Future Pathways

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Things to Talk About...

- 1. Sixth Form
- 2. College
- 3. Apprenticeships
- 4. Employment with training
- 5. Support



Sixth Form

- The Friary Sixth Form offers consistently high quality teaching and learning.
- In 2024 the average A Level grade was a B and the average Level 3 vocational grade a D+.
- The vast majority of our students continue their studies at university. All but two university bound students got in at their first choice destination.

Year 13 Results Clinic 2024			
Destination	Amount	Percentage	
University	61	64%	
College	1	1%	
Apprenticeships	7	7%	
Gap Year	12	13%	
Employment	14	15%	
Total	95	100	
First Choice University	58	95%	
Russell Group University	32	52%	
Oxford	0	0%	

Sixth Form Entry Requirements

- All students must achieve a grade 4 in Maths, English and at least three other subjects to gain a place in Sixth Form.
- Students studying for 3 A Levels will need to achieve 6 GCSEs at grade 6 or higher and meet the specific requirement of the subject.
- Changes are in the pipeline that may affect our entry requirements for your children.

GCSE Profile	Suggested Route
At least 8 GCSEs including a minimum of 6 at Grade 6 or higher	3 A Levels or equivalent Level 3 Qualifications. The Extended Project Qualification is also recommended
8 GCSEs including at least 4-5 at Grade 6 or higher	2 A Levels and 1 Vocational Level 3 Qualification and an enrichment subject/ opportunity
5-7 GCSEs at Grade 4 (5 Maths and English Language) with up to 3 at Grade 6	1 A Level and 2 Vocational Level 3 Qualifications and an enrichment subject/ opportunity
5-7 GCSEs at Grade 4 (4 Maths and English Language) with up to 2 at Grade 6	3 vocational Level 3 Qualifications and an enrichment subject/opportunity

Breadth

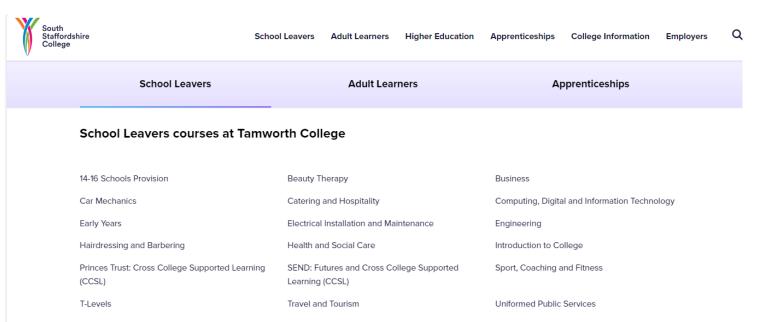
Sixth Form provides a breadth of opportunity that goes far beyond the academic.



- World Challenge
- Duke of Edinburgh
- Work experience
- Leadership opportunities
- Inter school competitions
- Employer talks
- University visits
- Field trips
- Fund raising
- Debating competitions
- Mock trials
- Public speaking competitions
- Enrichment opportunities

College

- The most commonly attended colleges are South Staffs College with campuses in Lichfield, Tamworth and Rodbaston (Penkridge), Stafford College and Walsall College.
- They offer diplomas, apprenticeships and T Levels amongst others.
- Open days and interviews will commence in the October preceding a September start.
- Thorough research of the courses is vital to make sure that they are at the right level.





- Animal care and management
- Countryside Conservation and Environmental Management
- Equine
- Agricultural Engineering
- Arbiculture
- Plumbing
- Veterinary Care and Nursing

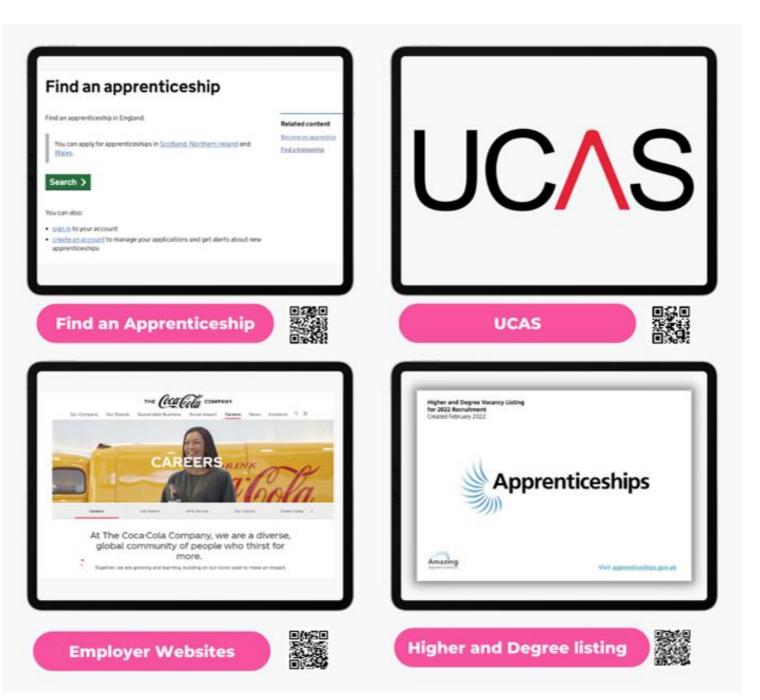
Apprenticeships

- Students should be looking at Level
 2 or 3 after GCSEs.
- All fees are paid and the apprentice is salaried throughout. Though salaries vary depending on the employer all apprentices earn at least the apprentice national minimum wage. This is currently £6.50.
- All apprenticeships include 20% offthe-job training.

Name	Level	Equivalent educational level
Intermediate	2	5 GCSE passes at grade A*-C or 4-9
Advanced	3	2 A Levels / Level 3 diploma / international Baccalaureate
Higher	4,5,6 & 7	Foundation degree and above
Degree	6&7	Bachelor's or master's degree

Where?

- Most apprenticeships can be located at the GOV.UK website.
- Apprenticeship opportunities are updated daily.
- You can also find them via UCAS, direct from the employer and the Apprenticeships website.



Student Apprenticeship Support

Students have regular meetings with Mrs Bullock. She proof reads letters of application and CVs, discusses key interview questions and techniques and ways to search for jobs in particular sectors.

She sends them details of potential apprenticeships weekly.

Apprenticeship students receive guidance with CVs and letters of application, just as other students do with personal statements during form time.



Employment with training

- Minimum wage is £6.50 per hour
- Must be work ready
- Must know what sector appeals to you
- Must include some aspect of training
- You'll need a CV, covering letter & complete application forms
- Research suitable job opportunities (job websites/newspapers/employment agencies)
- Formal interview (telephone/one to one/panel/assignment/ presentation/specific exercise)
- Consider part time or voluntary work prior to applying



Support

- Each student has a meeting with an independent careers advisor.
- We run trips to colleges.
- We have regular talks from employers and apprenticeship providers.
- In Year 10 students complete employability workshops and mock interviews.
- The PSHE programme and wider curriculum is devised to support students in developing their employability skills.
- Students have access to Unifrog from Year 9.





- All students are given a Unifrog login during Y9.
- They will learn how to explore and get the most out of the Unifrog platform during Enrichment.
- Unifrog is the one stop site for information and support in exploring every pathway possible.

