



The Adeyfield Academy Post 16 Opportunities 2018 - 2019



Learning Without Limits

Welcome to Adeyfield Sixth Form

The Adeyfield Academy has a proud history of successful Sixth Form teaching. Whether you choose academic A Levels, vocational BTECs or a combination of both, we provide the support, guidance and expertise for you to be successful and achieve the grades you are truly capable of. We ensure that all students quickly settle into life in Sixth Form and manage that transition from GCSE to Post 16. Sixth Form students represent the very best of Adeyfield School, with their commitment, enthusiasm and academic success reflecting the core values of the school.

This is such an important period in a young person's life and we work hard to provide students with the skills, knowledge and resilience to be prepared for life in a modern, changing world.

The curriculum offer includes a wide range of A Level and Level 3 BTEC courses (for those preparing for University) or our new Level 2 Work Based Learning course for those students who wish to gain direct experience of the world of work. We offer a diverse choice of subjects giving our students the opportunity to tailor their studies to their individual strengths and needs. All Post 16 courses provide students with qualifications appropriate to their intended next steps—be that Higher Education, Apprenticeships or Employment.

Our aims are:

- To enable every student to achieve his/her full potential.
- To ensure every student is on a programme of study appropriate for their individual skills and needs.
- To provide comprehensive guidance with regard to entry to Universities, Higher Education establishments, Apprenticeship programmes or employment.
- To provide the support and guidance for students to be happy, successful and responsible citizens of the future.

Student Leadership

Sixth Form students play a unique and valuable role in the school and all students are encouraged to become involved in a whole range of school activities that develop a sense of community and social responsibility as well as developing personal skills which help them prepare for Higher Education and the workplace. As part of our volunteering programme our students can be seen around the school supporting in class, helping run the LRC, supporting students with their reading and acting as mentors to our younger pupils as well as helping to organise and run school wide events. We have also taken part very successfully in the Dragons' Apprentice challenge and many of our students volunteer with the National Citizenship Service.

'I feel welcome here and have made so many friends after coming from a different school. I wish to further my education and Adeyfield will help me get to where I want to be.'

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At Adeyfield we provide the balance of a structured supervised learning environment with an acknowledgement that students have reached an age where they need to be given greater responsibility and freedom to enjoy their studies. Considerable scope is allowed for students to contribute ideas towards the running, organisation and development of the Sixth Form. The Sixth Form are also represented by our Head Students who participate and lead student voice across the school and help in promoting what is great about our school. Our Head Students embody our core principles of courage, compassion, dignity, respect and ambition.



Why choose Sixth Form?



Welcome to our Sixth Form. We believe Adeyfield Sixth Form is the right place for you to be happy and successful because it can offer the support, guidance and teaching that you need. As Head Students, we want to make sure that students arriving into Year 12 feel that Sixth Form has a warm and welcoming atmosphere, and that students feel that they are fully supported through their courses. We also believe that, as Head Students, our role is to give students a voice and allow them to play an active part in the development of the school. We lead the Student Forum and regularly meet with students across the school to raise concerns and listen to their ideas. Being a Sixth Former is different to being a student in the other Key Stages. There is a lot more freedom and independence so it is important that you learn to manage your time effectively and balance your workload. There are lots of opportunities to get involved in the running of clubs and helping out in lessons so students across the school see us as role models and something to aspire to. We believe that Adeyfield Sixth Form has a friendly, welcoming atmosphere where people feel comfortable to be themselves while preparing for their next steps.

Head students: Zoe, Cameron, Jade & William.

Supported Learning

Sixth Form students have access to the Sixth Form Centre and Learning Resource Centre which provide excellent facilities for study, similar to a university style environment. The Sixth Form Centre is accommodated in a suite of rooms at the heart of the school and our students played a significant role in its design. The Centre includes a Common Room with kitchen facilities and a separate area for quiet study with computers to enhance the quality of learning. The main emphasis in all of the areas is on independent study. We aim to provide an environment which is conducive to effective learning.

We recognise that during Sixth Form there are times we all need some help and support. We will provide each student with:

- A Form Tutor who will know you, mentor and support you throughout your time in Sixth form, helping you to set targets, check on your progress and complete UCAS

The school also works closely with The University of Hertfordshire, Barclays Life Skills and Causeway Education to help provide our students with the skills and opportunities to pursue challenging careers through Higher Education. We have record numbers of students who are applying to continue their studies at University.

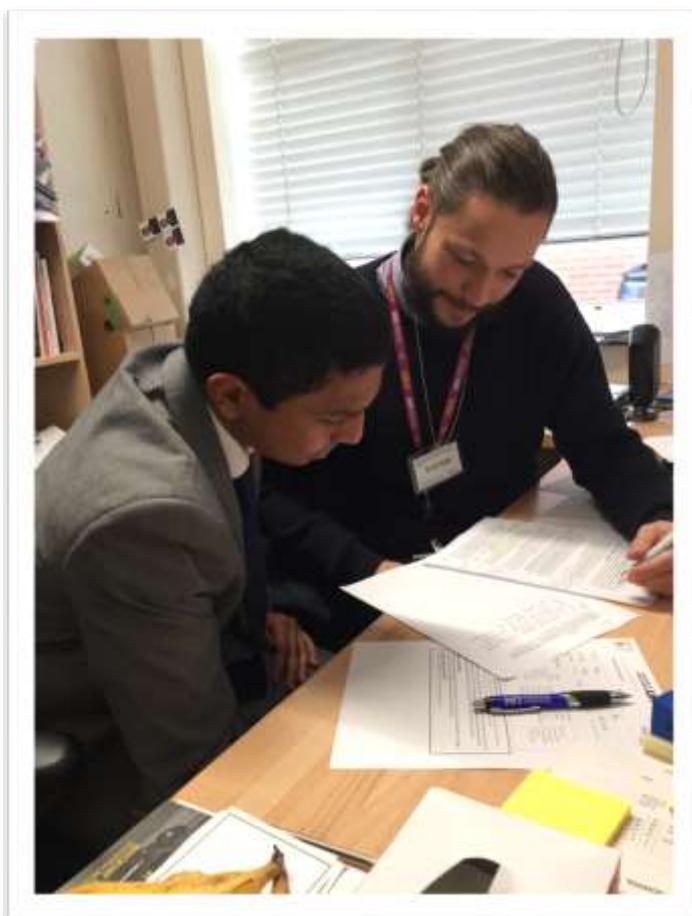
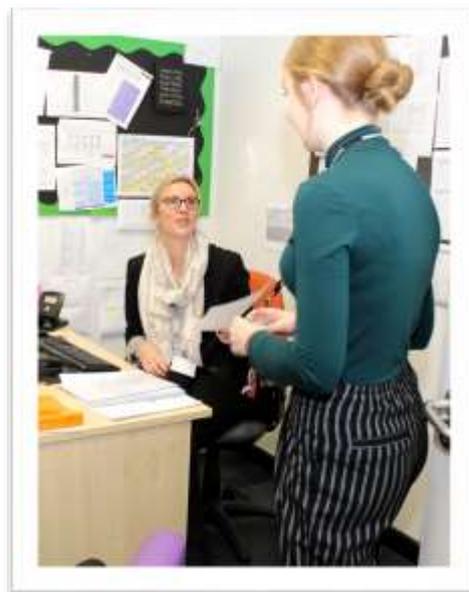
I came to Adeyfield school because I like the school and I know the area.

I knew that I wanted to go to university and that I would need to study hard if I were to get the grades I wanted. I like Adeyfield 6th form as they treat you like an adult and provide you with lots of support and guidance.

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applications, job or college applications.

- A Learning Mentor based in the Sixth Form Centre who provides daily support and guidance to ensure every student is making progress to help them reach their goals beyond school, be it University, College or employment.
- Access to Connexions Advisers who can provide help and support with a whole range of issues and concerns you might have.



An Alumni Perspective



Two of our former students (who are currently both studying at university) have come back to work at Adeyfield part-time as Maths tutors for Key Stage 4 students. James gives his view first:

“Sixth Form really helped me a lot, it was one of the best decisions I made. One of my favourite subjects was actually not Maths but History. It wasn't an easy option and I found bits of the course hard but overcoming those obstacles and all the work I did on essay technique, particularly with Miss Costello, really helped. I wasn't sure what I wanted to do after A Levels and on results day History was my best grade and this gave me the self-belief that I really could succeed at university. Mr Young and Mr Cline encouraged me to apply through clearing and with their help I secured a place to study Psychology and Criminology at Bedford University. After starting university, these positive experiences have really helped me in my course but equally important is that they greatly influenced my decision to return to Adeyfield to teach. I have been a Maths Tutor since January working with small groups of

students supporting them and I have found this a thoroughly rewarding experience.”

Sam successfully attained a place to study History at the University of Hertfordshire. “I chose History at GCSE and A Level and it was definitely one of my favourite subjects. I have continued my passion for History into university and the skills I developed at A Level have really helped make the transition easier. Mr Young and Miss Costello were crucial in helping me to succeed in my A Levels and were a key factor in my decision to return to become a member of staff at Adeyfield. I am also a Maths Tutor and work closely with the Maths department with key groups of students helping them achieve their target grades and beyond. It's incredible how quickly you become invested in how students do in your subject and how rewarding it is to help them understand something they just couldn't get before.”

We are extremely proud of James and Sam. It is great to see our former students back at Adeyfield contributing to the continued success of the school.

Work Shadowing

We provide all students with the opportunity to take part in our work shadowing programme. This allows students to visit places of work and experience first-hand potential future career paths as well as developing their skills and self-confidence.

Many students made full use of the skills learnt during our structured programme of PHSE, which has included workshops with Barclays Lifeskills and the DWP. A significant number researched, sourced and arranged their own placements and all students arrived back to school with enthusiasm for how their learning can contribute to career progression.

“Work Shadowing helped me think about my future in a very different way and helped provide some clarity over my future career”.

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Work-Based Learning

This course provides students with a blend of practical work experience and the opportunity in school to develop the core skills of literacy, numeracy, communication and employability skills. In the first year of the programme, all students successfully moved on to full time apprenticeships or college courses. Connor Clarkson was one of many who successfully achieved an apprenticeship. Having impressed during his placement at Osborne Construction, the firm offered him an Electrical apprenticeship. At the inaugural WBL awards ceremony, Connor's mentor at Osbourne said:



“We are delighted to be able to offer Connor an Electrical Apprenticeship with Osborne. From day one, his attitude to learning, professionalism, enthusiasm to succeed and hard work has impressed the whole team. The work based learning programme has allowed Connor to develop the skills for gaining employment which many young people struggle with when they first finish education. For us as an employer, having the opportunity to develop a young person before they start full time employment is extremely important. We are really excited to see Connor continue to progress and have no doubt he will be an excellent ambassador for our business.”

This Level 2 programme provides an excellent route into apprenticeships and employment and we are looking to expand the programme.



Learning without limits: Reaching for the Skies



We firmly believe that learning should continue well beyond the confines of the classroom. At Adeyfield, we are keen to promote the sense of community and enjoyment which comes from working together. Students have the opportunity to develop those skills on a number of activities such as our recent visit to Overstrand Hall, an outward bound centre in a spectacular early 20th century manor house minutes from the North Norfolk Coast. Students spent the weekend completing a series of adventure activities which included abseiling, scaling 40 foot poles and shelter building.

'I chose 6th form because I want to go to university. I like the freedom of being a 6th former and the friendly atmosphere.'

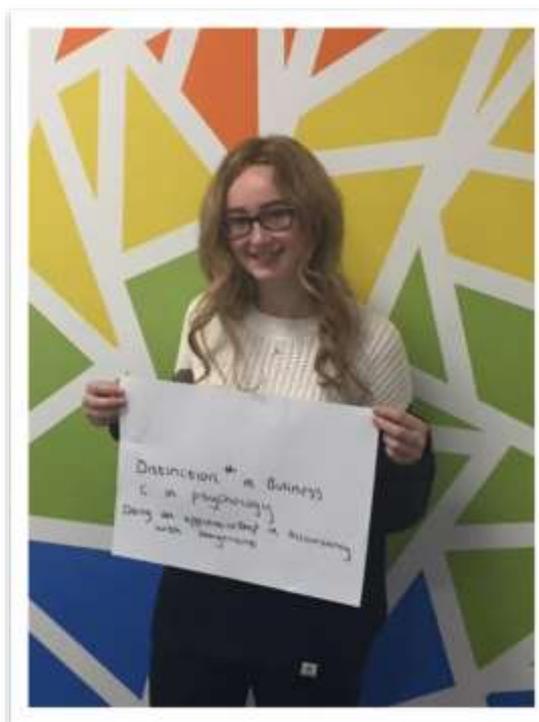
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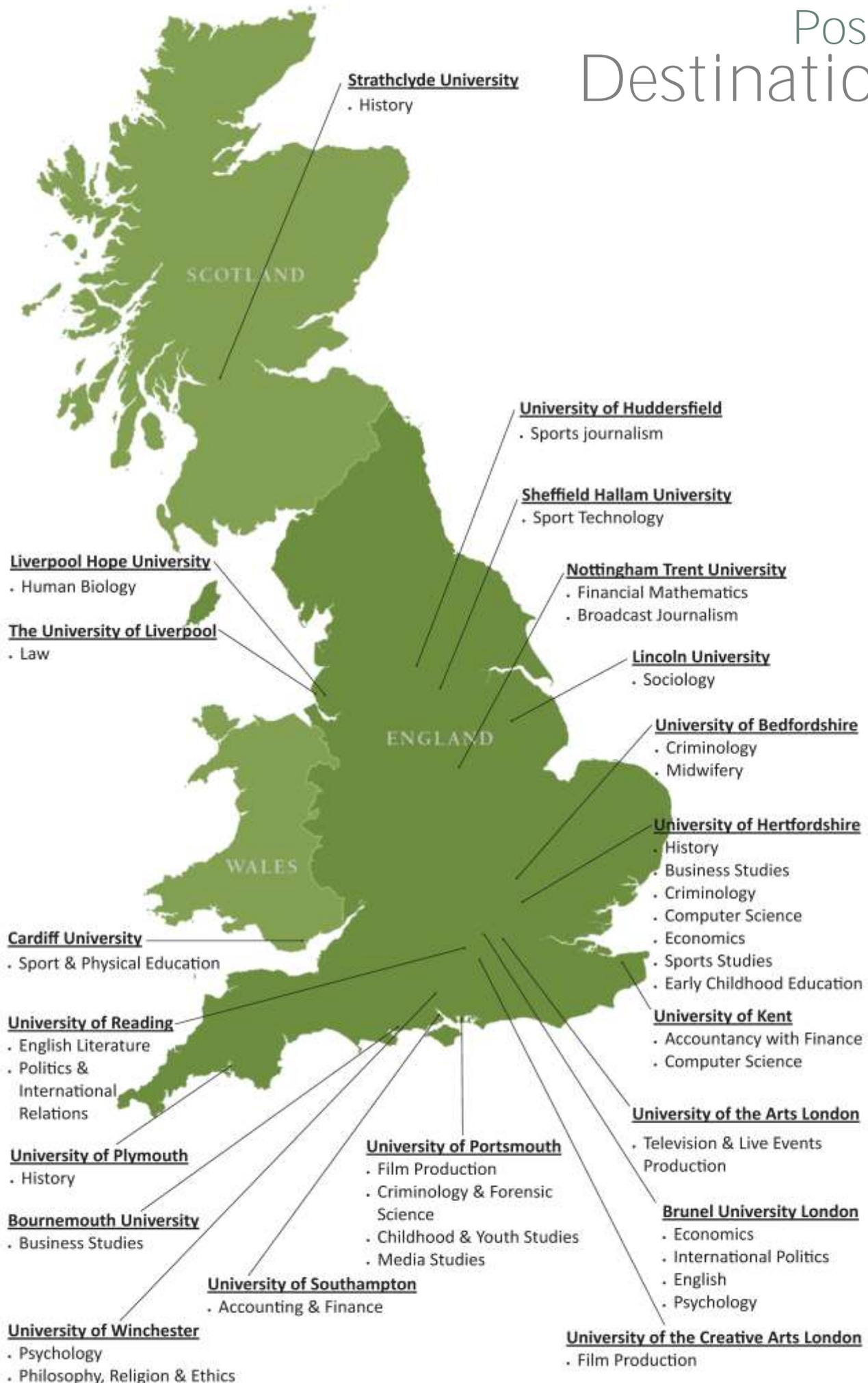
In 2017, 95% of students achieved their first choice of university. All were in either education, employment or apprenticeships.

'I came to 6th form as I wanted a wider variety of courses than college offered. I chose Politics, Business BTEC and Children's Play, Learning & Development because I am interested in pursuing a career in teaching.'

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Post 16 Destinations



Joining Us



We welcome applications from both internal and external students to join our Sixth Form.

Students already attending Adeyfield are interviewed to discuss their intentions as part of their Year 11 progress monitoring. All students receive a Connexions interview, which parents or carers are welcome to attend, providing independent advice and guidance about the options available to all students Post 16. Any external student who is interested in joining our Sixth Form are welcome to visit the school to explore our facilities and discuss their course choices.

If you wish to join Adeyfield Sixth Form please complete an application form, available from the website or from the Sixth Form team. Successful applicants will be offered places by letter conditional upon GCSE results. All applicants are invited to our Induction Days in June to speak to their subject teachers, meet other students and receive guidance on the Bridging Tasks which must be completed for the start of the academic year. We recognise that options can change after examination results are published. Final course choices are confirmed on enrolment day in September.

We look forward to welcoming you into our Sixth Form community.



'Adeyfield 6th form feels like a community and I always have the support I need to keep moving forward.'

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