Welcome from the Director 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.

“...We have the most incredible facilities in our Post 16 Centre – it’s just amazing!”

Georgia, Year 12
Expectations, Aspirations & Achievements

Ashfield Post 16 Centre has an A Level pass rate of 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.

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.

Bright, modern classrooms, science labs, ICT rooms, photography studio, hair and beauty salons, construction and vehicle maintenance units, professional kitchen and restaurant and nursery all provide students with the very best facilities within which to learn.

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.

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.

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.

"The teachers in Post 16 are really friendly – they have given me so much support and encouragement."

(Chloe, 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 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 organizing 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 extracurricular activities

“...the teaching staff are superb and you get lots of support to help pass your A Levels.”

Year 13 student in a recent student survey
Additional Courses

Level 2 (or 3) Vocational Pathway Courses
Ashfield Post 16 Centre boasts an impressive vocational department, with purpose-built workshops and salons and all courses delivered by industry professionals, enabling students to learn from people who have first-hand experience of working within those professions.

- Automotive
- Beauty
- Child Care
- Construction
- Hairdressing
- Uniformed Services
- Work Skills
- Social Media

Level 2 Academic Pathway Courses

- Catering
- Design
- English
- Maths
- Science

Level 3 Diploma Courses (A Level equivalent)

- Business
- Fashion & Clothing
- Health & Social Care
- Sport
- Engineering
- ICT
- Travel & Tourism

Enhancement Courses

- (Level 2) Community Sports Leadership Award
- (Level 3) Higher Sports Leadership Award
- (Level 3) Extended Project
- (Level 3) Cisco IT Essentials
- National Pool Lifeguard Qualification
- (Level 2) Community Safety Advocate Scheme

University Destinations of some of our recent students

- Oxford University to study Japanese
- Cambridge University to study Politics, Psychology and Sociology
- York University to study Chemistry
- Nottingham Trent University to study Psychology
- De Montfort University to study Midwifery
- Leeds University to study Neuroscience
- Nottingham University to study Law
- Sheffield University to study Aerospace Engineering
- Lincoln University to study Journalism
- Manchester University to study Biomedical Science
- Sheffield Hallam University to study Film and Media Production
- Derby University to study Photography
- Manchester Metropolitan University to study International Fashion Promotion
- University of Sheffield to study Aerospace Engineering
- University of York to study Biology
- University of Manchester to study Chemistry
- University of Liverpool to study Computing
- University of Leeds to study Design
- University of Huddersfield to study Law
- University of Nottingham to study Music
- University of Birmingham to study Physics
- University of Bath to study Psychology
- University of Liverpool to study Sociology
- University of Leeds to study Social Work
- University of Manchester to study Social Policy
- University of Warwick to study Social Sciences
- University of York to study Sociology
- University of Sheffield to study Social Work
- University of Manchester to study Social Policy
- University of Warwick to study Social Sciences

AS/A Level Courses

We are able to offer our students the vast range of A Levels listed below to choose from.

More specific information about all of these courses is available on our website:

- Accounting
- Art
- Biology
- Business Studies
- Chemistry
- Computing
- Dance
- Drama & Theatre Studies
- English Language
- English Literature
- Economics
- Further Maths
- Geography
- Health & Social Care
- History
- Law
- Maths
- Media Studies
- Music
- Music Technology
- PE
- Performance Studies
- Photography
- Physics
- Psychology
- Sociology
- Spanish or German
- Use of Maths

University Pathways

Universities usually require students to achieve at least 3 A Level and/or 3 A Level equivalent qualifications as a standard entry requirement for degree courses.
Vocational Subjects

Ashfield Hospitality Academy
Our Hospitality and Catering programme comprises a state-of-the-art training kitchen, and a very busy bistro. We deliver vocational qualifications to students who wish to pursue a career in some aspect of the hospitality industry. The Academy café is open each day in term and provides a varied menu of locally, home-cooked dishes. Under the expert guidance of our Head Chef, specialist staff teach to the latest industry standards.

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.

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 and relevant...and very, very popular! The course is always over-subscribed, so early application is recommended.

Ashfield Automotive Academy
Within our state-of-the-art workshop, students are taught the necessary skills required for the maintenance and repair of light vehicles, learning how to work safely and effectively within this type of environment. The course is vocationally focused, providing students with hands-on experience of working with a range of vehicles, preparing them for further study in this field leading towards qualified technician status, and setting them on the path to careers in the engineering and repair industries.

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.

CISCO Academy
CISCO IT Essentials: PC Hardware and Software provides an introduction to the computer hardware and software skills needed to help meet the growing demand for entry-level ICT professionals. The curriculum covers the fundamentals of PC computer technology, networking, operating systems and security, and also provides an introduction to advanced concepts.

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.
Our Facilities

Our students are lucky enough to enjoy some of the best facilities in the area.

From our Olympic standard sports facilities to our professional tiered-seat theatre, our swimming pool to our sprung-floor dance studio, our individual music rehearsal rooms to our drama studios, our purpose-built vocational workshops and salons to our photographic studio, not to mention our bright, modern, newly-refurbished classrooms, students are provided with the perfect environment for learning.

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, motor vehicle workshops, 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.
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-terms 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.
Applies online via our website: www.ashfieldpost16.com

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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!