

Welcome year 6 students

SHEFFIELD SPRINGS ACADEMY



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Welcome

to Sheffield Springs

Academy, an 11-16 secondary school based in South East Sheffield. Our aim is to bring out 'the best in everyone' and we continuously strive to ensure that our school community have every opportunity to do so.

We are delighted you have chosen our Academy and can't wait to get to know you and your family. This year we are in a position to hit the ground running in September and we will be running our Award winning Early Risers Programme in school on Friday 14th July to Thursday 20th July.

Our first priority is to help our children learn. We place this at the heart of every decision that we make. We firmly believe that there are no barriers to achievement that cannot be overcome by a determined and resilient student attending a supportive school.

We are proud of our school community and strive to raise your aspirations and achieve excellence. We are excited that you are starting your 5 year journey with us and seeing you achieve your full potential. We look forward to meeting you soon.

Ms Cartledge, Interim Principal



Early Risers Friday 14th July 2023 to Thursday 20th July 2023

This year we have planned a virtual and physical Early Risers programme. All students will be invited into school from the 14th to 20th July 2023. During this time we complete activities, lessons, and there are opportunities to ensure you get to know more about your new school and your exciting future ahead! You will be welcomed by Miss Finlay, Head of Year 7 and Mrs Vickers, Pastoral Lead Year 7 and they will introduce you to the Sheffield Springs Academy family. Student Ambassadors will also be on hand to welcome you. They were in your shoes five years ago and have been through what you're going through! We will introduce you to all the staff that you will interact with daily. You will have a guided tour and complete an activity book. Finally, we have the Early Risers curriculum. Some of your schools may introduce you to our curriculum before you join us, some won't, which is fine.

We run the Early Risers programme to make you feel comfortable and safe in your new surroundings. Introduce you to staff and classmates, so when you come back in September you will hit the ground running.



What next?

Please see the timetable below with important dates during the Transition process:

March

- Offers for secondary school places made via Sheffield City Council
- All students offered a place at Sheffield Springs Academy will receive a Welcome postcard

April

A Welcome Event will be held in school on **Thursday 20th April at 4pm.**

March - May

Sheffield Springs Academy staff visits all Primary Schools to meet all Year 6s and teach master classes in English, Maths, Science and PE.

April—May

Important forms will be sent to parents—a data collection form and parental consent form. It is important we have these completed forms before children join us in September. Parents will receive full details on the Early Risers programme, Y7 Induction booklet and the Year 7 induction evening.

June

Students will receive a postcard informing them which form group they have been placed in.

July—Early Risers programme

We look forward to meeting all students at the Early Risers programme which starts on Friday 14th July and ends on Thursday 20th July 2023.



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Nebula

at Sheffield Springs Academy

A gifted and talented STEM programme

Providing a unique learning opportunity for more able students to innovate, explore and excel in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics; underpinned by Sheffield Springs Academy's core values of Excellence, Pride and Ambition.

Students within the Nebula programme will cover broadly the same curriculum as the rest of their year group with some notable exceptions; Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Mathematics and Computer Science.

The amount of curriculum time for these subjects varies, with a reduction in curriculum time for certain other subjects to allow greater access to the STEM subjects. All Nucleus students will be targeted at grade 9 in their GCSEs in the Sciences, Mathematics and Computer Science.

More information on the application process will follow in the Welcome pack.

Student Voice

Views from year 7 pupils who were in your shoes last year.

"I have enjoyed becoming more independent. I enjoyed the Virtual Early Risers Programme because it helped me to settle in."

Aiham, Year 7 pupil

"I've enjoyed the teachers and the pupils because when I first came to Sheffield Springs Academy I was really nervous but the teachers and other pupils welcomed everyone. This has made me feel really happy."

Annabelle, Year 7 pupil

"I have enjoyed having different teachers for each subject."

Emmy, Year 7 pupil

"I like my form tutor, the teachers, the school work, lunch options and trying to make new friends."

Kara, Year 7 pupil

"I have enjoyed making new friends and getting along with them and getting to know them. I have also enjoyed meeting the new teachers."

Nikola, Year 7 pupil

Excellence

We have the determination and enthusiasm to be the best version of ourselves.

“Everyone’s journey is different,
so embrace yours”.

Maria, Year 11





I was proud to be one of the lucky students to become a student ambassador, a role which I took great pride in.

Abbi, Year 11

We are proud of ourselves, our academy and our community; we respect everyone around us.



Pride

Pupils have a pride in their school. They respect its environment.

Ofsted 2019



Ambition

We have confidence to seek opportunity, imagine possibilities and make them real.

Leaders have recently overhauled their programme of careers education, information, advice and guidance.it has been mapped out with care and with appropriate reference to national standards for careers guidance.

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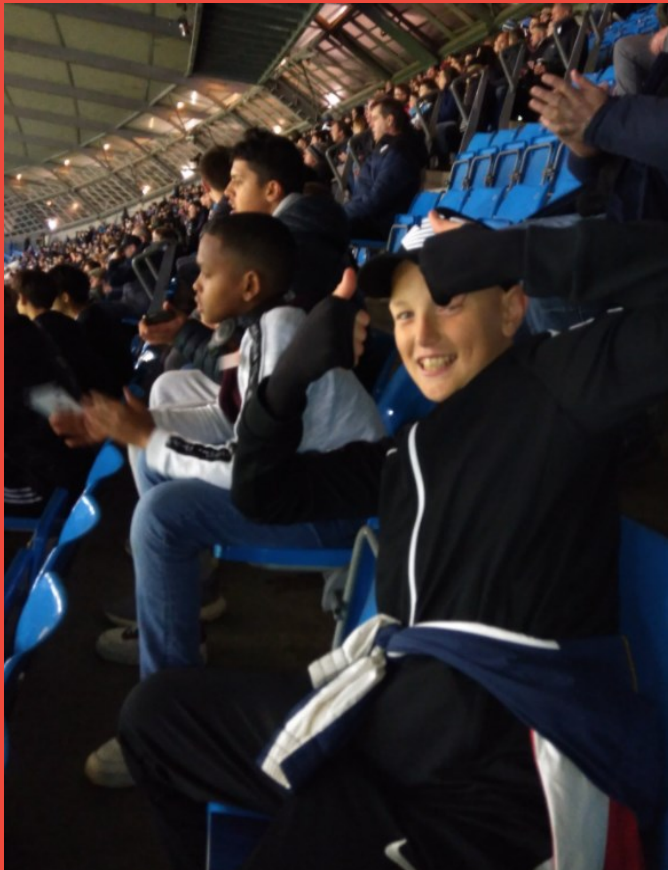
Education with Character

At Sheffield Springs Academy we aim to develop character, compassion and service. We want you to look back on a joyful schooling which has inspired and challenged you, given you wide opportunity and prepared you for life's broad experiences. As such, we have devised The Springs Promise which sets out our expectations for the wider opportunity that each pupil will access during their time at Sheffield Springs Academy.



The Springs Promise

Our promises aim to expose pupils to experiences they would never otherwise receive, giving the opportunity to do new and exciting activities outside of school and the local community, and meet other children from other regions.



1. Attend a residential visit.
2. Explore the city you live in through a variety of cultural experiences.
3. Be creative through playing a musical instrument, singing in a choir, participating in extra-curricular sport or taking part in a drama or dance production.
4. Listen to an inspirational speaker.
5. Attend an artistic, cultural or sporting event.
6. Help others through voluntary activities, fundraising or enterprise.
7. Represent the academy at a public facing event.
8. Develop leadership and character through student council, student ambassadors, sports leaders and anti-bullying representatives.
9. Be prepared for life in modern Britain through activities including debates and public speaking.
10. To have meaningful encounters with further education providers and employers.



The Springs Challenge encourages students to learn how to broaden their experiences, to face and overcome difficulties, to become well rounded and determined young people when they leave school. These challenges are designed with a focus on building leadership, communication and presentation skills, understand the importance of resilience, challenge and problem-solving, as well as provide opportunities to celebrate their success and achievements.

Year 7—Assembly presentations and speech showcases

Students will work alongside the charity Debate-able to develop their oral literacy skills. Challenge will increase throughout the year, from working in small groups focusing on debating and presentation skills to leading on whole school assemblies and representing the school in debating competitions.

Year 8—Aspirations day including STEM challenge

Focusing on STEM and careers within STEM, pupils will be put to the test to achieve the Bronze CREST Award. Pupils will also be attending the Get Up To Speed event held in Sheffield and The Big Bang Fair held in Birmingham to get hands on experiences with STEM activities and to raise aspirations within STEM.

Year 9—15 miles sponsored walk around Rother Valley

From Sheffield Springs Academy to the Sahara Desert pupils will collectively walk 1890 miles around Rother Valley. The walk will develop pupil's endurance both physically and mentally, and develop a determination and resilience to push themselves and each other.

Year 10— Social action project

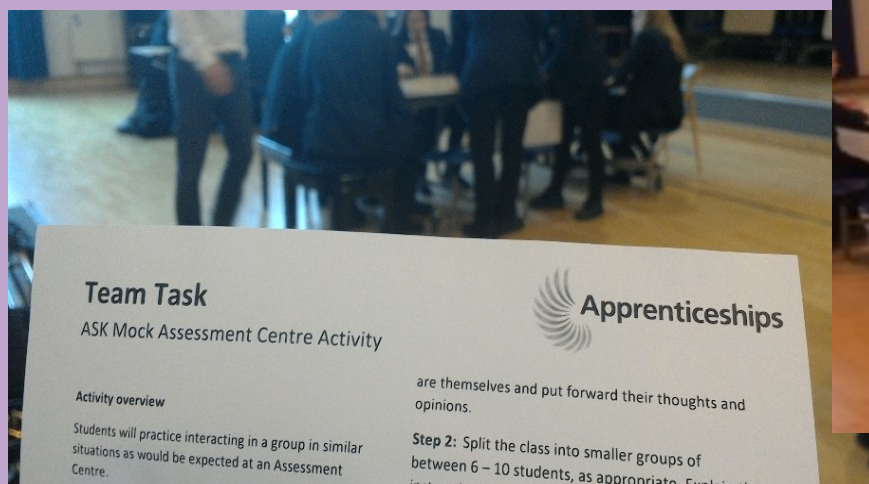
A variety of social action projects will be run throughout the year guided by Year 10 pupils. Pupils will vote on projects that will have a positive impact on the local community. Pupils will work alongside with the school student council to support all social action projects.

Year 11—Life after Springs

Students will be working throughout the year to prepare for college, apprenticeships and work gaining support with their CVs, interviews and UCAS applications. Students will have opportunities to visit college's apprenticeship fairs and universities to experience new opportunities whilst working alongside Sheffield Futures, a charity working with pupils to help guide their futures after school.



The Springs Challenge





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