

A photograph of Shaftesbury High School at sunset. The school is a large brick building with a central glass entrance and a long white-sided extension on the right. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm glow. In the foreground, there is a field of yellow dandelions.

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High Aspirations from Key Stage 3 to Post-16

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Welcome from the Headteacher

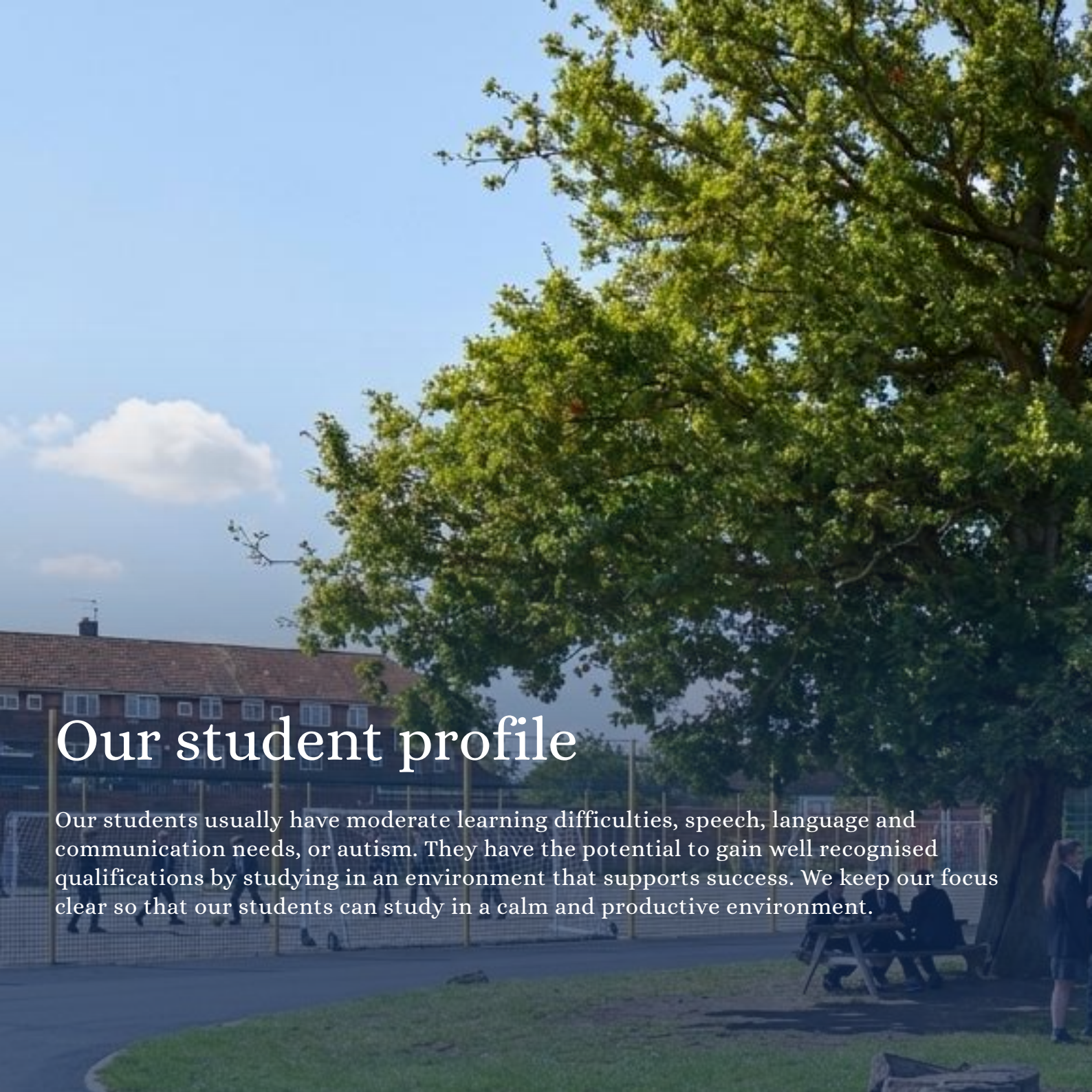
Choosing a secondary school is an important decision for your child's future. At Shaftesbury High School, we understand that parents want a school that understands your child's individual needs, and you want a school that has high academic goals for their future.

Fulfilling potential

Every child matters, each ability respected

Each student has unique strengths and talents, alongside areas where they might require extra support. Shaftesbury High School is structured to cater to the varied needs of every student, ensuring they achieve their full potential through a range of rewarding experiences and opportunities.





Our student profile

Our students usually have moderate learning difficulties, speech, language and communication needs, or autism. They have the potential to gain well recognised qualifications by studying in an environment that supports success. We keep our focus clear so that our students can study in a calm and productive environment.



The SEND secondary reality

Access to learning and success

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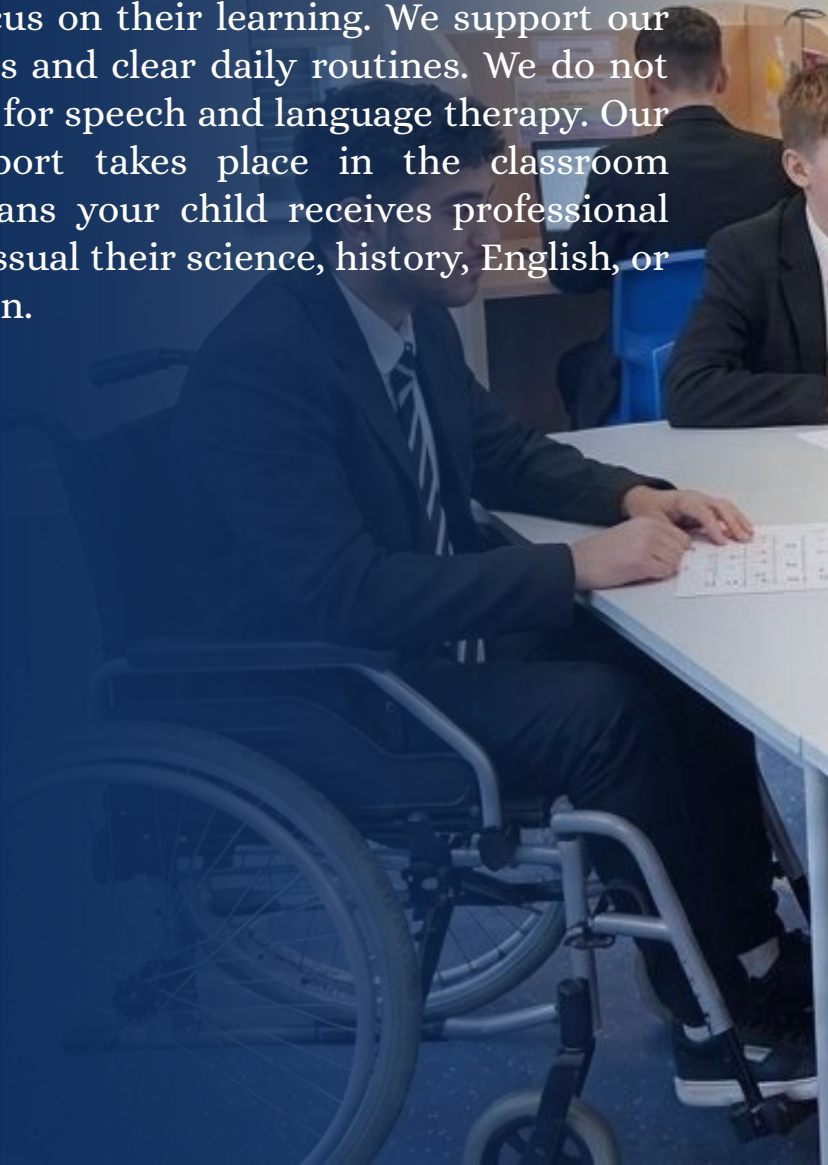
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Achieving Outcomes

An aspirational curriculum with high expectations

Some parents worry that choosing a special school means lowering their academic goals for their child. At Shaftesbury, this is not true. We have an aspirational curriculum, which means we expect our students to work hard and reach their highest potential. We do not make work 'easy'. Instead, we give students the specific, professional help they need to understand difficult subjects. Our students study for official national qualifications, including Entry Level certificates and vocational options. We pair individual care with high academic expectations so your child can earn real qualifications that reflect their capabilities.

Specialist teaching and embedded support

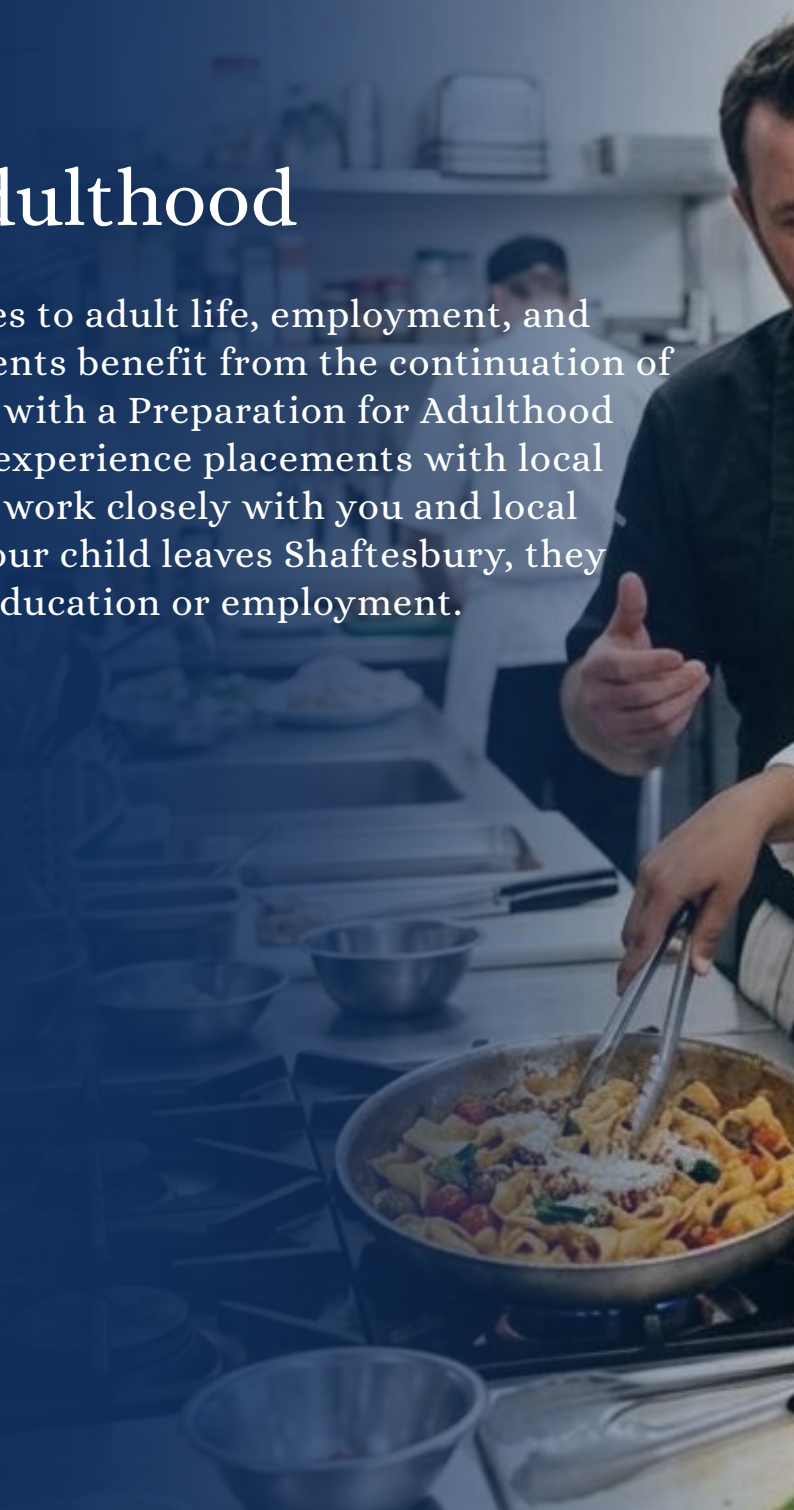
Our classrooms are calm, organized, and predictable. This helps students feel safe so they can focus on their learning. We support our students through small class sizes and clear daily routines. We do not take students out of their lessons for speech and language therapy. Our therapists ensure therapy support takes place in the classroom alongside the teachers. This means your child receives professional communication support during usual their science, history, English, or geography lessons. This is inclusion.





Sixth form and preparation for adulthood

In our sixth form, the focus changes to adult life, employment, and independence. All Sixth form students benefit from the continuation of our Maths and English curriculum with a Preparation for Adulthood focus. They also take part in work experience placements with local businesses and Project Search. We work closely with you and local colleges to make sure that when your child leaves Shaftesbury, they have a clear, safe plan for further education or employment.





Next steps and admissions

If you feel that Shaftesbury High School matches your child's needs and your goals for their education, please come to visit us during our open days. Admissions are organised through the local authority's formal consultation process. Your child's current primary and secondary school SENDCo will help you complete this paperwork. We look carefully at every application to make sure our school is the correct fit for your child's needs. This careful process ensures we can keep our learning environment safe and successful for all our students.



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