

WELCOME TO Year 12 Parents'information Evening



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Sharnbrook
Sixth Form

The Sixth Form Team

- Mrs Hankins Head of Sixth Form
- Mrs Tunnicliff Senior Link
- Mr Arklay Head of year 12
- Ms Withers Head of year 13
- Mrs Bains Study Centre manager, careers and destinations
- Ms Manani Attendance and Wellbeing Manager
- Student Leadership Team:
 - Head students – Will James and Charlotte Timms
 - Deputy Head Students – Amelie George, Naya Mehmi, Luke Parr and Adam Khan

We are proud

23% of students
achieved a suite of A*-
A grades

72% of students achieved
grades A* - C

7 successful early entry
students – Medicine /
dentistry / engineering
students accepted

Continue to deliver results
as one of the highest
performing sixth forms in
the county

91% of applicants
received offers for
university

(Ofsted In rating the sixth form 'outstanding', the report recognised:

- Sixth-form students are positive about their learning experiences and the wider opportunities provided.
- Sixth form teachers engage students in ambitious, challenging and independent learning. This enables students to achieve well and go on to destinations of their choice.

How sixth form works

Year 12

Year 13

Resit GCSE Maths
English

2/3 Subjects – A
Level / BTEC Course

A-Levels

Two-year course
Mock exams at end of year 1
Some courses have Coursework
Final exams May/June 2027

BTECS

Two-year course
Exams in Year 12 and 13
Coursework deadlines throughout



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VALUE OUR TUTORING SYSTEM

House

Cygnus

Delphinus

Pegasus

Phoenix

Ursa



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House: CYGNUS		Tutor Room	Lower School Link
CY11	Mr Gregson – Year 13	S7	CY 1&2
CY12	Mr Harries – Year 12 (Vicky Belt Friday A & B)	S17	CY 3,4,5,6
CY13	Ms Fairbank - Year 12 (Tues, Thurs Fri WKA, Tues, Weds, Thurs Friday WKB) Other EG	S13	CY 7,8,9,10

House: DELPHINUS		Tutor Room	Lower School Link
DE11	Mr Walker – Year 13	M4	DE1 & 2
DE12	Mr Bennett– Year 12	M11	DE 3,4,5,6
DE13	Mrs Bifield – Year 12	M3	DE 7,8,9,10

House: PEGASUS		Tutor Room	Lower School Link
PE11	Ms Champion – Year 13	SS2	PE 1,2 & 3
PE12	Mrs Lasslett – Year 13	SS4	PE 4,5 & 6
PE13	Mr Webb – Year 12	A2	PE 7,8,9,10

House: PHOENIX		Tutor Room	Lower School Link
PX11	Mrs Seabrook – Year 12	BE7	PX 1,2,3,4
PX12	Mr Seaman – Year 13	H5	PX 5,6
PX13	Mrs Redmond – Year 12	H1	PX 7,8,9,10

House: URSA		Tutor Room	Lower School Link
UR11	Mrs Moore – Year 13	MC5	UR 1,2 & 3
UR12	Ms Anderton – Year 12	G5	UR 4,5,6, 7
UR13	Ms Horne – Year 13	E6	UR 8,9,10

Mentoring Sessions

- Mentoring every 2 weeks
- With tutor
- Set targets / Reflect on learning
- Mentoring booklet

Tutor Mentoring Programme

Mentoring Timetable - Dates

Session 1		Session 7	
Session 2		Session 8	
Session 3		Session 9	
Session 4		Session 10	
Session 5		Session 11	
Session 6		Session 12	

Tutor Mentoring

Tutor mentoring will take place during morning registration. It will include the following elements which aim to support you through your time at 6th form to ensure you have a positive experience and achieve the best you are capable of.

- Reflection on learning, achievement and struggles.
- Self-Assessed Progress Review and goal setting
- Study Skills reflection and goal setting.
- Records of meetings with your tutor.

What lower school tutor group are you supporting?

What day will you support?

LEARNING JOURNEY

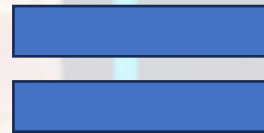
THE OUTCOME

All 6th form students
will reach their
potential
and thrive

Academic Programme – A Levels
and BTEC qualification



Enrichment programme



SUCCESS – enabling students to
reach their full potential

We will ensure that every students
EXPERIENCE at Sharnbrook sixth form
will enable this to happen – the
student “**journey**” results in the
OUTCOME

Study Programme

- By end of this week
- Every student would have settled in courses
- Selected enrichments
- Next week we will be:
- Allocating “Study Periods” – 2 a fortnight for each topic
- Putting enrichments onto timetables



Enrichment Programme

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Enrichment Programme

- Over 30 enrichments on offer
- Each student **MUST** select one certified qualification from block A
- They must then make **at least** one selection from block B **AND** C
- 3 enrichments in total (minimum)
- Further enrichments can be selected by choice



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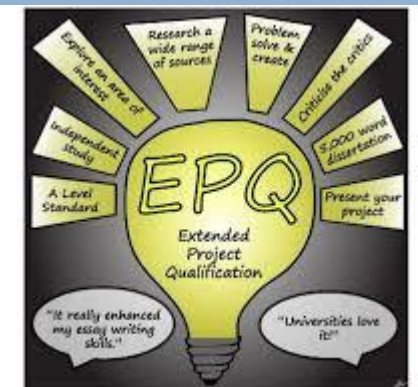
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Enrichment Programme
2025 - 2026



BLOCK A - certified qualifications

- AQA Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) (**Year 12 Only – year 13 exceptional cases**)
- Sports Leadership (**Year 12 Only**)
- Sign Language qualification
- Massive Open Online Courses (MOOC's)
- Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award (£)
- Climbing Club – NICAS Level 1 & 2
- Teaching English as a Foreign Language (Level 2 Qual) (£)



BLOCK B - Leadership Opportunities

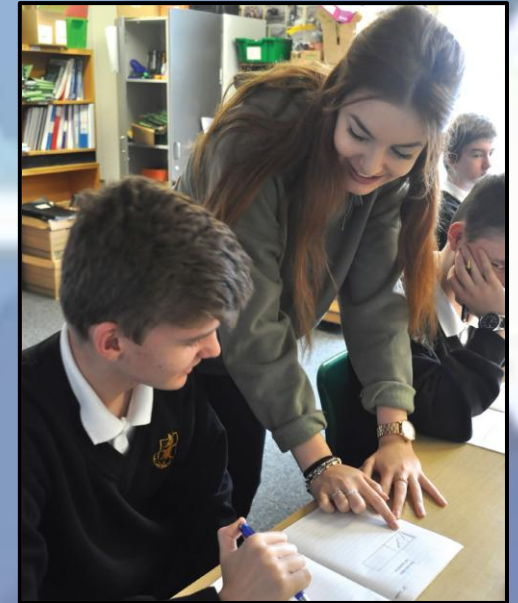
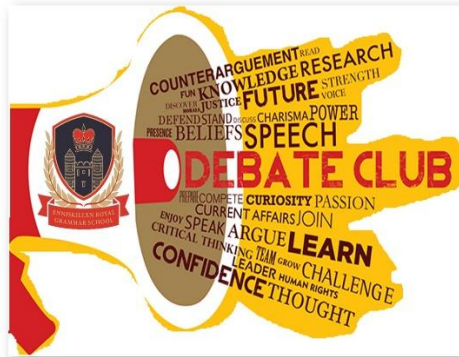
- Subject Ambassador
- Sixth Form Ambassadors
- House Representative
- Equality and Diversity Student Voice
- Student Fund Raising / Charity Voice
- Wellbeing Group
- Lead on an enrichment of your choice.
- Reading Champions



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BLOCK C - Other opportunities

- Football
- Netball
- Rugby
- Badminton
- Chess Club
- Debating Society
- Ready to Lead
- Teachers of tomorrow
- Sharnbrook House – Volunteering Opportunity
- Reading Cafe
- Think Tank
- Apprenticeship and work application support
- Broadcast Crew (Friday tutor time)



Choices so far

Enrichment	Block	Total
AQA extended project Qualification	A	44
Sports Leadership	A	35
Sign Language	A	52
MOOCs (Massive open online courses)	A	110
Duke of Edinburgh	A	12
Climbing Club	A	24
TEFL (Teaching English as a Foreign Language)	A	12
Subject Ambassador	B	108
Sixth Form Ambassador	B	40
House Representative	B	13
Equality and diversity student voice	B	20
Student Fund Raising / Charity voice	B	41
Lead on an enrichment of your choice	B	18
Reading Champions	B	28



Choices so far

Football	C	52
Netball	C	15
Rugby	C	11
Badminton	C	56
Chess Club	C	36
Debating Society	C	30
Teachers of Tomorrow	C	15
Sharnbook House Volunteering	C	28
Reading Café	C	19
Think Tank	C	20
Apprenticeship and work application support	C	10
Broadcast Crew	C	20
School theatre production	C	10



Teaching and Learning

Mr Arklay

- Transition between year 11 and 12
- Expectations of work
- Homework and independent study
- Lessons and learning



Study Skills

Mr Arklay

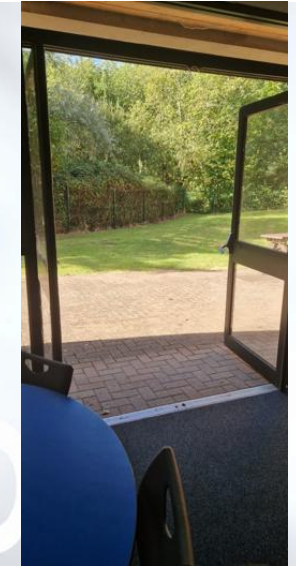
- Organisation is key
- Deadlines, deadlines, deadlines!
- Ask for help
- Extra reading
- Independent Study



STUDY ROOMS

Sixth form study centre

- IT and study room - working volume
- Group work
- Seating for reading
- Access to outdoor space – seating / table tennis
- Access to sixth form team – open door policy
- Open from :
 - Monday – Thursday 08.00am to 16.30pm
 - Friday 08.00am to 15.30pm



Sixth form IT room

- IT and workspaces
- **SILENT STUDY**

NEW - Social Space



Would like to invite you to come and see our new space at the end of this meeting



Home-school Communication - Students

Mr Arklay

- **Sixth form Teams channel**

Meetings / job vacancies / destinations / all information

- **Email**

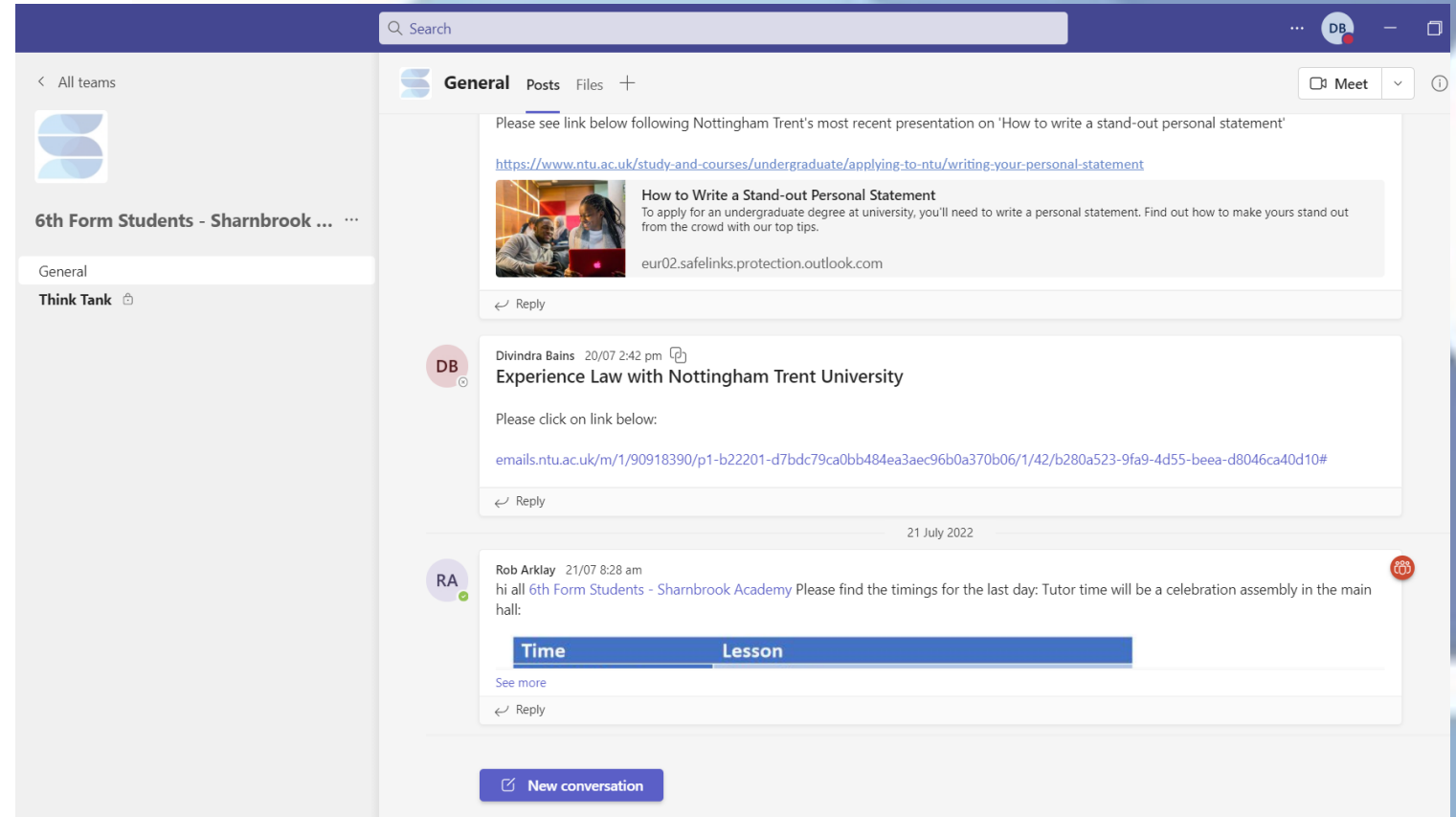
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- **BROMCOM**

Download the App

- **Noticeboards**

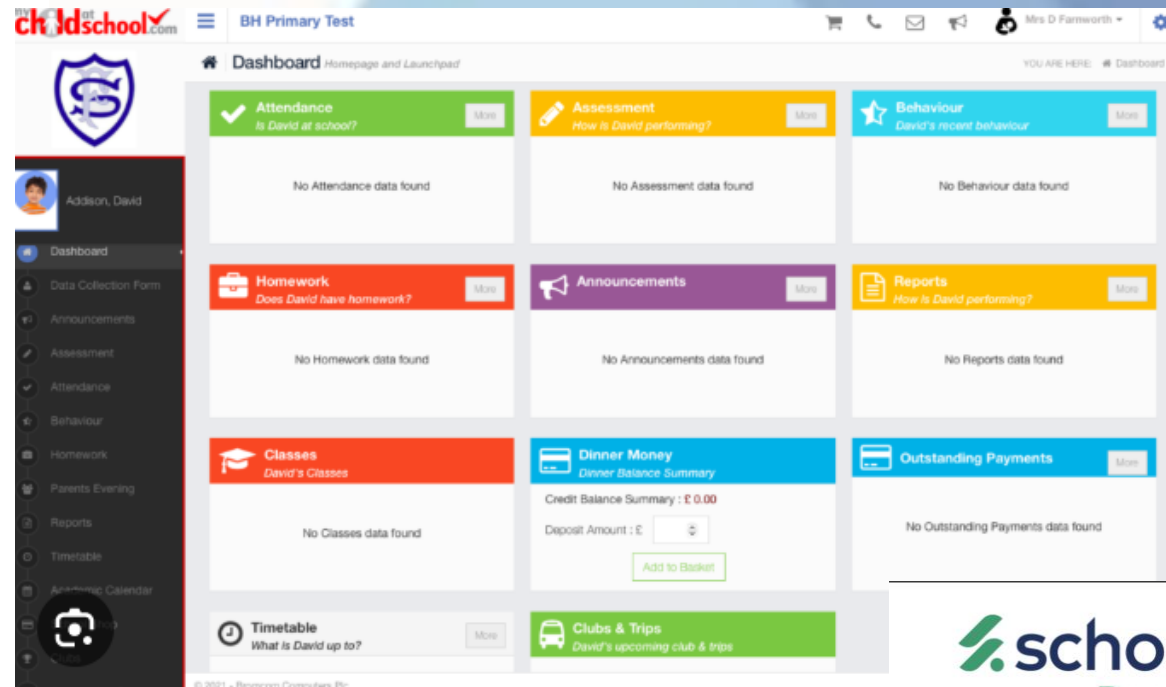
Open days / competitions etc



Home-school Communication - Parents

Mr Arklay

- **MCAS**
 - Please download the App
- **Direct email**
- **Parents consultation meetings**
- **Other evenings:**
 - Early entry
 - Destinations week



Support available

Ms Withers

- The pressures of school and life
- In school support – Ms Manani
- Support for parents



Bursaries and Finance

Ms Withers

- Sixth Form 16 -19 bursaries are available
- Discretionary bursary to help students with their sixth form studies
- Textbooks, stationery, trips, transport
- Information on the website
- Forms available tonight
- Please speak to Ms Manani



Expectations

Ms Withers

- Dress code - Joggers
- Lanyards
- Signing in and out
- Appointments
- Driving lessons must be in frees
- University visits - authorised
- Please let Ms Manani know in advance



Dress Code

Sharnbrook Sixth Form is a working environment and therefore all students are expected to adhere to a smart casual dress code. This dress code is designed to reflect the current national expectations of dress in a workplace, whilst at the same time reflecting the fact that we are also in a school environment, acting as role models for the lower school.

School Lanyards - must be worn around the neck every day for identification and safeguarding purposes. This is also part of the dress code.

We do not feel it is necessary to provide an extensive list of expectations and rules; however, we have provided some guidance below to support our students to make informed and appropriate choices as part of our sixth form dress code, which has been discussed and agreed with our Student Leadership team.

- No ripped jeans, jogging bottoms, tracksuits, or sport branded leggings.
- Only religious headwear is permitted – no hats or caps (except for outdoors according to the weather).
- No sport tops e.g. football shirts
- No beachwear including flipflops, sliders, crocs style footwear.
- No strapless, backless, ripped or cropped tops.
- No visible underwear ripped or fishnet tights.
- Short shorts or non-tailored shorts.
- Excessive form or modes of makeup and jewellery; for example, two piercings in each ear and one discreet nose piercing would be acceptable
- Any clothing that displays offensive or inappropriate language.

Destinations

Mrs Bains

- Equal emphasis on all routes – UCAS, Apprenticeships, Work
- It is a two-year process
- Dates on your handout
- Parents please get involved!



AWAS

Apprenticeships and Work Application Support



SIXTH FORM DESTINATIONS

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DESTINATIONS INFORMATION – DATES AND EVENTS Year 12 students 2025

Parent information Evening Wednesday 17th September – 6pm in school hall.

During this session, we will cover key dates, important events, and the expectations we have for our students as they progress into this new phase. We understand that this can be both an exciting and sometimes daunting time for students and parents alike, and we want to ensure you feel well-informed and prepared. We'll also share information about subject choices, study support, and extra-curricular opportunities available in the sixth form. This is a fantastic period of growth for our students, and we encourage you to engage with them about their aspirations and ambitions, as well as the choices they will be making.

Destinations week and Careers Day w/c 16th March 2026

A great week of ~~organised~~ lectures / events and visits from outside speakers. Many careers' options will be covered. Students will "sign up" for events and will attend at the designated time. We would like to thank everyone involved who will make the week so rewarding. Wednesday the ~~18th~~ 16th March is our annual Careers Fair – there will be over 60 stands. These will be a combination of universities / apprenticeship ~~opportunities~~ organisations and some bespoke employers looking for aspirational students.

"Destinations drop down day" on Wednesday 3rd June 2025

A day for students to start making concrete plans for their futures. University application form accounts will be created, mock job and apprentice assessment ~~centre~~ activities are completed, and students hear from speakers, including former students, about their experiences and the advice they wish they'd had at 17. Students will be following a ~~process~~ process for the day that best suits their destination requirements (based on an inhouse survey). All students regardless of destination plans will complete a UCAS application form, work on their Personal Statement / CV and a cover letter. The aim of the day is to fully prepare them for the next stage in planning their future.

Parents "Destinations" information evening – Wednesday 3rd June in the School Hall 6 – 7pm

The aim of the evening is to give an insight into the processes for both University and Apprenticeship applications. Details about the key dates regarding those applications and useful information about choices and how the school supports all students.

University of Bedfordshire UCAS fair – Date TBC

All year 12 students will get the opportunity to visit the UCAS fair which is held at the University of Bedfordshire. Transport will be provided (£5 charge), and all students will be encouraged to plan the day, making sure they visit universities of interest and ask appropriate questions. There are also lectures held throughout the day on specific courses along with workshops on personal statement writing and general information drop-in sessions.

University open days and visits – between May 2026 and June 2027

Students will be encouraged to book university open days. Most of these are held between May 2026 and June 2027 for entry in September of 2027. All open days need to be booked in advance and information can be found online here: [Search the Opensdays.com calendar of university and college open days - search for an open day](#). The school will allow 2 days ~~authorised~~ authorised absence for ~~attending open~~ attending open days, however students are encouraged to book these on a Saturday / Sunday.

Work experience from Monday 6th to Friday 10th July 2026

During these five days students must complete independently ~~organised~~ organised work experience. Students need to enter details of their independently organized placements on the ~~Unifrog~~ Unifrog placements tool, which automatically emails the placement provider, parent / carer and the school supervisor (DBains@sharnbrook.academy) to obtain the requisite permissions. Students who do not have work experienced booked will be working through a "work experience" ~~experience~~ experience on-line from school.

Work experience

Mrs Bains

- 1 Week – 6th - 10th July
- Purpose
- Participation
- Logistical challenges
- How you can help
- Start looking now



Key Dates 2025 - 2026

Mrs Hankins

- Start – today – information evening
- Meet the tutor – Mid October
- End of October – setting target grades
- February 2026 – 1st progress report sent home
- Wednesday 4th March – Year 12 Parents Evening
- End of April – 2nd progress report sent home
- Destinations week and careers Day W/C 16th March 2026
- Drop down day 3rd June 2026
- Destinations parents information evening 3rd June 2026
- UCAS fair University of Bedfordshire – TBC
- Mock Exams – Mid June 2026
- Final report home – July 2026
- Work experience – 6th – 10th July 2026
- September 2026 – 2027 Study Support Programme

Next steps

Mrs Hankins

- Liaise with sixth form team – any concerns / questions
- Support students' studies – ask questions
- Parent guide will be emailed to you by end of next week – all key dates

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Student and Parent Guide 2025/26



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Welcome to our Sixth Form



The Team will be available to answer any questions you may have.

Always available by email

Would like to invite you to visit our new social space in D1

