

For
14-19s

Hair and beauty



The scene in Sheffield

What is hair and beauty?

This work sector is all about jobs that help people look good. It doesn't only include hairdressers or barbers but also beauty therapists, nail technicians, stylists, image consultants or spa therapists.

"You need to be creative, practical and really good with people."



"It's not a 9-5 job - you often work evenings and weekends."

"If you like the idea of working for yourself there are lots of opportunities."



What's happening in the sector?

Today there is more pressure on us all to look good and so the hair and beauty sector has grown. Walk around any high street and you'll see people working in salons and nail bars or as personal shoppers and stylists. Although business has suffered during the recent recession many employers are hopeful that trade will now pick up again.

- Most businesses are small, although there are some large chains.
- Many workers start their own businesses or go freelance e.g. they become mobile hairdressers, often visiting clients at home. Others work at a salon but are self employed (called 'renting a chair').
- Franchises are also growing; this means running a business but under the name of a better known company.
- There are new developments all the time, such as the use of injection based treatments and a growing interest in mens' grooming.

What jobs are there?

Job	Salary range (£)	Job	Salary range (£)
Beauty/Colour Consultant	10,000-19,000	Nail Artist/Technician	10,000-28,000
Beauty Therapist	11,000-20,000	Salon Manager	20,000-34,000
Hairdresser	11,000-30,000	Spa Therapist	12,000-19,000
Image Consultant	up to 30,000-40,000	Tattoo Artist	10,000-25,000
Make-up Artist	184-279 per day		

These are national average salaries for qualified staff and the higher rates are for experienced workers or supervisors. Pay rates in Yorkshire and The Humber may be lower. Freelancers are normally paid a daily rate, not a wage.

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Want to know more?

www.getconnectedsheffield.com & www.applysheffield.org.uk – for local vacancies
www.apprenticeships.org.uk – for apprenticeship vacancies across the country



The routes in

If you're choosing options in Year 9 (or Year 8) pick a broad range of subjects. Good grades in English, Science and Maths are important.

Some schools also offer qualifications which involve learning about the sector e.g.

- NVQ Beauty Therapy/Hairdressing or Diploma in Hair and Beauty Studies
- Vocational Skills Programmes in Hair and Beauty.

Ask at your school, use the *Look Ahead* booklet from Sheffield Futures or visit www.applysheffield.org.uk

After Year 11 there are full time courses and work based learning at different levels:

- **Level 1** might be right for you if you're expecting grades E-G.
- **Level 2** normally needs some GCSE grades D.
- **Level 3** normally needs at least 4 or 5 GCSE grades A*-C.

If you have equivalent qualifications check whether you still need some GCSEs, particularly in English and Maths.

Where can I learn after Year 11?

Here is a basic guide to opportunities in local colleges, sixth forms and work based learning.

Warning: This information can change – always check it on www.applysheffield.org.uk

Subject	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Job specific qualification (e.g. NVQ)			
Hair & Beauty	Sheffield City College	Sheffield City College	
Hairdressing	Oracle Training	Sheffield City College, Dimensions, STL, Oracle Training	Sheffield City College, Dimensions, STL
Beauty/Beauty Therapy	Oracle Training	Sheffield City College, Sheffield School of Health and Beauty, Oracle Training	Sheffield City College, Sheffield School of Health and Beauty
e2e: (Hair/Hair & Beauty)	Oracle Training		
Work related qualifications (e.g. Diploma, BTEC)			
Foundation Studies: (Hair & Beauty)	Hillsborough/Sheffield City College		
General qualifications			
A Levels (Discuss choice of subjects with your Personal Adviser)			All colleges and sixth forms

*You normally complete Levels 1-2 before Level 3

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