



THE SIXTH FORM at Southmoor Academy

Personalised Pathway: Architecture

University Visits

Experience university first-hand

- WP Schemes, especially:
 - Northumbria NU Entry
 - Newcastle PARTNERS
 - Realising Opportunities
 - Access to Leeds
 - Social Mobility Foundation
- Open Days
- UCAS Exhibition

UCAS

Research your university options using the following websites

- www.ucas.com (Official platform and search tool)
- www.thecompleteuniversityguide.co.uk/league-tables/rankings (Compare rankings)
- www.universityfinder.org.uk/ucas-points-calculator.html (Match predicted grades with courses)
- www.sacu-student.com (Quiz to find your future course)

Volunteering

Show your commitment through volunteering, both long-term and short-term

- Tour guide
- Volunteer in buildings with interesting architecture e.g. churches, art galleries, town halls, etc.

Work Experience

Experience your chosen sector and boost relevant skills

- Social Mobility Foundation
- Contact local firms specialising in:
 - Architecture
 - Construction
 - Design
 - Civil engineering

EPQ

Explore your chosen area and choose a unique specialism

- Pick a project that links to architecture, and allows you to explore a subject that you can't do at A-level

Extra-Curricular

Expand your soft skills and become a well-rounded person

- Duke of Edinburgh
- NCS
- Vinspired
- Other clubs or hobbies
- Part-time work

Super-Curricular

Broaden your subject knowledge by reading, watching and listening to new things

- Podcast: 'The Architecture Happy Hour'
- Book: Francis Ching – 'Architecture, Form, Space & Order'
- Youtube: 'Architectural Digest'

Hot Topics

Keep up to date with current affairs in your area

- www.architectmagazine.com
- www.archdaily.com
- www.dezeen.com

Key Websites

Expand your horizons with additional study

- www.futurelearn.com – Free online courses
- www.myheplus.com – Resources written by Cambridge University students
- www.ted.com – Videos by expert speakers, 'Ideas worth spreading'
- www.explore.org – A digital portal from Oxford University looking at 'big' questions

Career Pathway

Research different pathways to your chosen career

- www.prospects.ac.uk/job-profiles/architect
- www.architecture.com/education-cpd-and-careers/how-to-become-an-architect
- www.ucas.com/ucas/after-gcses/find-career-ideas/explore-jobs/job-profile/architect
- www.nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/job-profiles/architect

Edmodo

Sign up for updates and frequent opportunities

- www.edmodo.com – Southmoor Sixth Form Aspirations

In-School Support

Ask if you need anything more specific!

- Personal statement advice
- Mock interviews