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Hello! I am delighted to have been given this opportunity to lead the brand new Shirebrook Academy. We have high expectations of our prospective students but, at the same time, we will offer them an all-round education that is innovative, effective and enjoyable.

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hello from the Principal

We are committed to ensuring that every Shirebrook Academy student meets their maximum potential and we will equip all of them with the best possible education during their time with us, so that they are fully prepared to succeed in their chosen careers and be active and responsible citizens of the society in which they live and work.

This is an exciting time for all of us as we open our doors as an Academy.

We see the Academy as being at the heart of the Shirebrook community; working to raise aspirations and to improve the future prosperity and regeneration of the local area. We want to encourage community use of the Academy, and when we move to state-of-the-art new buildings this will further develop opportunities for community activities and involvement.

The new Academy offers a rare opportunity for a group of students transferring to secondary school. They can grow with us as we expand in size and they will have the opportunity to stay on at the Academy until they are 18 as we develop our post-16 provision. We want to offer courses in our specialist subjects and support the collaborative model of learning across North-East Derbyshire for post-16 provision.

We have an exceptional sponsor in ALLRoads, the highways contracting arm of Derbyshire County Council. In addition we are privileged to have Sheffield Hallam University working with us as our educational partner. Both are committed to supporting our dual specialisms of Science and Construction. They will provide substantial additional resources to develop new and exciting opportunities for learning and work experience.

Our aspiration is for the Academy to be a confident and caring environment that will equip your child for life in the future. Students at Shirebrook Academy will be given excellent opportunities to gain confidence as they grow into young adults. They will be listened to and be expected to listen. They will be given responsibility and will be expected to take it on. They will be given excellent advice and guidance and we hope they will pass that on to others while making the best use of it themselves.

I genuinely look forward to meeting you and to working with you and your child in the future as we embark on this hugely exciting educational project.

Julie Bloor
Principal



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The Academy will have a culture of support, respect for all and self-discipline, which will enable students to reach their full potential.

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LEARNING AT SHIREBROOK ACADEMY

At Shirebrook Academy our aim is to provide the highest possible standards of teaching in a first-rate, stimulating and exciting learning environment. Highly-trained staff will teach our students using tried-and-tested techniques as well as innovative methods to promote the most effective methods of learning.

Our Academy has the dual specialisms of Science and Construction, which will serve to enhance our broad and balanced curriculum. This involves actively developing the skills of self-presentation, initiative-taking, creative problem-solving, decision-making, team-working and interpersonal skills in a variety of contexts and with a range of experts from industry and the community to build self-esteem and confidence.

All of our students will study religious education and personal, social and health education and all of them will participate in careers education and guidance.

The Academy day begins at 8.40am with registration and ends at 3.15pm when extra-curricular activities and sporting events begin.

Homework

Regular homework is vital in securing the very best results for our students. It consolidates work done in lessons, extends focused learning beyond the school day and encourages self-discipline and the skills of independent study. The amount of homework set will increase as students progress through the Academy.



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SHARPENS YOUR THINKING

Sheffield Hallam University is one of the UK's most progressive and innovative universities. Recognised as a Centre of Excellence for Teaching and Learning, e-learning and employability, our educational partner will give Shirebrook students access to a wide range of experiences. Opportunities may come in the form of dual-projects, open days and work experience placements.



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ALLRoads is Derbyshire County Council's Environmental Services Department highways Direct Labour Organisation together with the County Council's Property Services Department. Their commitment to expertise and safety go beyond industry; they want to encourage new blood into the sector and will provide resources and opportunities for students to get to know the world of work.



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WORKING TOGETHER – A MESSAGE FROM OUR SPONSOR ALLRoads

As proud sponsors of Shirebrook Academy, we are delighted that you are considering applying for a place for your child at this exciting and innovative new school.

At ALLRoads we look forward to working with staff, students and the wider community to make it not only an excellent education establishment but a place of pride and opportunity for the local area.

We believe in supporting young people and in helping to raise educational achievement. It is

important that students receive equal support and encouragement whether they are preparing for higher education or embarking on their chosen career.

Working alongside Sheffield Hallam University we expect the Academy's specialisms of Science and Construction to benefit enormously from our mutual links as we provide time, expertise and mentoring by encouraging traditional and non-traditional routes to further and higher education as well as to industry.

Teamwork is at the heart of our philosophy; through strong, listening leadership, community engagement and active participation, we believe students, staff, families, governors and external agencies will all gain.

We hope you share our vision and will join us in helping the Academy to give your child the lifelong skills they need to contribute to and thrive in a rapidly-changing world.

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LIFE AT THE ACADEMY – MORE THAN JUST LESSONS

Being an Academy we have the independence to be innovative. Our project-based curriculum will give students the opportunity to study themes in much more detail, join together different school subjects and develop independent learning skills and knowledge.

To aid independent thinking the Academy wants students to experience variety. As well as after-school clubs, a number of activities will be available to students including visits to theatres, art galleries, museums and sporting events, plus residential visits in this country and abroad.

The Academy will offer a comprehensive range of sports activities, and in the spirit of teamwork, we'll take part in a number of cross county competitions.

Tutoring and assertive mentoring

We will support learning and achievement through a structured programme delivered by tutors and mentors.

On entering the Academy each student will be assigned to a form and form tutor. Usually form tutors will join students in year 7 and accompany them until they leave the Academy.

Throughout their time at the Academy a wealth of information will be gathered about each and every student particularly about their academic performance and attendance. This data will be used to set targets which are designed to challenge students to achieve the very best they can.

As students move through the school they will be assigned a mentor through the Academy Assertive Mentor programme.

Mentors will closely monitor the progress of approximately three to four students. They are there to support and advise ensuring students stay focused and are able to meet and exceed the targets set for them. Where obstacles exist, the mentor will support students to overcome them.

Feedback and recognition

In the spirit of collaboration we want our students to contribute to the running of the Academy. By encouraging student feedback, either individually or as part of the Student Council, they will be more involved and prepared to challenge perceptions outside the Academy world.

All student achievement should be recognised, therefore, emphasis will be placed on celebrating both effort and achievement in work and play and promoting responsible behaviour whenever possible.

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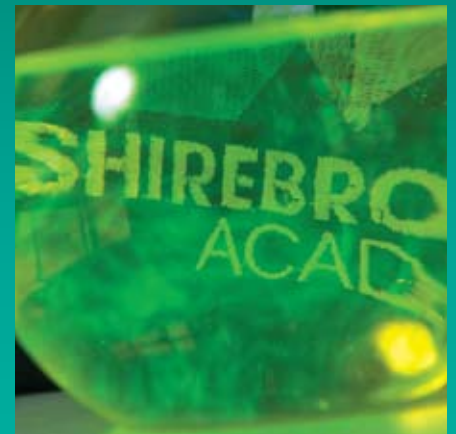


Shirebrook Academy, its sponsor and affiliate partner are committed to working together to bring exciting new opportunities in education. These will bolster current provision and offer a fresh energy and impetus to our mission to further improve educational achievements among the children of this area.

Shirebrook Academy will provide a transformed learning environment. Although it will open in the existing Shirebrook School buildings, we will be moving into £17 million purpose-built premises that encompass all the values of the Government's blueprint for advanced secondary schools in the UK.

Our pledge

- To provide a first-rate education for all students, whatever their needs and abilities.
- To deliver a healthy, safe and outstanding learning environment in which students make progress, enjoy learning and achieve high standards.
- To bring opportunities for students to participate fully in all areas of school life.
- To encourage self-respect, respect for all and a strong sense of identity.
- To nurture strong moral values and a sense of active citizenship.
- To achieve commitment from all Academy staff, our sponsor and governors with strong leadership and an emphasis on teamwork and unity.





Being an active member of the local community is an important aspect of the Academy's vision and will be demonstrated in a variety of ways.



COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

The Academy will open outside core school hours to provide a range of activities and facilities for community members and groups, including:

- Family learning
- Sports
- Cultural activities/facilities
- Adult education
- Health and social care services

Our information and communication technology (ICT) facilities will be developed with the community in mind, offering the potential to support local needs, for example, silver surfer clubs, single parent networking groups, training courses, lifelong learning skills and accreditation. For young people the Academy will offer clubs and

activities to engage and inspire creativity in the areas of music, video, dance and drama.

We will also support initiatives to raise aspirations, regenerate the community and improve the future prosperity of the Shirebrook area.

Presenting Shirebrook Academy's new build designs

Although the Academy will initially open its doors in the current school buildings we will be transferring to new premises in the future. The project is well underway and will represent a fantastic opportunity for the young people of Shirebrook and its wider community to access an exceptional learning environment.

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ADMISSIONS POLICY

All students who attend Shirebrook School will automatically be eligible to transfer to Shirebrook Academy.

Students will be admitted at age 11 without reference to ability or aptitude. The Academy has adopted Derbyshire County Council's Admission Policy, to align itself with other Derbyshire schools. This ensures that learners of all abilities, backgrounds and faiths will be catered for and welcomed.

6th Form Provision

In line with post-16 arrangements across Derbyshire, Shirebrook Academy will reserve 60 places for post-16 students. It will support the collaborative model of learning developed across North East Derbyshire by offering post-16 courses in its specialist subjects.

A full copy of our Admissions Policy can be downloaded from our website or obtained from the Academy.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

Everybody will be treated equally within the Academy and be encouraged to be positive in their attitude to everybody outside the Academy; treating others in the way that we would like to be treated ourselves.

All students are entitled to the opportunities a good education brings, irrespective of social circumstances, gender, ethnicity, or ability.

Children with Special Educational Needs (SEN) and Disabilities Discrimination Act (DDA)

Children on the Special Educational Needs register will receive specialist support as outlined by Derbyshire County Council. This will enable them to access an appropriate curriculum which goes beyond the National Curriculum and will prepare them fully for life after the Academy.

Special arrangements will be made to enable students with disabilities to fully participate and integrate, ensuring they perform to the best of their abilities.

For more information please refer to the information provided on the Derbyshire County Council website.

www.derbyshire.gov.uk

SAFETY & WELLBEING

We are fully committed to our role of safeguarding the welfare of students at Shirebrook Academy. Our child protection policy puts students at the centre of all our activities and, in turn, we expect students to behave responsibly towards one another and to demonstrate self-discipline and respect for all.

We will provide an environment in which bullying is seen as unacceptable. This will be given a high priority in the tutor programme, in learning and in assemblies.

The Academy will also actively promote student self-awareness and awareness of their rights and duties as citizens of Shirebrook.

INFORMATION & CONTACTING THE ACADEMY

Policies relating to bullying, child protection, health and safety and behaviour can all be made available by contacting the Academy.

The Academy also has a complaints procedure which can be made available on request.

To contact the Governing Body or Chair of Governors, please email the Academy.





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