

# Westfield Sports College

Post 16 Opportunities  
Evening

Tuesday 18th October 2011



# Welcome to our Post 16 Opportunities Evening

Thank you for taking the time to attend our Post 16 Opportunities Evening. This evening is part of the process to help you and your child access information about different routes and courses available at 6<sup>th</sup> Form Schools, Colleges and Training Providers.

The evening will consist of a short presentation in the main hall by:

Mrs Anne Ashmore  
Assistant Headteacher & Careers Co-ordinator

There will then be an opportunity to talk to representatives from a wide range of establishments regarding courses, qualifications and anything else they may have to offer.

## **Present this evening**

- Chesterfield College
- Thomas Rotherham College
- Sheffield College
- Rotherham College
- Dimensions - Hairdressing
- GTA – Motor Vehicle
- Construction
- Connexions – Evelyn Risner
- Apply Sheffield – Carole Patrick
- Brinsworth Training
- CTS
- ESG
- In Touch Care
- The Source
- A4E
- The Army
- Nacro
- Sheaf Training
- Sheffield Wednesday
- Aston 6<sup>th</sup> Form
- 6<sup>th</sup> Forms Sheffield
- RAF/Cadets – Rob Sawyer

## A description of Qualifications

Qualification	Description
GCSE (General Certificate of Secondary Education)	There is a <b>very</b> limited opportunity to repeat Maths and English GCSE's at College. This is only a recommended option if you get D grades initially. It is usually done as part of a level 2 course.
GCE 'AS' Levels (Advanced Subsidiary Level)	Taken in the first year at college or 6 <sup>th</sup> form, the AS Level is half an 'A' Level; <i>half the work load not half the difficulty</i> . Students can choose 4 AS levels in Y12 then drop one of them once they have gained the AS qualification.
GCE 'A; Levels (A2) (Advanced Level)	The full qualification is usually gained after 2 years of study. Students convert $\frac{3}{4}$ of their AS Level into a full 'A' if they continue the subject to A2.
BTEC (Business and Technology Education Council) course	These are qualifications covering a wide range of work related areas, e.g. Health and Social Care, Engineering etc. It is a qualification recognised by Universities and Employers. They are available at 3 levels: Level 1, 2 and 3.
BTEC Level 2 Diploma BTEC Level 3 and Extended Diplomas	The BTEC 1 <sup>st</sup> (Level 2) is a 1 year Vocational Course that could lead to BTEC Level 3 Diplomas. 4 D's are required for the BTEC <b>1<sup>st</sup> Diploma</b> . 4 C's for the BTEC <b>Level 3 Diploma</b> and 5 C's for the BTEC <b>Level 3 Extended Diploma</b> . Level 1 and Entry Level courses come into the 'Foundation Learning' set of qualifications.
NVQ's (National Vocational Qualifications)	NVQ's are vocational qualifications that measure a person's ability to do a job. They can take between 1 and 2 years to complete and are always completed whilst on an apprenticeship which is employed status. Students who gain 5 A-D's at GCSE usually start on NVQ 2 and progress to NVQ Level 3, students with qualifications lower than this will start at NVQ level 1 (Foundation Learning.)
Apprenticeships	Students are required to achieve 5 A-D at GCSE (can include Maths, English and Science depending on work area) in order to be accepted on to an Apprenticeship. Students can start on an NVQ 2 and progress to an NVQ 3. Students need an employer to embark on a Mod. Apprenticeship. Students achieving lower than D grades can access work based training via a Foundation Learning programme.
CACHE	Qualification in Childcare.

## Important dates for your diary

Colleges and 6<sup>th</sup> Forms have Open Evenings coming up over the next few months. These are a great way of getting information, and you can also look around and talk to the staff and students. Please see below for a list of Open Evening dates and other important dates in the coming year for Y11 students.

<b>Month</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>College/Sixth form</b>
October	18 <sup>th</sup>	Meadowhead 5pm – 8pm in partnership with the Sheffield College
	19 <sup>th</sup>	Sheffield Park Academy 6pm – 8pm
November	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Thomas Rotherham College 5pm to 8pm
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Hillsborough College 6pm to 8.30pm
	5 <sup>th</sup> (Sat)	All Saints Open Day 10am to 12noon
	7 <sup>th</sup>	High Storrs Open Evening 7pm Start
	7 <sup>th</sup>	Peaks Centre 6pm to 8.30pm
	9 <sup>th</sup>	Notre Dame 6pm to 8.30pm
	10 <sup>th</sup>	Longley Park College 3.30pm to 7.30pm
	10 <sup>th</sup>	King Ecgbert Open Evening 7pm Start
	10 <sup>th</sup>	Sheffield Springs Academy 6pm – 7.30pm
	12 <sup>th</sup>	Birkdale 6.30pm Start
	14 <sup>th</sup>	Norton College 6pm to 8.30pm
	15 <sup>th</sup>	Silverdale 7pm Start
	16 <sup>th</sup>	Sheffield High School From 9.15 am
	16 <sup>th</sup>	Sheffield City College 6pm to 8pm
	17 <sup>th</sup>	Forge Valley 7pm Start
	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Tapton 7pm – 9pm
	24 <sup>th</sup>	King Edward VII 7pm Start

January	17 <sup>th</sup>	Longley Park College 3.30pm to 7.30pm
	24 <sup>th</sup>	Thomas Rotherham College 5pm – 8pm
March	19 <sup>th</sup>	Norton College 6pm to 8.30pm
	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Hillsborough College 6pm to 8.30pm
	26 <sup>th</sup>	Peaks Centre 6pm to 8.30pm
	29 <sup>th</sup>	Sheffield City College 6pm to 8.30pm

### Useful websites for researching Post 16 options

<a href="http://www.applysheffield.org.uk">www.applysheffield.org.uk</a>	A searchable database of courses and worked based learning opportunities.
<a href="http://www.getconnectedsheffield.com">www.getconnectedsheffield.com</a>	Your local Sheffield Futures website. Information about careers, jobs, training, FE and all post 16 options.
<a href="http://www.ucas.com">www.ucas.com</a>	Find out which courses are available and check out what qualifications you need to get onto a course.
<a href="http://www.direct.gov.uk/uni">www.direct.gov.uk/uni</a>	Find out if higher education is right for you. Look on <b>nextstepdirect.gov.uk</b> for careers advice and job profiles.
<a href="http://www.direct.gov.uk">www.direct.gov.uk</a>	The jobcentre Plus Site: jobs, training, voluntary work and job vacancies.
<a href="http://www.after16.org.uk">www.after16.org.uk</a>	For young people with a disability, about opportunities and service available.
<a href="http://www.apprenticeship.org.uk">www.apprenticeship.org.uk</a>	Information about apprenticeships.

Useful programmes on Westfield Sports College ICT Network or via the internet:

- Careerscape
- Kudos

Please find attached a copy of the presentation from tonight's event which includes various pieces of useful information.

Please would you take the time to fill in one of our questionnaires. This will give us an opportunity to gather feedback on how you think the evening went and enable us to see if it was useful for both you and your child.

Thank you

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