

ASHFIELD POST 16 CENTRE

Your Future Starts Here



Welcome from the **Head of Post 16**

We are delighted that you are considering Ashfield Post 16 as a venue in which to continue your education. Ashfield is a large and diverse Post 16 with an intake from many different secondary schools. We deliver a wide range of academic and vocational courses at Levels 1, 2 and 3 and attempt to cater for all students in the local area.

The inclusive nature of Ashfield Post 16 is something that we are very proud of. In addition to a wide curriculum, there is a very strong pastoral system in place. A team of Tutors and Heads of Year will ensure that you succeed with your chosen courses and also help you to develop your personal, social and employability skills. Our aim is to develop you as a fully rounded individual, preparing you to move onto the next phase in your life, be that university, apprenticeship or employment.

Life in Post 16 is unique. It forms a bridge between compulsory schooling and higher education or employment. You will be given greater freedoms than in Years 7-11 but you must also accept greater responsibility. You are expected to work with a higher degree of maturity and take a fuller responsibility for your own learning. You will have to commit a larger proportion of your free

time to study. You will be expected to act as a role model for the younger students in the school and so expectations of attitude and conduct are very high. If you are ready for the challenge, if you want to belong to a vibrant Post 16 and if you think you can positively contribute to our continued success, please read on.



Miss L Maguire, Head of Post 16



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“Ashfield Post 16 provides many outstanding facilities for students to allow for effective learning as well as free time areas for us to enjoy! Best of everything!”

Jack, Year 12



Expectations, Aspirations & Achievements

Ashfield Post 16 Centre has an A Level pass rate of above 99% year on year.

We expect our students to work hard, and in return we support and encourage them all the way, taking great pride in enabling them to achieve and go on to follow their dreams when they leave us.

Staff are subject specialists for academic subjects, and industry professionals for the vocational subjects, meaning that each time our students go into a lesson they have an expert teaching them.

Our students study in our state-of-the-art Post 16 Centre which includes our million-pound resource centre, equipped with a bank of computers and providing quiet study areas.

Everything we do is focused on helping our students to achieve their potential, realise their goals, and leave the school as rounded human beings ready to make a positive contribution to the world.

Bright modern classrooms, science labs, ICT rooms, photography studio, hair and beauty salons, construction unit, training kitchen and bistro cafe and nursery all provide students with the very best facilities within which to learn.

Many of our students stay in touch with us after they've left and we just love to hear about how well they are doing.

“Joining Ashfield Post 16 was one of the best decisions I’ve ever made. I have had constant support from all of my teachers to achieve the best grades possible and been provided with countless opportunities. I have great career prospects due to this and believe that I have been given a head start because of these opportunities. Although my time at Ashfield Post 16 is coming to an end, I will cherish every moment I had here and will always be grateful.”

Summer, Year 13



Pastoral Care

Described by Ofsted as ‘outstanding’, our Post 16 tutor team provide our students with the very best in pastoral care and academic support, ensuring that they are safe, happy and achieving their potential, from the intensive induction programme at the start all the way through to their last exam.

Our Post 16 Centre is a community within itself, and a student’s every need is catered for:

- Quiet study space with computers
- Specialist teachers to support and advise
- IAG Careers Advisor
- Student Management Team organising fun social events and enabling all students to make new friends
- On-site catering
- School counsellor
- Opportunities to pursue their interests, either in lessons or extra-curricular activities



The pastoral team in Post 16 ensure that a full range of enrichment opportunities are available for students, all of which will enhance their employability skills. These include:

- Access Project
- Ambition Nottingham
- Bar National Mock Trial
- Brilliant Club
- Core Maths
- Extended Project
- Faculty Ambassadors
- Future Business Leader Challenge
- Lunchtime Supervisor
- Music and Drama
- Maths Power of 2
- National Pool Lifeguard Qualification
- Senior Maths Challenge
- Sport
- Student Management Team

Employability Enrichment Week

Increasingly, Universities and employers are looking for young people who have gained Work Experience. In the summer term of Year 12, we release a week for students to complete a work experience placement. The emphasis is on finding high-quality placements that will support a University application or a particular career pathway. The pastoral and careers teams support students from the beginning of Year 12 in researching and securing placements.

Study Programmes

We are proud to offer our students a vast range of courses to choose from. If you wish to go on and study at university it is most common to study A Levels or a combination of A Levels and Level 3 Applied courses. Most students study 3 or 4 of these courses. Vocational courses are intended for those students who wish to pursue the subject as their chosen career route. Students will study only 1 vocational course. More specific information about all of these courses is available on our website:

A Level Courses

- Accountancy
- Art
- Biology
- Business Studies
- Chemistry
- Computing
- Core Maths (AS-level only)
- Criminology
- Dance
- Drama & Theatre Studies
- English Language
- English Literature
- French
- Further Maths
- Geography
- Health & Social Care
- History
- Law
- Maths
- Media Studies
- Music
- PE
- Photography
- Physics
- Psychology
- Sociology
- Spanish or German

Level 3 Diploma Courses (A Level equivalent)

- Business
- Design
- Engineering
- Fashion & Clothing
- Health & Social Care
- ICT
- Law
- Performance Studies
- Science
- Sport
- Travel & Tourism

Level 2 (or 3) Vocational Pathway Courses

- Beauty Therapy
- Child Development
- Construction
- Hairdressing
- Uniformed Services
- Work Skills



Destinations

Each year, around 100 of our Year 13 students are accepted onto university degree courses. The range of institutions they attend and courses they study is wide and varied and has, in recent years, included the following:

- Aberdeen – Accountancy
- Birmingham – Biochemistry
- Birmingham City – Fashion
- Chichester – Musical Theatre
- Cumbria – Zoology
- Derby – Film Production
- East London – Criminology
- Falmouth – Photography
- Hull – Geography
- Imperial College London - Biology
- Leeds – Sport & Exercise Science
- Leeds Beckett – Primary Education
- Lincoln – Nursing
- Liverpool – Geology
- Loughborough – Architectural Engineering
- Manchester – Physics
- Newcastle – Medicine
- Nottingham – Law
- Nottingham Trent – Business Management
- Oxford – Maths
- Plymouth – Psychology
- Salford – English Language
- Sheffield Hallam – Journalism
- Swansea – Mechanical Engineering
- University College London – Politics
- Wolverhampton – TV Production
- Warwick – History

Vocational Subjects

We are proud to be able to offer the kind of vocational facilities only usually found within a college: professional hair salon and beauty therapy rooms, training kitchen within our working restaurant, construction units, photographic studio with dark room, and a fully working nursery.

The quality of our facilities enables us to offer the most incredible opportunities to our students, whether they are studying A Levels or vocational subjects, really positioning them ahead of the game with regards to hands-on experience within a college-like environment.

Ashfield Hair & Beauty Academy

With three fully-functioning hairdressing salons and two beauty rooms, the Ashfield Hair and Beauty Academy offers students comprehensive provision, delivering industry qualifications at both pre and post-16. We have a proven track record of producing skilled hairdressers and beauticians ready to embark on their careers. Qualifications are offered up to Level 3 with a focus on the mastery of technical skills and knowledge together with competent work-based practice.



Ashfield Child Development Academy

The Academy delivers professional qualifications in Child Care and Child Development with our specialist staff teaching both pre and post-16 students in the classroom and in the work place. Students leave fully qualified, ready to go straight into a variety of employment pathways in both private and public sector child care settings. For those who wish to pursue a vocational route into employment, the Ashfield Child Development Academy provides a valuable alternative to the traditional academic qualifications yet still enables those who wish to do so to progress further and access university. Ashfield Child Development Academy works in close co-operation with the school's on-site nursery, Ashfield Plaza Day Nursery.

Ashfield Construction Academy

Our Construction Academy is run by our own specialist staff who offer courses at Levels 1 and 2. These provide an insight into various career options within the industry and are delivered in our purpose-built workshop and classrooms. At Post 16 stage, we also offer training and industry-accredited qualifications in Bricklaying. The department engages with local businesses to provide a quality learning experience.

Ashfield Uniformed Services

We firmly believe that our Uniformed Services course is the best there is. For any student considering a career in the military or public uniformed services, this course will prepare them in every way possible, from map reading to fitness improvement with dedicated physical training instructors. Wherever possible, we employ practical opportunities to develop students' skills, making the course dynamic, engaging, relevant...and very, very popular! The course is always over-subscribed, so early application is recommended.



Our Facilities

Our students enjoy some of the best facilities in the area; we provide them with the perfect environment not only for learning, but also to pursue extra-curricular interests, with:

- Olympic standard sports facilities
- Professional tiered-seat theatre
- Swimming pool
- Sprung-floor dance studio
- Individual music rehearsal rooms and recording studio
- Drama studios
- Purpose-built vocational workshops and salons
- Photographic studio and dark room
- Bright, modern, newly-refurbished classrooms



Work Hard, Play Hard

Whilst we expect all of our students to work exceptionally hard, it has to be said that the social life within Post 16 balances that out!

Largely down to our hard-working Student Management Team, who organise everything from lunchtime quizzes to an end-of-term ball, there is every opportunity for our Post 16 students to make new friends, be socially active and pursue virtually any interest they may have.

Whether taking part in the annual extravaganza that is our school show, performing in one of our many concerts, pursuing one of the vast number of sporting activities on offer, or getting involved with the school trips and social events, there really is something for everyone.

In addition, we provide our Post 16 students with the opportunity to earn money whilst at school - either by taking up the responsibility of becoming a lunchtime supervisor in the lower school dining hall, or taking a lifeguarding qualification and working at our own swimming pool.

All of these opportunities mean that, when our students leave us, they do so as mature, well-rounded, responsible young adults ready to take on the challenges of either university or the world of work.





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How to find us

Ashfield Post 16 Centre lies on the Nottinghamshire/Derbyshire border, just 3 miles from Mansfield and Alfreton, 5 miles from Tibshelf and 4 miles from Selston.

With easy access from the M1 Junction 28, and good bus links, getting to us couldn't be easier!