



SHIRELAND
BIOMEDICAL
UNIVERSITY TECHNICAL COLLEGE



SIXTH FORM PROSPECTUS

WELCOME

Welcome to Shireland Biomedical UTC Sixth Form

We're delighted that you're considering your future with us. Whether you're a prospective student or a parent, this prospectus will introduce you to our unique sixth form experience - one that prepares young people to thrive academically and personally.

Our Sixth Form combines academic excellence with strong pastoral care, creating a supportive and innovative environment where students are known, encouraged, and challenged. We aim to develop confident, independent, and well-rounded individuals who are ready for university, apprenticeships, or the world of work.

We look forward to welcoming you to our Sixth Form.

Miss Jo Lawrence
Head of Sixth Form





Life at Sixth Form

Our two-year programme is built around independence, opportunity, and aspiration.

Students benefit from excellent facilities, cutting-edge technology, and a welcoming atmosphere with staff who genuinely care. We focus on developing skills and experiences that ensure our students stand out from the crowd, ready to succeed in their future pathways.



What Makes Us Unique

Birmingham City University Partnership – offering mentoring, simulation days, and opportunities to attend university events.

Futures Programme – timetabled sessions preparing students for careers, university, and life beyond sixth form.

Strong Employer Links – featuring guest speakers, NHS career days, mock interviews, and real-world projects.

Baker Dearing Trust – providing access to conferences and industry insights from leading organisations such as AstraZeneca.

Extra Qualifications – opportunities to earn additional certifications, including first aid and participation in the NHS Cadets Programme.



Leadership Programme – We promote student leadership through initiatives like Mental Health Ambassadors, Peer Reading Buddies, and Change Societies.

Tailored Enrichment – developing the skills, attributes, and experiences that help students stand out.

Immersive Learning – including an immersive room and mock hospital ward for practising healthcare skills.

Unique Pathways – specialised courses in Nursing, Midwifery, Childcare, and Paramedic Care.

Dedicated Spaces – sixth formers have their own study area and common room, and each student is provided with a laptop.

Supportive Staff and Community Feel – where every student is known, supported and valued.

Leadership, Giving Back & Guidance

Leadership Opportunities

We actively encourage student leadership through a range of programmes, such as:

- Mental Health Ambassadors
- Peer Reading Buddies
- Change Societies

Give Back Programme

Our Give Back initiative enables students to volunteer and support the academy community. Opportunities include helping as lunchtime supervisors, running clubs, supporting in lessons, or assisting at reception. Students are encouraged to seek volunteering placements with external organisations such as local pharmacies or healthcare centres, developing employability skills and a strong sense of community.

UCAS & Careers Support

We begin the UCAS process early in Year 12 to give students the best possible start for their post-18 pathways. Every student receives one-to-one careers guidance and ongoing support with applications, personal statements, CVs, and interview preparation. Whether aiming for university, a gap year, apprenticeship or employment, students are supported every step of the way.





UNIVERSITIES

The Russell Group is an organisation of universities (including the red brick universities) that focus on research reputation and achievement.





Curriculum & Courses

Our broad and balanced curriculum is designed to prepare students for careers in health, science and beyond. While our specialism lies in healthcare and the sciences, we also offer a range of academic, vocational and creative subjects. Students benefit from excellent pastoral care and teaching, ensuring they are supported to achieve their full potential.

A Level Subjects

- Biology
- Chemistry
- Physics
- English Literature
- Maths
- Psychology
- Sociology
- History
- Art
- Drama and Theatre Studies
- Music

Applied & Vocational Qualifications

- AAQs: Applied Science, Health and Social Care, Early Childhood Development, Medical Science
- BTEC: Sound Engineering

Our curriculum combines academic rigour with hands-on, practical experiences, carefully aligned to the future ambitions and needs of our students.

BCU Pathways

Launch your career with one of our three specialist pathways, delivered in partnership with Birmingham City University (BCU):

Nursing & Midwifery

AAQ Medical Science + AAQ Health & Social Care

Build foundational healthcare knowledge and clinical skills to support patient care.

Paramedic Care

AAQ Medical Science + AAQ Applied Science

Train for frontline emergency response and patient care in fast-paced environments.

Early Years & Education

AAQ Early Childhood Development + AAQ Health and Social Care plus one additional course of your choice.

Develop teaching knowledge and gain practical experience in classroom settings.

Why choose a pathway?

- Recognised qualifications – AAQs are Level 3 qualifications (equivalent to A levels), assessed through a combination of exams and coursework, accredited by Pearson.
- Expert-led learning – taught by university professionals in advanced, hands-on workshop settings.
- Real-world experience – including job placements, taster days, and guaranteed interviews at BCU, giving students a head start on their higher education journey.
- High-quality facilities – with regular visits to BCU's City South Campus for immersive clinical simulation training.





Support, Bursaries & How to Apply

We are committed to removing financial barriers to education, ensuring that every student can access the education and training they need. The 16-19 Bursary Fund supports students with costs such as travel, course resources, UCAS fees, and more tailored to individual needs to ensure full participation in sixth form life.

We aim to offer a specialist programme full of opportunities, tailored to the talents, interests, and ambitions of every student.

As part of our provision, all students benefit from:

- State-of-the-art facilities, including a mock hospital ward.
- Dedicated study and social spaces
- The latest technology, including a **personal laptop** with industry-leading software
- Access to our online learning platform and study resources.
- Bespoke pastoral and wellbeing support
- An extensive enrichment programme to develop skills, qualities, and experiences for higher education or the world of work.





APPLYING

September – Applications open. We are now using Applicaa – apply via our website.

October/November – Attend our Open Evening.

From November – Attend a consultation evening to discuss your goals and receive a conditional offer.

May–June – GCSE exam season.

June – Induction programme: meet your teachers and classmates.

August – GCSE Results Day and enrolment. If entry requirements aren't met, we'll discuss alternative options.

September – Your Sixth Form journey begins.



Scan this QR code
to apply for your place.

At Shireland Biomedical UTC Sixth Form, **students receive personalised support to achieve excellent results and take confident steps towards their future goals** – whether that's university, apprenticeships, or employment. We are proud to continue the tradition of successful sixth forms within Shireland Collegiate Academy Trust, guiding students to exciting destinations across the UK and beyond.

Recent Destinations Include:

- Neuroscience – University of Leeds
- Civil Engineering – University of Manchester
- Law – University of Birmingham
- Interior Design – University of Edinburgh
- Chemistry – University of Bristol
- Engineering – Warwick University

Apprenticeship Destinations Include:

- National Highways
- Bentley
- Capgemini
- Mott MacDonald
- Mondelez

“As the proud Principal of this innovative school, I am delighted to introduce you to a place dedicated to nurturing the next generation of healthcare and biomedical professionals. Join us on this journey of academic excellence, research, and transformation at Shireland Biomedical UTC.”

GULFAM SHAHZAD, PRINCIPAL



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