

Choosing your college options

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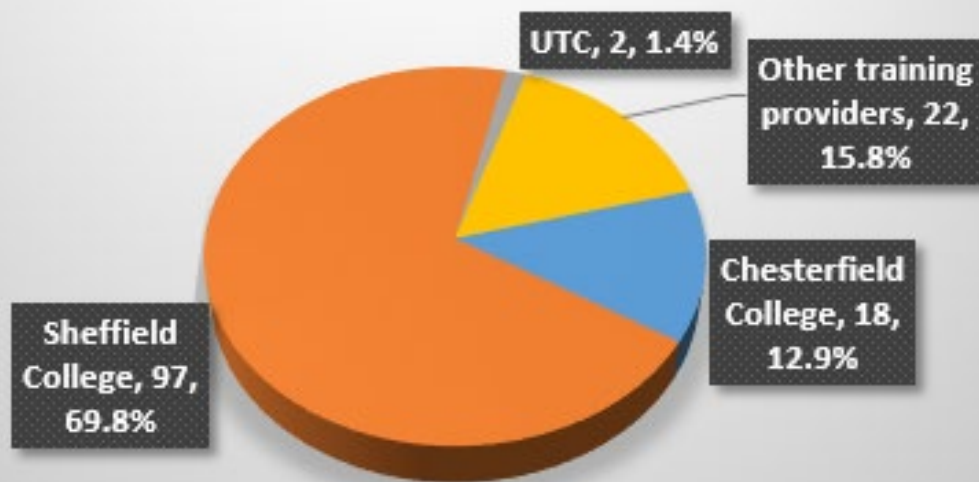


Today's session

- ▶ What we'll cover?
 - ▶ What to consider when choosing a college course
- ▶ What we won't cover?
 - ▶ Detailed discussions about jobs and careers
 - ▶ The alternatives to college – A levels, apprenticeships etc.
 - ▶ Watch the other presentations if you want to look at these options

**WHAT TO
EXPECT**

Y11 Leavers 2020: Colleges & Training Providers



What did last year's Y11s choose?

139 students chose to study with a college or training provider

Training providers included White Rose Beauty College, Nacro, CTS Training, St Georges Park, SUFC, SWFC

How is college different from school?

- ▶ Age 16+
- ▶ Different levels of course available, depending on your GCSE grades
- ▶ Different style of teaching and learning
- ▶ Facilities
 - ▶ TV studios, working restaurants and salons, workshops etc



What if college isn't right for me?

- ▶ Sixth form or sixth form college
- ▶ Training provider: smaller setting offering vocational courses
- ▶ Apprenticeship
- ▶ Traineeship



Where could you go?

- ▶ Sheffield College
 - ▶ City campus
 - ▶ Hillsborough campus
 - ▶ Peaks campus
 - ▶ Olive Grove campus
- ▶ Chesterfield College
- ▶ Also Rotherham College, Barnsley College etc.

Specialist colleges:

- * Harrogate Army Foundation College
- * Brackenhurst College



What could I study?

- ▶ A course that could lead to a job
 - ▶ Hair & beauty
 - ▶ Catering
 - ▶ Construction trades
 - ▶ Motor vehicle
 - ▶ Retail
 - ▶ Air cabin crew
 - ▶ Horticulture

- ▶ A course that could lead to university or a job
 - ▶ Media, journalism & photography
 - ▶ Health & social care
 - ▶ Engineering
 - ▶ Childcare & education
 - ▶ Performing arts & music
 - ▶ Science & dental technology
 - ▶ Animal care
 - ▶ Sport
 - ▶ Public services
 - ▶ Travel, tourism & events
 - ▶ Business
 - ▶ Construction & built environment
 - ▶ Art & design
 - ▶ IT & computing
 - ▶ Games development
 - ▶ A levels

**How do
you prefer
to learn?**



Choosing the right course

- ▶ Will I enjoy it?
- ▶ Will I be good at it?
- ▶ What if I need more time to decide?
- ▶ Will it lead me where I want to go in future?
 - ▶ Or could it keep my options open?



The levels

- ▶ Level 3
 - ▶ 4 or 5 GCSE Grade 4s including English
 - ▶ 2 year course
- ▶ Level 2
 - ▶ 4 Grade 3s at GCSE including English
 - ▶ 1 year course
- ▶ Level 1
 - ▶ 4 Grade 2s at GCSE including English
 - ▶ 1 year course
- ▶ Foundation or Entry level

- ▶ On practical courses, most people start at Level 1
 - ▶ Bricklaying, Catering etc

Some courses have extra requirements eg GCSE Maths or a portfolio of artwork

You should always aim to start at the highest level possible



What qualifications could I get?

- ▶ BTEC (or similar) qualifications
- ▶ City & Guilds diploma
- ▶ A levels
- ▶ Functional skills or GCSEs

- ▶ Coming soon: T-level qualifications



Support at college

- ▶ Financial
- ▶ Learning
- ▶ Personal
- ▶ Careers



After college

- ▶ What if I change my mind about my career direction?
 - ▶ The skills you develop could lead you to different jobs/apprenticeships
- ▶ What could I do after my course?
 - ▶ Get a job
 - ▶ Start an apprenticeship
 - ▶ Go to university (after L3 courses)



How do I find out which course is on offer where?

- ▶ Sheffield Progress(www.sheffieldprogress.co.uk)
- ▶ Search on college websites:
 - ▶ www.sheffcol.ac.uk
 - ▶ www.chesterfield.ac.uk



How to find out more & apply?



1. Sheffield Progress (www.sheffieldprogress.co.uk) to search & find favourites
2. Visit open evenings to find out more
3. Attend the virtual event: **Applying to Apprenticeships, Colleges and Training Providers** on Wednesday 4 November, 6 – 7.30pm
 - ▶ Click on the link below to join the event
 - ▶ <https://mhsch.uk/careersevent>
4. Apply on Sheffield Progress *before Christmas*

After you apply

After applying

- ▶ Interviews, information events & offers
- ▶ Transition events to make sure
- ▶ The grades you get in August decide which level of course you will start on

Are you ready for the next step?

Get help if you're not sure what to do or not ready to decide

- ▶ Tuesdays, Careers Drop-In after school on English corridor

Any questions?

- ▶ Email careers@meadowhead.sheffield.sch.uk

