

In the... Loop

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Longley Park
SIXTH FORM ACADEMY

Inspiring Future Careers for Women in Finance

Our Year 12 Business and Economics students recently attended an exclusive event at Sheffield Hallam University, aimed at inspiring young women to explore careers in finance. Throughout the day, they had the opportunity to meet and network with professionals working across a range of sectors, including accounting, insurance, financial planning, wealth management and banking. Students heard first-hand accounts from women who have built successful careers in the industry, gaining valuable insight into the many pathways available.

The event also gave students a taste of university-level finance through an interactive lecture and hands-on activities exploring how professionals analyse financial markets. They were able to speak with university staff, ask questions about studying finance, and learn more about the exciting opportunities available beyond higher education. It was an engaging and inspiring experience that broadened students' understanding of the sector and encouraged them to consider future careers in finance.

Sheffield Hallam University
Knowledge Applied



T-LEVELS
THE NEXT LEVEL QUALIFICATION



AVIVA

T Level Students Visit Aviva!

This week, our T Level Digital Support and Security students completed the fourth of ten planned visits to Aviva, continuing their valuable industry learning experience. During the visit, students explored how artificial intelligence is being used within the organisation and gained insight into the growing range of career opportunities linked to AI. They also took part in a self-development session, reviewing their personal strengths and personality profiles before participating in an interactive activity designed to help them better understand their own skills and working styles. A particular highlight of the day was hearing from Julia Bernal, CIO Operations Director, who shared her inspiring "Rivers of Life" career journey, from education through a variety of cyber security roles to her current leadership position. Her story provided students with a fascinating insight into the many pathways available within the digital and technology sector.

Art, Inspiration and a Few Woolly Friends!

On Wednesday our Level 2 Art students enjoyed a wonderful visit to the Yorkshire Sculpture Park, where they spent the day exploring the outdoor galleries and taking in a wide range of inspiring artworks set within the landscape. The visit provided plenty of creative inspiration, which students then used as the basis for an afternoon of sketchbook drawing, capturing forms, textures, and ideas from the sculptures and natural surroundings. The day also included some memorable encounters with the park's resident sheep, which added an extra touch of fun to an already enjoyable and enriching experience.



Making a Difference on Placement

Work placements are a vital part of our Health and Education & Early Years courses, giving students the opportunity to apply their learning in real-world settings, develop professional skills and build confidence for their future careers. This week, we have received some fantastic feedback from placement providers, who have praised our students for their professionalism, enthusiasm and commitment. We are incredibly proud of the positive impression they continue to make and the dedication they show while representing Longley Park in the community.

Tara's commitment, enthusiasm, and genuine care for the children made her a much loved member of our nursery community. We are incredibly grateful for the contribution she made during her time with us. We would like to wish Tara every success in her future endeavours. She is greatly missed by both staff and children alike.

Beck Primary School

From Classroom to Cyber Defence: HSBC Insight Experience

Students recently enjoyed an exciting Cyber Security Insight Day with HSBC, gaining a unique behind-the-scenes look at how technology powers one of the world's leading banking organisations. The day included an introduction to technology careers at HSBC, an office tour, and a range of interactive tech activities designed to challenge and inspire. A highlight for many students was the opportunity to hear directly from current graduates and apprentices during a question-and-answer panel, where they shared valuable advice about their career journeys. Students also received practical tips on recruitment and application processes, helping them prepare for future opportunities in the technology sector. It was a fantastic day of learning, exploration and inspiration, giving students a real insight into the exciting world of cyber security and technology careers.



Keeping Teens Safe Online

With today's announcement that a social media ban for under-16s could be introduced as early as 2027, many parents may be wondering how best to support their children in navigating the online world safely. Whether new legislation is introduced or not, helping young people develop healthy digital habits and understand online risks remains an important part of parenting in the digital age.

This helpful article from Bitdefender provides practical advice for parents on topics including:

- ✓ Online privacy and security
- ✓ Social media safety
- ✓ Cyberbullying awareness
- ✓ Healthy screen time habits
- ✓ Building open conversations about online experiences



2026 Dates for your Diary



Friday 3rd July

Last Day of Teaching



Monday 6th July

The Creative Show