



SFBac

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*The SFBac\**

# Raising *your* Standard even higher.

A guide for students



*\*The Sixth Form Baccalaureate*

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Enrich your  
Education.  
Broaden your  
range of  
opportunities.

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The Sixth Form Baccalaureate is a new national award recognising all-round sixth form learning and achievement at levels 1, 2 and 3.

## How will the SFBac Award help me?

- It will add value to your applications to Further Education, Higher Education or employment and help give you a competitive edge.
- It will provide you with an SFBac testimonial certificate that will list the full range of your achievements and activities in your time at the College.
- It gives you (and your parents) the confidence that you are studying at a College which offers a rich and wide-ranging educational experience preparing you for adult life.

## What is the SFBac all about?

During your time at College you will study courses and take part in activities which will help you develop as a more rounded, independent and confident individual.

- The SFBac is a national award that recognises the full extent of your learning and personal development at the College.
- It gives credit for everything you do, not just your exam courses.
- It emphasises that developing skills and values is just as important as subject knowledge.



## How do I achieve the SFBac Award?

- The SFBac Award is available to students who take learning programmes which include the four key elements – subjects, skills, values and breadth – and meet the minimum time commitments of 550 or 1100 hours. The tables on the next page of this leaflet explain in more detail how you qualify.
- Staff at your college will support you in monitoring your progress towards the Award.
- The precise details of the SFBac vary from college to college and will be in prospectuses and on websites. However, each college offering the SFBac has designed its curriculum to help students achieve the Award.

## The SFBac with Commendation.

- Some of you may achieve much more than is typical in your time in the sixth form. You may undertake a fuller programme of exam courses, make a special contribution in sport or the performing arts or give a great deal in terms of voluntary or community work.
- If so, then you may qualify for an SFBac Award with Commendation. Achieving the SFBac with Commendation will give you official, national recognition for the full range of your achievements and enhance your applications in the eyes of employers, colleges and universities.



# How your SFBac works...

	Subjects	Skills and Values	Total
<b>Level 1 SFBac</b>	450 hours minimum	100 hours minimum	550 hours
<b>Level 2 SFBac</b>	450 hours minimum	100 hours minimum	550 hours
<b>Level 3 SFBac</b>	900 hours minimum	200 hours minimum	1100 hours
<b>SFBac with Commendation at all levels</b>	Students who have completed a much wider range of courses and commitments and/or have made an exceptional contribution may be awarded an SFBac with Commendation.		

	Element	Details	
<b>1</b>	<b>Subjects</b>	These are the main examination courses that you take. They constitute the bulk of your learning programme and will enable you to progress through to employment, further or higher education.	<b>4. Breadth</b> Breadth is achieved through learning programmes which contain courses and activities in two or more of the SFBac domains* and which meet SFBac requirements in terms of skills and values as well as subjects.
<b>2</b>	<b>Skills:</b> <i>Learning &amp; life skills</i>	a) By 'learning skills' we mean, for example, study skills, thinking skills, key skills such as communication, numeracy and problem-solving. They may be developed through free-standing courses or integrated into subjects. b) By 'life skills' we refer to learning and experiences which improve your ability to handle different life situations relating to health, finance, the world of work – and which improve your confidence, maturity, and general ability to cope with life's challenges.	
<b>3</b>	<b>Values:</b> <i>Citizenship &amp; community learning</i>	This element includes courses and activities which demonstrate learning, involvement and commitment in relation to local, national and global communities. These may range from an AS-level in Citizenship to taking part in the college Amnesty International Group or volunteering in a primary school.	

\*The four domains are: a) Arts and Culture; b) Business and Social Science; c) Humanities and Languages; d) Maths, Science and Technology





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