

## Leading the Sixth Form College, 2018-19

*The national leadership development programme for the next generation of sixth form Principals*

Senior leaders in sixth form colleges, who will be seeking a position as principal in the next few years, are invited to join a bespoke leadership development programme. Blending guidance and insights from external experts, serving principals and global leaders, the programme will offer participants an opportunity to develop their leadership skills and knowledge.

“ SFCA is pleased to announce the launch of its second leadership development programme, a prestigious and highly practical programme for the future leaders of sixth form education. Following the success of this year’s cohort, the class of 2018 will work on developing an ambitious direction for their college and for the sector. We need leaders who are resilient, skilled and confident so that they can foster and sustain strength in their colleges and in their students. We need leaders who are supported by a network of peers to share ideas, strategies and experiences. The SFCA leadership development programme is designed for the future and is anchored in the excellent practice that is taking place right now, in our colleges and internationally. ”

**Bill Watkin, CEO**

### Programme components

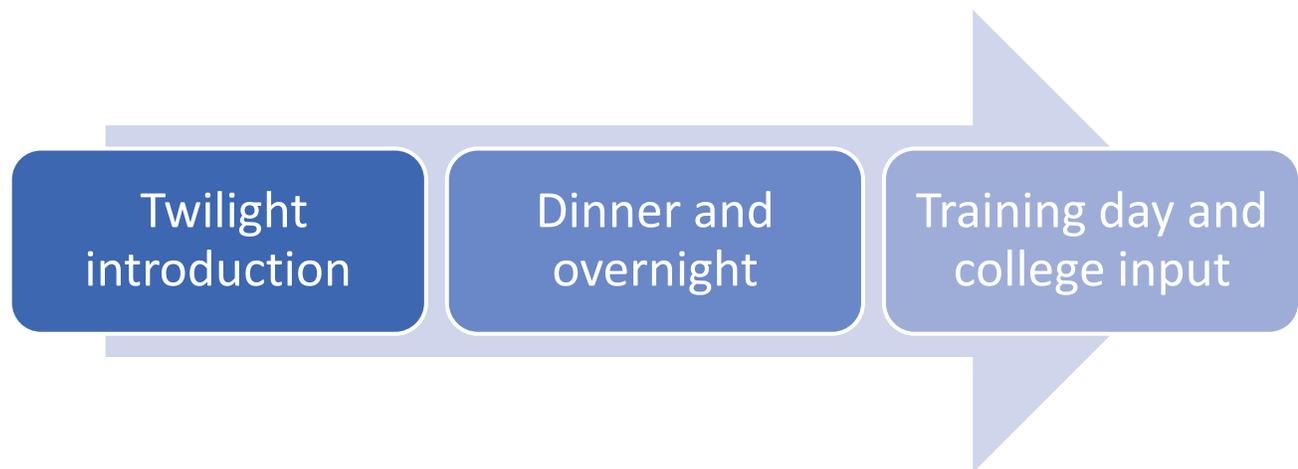
<b>Personal development</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Five 24 hour modules led by national experts</li> <li>• Mock interview, with city headhunter and feedback</li> <li>• 360° survey and report</li> </ul>
<b>Reflection</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Principal mentor throughout the course</li> <li>• Reading lists and pre-course materials</li> <li>• Published action research project</li> </ul>
<b>Network</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Peer support network of colleagues</li> <li>• Evening networking and dinners</li> <li>• Bespoke on-line platform for sharing ideas and strategy</li> </ul>
<b>Leadership in context</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• US Study Tour with leadership lessons from Apple inc.</li> <li>• Modules hosted by outstanding colleges</li> <li>• Principal and senior teams share innovation and experience</li> <li>• Learning walks</li> </ul>
<b>Sixth Form Colleges</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Designed specifically for dedicated sixth form college context</li> </ul>

### What people say about the course

- Excellent senior leadership training
- Fantastic opportunity to network and share ideas
- Really thought-provoking
- Lots of fantastic ideas on strategy
- Very specific real-life situations and examples
- Excellent, focused and sharp input
- The course has given me confidence that I could apply for a principal position
- Ideas to take away and apply in my own college
- Time to reflect on the themes raised and discuss with other colleagues
- A support network
- Very well organised and well run

Core	Bonus features
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Five 24 hour sessions including 5 twilight sessions &amp; 5 full day workshops</li> <li>✓ Training from national experts</li> <li>✓ Practical showcases of exceptional practice in different sixth form colleges</li> <li>✓ pre-course materials/tasks to ensure maximum use of expertise on the session days</li> <li>✓ Course leader support</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ 5 day study tour to US including leadership classes led by Apple inc.</li> <li>✓ Mock Interview</li> <li>✓ 360° review and report</li> <li>✓ 1:1 mentoring with designated serving principal</li> <li>✓ Online network platform and resource</li> <li>✓ College-based Action Research project</li> </ul>

## 24-hour sessions



## Benefits

At the end of the course, participants will be confident, self-aware and ready to lead a Sixth Form College.

<b>Clear direction</b>	Understand how to envision and communicate a clear direction for a college and learn about how a principal can maximise potential for sustainability and success
<b>Strength</b>	Understand more about your strengths as a leader and the value of reflection on your practice and that of others
<b>Resilience</b>	Understand the need to be flexible in your leadership styles and approaches in a changing environment whilst keeping a strong grip on key mission
<b>Knowledge</b>	Learn from the experience of others in the sector who are experienced and knowledgeable about all aspects of running successful and sustainable colleges
<b>Excellence</b>	Understand their role as leaders of excellence in teaching and learning and how principals influence and improve this.

## Schedule

The course runs from October 2018 to July 2019 with an optional study tour to the US in April 2019.

### Modules

October 2018	Leading Self	Host college
December 2018	Leading Vision	Host college
February 2019	Leading the Business	Host college
April 2019	Apple USA study tour	Venues in Texas and California
May 2019	Leading People	Host college
July 2019	Leading Partnerships	Host college

## Cost

Delegate fee: £1,999 (exc VAT).

Accommodation and travel is funded separately by delegates. The US Study Tour is fully funded except for return flights from England.

## How to apply

Sixth form college senior leaders who would like to be considered for the programme should submit a letter of application on one side of A4 to [info@sixthformcolleges.org](mailto:info@sixthformcolleges.org), to include a brief career history, an indication of expected outcomes and interests and career aspirations by Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> May 2018. Applicants should also include a photo ID, and a brief statement of recommendation from their current Principal.

Please note that it is likely that the course will be heavily subscribed, and you are advised to reserve your place early.