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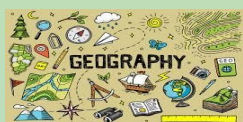


Welcome to the latest edition of the Bradfield Careers Newsletter. This will be produced regularly and will include lots of exciting information relating to local and National opportunities as well as general careers information for all year groups, parents, carers and staff which we hope you will enjoy!

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We would love to hear what you think about the latest edition of the Careers Newsletter. Please scan the QR code to access the form. Thank you.



In the news...Sheffield celebrities and their old schools, from Sean Bean to the Arctic Monkeys...

Sheffield's schools have helped shape many famous names over the years, producing a wealth of celebrities from actors and musicians to TV stars. Here we take a look at some local celebrities and find out a little about their progression from school into the spotlight: **Full article: [City's biggest celebrities and the schools they attended \(thestar.co.uk\)](http://thestar.co.uk)** Published: 1/3/24 By Robert Cumber



Sean Bean— The award-winning actor grew up in Sheffield and attended Brook Comprehensive School - which unfortunately no longer exists. He went on to study welding at Rotherham College, before taking an art class and enrolling on a drama course at the college. While there it was clear he was destined for big things - and he got a place at the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art (RADA) Photo: Dimitrios Kambouris



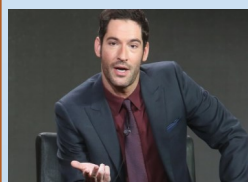
Arctic Monkeys— Frontman Alex Turner and bandmates Matt Helders, Jamie Cook, Nick O'Malley and Andy Nicholson all come from High Green in Sheffield and met at Stocksbridge High School. They played plenty of small gigs in Sheffield - including their first ever one at the Grapes pub on Trippet Lane - before they became one of the most popular British indie bands of all time. Photo: Jason Merritt/TERM



Jarvis Cocker— The Pulp frontman was born in Sheffield and grew up in the Intake area of the city, where he attended City School. He then went on to study an access course at Sheffield Polytechnic, now known as Sheffield Hallam University, before winning a place at Central St Martin's College of Art and Design in London. The rest of Pulp were also from Sheffield and the band was formed at City School Photo: John Phillips



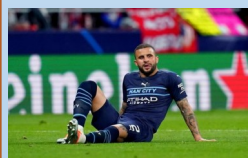
AS Byatt— The Booker Prize-winning author Dame Antonia Susan Duffy (AS Byatt) was born in Sheffield and went to Sheffield Girls' School before her family moved to York. Photo: Neil Silk



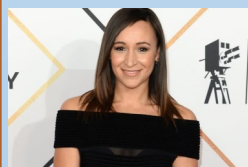
Tom Ellis— Not everyone knows that the Lucifer and Miranda actor grew up in Sheffield, as he moved here when his father got a new job as a Baptist minister. He attended High Storrs School and played the French horn in the City of Sheffield Youth Orchestra. He then went on to get a BA in Dramatic Studies from the Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama in Glasgow. Photo: Frederick M. Brown



Def Leppard— The band's lead singer Joe Elliott (pictured) attended King Edward VII School, while bassist Rick Savage went to Tapton School. Def Leppard's first gig was at Westfield School in Mosborough, Sheffield. Photo: David Jensen / PA / PA Wire / PA Images



Kyle Walker— The Manchester City and England star, who joined Sheffield United when he was just seven, grew up in Sharrow. He went to Porter Croft Infant & Junior School and then High Storrs School. Photo: Nick Potts



Jessica Ennis-Hill— Retired Olympic champion and heptathlon gold medalist Jessica Ennis-Hill grew up in Sheffield in the Highfield area and attended Sharrow Primary School. She then went to King Ecgbert School in Dore, before going on to the University of Sheffield to study psychology. She was also part of the Sheffield City and Dearne Athletics Club. Photo: Getty Images



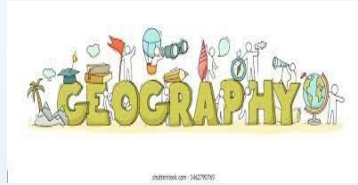
Reverend and the Makers— Frontman Jon McClure, nicknamed The Reverend, was born in Grenoside and went to Notre Dame High School, alongside fellow bandmate Ed Cosens. He then went on to study history at University of Sheffield. The band all come from Sheffield and Jon's wife Laura is also in the group. Photo: Dean Atkins



Helen Sharman— The first British person and Western European woman to go to space, astronaut Helen was born in Grenoside, where she attended Grenoside Junior and Infant School. She later moved to Greenhill and went to Jordanthorpe Comprehensive - now known as Meadowhead - before completing a BSc degree in chemistry at University of Sheffield. Photo: Jack Taylor



Spotlight on: Careers in Geography



Geography is the study of places and the relationships between people and their environments. Geographers explore both the physical properties of Earth's surface and the human societies spread across it.

Geography is a really useful subject as the skills and knowledge you gain can be used in almost every job sector.



There are lots of geography related jobs available to deal with the consequences of climate change such as in flood risk management and environmental management.

There are practical roles working outside as a countryside ranger for the National Trust or planning sustainable transport networks for new towns. You could be using Geographical Information Systems (GIS) to plan where there is demand for a supermarket or working on a project for a charity overseas. Source: [Careerpilot : Jobs by subject](#)

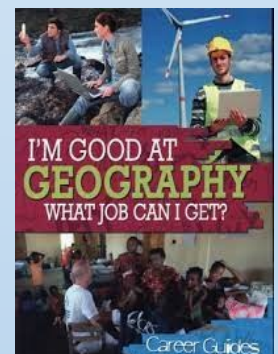


Maybe you're interested in climate change, migration, and how communities live and work together? Geography looks at all these issues. It connects science with social science subjects, such as economics, sociology, and politics. It's a good general subject. And it leads to wide range of careers.

Studying geography can help you develop data, research, scientific, and map skills.

Geography often involves practical work so there are usually opportunities for fieldwork and travel.

Learning about geography can also boost your soft skills, including communication, team work and time management. Source: [Geography careers: what jobs are linked to studying geography? \(icould.com\)](#)



Here are a few 'Geography' related careers for you to explore:

[Archaeologist](#) [Cabin crew](#) [Cartographer](#) [Climate scientist](#) [Community education co-ordinator](#) [Countryside ranger](#) [Data scientist](#) [Diplomatic Service officer](#) [Drone pilot](#) [Ecologist](#) [Environmental consultant](#) [Estates officer](#) [Geoscientist](#) [Geotechnician](#) [Hydrologist](#) [Land surveyor](#) [Landscape architect](#) [Planning and development surveyor](#) [Quantity surveyor](#) [Rural surveyor](#) [Secondary school teacher](#) [Seismologist](#) [Tourist guide](#) [Town planner](#) [Transport planner](#) [Travel agent](#)



[THINK Geography THINK Apprenticeships on Vimeo](#)

Geography links to lots of apprenticeships because many job roles are linked to current issues such as climate change, conservation and tourism. Some of the more obvious job roles might be Environmental Practitioner and Agriculture Manager, but have you also thought about how it might link to other jobs like Cabin Crew, Forest Operative, Geospatial Mapping and Science, Golf Greenkeeper and Maritime Occupations? [NAW2020-Geography-Subject-Snapshot.pdf](#)

We are really excited to now be able to offer a new careers platform for all of our students at Bradfield School.

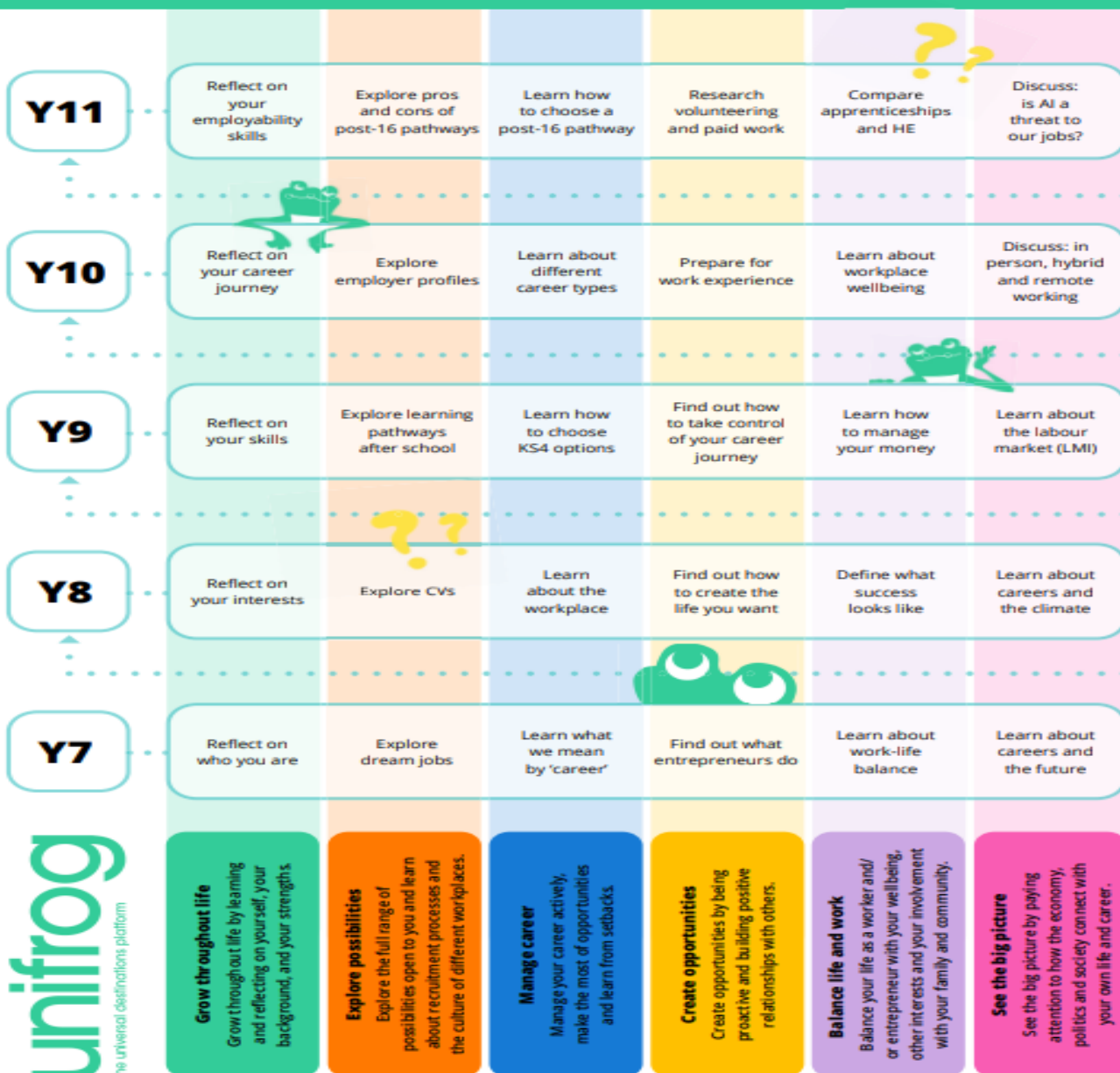
Unifrog will help students to explore key interests and subjects and help them to research career pathways and prepare for the next stage of their education, training or employment. Students can create CV's and personal statements, research ideas and undertake inspirational activities as well as storing and recording key activities and achievements all in one place.

We use this platform in addition to Sheffield Progress which is the online prospectus used to research post 16 provision in the Sheffield area and to make course applications for Y11 students.

Students are being introduced to Unifrog during Personal Development lessons, supported by tutors, Heads of Year and careers staff. Students can log into their accounts at: [Sign In - Unifrog](#) For more information regarding Unifrog, please visit: [Unifrog - The universal destinations platform.](#)

Exploring pathways	Recording what you've done	Searching for opportunities	Drafting application materials	Making applications
Careers library	Activities	UK universities	UK Personal Statement	Post 16/18 Intentions
Subject library	Competencies	US universities	Classes	Locker
Know-how library	Interactions	European universities	CV / Resumé	Applications list
MOOC		Oxbridge	Common App Essay	
Personality profile		Apprenticeships	US recommenders	
Interests profile		College / Sixth Form	Notes for Ref Writers	
		Canadian universities		
		Asian universities		
		Australasian unis		
		Special opportunities		
		Middle Eastern unis		

Careers education learning journey (11 - 16)





Volunteering, Work Experience and Online Learning Opportunities.....

We know that work experience, voluntary work and additional study courses can all help to increase your skills and knowledge but did you know that they also give you incredible experience that you can add to your CV or personal statements which will really help you to stand out from the crowd when applying for employment or learning opportunities. We have put together some free opportunities to get you started which you can do in school or from home. Have fun and learn something new!



Apply for free virtual work experience programmes and online courses —Featured this edition are:

[CyberFirst Defenders](#) | [Smallpeice Trust](#) Places are closed at the moment but new dates will appear. Why not check out some weekly STEM challenges at home together that you can make out of simple things you will have around the house [Engineering At Home](#) | [Smallpeice Trust](#)

[Free Virtual Work Experience](#) | [Springpod](#)—Register for an account to access a wide range of work experience from major employers.

[Explore Work Experience - Youth Employment UK](#) A selection of great videos to help you understand work experience with a digital workbook

[Services and Products - Future First](#) Virtual work experience activities in the Commercial, Third and Health Sectors.

[Virtual Work Experience tool](#) | [Barclays LifeSkills](#) Get to see the inner workings of a digital transformation agency and work with different departments—Estimated time 20-40 mins.

[Halliday Fraser Munro - Work Experience Zone \(hfm.co.uk\)](#) For learners interested in Architecture and Design—Chose from a selection of tasks.



Free online courses:

[FutureLearn](#) | [Online learning](#) | [The University of Sheffield](#)—Free taster/sample sessions with completion certificates for all.

[Free courses - OpenLearn - Open University](#) Wide range of free to study courses. Create a free account to record your achievements.

[Free Online Courses \(alison.com\)](#) Access thousands of free online courses from Art to Zoology! Create an account to record your progress and save your work.

[Mind's free online course to help you support others - Mind](#) Free course to support the wellbeing of others



Volunteer Centre
Sheffield

Volunteering is a great way to gain skills and experience, help others, meet new people and have fun!

Volunteer Centre Sheffield is part of Voluntary Action Sheffield and is a charity that supports the voluntary and community sector in Sheffield to be vibrant, effective and influential. Volunteer Centre Sheffield produces a regular bulletin of local volunteering opportunities for young people aged 13 and over in the Sheffield area. There is an incredible range to choose from and you can add yourself to their mailing list to receive regular updates if you are interested.

You can find out more by visiting [I'm a young person - Volunteer Centre Sheffield \(sheffieldvolunteercentre.org.uk\)](#)

You can access the most recent vacancy bulletin for young people here [March 2024 13-17 Bulletin1.pdf \(sheffieldvolunteercentre.org.uk\)](#) For Parents/Carers visit: [March 2024 Bulletin Final.pdf \(sheffieldvolunteercentre.org.uk\)](#) Have a look, you might find something inspiring and incredible.





This month....the spotlight is on Sheffield Progress

What is Sheffield Progress?



Online prospectus and application system used by all Y11's in the Sheffield area to **apply** for sixth forms, colleges and training providers.



Can be used to **research** post 16 providers and courses without the need to be logged into your account



Once logged into your account you can **research, favourite, make and edit** applications to your choice of providers and courses.

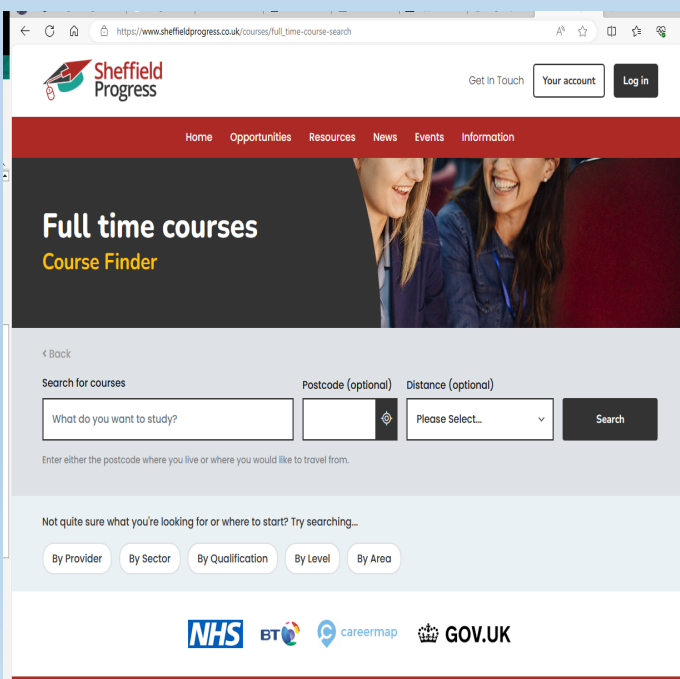


When you have completed your applications, you can use Sheffield Progress to **track** your applications and **manage** course offers.

? Did you know that Sheffield Progress is not just for Y11's? The site can be used by anyone wanting to research the types of courses available after Year 11 as part of your career planning in any year. You do not require a 'login' to search for courses. Only Y11's will receive a personal 'login' for the site. Visit: www.sheffieldprogress.co.uk to enter.



By clicking on the tabs at the top of the home page you can find out information about courses, providers in our area, qualifications, (including types and levels) and much more. You can use the search facility to look up course interest areas or search the list of providers to see what types of courses and qualifications they offer.



Head to www.sheffieldprogress.co.uk to have a look around. You may find some new ideas to look into! There are so many courses to study after Y11, but it is important to start early so that you can work towards the grades needed and research your ideas in more detail to help you make important decisions when you finally reach Y11. Students in Y11 are currently using this platform to research, make and manage their post 16 applications.



Useful information and opportunities for ALL year groups:



[Mental Health Support For Young People | YoungMinds](#)



[Children and Young People's Empowerment Project - Chilypep](#)



[Sheffield Youth Cabinet and UK Youth Parliament | Sheffield City Council](#)



South Yorkshire FIRE & RESCUE [Fire Cadets scheme - South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue](#)
(syfire.gov.uk)



[Humberside And South Yorkshire Army Cadets | Army Cadets UK](#)
[Army Cadet Magazine - April 2023 by Salt Media - Issuu](#)



[Find your local squadron | Royal Air Force Air Cadets \(mod.uk\)](#)



[Home - Sea Cadets Sheffield \(sea-cadets.org\)](#)



South Yorkshire

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South Yorkshire Volunteer Police Cadets

Recruitment opening—April 2024

South Yorkshire Volunteer Police Cadets represent the force at community events and participate in a variety of activities and formal training as well as learning about various roles within the police.

Eligibility

- You need to be 15 years old by 31st August 2024 and no older than 17 years of age by 31st May 2025
- You need to live in South Yorkshire

The next cadet programme starts on 4th September 2024.

Please visit [Volunteer Cadet - Join SYP - SYP \(southyorks.police.uk\)](#) for more details about the programme and induction dates. Once the recruitment window is open you will be able to apply online. Recruitment window is only open for four weeks.

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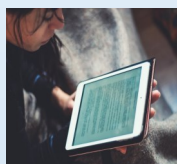
General Information for Parents & Carers



Welcome to series 3 of the popular 'The Parent Perspective' podcasts. Join BBC Radio 5Live's Rachel Burden who is the new host for this incredible and informative series aimed at parents and carers who want to be informed and confident in supporting their child to navigate and make decisions about their future and career plans. [The Parent Perspective Podcast - Amazing Apprenticeships](#)



[Careers Advice for Parents - Youth Employment UK](#) Helpful information to help parents navigate options and choices with their children.



Online Parent/Carer Guides

For parents/carers of Years 10 & 11 [Careerpilot : Parent zone : All questions : What are the choices for my child at 16? Post-16 Options | UCAS](#)

For parents/carers of Years 8 & 9 [Careerpilot : Get information : Your choices at 14 : Choosing GCSEs: compulsory and optional GCSE choices: Practical ways to guide students | Undergraduate | UCAS](#)

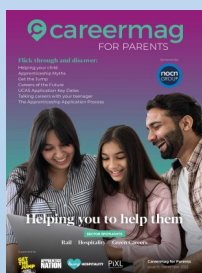
FREE Parents Careers Guides available from the 'success at school' team

For more details and to sign up, click here: [New 2022/23 FREE parents careers guides - register today \(mailchi.mp\)](#)



[All Years Articles | The Parents' Guide to \(theparentsguideto.co.uk\)](#) [SEND LocalOffer | Sheffield \(sheffielddirectory.org.uk\)](#) [Young Carers Young carers | Barnardo's \(barnardos.org.uk\)](#) [Young carers | Childline](#)

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Many parents get in touch with us asking for advice on how to respond to their child when they ask this question. What may seem like a daunting question to many parents, doesn't actually have to be. Careermap for Parents connects parents, guardians and carers with up to date labour market information. We explain the various qualification routes available and bust myths and misconceptions along the way. Grab a cuppa and sit down with your child, there are lots of opportunities to explore.

Guides also available for school leavers, graduates and for lifelong learning.

Adult Education/Volunteer Opportunities:

Sheffield's Working Jobs Fair—Organised by Opportunity Sheffield (Employment & Skills Service at Sheffield City Council and Jobcentre Plus. Whether you are unemployed or are employed and looking to progress your career, come along and meet a range of local employers, discuss training options and gain employment information, advice and guidance.

Concord Sports Centre, Shiregreen Lane, Sheffield S5 6AE—Tuesday 23rd April 2024 10am—12pm—No need to book, just turn up! More information contact sarah.higgins@sheffield.gov.uk or call 0114 474 3304

Become a reading volunteer (ESCAL) - Just one hour of reading can greatly impact children who struggle with reading. Join us as a reading volunteer and contribute to your community—[Become a reading volunteer \(ESCAL\) |](#)

Careers Research

Careers research is a great way to generate ideas about what you might like to do when you have completed your studies. It will also help you to investigate different kinds of career areas and jobs and help to inspire you for the future. It can help you to think about the things you enjoy and the skills and qualities that you have. Why not start a research project of your own and be as creative as you can? These sites are a great starting point and can be used for all ages.



[Start – Careers Information for South Yorkshire \(startprofile.com\)](http://startprofile.com)



[Careerpilot : Plan your future work & study](#)



[Career sectors and professions for school leavers | TARGETcareers](#)



[Explore careers | National Careers Service](#)



[home - icould](#)



Sheffield Progress is an online prospectus and application system for young people in Y11 to apply to school sixth forms, colleges and training providers as part of their Post 16 Options process.

Students in all year groups can access Sheffield Progress without needing an account to research the range of learning opportunities associated with their own interest areas. For example, you could research courses such as A Level subjects at Tapton School Sixth Form, Art & Design at Sheffield College, Engineering at UTC, Construction at Nacro, Sport at Sheffield Wednesday, Beauty at White Rose, etc There are so many providers and courses to look at which should give you helpful information and inspiration for the future.

Please visit: [Home \(sheffieldprogress.co.uk\)](http://sheffieldprogress.co.uk) to start your research.



If you are considering the possibility of Higher Education in the future as a potential Post 18 choice, you may find it helpful to explore UCAS which is the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service website. You can find out all about Higher Education opportunities which includes apprenticeships and colleges as well as universities.

Visit: [UCAS | At the heart of connecting people to higher education](#) to find out more or try the UCAS Careers Quiz at: [Careers Quiz | UCAS](#)



Would you like to find out more about your personality and discover possible career pathways for you?

Try the Complete-Careers Quiz by visiting: www.careersquiz.complete-careers.com



We hope you have enjoyed reading our newsletter. If you have any careers related news you would like us to include or have a topic you would like us to cover, we would love to hear from you.

Please email careers@bradfield.sheffield.sch.uk or pop and see Sarah Dempsey our Careers Adviser who can be found in the careers office at the back of the library or contact Mrs Carter—Careers Lead



Spring break activities to keep you busy.....

If you are stuck for some ideas to keep you busy this spring holiday, we have picked out a few **free** activities for you to join in with. Lots of things to inspire you locally, who knows you might find a new interest or hobby!



Look Up!

Look Up is turning the rooftops of some of Sheffield's most iconic buildings into a **FREE**, augmented reality art gallery.

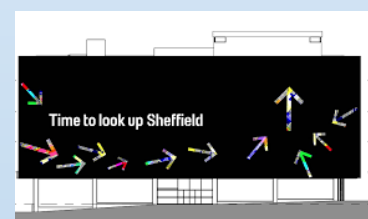
Look Up has been created to help bring our changing city centre to life, and show the world the inventive nature of the people and creative businesses who call Sheffield home.

As independent businesses move back in as part of the Heart of the City development; as flats and homes and workspaces change to make the city centre more liveable; and as we adapt the physical landscape and reputation of the city itself through new opportunities - we wanted to celebrate all that is great about Sheffield makers for the whole world to see.

Fans of Pokemon Go will love this! Simply download the app (available for [IOS](#) and [Android](#)) and head out to one of four locations in the city centre where you'll find a Look Up portal, Scan the QR code and then wait for the magic to happen.

What will you see? We don't want to ruin the surprise...

[Look Up, Sheffield \(welcometosheffield.co.uk\)](http://welcometosheffield.co.uk)



Sheffield's museums are free and here for everyone. Discover the stories of the city and its people, see the very best in art and design and set your imagination soaring.



[Millennium Gallery - Sheffield Museums Trust](#)

[Kelham Island Museum - Sheffield Museums Trust](#)

[Weston Park Museum - Sheffield Museums Trust](#)

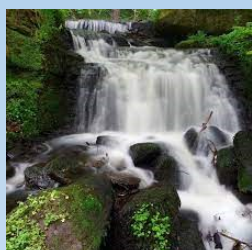
[Abbeydale Industrial Hamlet - Sheffield Museums Trust](#)

[Graves Gallery - Sheffield Museums Trust](#)

[Shepherd Wheel Workshop - Sheffield Museums Trust](#)



[Sheffield Botanical Gardens | Sheffield City Council](#)



[10 reasons you'll love the Rivelin Valley Nature Trail | Sheffield - Yorkshire Tots to Teens](#)