

Experience that little bit more

Your Post 16 experience at the South West Centre does not begin and end in the classroom. We actively encourage our students to broaden their horizons and opportunities. Through the activities of the elected Post 16 Student Voice you will have the opportunity to become involved in a wide range of events and enterprises that will include:

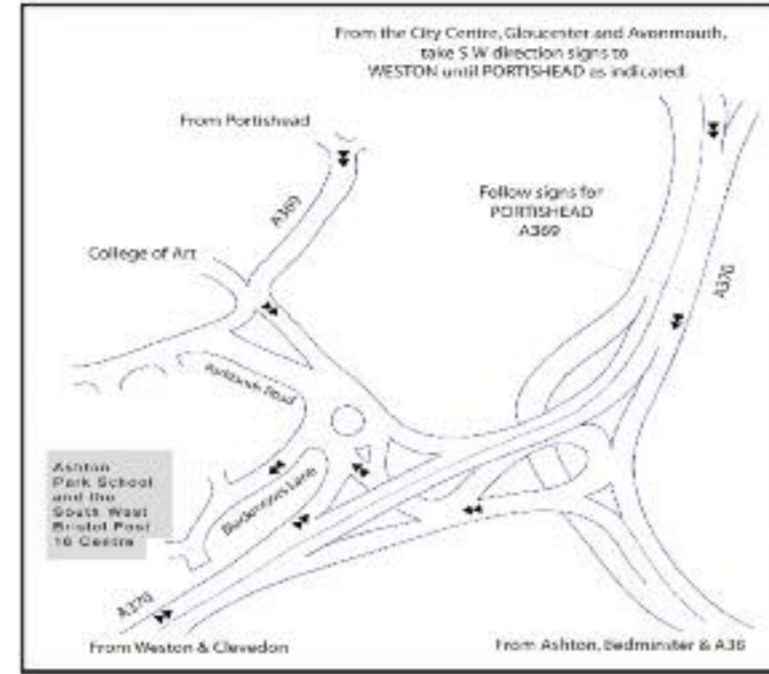
- An annual leavers' ball
- An annual expedition to Africa
- A variety of social events
- An annual ski and snowboarding trip
- Extra curricular trips and visits

Regular meetings of the Post 16 Student Voice will determine what activities you will become involved in, and their management and organisation.

The Post 16 Council can also play an influential role in developing our centre in order to improve the academic and non-academic performance as well as the recreational opportunities for our students.



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Experience for yourself

"I can easily say that my time in the South West Bristol Post 16 Centre proved to be the best two years of my education. I gained much more confidence and found everyone very helpful and welcoming. The friendly atmosphere made a welcome change from school"

"The Centre offers an excellent range of facilities which enabled me to gain maximum benefit from my studies. I was able to use the skills and knowledge I gained to secure a responsible job and I feel equipped to face the challenges of the future with self assurance"

"The Post 16 Centre has given me all the confidence and encouragement I could need, enhancing my learning and broadening my mind at every stage. I am also delighted that the Post 16 Centre is helping me with my application to University"

"I chose to study a Sports course with Business Studies because I would like to work in the Sports Industry. Business Studies affects all areas of work and I felt it would be useful. The methods of teaching allow us to be more independent. We are given assignments to research. It's like we have teacher support rather than just being taught. Your active involvement helps you learn"



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Post 16 - a new experience

Welcome to the South West Bristol Post 16 Centre prospectus. The fact that you have taken the trouble to read our prospectus obviously indicates that you take your further education seriously. Our Post 16 Centre is equally serious about helping you fulfil your potential.

We now have a history of successfully preparing students for Higher Education and Employment, never more important than now in the 21st Century.

The South West Bristol Post 16 experience will provide you with a comprehensive and well-balanced education both inside and outside the classroom, studio and laboratory.

The success of both your personal and educational development is our key objective, and we will encourage you as young adults to be responsible for your actions and to develop self-worth, self-reliance and self-discipline.

We consider this stage of your education to be a partnership; we will provide you with complete commitment and support, all we ask in return is that you make the most of the opportunities you are given.

Share our commitment to your development. We look forward to receiving your application.

Further experience

We understand that your future is not judged solely in terms of academic achievement. Our priority is to develop well qualified, confident, articulate and considerate young adults, and to provide you with the confidence to accept the challenges of Higher Education or employment.

We have developed a unique Enrichment Programme, which enables you to experience an individually designed package of activities best suited to your current and future needs.

This package of options is determined by student demand and so is updated on a termly basis as required.

Our Enrichment Programme will give you the opportunity to:

- Gain additional qualifications in General Studies, Extended Project and Work Skills.
- Undertake Work Experience or Work Shadowing under the guidance of our Centre's Careers Consultant and Connexions.
- Enjoy sporting activities either through timetabled sports or competitions.
- Enjoy wider recreational activities and develop new skills associated with these.
- Achieve Sports Coaching qualifications.
- Develop your interpersonal skills in such roles as elected Post 16 Student Voice Representative or Student Ambassador.
- Challenge yourself on The Duke of Edinburgh Awards Scheme or The Young Enterprise Scheme.

In addition, the programme can provide further options such as the Community Sports Leaders Award, coaching qualifications, pre-driving skills, learning support, work experience, life skills and community service.



Experience a new learning environment

A well structured and independent learning environment is universally accepted as by far the most effective form of learning for all post-16 students.

We have made an immense investment to provide our students with an enviable Centre. The refurbished Centre houses a comprehensive range of ICT facilities and provides a very attractive independent study environment. It provides a Post 16 student with:



- A Learning Resource Centre
- Your own dedicated independent study area
- An industry standard network of computers
- A wide range of Windows applications including Office 2000, Excel, PowerPoint, Publisher and design packages
- CD-ROM facilities
- Scanners
- CDs, TVs, Video and cassette players
- Reference texts
- Full and free Internet access
- Higher Education and careers information
- UCAS Electronic Application System

You will experience more autonomy and independence, and be encouraged to take greater responsibility for your own academic life. A comprehensive framework of support and guidance will ensure you maximise these opportunities.

Students receive very good guidance and support

There is a good working atmosphere, and good computing facilities

The Post 16 Centre provides very successful Vocational courses

Experience the opportunity

The South West Bristol Post 16 Centre will provide you with the opportunity and support to:

- Maximise your potential.
- Excel in all you do.

We understand the importance of your Post 16 education and the vital part it plays in your future.

We will prepare you for Higher Education, Training or Employment by helping you to:

- Enhance your skills to enable you to direct your own learning and personal development.
- Improve your ability in Information and Communication Technology (ICT), Communication and Numeracy.
- Ensure that you are fully equipped for your future in Higher Education, Training or Employment.



Individual experience

You will enter into a partnership with the South West Bristol Post 16 Centre that provides an individual programme of guidance and support geared towards ensuring that you make fulfilling and successful academic progress.

Your Personal Tutor will play a key supporting role in all aspects of this partnership in both academic and non-academic terms.



In order that both student and the Centre can measure individual progress, you will receive a customised 'Student Planner' that will enable you, our teaching staff and your parents easily and effectively to track your academic progress.

From discussions with both subject staff and your Personal Tutor a series of academic targets will be set, together with appropriate action plans to help you reach your academic goals.

Targets and action plans will be reviewed each term to ensure you are achieving your full potential.

Experience the future

At the South West Bristol Post 16 Centre we believe that our responsibility to you does not simply end on the completion of your studies.

We understand the complexity of the options available to you on leaving Post 16 Education and place considerable importance on preparing you to judge these options.

A specialist team that includes your Personal Tutor, Learning Support Co-ordinator, Head of Year, Career Consultant, Connexions Careers Service and the Assistant Headteacher (Post 16 Education) will provide an effective system of guidance and counselling.

Formal guidance programmes have been developed to include possible options such as:

- **PHSE:** Issues important to you as a young adult.
- **World of Work:** Employment training, job hunting and applications, mock interviews.
- **Aiming Higher:** Support for Higher Education, Nursing and Art and Design Foundation applicants.
- **Taking a Year Out:** Gap year organisation information.

Our specialist team is on hand to provide more individual advice and guidance supported by our Widening Participation Coordinator. All applicants to High Education will use the UCAS Electronic Application System that increases efficiency, reduces time and makes applying to University a trouble-free experience.

