Sheffield Sixth Form Schools
New Students Entry September 2027

The Local Education Authority Admissions Team co-ordinate applications for the following Sheffield Sixth Forms:

All Saints,

Forge Valley,

High Storrs,

King Ecgbert,

King Edward VII,

Meadowhead,

Notre Dame,

Sheffield South East VI Form (Sheffield Park Academy)

Silverdale,

Tapton

Prior to starting the application process, students are strongly advised to:

- **Check individual school websites for information regarding Open events, GCSE grade requirements and subject availability.**
- **Discuss all Post 16 Options with their Careers Advisors.**
- **Read this Guidance document thoroughly.**

Applications open on **1 December 2026**

The Closing Date for receiving applications is **31 January 2027****

To meet this deadline, you will probably need to submit the application via Sheffield Progress by **mid-January. Your predicted GCSE grades must be verified by your careers tutor before they complete the application submission** - check the date with your school careers tutor.

1 Making an application

Applications are made using Sheffield Progress, even if you are applying to the 6th form at your own school (Internal Application). Students will use their login and password, issued through their current school. Your school staff will verify your estimated GCSE grades and then forward the application, to the Admissions Team, for consideration. Students should choose 3 or 4 'A' Levels, or equivalent, when applying for a sixth form school place. Make sure it is clear which schools are 1st preference, 2nd preference then 3rd preference; the favourite school should be nominated as preference 1. You can check your application progress through the Sheffield Progress site. Please see section 3 for details on the importance of preference order.

Students **attending schools that are not signed up to Sheffield Progress** may self-register. See Appendix 1 for details.

Students are invited to list up to **three Sheffield school sixth forms** in order of preference in their application. You may list other provision such as colleges, UTCs etc. but Sheffield LA will only process up to 3 schools from the above list.

Applications for Mercia Sixth Form should be made directly with Mercia school. Mercia's application process includes an examination and interview. Entrance requirements and further details can be found on their website www.merciaschool.com.

Applications for Astrea Sixth Form should be made directly with Astrea Academy. https://astreaacademysheffield.applicaa.com/year12

Sheffield Progress can be used to apply for places in colleges, the UTCs and other providers not listed above. Applications for other providers will be processed by the providers themselves.

The Admissions Team at Sheffield Local Authority will process and co-ordinate all applications for 6th form schools from "external" students. Eligible students will be made **one offer** of a place in an external 6th form school. The 6th form schools themselves will deal with applications directly from their own students ie "Internal" applications.

Students should check the 'Status' of their applications on Sheffield Progress. Applications will be 'Acknowledged' by the schools and will then be considered for eligibility.

2 Entry Requirements and Criteria (for internal and external students) for 6th form schools

Regardless of whether you are applying for a place as an internal or external student, to qualify for a place in a 6th form school, you must meet the minimum entry GCSE requirements and the school must operate the courses/subjects for which you are applying.

More information about the minimum entry requirement for each school and subjects can be found on each individual school website.

If you satisfy the minimum entry and subject requirement, your application is classed as "eligible" you will then be considered for a place at the first three external 6th form schools that you have listed in your application. You may also list your own school as an internal applicant, please see section 3 below for more information about the importance of the order of your preferences.

3 Applications for 6th form schools from Internal Students (If your school has a sixth form)

If you go to a school with a sixth form and you select your school as your first preference then, provided you meet the grades and any other requirements, you will be offered a place there, and any other preferences listed lower on your application will not be considered.

If you go to a school with a sixth form and list a different school as your first preference and your own school as second or third preference, then any school listed higher than your own school, will be considered. You may find that it is possible to make you an offer of an external school, and your own school. If this is the case, you will be asked to make a decision as soon as possible as to which place you wish to accept. Holding both places means that you are sitting on a place that otherwise could be offered to another eligible student who has not been offered a place in a 6th form.

4 Applications for 6th form schools from External Students

If you apply to a school that you don't already attend, you are classed as an "external applicant" and you must first be "eligible" for a place (see section 2 above)

Each 6th form school has a limited number of places for external applicants and will only admit up to the agreed number. This is called the Admission Number. For more information on the admission number for each school, please refer to the school or the Guide for parents' booklet on the Council website. www.sheffield.gov.uk/home/schools-childcare/apply-school-place

These numbers can change each year.

Where more applications from eligible external applicants are received than there are places available, it will be necessary to apply the oversubscription criteria to each application to determine priority.

For more information about 6th form schools' oversubscription criteria, please visit the individual school's website or contact the school.

As part of their criteria, some 6th form schools prioritise applications from students on roll at named/linked schools or schools within the same Trust. Refer to the school oversubscription criteria on the websites for where this falls in the criteria and for more information, but for a quick guide see the table below:

6th Form School	Named/Linked schools
All Saints	Notre Dame
	St Bernards
Forge Valley	Bradfield
	Tapton
High Storrs	Ecclesfield
	Handsworth Grange
	Stocksbridge
King Ecgbert	Newfield
	Chaucer
Notre Dame	All Saints
	St Bernards
Sheffield SE VI Form (Sheff Park Academy)	Sheffield Springs Academy
Silverdale	Westfield
	Hope Valley
Tapton	Bradfield
	Forge Valley

In the event that the school reaches its admission limit, all 6th form schools have decided upon a tie breaker, to determine who to allocate a place to.

The tie breaker at a non-faith Sheffield Sixth Form schools is distance from home to school (with those living closest given priority). This is measured in a straight line.

The tie breaker for faith schools (All Saints & Notre Dame) is based on random selection of all eligible students.

All applicants for All Saints and Notre Dame Sixth Forms should indicate if they are baptised in the Catholic faith on their application within the personal statement/supporting evidence. These schools give higher priority for sixth form places to Catholic students.

Students requiring any additional support ie extra time in exams etc (Not EHCP) should state this clearly within the personal statement/supporting evidence.

The SEND team process all applications from students with an EHCP (Education and Health Care Plan). They should be contacted via the following:

SENDAssess&Review@sheffield.gov.uk

Overseas Applications

Students who are applying from overseas, who have not studied GCSEs, are required to provide the schools with a ECCTIS Certificate of Grade Comparison (formally NARIC). The Sheffield Community Youth Services team can provide advice on how to obtain this.

Their details are:

Tel: 0114 273 4462 or email youth.services@sheffield.gov.uk

5 When to apply

Applications open on **1 December 2026**. Your verified application should arrive at the LEA by **31 January 2027.**

IMPORTANT** To meet this deadline, you will probably need to submit the application via Sheffield Progress by **mid-January** - check the date with your school careers tutor.

Any late applications or changes to preferences (ie those received after 31 January 2027) will not be processed until after the 'on time' applications have been allocated and accepted or declined.

Any changes to preferences received after 31 March will be considered by the schools after the GCSE results are published.

From 1 June schools are not obliged consider new applications until the GCSE results are published in August. This is because they are finalising timetables and staffing for September. Students should contact the schools directly after GCSE results are published in August, to discuss possible options. Please contact the schools before this to discuss if they run the courses that you wish to study.

6 Conditional Offer of a place

All preferences will be considered equally. You will only be made **ONE** offer of a sixth form school place and this will be the highest ranked school for which you are eligible.

If there are more applications than available places, distance from home to school (straight-line measurement) will be used as the tiebreaker. Random allocation is used for All Saints & Notre Dame.

Decisions will be announced via Sheffield Progress **between 24 – 25 February 2027.**

Students should check the 'Status' of the application on Sheffield Progress ONCE THE OFFERS HAVE BEEN MADE VIA SHEFFIELD PROGRESS. The Status will be one of the following:

- Conditional Offer - You have been made a conditional offer at the highest preference school for which you were eligible.

- Unsuccessful – Your application is unsuccessful in terms of estimated grades or subject availability. Please read Sheffield Progress message carefully.
- Acknowledged – The application is not being taken any further by the school.

You should accept or decline your conditional offer by **12 March 2027** via Sheffield Progress. If no response is received, Sheffield Progress application status will be updated to DID NOT RESOND and the place will allocated to another student

7 Refused Applications

If you are not eligible (because of GCSE grades or incorrect subject choice) your application will be refused. You are advised to contact your current school for further guidance about applying for alternative places.

8 Waiting Lists

If you are eligible, but refused on the distance tiebreaker, you will be placed on the waiting list for each school preference above the school you have been allocated, in distance order, in case a place becomes available at a later date. All Saints & Notre Dame use "random allocation", rather than a distance based tiebreaker, for offering places from their waiting list.

PLEASE NOTE Accepting a lower preference offer DOES NOT affect you remaining on any higher preference school waiting lists.

Students who are without a post-16 place (including schools, colleges, UTC, apprenticeships etc) and meet the minimum required grades, may wish to request a statutory appeal to have their case considered by the Independent Appeal panel. Appeal forms can be requested by emailing ed-admissions@sheffield.gov.uk from July 2027. The appeals will be scheduled, by the Appeals Team at the Town Hall, for late September 2027. Please note that being offered a 'place' in a sixth form at appeal does not guarantee that the sixth form is able to offer or accommodate the preferred subjects. It is not within the panel's remit to require schools to offer specific courses to students on appeal. Therefore, if placed at the school by the appeal panel, you will then be placed onto courses where there is space and NOT necessarily the courses that you wish to study.

Please note:

- **If a student is offered a place at their preferred school on the basis of false or intentionally misleading information provided, the offer of the school place may be withdrawn.**
- **If you no longer require a sixth form school place please contact the Admissions Team so that your place may be offered to another student.**

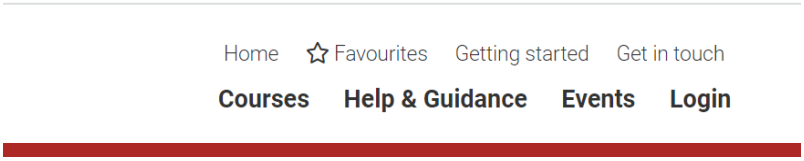
Find out more
Visit: **www.sheffield.gov.uk/home/schools-childcare/apply-school-place** or contact **0114 273 5790** or **ed-admissions@sheffield.gov.uk** or **tracey.senior@sheffield.gov.uk**

Appendix 1

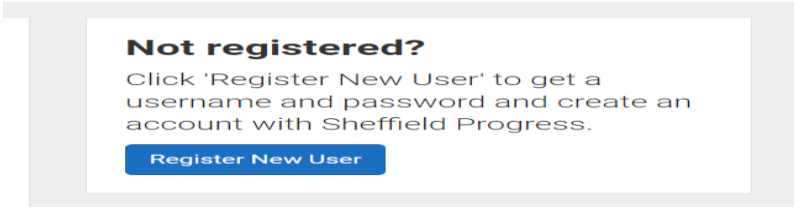
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Self-Registration Instructions for Students attending Out of Area Schools

Search www.sheffieldprogress.co.uk and select Login tab



Select



Click register new user – on the school drop down select ‘Out of Area’ and then create new account.

