



## FORWARD INTO THE FUTURE WITH THOMAS TELFORD SCHOOL SIXTH FORM

Thomas Telford School has developed a curriculum which offers considerable breadth for students through a range of BTEC, Applied and Advanced General Certificate of Education courses.

### **Applied General Certificate of Education (1 and 2 A Level equivalent)**

Art (Single)  
Health & Social Care (Single & Double)  
Information & Communication Technology  
(Single)  
Science (Single & Double)

### **BTEC (1 and 2 A Level equivalent)**

Business (Single)  
Drama (Single)  
Hospitality & Supervision (Double)  
Performing Arts (Triple)  
Sport (Single & Double)

### **Advanced General Certificate of Education**

Art & Design  
Biology  
Business  
Chemistry  
Design & Technology  
English Language  
English Literature  
French  
Further Mathematics  
Geography  
German  
History  
Mathematics  
Music  
Performance Studies  
Physical Education  
Physics  
Psychology

### **Football Academy**

BTEC Extended Diploma in Sport including (3 A Level equivalent) plus:

- FA Level 1 & 2 in Coaching Football
- Level 2 Fitness Instructors Qualification
- FA Level 2 Treatment & Management of Injury
- ICT A/S Level
- Specialist training/coaching to improve performance

### **Performing Arts Academy**

BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Musical Theatre (3 A Level equivalent) plus:

- Optional Modules in Dance, Drama, Singing
- Wide ranging performance opportunities and professional workshops
- Opportunity to develop skills in technical theatre
- ICT A/S Level

Courses will be offered in September 2012 and it will be possible to study a combination of courses. All Students will follow a 4 A Level equivalent course (e.g. Triple BTEC plus 1 A Level or Double BTEC plus 2 A Levels or 4 A Levels)

Please study the subject course leaflets on the school website [www.ttsonline.net](http://www.ttsonline.net)

There is something for everyone irrespective of ability. Through our links with local employers, help is provided to design the courses. This guarantees that the curriculum meets the demands of industry and commerce.

### **SIXTH FORM WORK**

We expect students to demonstrate a high level of motivation and have the capacity for hard work. Sixth Form work is demanding and students are encouraged to take increased responsibility for their own learning through Independent Learning.

All Sixth Form students will have the opportunity to develop leadership skills as they become actively involved with our younger students and assist with the day to day organisation of the School.

### **DRESS AND CODE OF CONDUCT**

We aim to create the environment of a large city office. Our practices will mirror those found in the world of industry and commerce. Many students will be working alongside employers both in School and out on work placements.

Smart professional attire should be worn to conform to the highest standards found in the modern workplace. The rule is simple: EXPECT TO BE INTERVIEWED FOR A JOB AT ANY TIME AND DRESS APPROPRIATELY. Jacket, collar and tie, a suit or skirt or trousers is acceptable. Financial support is available for students who qualify.

A no-smoking policy operates throughout the School buildings and grounds. This applies to all personnel.

### **EXCELLENT WORKING CONDITIONS**

The Sixth Form has specially equipped areas for studying the course of your choice. There is easy access to the Library and Learning Centres, Science and Design areas.

A self-service restaurant is open for breakfast, lunch and light snacks early evening to enable students to make the most of the working day.

The School is open from 7.30am until approximately 6.00pm Monday to Thursday. The School closes at 3.20pm on Fridays.

### **OPPORTUNITIES TO GO OUT TO WORK**

All students will be given the opportunity to experience a work placement.

Our close links with Industry mean the School is kept fully informed of all the latest developments. With employers actively involved in the full life of the School, students have the opportunity to work alongside industrialists on site and in the work place.

Courses are so flexible some students may even be able to go out to work on a weekly basis whilst pursuing a course of study.

Students who wish to pursue degree courses where work experience is essential, e.g. medicine, can also gain extra opportunities for work experience over the two years.

### **LEISURE AND SPORT**

An important feature of life at Thomas Telford is the Sixth Form options programme. Everyone needs time to relax and develop new hobbies, try new leisure activities or pursue different sports. Students are positively encouraged to 'have a go' at something new or challenging. The options, which provide a wide spectrum of choice, are all offered on a Wednesday afternoon Session 2.

Here is a flavour of the choice available in 2012:

First Aid	Golf
Football	Hockey
Weight Training	Sports Leadership Awards

Independent Study at School or at home.

The School has a 'state of the art' Fitness Centre and Swimming Pool. Students are encouraged to use the facilities to develop their own fitness programme under the guidance of experts.

### **PERFORMANCE ON THE STAGE AND MUSIC**

The School has developed a good reputation in this area of work. Our Dance, Music and Drama work has resulted in excellent annual productions. If you wish to do the Triple BTEC Performing Arts you will be invited to audition.

### **PERSONAL ADVICE AND GUIDANCE**

Each Sixth Form student will have a Personal Tutor. The Personal Tutor is expected to develop a close working relationship with the student and offer support and guidance throughout the course. There will be frequent meetings during the week where progress will be discussed, targets agreed and timescales negotiated.

Students are encouraged to identify areas of concern and thus tackle problems positively. The Tutor has a full profile on each personal student and always acts as the first point of contact for parents.

### **LIBRARY AND LEARNING CENTRES**

For about 20% of the week (two half days) students will have the opportunity of working independently on carefully planned work as part of their course in the Library and Learning Centres. This method of learning is part of our strategy to prepare our students to be able to cope successfully at University and in adult life.

### **GCSE RESULTS SERVICE**

The School offers a comprehensive advice service for students in August. Once GCSE results are known, students may wish to reconsider their plans. For some, it can be an anxious time and help is available. Senior staff will be on hand when results are published in August to answer queries and discuss possible courses with students.

## **BURSARIES**

Details of 16 – 19 Discretionary Bursaries are available on our website

In addition, through the generous support of our sponsors, Bursaries are available for our students on a termly basis. These bursaries are normally awarded to students who are in need of financial assistance due to circumstances outside their control. A number of students have secured Business Sponsorship to help them financially through Higher Education and Training.

## **CAREERS GUIDANCE**

The Director of Careers and Industry Links, through his team of experts, will provide careers guidance to all students. Every student receives an individual appointment and is given expert advice in preparing a Curriculum Vitae (CV) and applications for University or Apprenticeships.

## **APPLICATIONS TO UNIVERSITY**

Each year, most of our Students (approximately 85%) go to University; this is about 180 students each year with the remainder gaining employment. Students aspiring to apply to University to complete a Degree course are given expert guidance. The School provides the opportunity to visit Universities and prepares a detailed reference to support every applicant. Thomas Telford School has an outstanding record of students securing places at University with equal success being achieved by our students who enter via the vocational or academic route. This year, 80% of our student leavers went on to Higher Education at University.

## **EMPLOYMENT**

Our network of contacts within the Business Community enables us to access the full range of employment opportunities available to students. Many employers contact us direct to ask us to recommend students for employment. The School has an enviable reputation with employers. The confidence of employers in our students is very high. It is the responsibility of every Sixth Form student to maintain this reputation in the interest of their fellow students. This year, 14% of our student leavers went into employment.

## **STUDENT LUNCHES**

A tradition has emerged within the School where the Headmaster and Deputy Head meet with students for a working lunch. The Headmaster and Deputy Head have an opportunity to listen to the students' views about the life and work in the School.

The Headmaster also provides opportunities for students to make recommendations on how the School may be improved. These issues are then discussed at Senior Management Team meetings and, where necessary, changes/amendments are introduced.

## **STUDENTS' CHARTER**

There is a Students Charter and a Parents Charter which describe the entitlements, responsibilities and expectations for Sixth Form students and their parents. Students are also required to sign an Information Technology Acceptable Use Policy. These can be found on our website: [www.ttsonline.net](http://www.ttsonline.net)