Find Your Feet event which is a great chance for you to immerse yourself into life at the Sixth Form College, you will take part in subject sample sessions, discover our exciting student-led enrichment programmes as well as meet other like-minded students!



In August, once you have received your GCSE results, we will invite you back into the college for your Enrolment Appointment where you will have a final discussion to finalise your course choices and most importantly enrol as a City of Stoke-on-Trent Sixth Form student!

FIND OUT MORE

VISIT OUR OPEN EVENTS

Wednesday 14th October 2020

Thursday 26th November 2020

Tuesday 2nd February 2021

Wednesday 17th March 2021

All Open Events take place from 5pm - 7pm

COVID 19

We continue to follow the latest government guidelines, for up to date information please visit: www.stokesfc.ac.uk/covid-19-update-for-applicants/



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