



SHIRELAND
CBSO ACADEMY

SIXTH FORM PROSPECTUS



WELCOME

Welcome to our unique and creative sixth form community where we facilitate an environment that fosters growth and success. Established in September 2023, Shireland CBSO Academy is the result of an exciting partnership between Shireland Collegiate Academy Trust and the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra (CBSO). Occupying a prominent location in West Bromwich, Sandwell, the Academy delivers an outstanding education for its students built on a foundation of academic and musical excellence.

As a Shireland CBSO Academy student you will have access to brand-new, state-of-the-art facilities, dedicated social and study spaces and the latest technology including your own laptop to use for the duration of your time studying with us.

Thanks to our unique partnership, students are also provided with vocal or instrumental tuition, performance opportunities, rehearsal and recording spaces, masterclasses and inspiration sessions from world-renowned musicians promoting and celebrating all genres of music from around the world, and bespoke career opportunities.

In addition, our Personal Development programme equips you with essential tools, from employability to financial literacy, team building, and leadership. We empower you to navigate societal challenges and ensure you have a positive, fulfilling experience as you prepare for the future.

At Shireland CBSO Academy Sixth Form, we share your aspirations and passion for hard work. Our staff are dedicated to guiding and supporting you every step of the way. We believe this is a place where you can work diligently, bask in excellence, and explore the world's opportunities with unwavering confidence.

Mrs J Lawrence
Head of Sixth Form



SIXTH FORM LIFE

We provide students who already have a passion and talent for music with unique opportunities to experience, perform and work alongside other young people with similar interests and aspirations.

Our aim is to ensure that the experience our students gain whilst studying at Shireland CBSO Academy Sixth Form is tailored to their specific needs. We have high expectations of all our students. We will provide you with exciting and rewarding enrichment opportunities alongside a traditional curriculum model underpinned by outstanding teaching, excellent pastoral support, and unrivalled aspiration. Our students are expected to attend full time, and to utilise the study and social spaces available to them exclusively within the Academy grounds. Dedicated staff are on-hand to ensure you are provided with the support and expertise required to succeed in your chosen area.

You will have access to:

- Brand new, state of the art facilities
- Dedicated study and social spaces
- The latest technology, including your own laptop device complete with industry-leading software
- Our online platform of study resources
- Bespoke pastoral and wellbeing provision
- An extensive enrichment programme which supports students to further develop their skills, qualities and attributes ready for entry into higher education or the world of work

Through our partnership with the CBSO, students who study at Shireland CBSO Academy also have access to opportunities including:

- Tuition in their chosen instrument
- Music theory tuition
- An on-site, state-of-the-art auditorium
- Brand-new rehearsal spaces
- Recording studio
- Performance opportunities
- Masterclasses from world-renowned musicians
- Bespoke enrichment and career opportunities through the CBSO



SUCCESS

Making the right choice of sixth form is crucial to your future success. At Shireland CBSO Academy Sixth Form we value the importance of your education, we are ambitious for you, and we want you to achieve. We also care about the impact you can make on society and that is why we invest in you as a whole person, not just your academic achievements.

UCAS

Our students benefit from tailored UCAS support and continuous guidance for their post-18 career pathways. Our experienced team of tutors are here to provide bespoke assistance in pursuing your higher education, higher apprenticeships, employment or gap year aspirations.

We offer expert advice on UCAS applications, personal statements and CVs, ensuring you have the support needed to reach your goals. You can also expect individual tutorials and personalised assistance throughout the application process, making your journey to higher education or other opportunities a well-guided one.

Bursary

We are committed to ensuring that every student can access the education and training they need. The 16-19 Bursary Fund is available to provide financial support, tailored to individual needs, helping students overcome any specific barriers to their participation in post-16 education and training. This funding can assist with various costs, such as travel expenses, UCAS expenses, essential resources and any reasonable expenses required for students to fully engage in their chosen courses.

Extra-curricular Activities (sports team, clubs and societies)

At our Sixth Form, you'll enjoy a wide array of opportunities tailored to elevate your skills, qualities and attributes, ultimately setting you apart when you apply for university or employment. Our extra-curricular activities form an integral part of your experience here at Shireland CBSO Academy Sixth Form, enriching your journey and nurturing personal growth.



APPLYING

September

Open events and applications open.

November onwards

Complete your application form. Visit our website and click on 'Apply Now' or 'Sixth Form Admissions'. The application form requires information including contact details as well as your preferred subject choices.

November

Attend your consultation evening appointment. As part of this, we invite you and your family to attend a consultation evening to discuss your subject choices and offer advice and guidance. It is not an interview.

December onwards

Following your consultation evening appointment we will send you a conditional offer letter.

May to June

GCSE exam season!

July

Attend our Sixth Form Induction to meet your new teachers, your new classmates and start your academic studies.

August

GCSE Results Day! Once you know your grades, we will confirm your subject choices. If you don't meet the entry requirements we can offer other courses, subject to availability.

September

Before you start your academic studies, we help you settle in by completing our enrolment programme.

EXCELLENCE

We encourage all students attending Shireland CBSO Academy to study at least one Level 3 music qualification and two additional A Level/BTEC courses. If you choose not to study a music qualification, we will expect you to support and contribute to our music ethos.

We consider students wishing to study four A Levels or equivalent qualifications on a case-by-case basis.

A Level

- Art
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- Drama and Theatre
- English Literature
- Mathematics
- Music
- Geography
- History
- Philosophy, Ethics and Religion
- Physics
- Psychology
- Sociology

Vocational Courses

- Music Technology
- Applied Science
- Health and Social Care
- Sports Science
- Childcare



TECHNOLOGY

We recognise the positive impact access to technology has on young people.

All sixth form students are provided with a new laptop to support them through their two years of study. Students can expect to have access to technology and software that enriches their experience:

- Full Office 365 student license
- Entire Adobe CC software suite
- Classrooms fitted with state-of-the-art touch screens
- Music recording studio
- State-of-the-art auditorium
- Immersive space which brings virtual reality to life

You know, I do music. If you look under the hood of the industry I'm in, it's all based on technology. From radio to phonographs to CDs, it's all technology.



At Shireland CBSO Sixth Form, every student receives comprehensive support to achieve their desired grades and successfully apply to their preferred universities and apprenticeships.

We are dedicated to following the impressive legacy of other sixth forms within the Shireland Collegiate Academy Trust, guiding our students to remarkable destinations both nationally and internationally. As well as music pathways, our students pursue a diverse range of subjects, including:

Geography at the University of Birmingham
Mechanical Engineering at the University of Birmingham
Neuroscience at the University of Leeds
Interior Design at the University of Edinburgh
Chemistry at the University of Bristol
Engineering at Warwick University
Law at the University of Birmingham
Civil Engineering at the University of Manchester

Furthermore, we equip our students with the skills and knowledge required to excel in their chosen fields post-graduation, making them well-prepared for various opportunities, including apprenticeships with reputable organizations such as:

Highways England
Bentley
Capgemini
Mott McDonald
Mondelez

“The opportunities at our Sixth Form will provide you with the knowledge and skills required to pursue a future in the creative industries, including music, theatre, arts, design, digital media, and project management.”

DAVID GREEN, PRINCIPAL



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