

# 6<sup>th</sup> form



## Sheffield Academies' Sixth Form

The best in everyone™

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## Prospectus

September 2008 Entry

A levels

BTEC National Diplomas

BTEC First Diplomas

BTEC Introductory Diplomas

CACHE Diploma in Childcare

OCR National Award in ICT

GCSEs



# A message from the Executive Director

"I am delighted to welcome you to this prospectus for the Sheffield Academies' Sixth Form.

In September 2007, the Sheffield Academies welcomed students from within Sheffield Springs Academy and Sheffield Park Academy as well as those who had studied at other schools and wished to be part of this new development in the south-east of Sheffield.

From September 2008, we will be well established in the £60 million state of the art buildings across the two sites with extensive ICT in every room and industry standard specialist equipment throughout. The collaborative 6th Form provision for 550 students is exciting and extensive with appropriate courses for students of every level of ability including 30 A levels as well as a large range of vocational courses at levels 1, 2 and 3. Following your time at the Sheffield Academies 6th Form you will be prepared for progression to employment, further training or University.

Open Evenings and other events will take place throughout the year and you will receive a warm welcome.

If you are unable to attend one of these events, please feel free to contact us to arrange an individual discussion and tour of the buildings and facilities.

I look forward to welcoming you to the Sheffield Academies' Sixth Form in September 2008."

David Lewis



## Welcome from the Director of Studies

I would first of all like to say thank you for considering the Sixth Form at the Sheffield Academies. Reading this prospectus is just part of the process of making the important decision of choosing to stay on in the Sixth Form.

As Director of Studies one of my key roles is to lead the post-16 provision at the Sheffield Academies, and I am really looking forward to welcoming you as Sixth Form students.

The motto of the Sheffield Academies is "The Best in Everyone", and as a student in the Sixth Form we will work with you to bring out the best in you. In return we will expect hard work and commitment from all our students.

Whether you are a student on an advanced programme looking towards entering University and Higher Education, or entering the Sixth Form on a Level 1/ Foundation programme we want to ensure you progress onto the next course of study, further training, or area of employment that is right for you.



As a student in the Sixth Form you will have a personal responsibility for:

- **Hard work and commitment**  
We really want you to succeed; we will set you individual learning targets, and subject and tutorial staff will monitor your progress regularly. You must attend all your lessons and complete all homework; this is of course the basis for success, achievement, and enjoyment
- **Contributing to the life of the Academies**  
Part of the role of a Sixth Form is to help its students become fulfilled, mature and 'rounded' young adults. We will encourage you to play a full part in the life of the Academies through engaging in extra curricular activities and programmes, and taking on positions of responsibility
- **Acting as role models for the younger pupils within the Academies**  
As the senior students within the Academies we will expect you to show leadership, maturity and responsibility. We will expect you to play your part in promoting the ethos of the Academies, particularly in terms of care, tolerance, hard work and excellent behaviour

My aim is that the Sheffield Academies Sixth Form achieves success for all its students, at all levels of learning ability, in a thriving, vibrant, and popular sixth form community.

I very much look forward to working with you, the Academy staff, your parents, and others to make this happen.

Jonathan Higgins

# Sheffield Academies

## – a joint Sixth Form in spectacular buildings

Both Sheffield Park and Sheffield Springs Academies have their own Sixth Form provision and benefits from the fantastic, modern, state of the art facilities that are a part of the brand new £60 million Academy buildings. They are among the finest of any in the country.



Sixth form students have their own Learning Resource Centres fully equipped with the most modern ICT facilities for research and private study. They have their own large sixth form common room areas for meeting and socialising with other students, and are equipped with a kitchenette for student use. Teaching takes place in dedicated specialist sixth form seminar rooms.

We share a common vision across the two Academies of providing clear progression routes to University and Higher Education, to further training, and to employment, to suit the needs of all students at all levels of learning.

The linking of the two Sixth Forms means that there will be enhanced learning opportunities for students. The curriculum includes a full programme of A level courses (level 3), as well as a wide range of vocational programmes delivered through BTEC First and National Diplomas (level 2 and 3), and other foundation (level 1) vocational courses. In other words there is something to suit all levels of learning and all interests.

All students will be able to benefit from the specialisms of Business and Enterprise, and Performing Arts of the two Academies, as well as pursue a full range of other courses of learning and training. Although students will follow their main course of study in one Academy Sixth Form, common timetabling across the two means there will be the opportunity to attend the other where a student wishes to pursue an additional course of learning.

In short, our shared vision and common purpose across the two Academy Sixth Forms means students can have a wider choice of learning, and a richer experience of post-16 provision.





# Open Evenings

Springs Academy Monday 19th November

Park Academy Thursday 22nd November

## Courses\* and entry requirements

Courses are available at three different levels of learning, based upon both the demands of the course, and the qualifications and grades you have achieved in Year 11 at school.

### Level 1 / Foundation – 1 year

You would start a level 1 programme in the sixth form if you achieved mainly Es, Fs and Gs at GCSE or equivalent.

The following courses are available at this level:

Course	Qualification
Construction	City and Guilds – Building Craft Occupations
Engineering	Performing Engineering Operations
Health and Social Care	BTEC Introductory Diploma
Hospitality, Travel & Tourism	BTEC Introductory Diploma

Key Skills in English, Maths and ICT  
Young Enterprise  
Skills for Working Life

**Students can progress onto a level 2 programme after successful completion of level 1**

### Level 2 / Intermediate – 1 year

You would start a level 2 programme in the sixth form if you achieved an average of 4 grade Ds at GCSE or equivalent.

The following courses are available at this level:

Course	Qualification
Business	BTEC First Diploma
Construction	BTEC First Diploma
Engineering	BTEC First Diploma
Health and Social Care	BTEC First Diploma
Hospitality and Catering	BTEC First Diploma
Performing Arts	BTEC First Diploma
Sports Studies	BTEC First Diploma
Travel and Tourism	BTEC First Diploma
Childcare and Education	CACHE Award
English	GCSE
Maths	GCSE

Key Skills in English, Maths and ICT  
Young Enterprise

**Students can progress onto a level 3 programme after successful completion of level 2, and if they meet any specific entry requirements for a level 3 course**

flexible course options

Courses and entry requirements

## Level 3 / Advanced – 2 years

Level 3 programmes are for students who have gained at least 4 GCSEs (or equivalent) at grades A\* - C in the case of BTEC National Diplomas and the CACHE Diploma, and at least 5 GCSEs (or equivalent) at grades A\*- C for a full A level programme. There may well be other additional entry criteria which can be checked within the individual subject area information.

The following courses are available at level 3:

### A levels

Art and Design  
 Biology  
 Business Studies  
 Chemistry  
 Design and Technology – Food  
 Design and Technology – Product Design  
 English Language  
 English Literature  
 English Language and Literature  
 Film Studies  
 French  
 Geography  
 German  
 Government and Politics  
 Health and Social Care  
 History  
 Maths and Further Maths  
 Music  
 Music Technology  
 Physics

Psychology  
 Religious Studies  
 Sociology  
 Spanish  
 Sports Studies  
 Theatre Studies  
 Urdu

### BTEC National Diplomas

Business  
 Health and Social Care  
 ICT Practitioners  
 Performing Arts  
 Sports Studies  
 Travel and Tourism

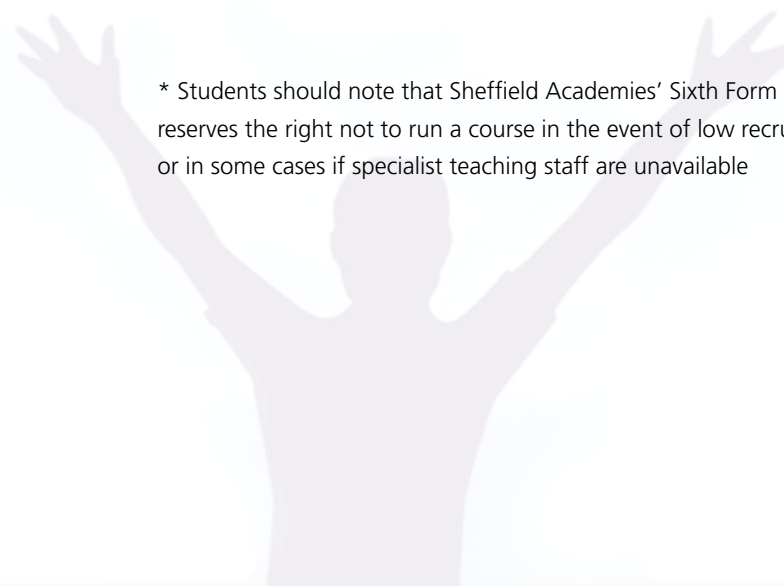
### CACHE Award

Diploma in Childcare and Education

### OCR National

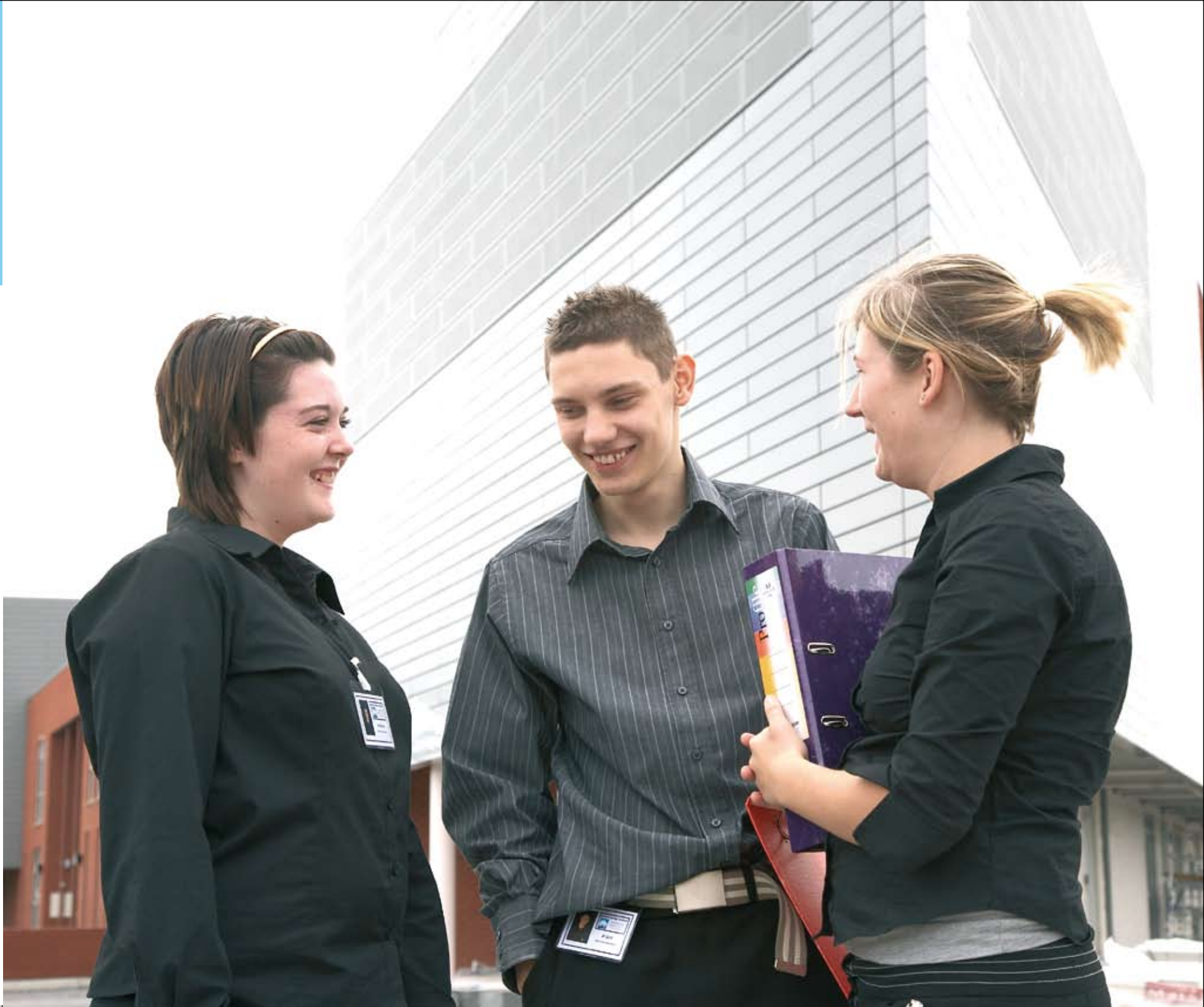
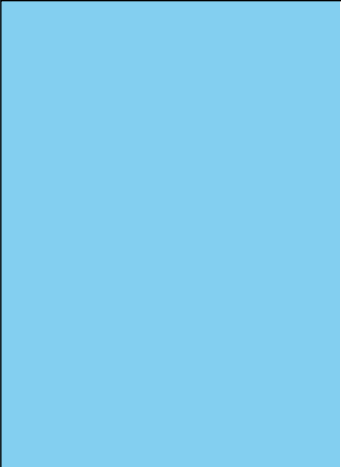
Certificate in ICT (Ipro)

\* Students should note that Sheffield Academies' Sixth Form reserves the right not to run a course in the event of low recruitment or in some cases if specialist teaching staff are unavailable





Courses and entry requirements



# Extra Curricular Enrichment Programme

A very important part of any sixth form experience is that you are able to develop the skills and talents that you have outside of the formal learning environment, as well as learn from new opportunities.

We will encourage you to do this in order that you develop fully as a young adult.

At the Sheffield Academies Sixth Form you will have the opportunity to take part in a range of extra curricular activities and programmes.

These include:

- Community Sports Leadership Award
- Making Music
- Academy Theatre Box Office Company
- Academy Student Catering Company
- Duke of Edinburgh Award
- Student Survival Skills

- Foreign Languages (including Japanese, Spanish, and others)
- Voluntary and community activities
- Team building programmes
- Trips and visits

There will also be the opportunity to take on positions of responsibility and leadership within the Academies. Some sixth form students will become Senior Ambassadors for the Academies. Participation in the sixth form Student Council will help you develop your own leadership skills, and also contribute to the success and enjoyment of the Academies for all its students.



Enrichment programme



# Support for Students – a Learning Partnership

We will do all we can to help and support you during your time in the Academies' sixth form. Whether you are a student on an advanced (level 3) programme looking towards University and higher education, or entering the sixth form on a foundation (level 1) or intermediate (level 2) course, we want to ensure you progress onto the next course of study, further training or area of employment that is right for you.

The team of sixth form staff, including the Head of Sixth Form, the post-16 Heads of Year, sixth form Learning Mentors, sixth form personal and subject tutors, sixth form admin officers, and other guidance and support staff, are all here to support you through your time with us. Your success will be achieved through a strong, three-way partnership, between us, the Academies' staff, you, and your parents/carers. They too have a significant role to play in supporting your attendance and progress.

*In short, all three partners need to be 100% committed to your success.*

*All students and parents/carers will be asked to sign up to a 'Sixth Form Learning Agreement'*

As well as subject and course tutor support, all students will have a personal tutor and other specialists who will provide support and monitor progress throughout the time spent in the Sixth Form. This will include

- Regular meetings with students in tutorial time to set individual learning targets and monitor progress, including attendance and completion of homework and coursework, and monitor overall progress
- Communication with parents through Sixth Form reports, parents' evenings, and other communication as necessary
- Support for University and UCAS applications
- Careers guidance and advice and guidance around further training opportunities
- Financial advice and guidance, including EMA, student loans and grants

# How do I apply?

## For Y11s at Sheffield Park or Sheffield Springs Academies

If you are currently a student at one of the Academies you can apply for the sixth form directly using the application form contained within this prospectus or available in school.

Application forms should be completed and signed by students and parents/carers and returned directly to the academies by 31st January 2008. They should be returned to Samantha Headford at Park or to Melissa Hodgkinson at Springs.

## For Y11s from other Sheffield schools

We also very much welcome applications from students from other schools. The Academies' sixth forms are part of the Sheffield Sixth Form Schools Common Application process. A common application form is available through your own school and this should be completed and returned by 31st January 2008 through your own school.

## For all Y11 students

In all cases it is a good idea for you to read thoroughly this prospectus in order to check that the right course is available for you. Also talk through your plans with your Connexions Personal Adviser, with your parents/carers, and with teachers at school.

## Sixth form open evenings

It's a really good idea for you to come and visit us and find out more about the courses and the support available to you, and you can do this by coming to the sixth form open evenings.

### **Springs Sixth Form Open Evening**

Monday 19th November 2007  
6.30pm – 8.30pm

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### **If you would like any further information about the sixth form at the Sheffield Academies please contact**

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