



# HIGH ACHIEVERS PROGRAMME

2021



Each year, Whitby Sixth Form students successfully take up places at the country's most prestigious universities.

The journey to this destination is not a simple one. Application to these Universities require:

- informed and detailed knowledge about the subjects they intend to study
- an appreciation of the highly competitive selection process
- a very accomplished personal statement
- excellent interview preparation
- outstanding results.

Those students who have very high attainment at GCSE and aspire to Oxbridge and Russell Group universities or intend to submit an application to study courses in Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary Science will be given specific support and guidance through our 'Proven Extra Potential' programme.

As part of this programme our students will receive the same first-class support and teaching that all of our students do, along with targeted opportunities which promote academic ambition and will encourage and guide our students to highly aspirational goals.

## Enrichment Experiences

- The opportunity to obtain an additional qualification via the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) - a level 3 research-based qualification on a topic of your choice. This is very highly regarded by Oxbridge and Russell group universities.
- Subject specific initiatives e.g. Chemistry Olympiad, Biology Olympiad, Physics Olympiad, Business Young Enterprise Challenge, Auschwitz visit, Music competitions and performance opportunities, the Goethe Institut Debating Competition in German
- Guidance on gaining apposite work experience such as at Whitby Hospital and Whitby Doctors Surgery as well as James Cook Hospital. We also have links to the local vets and Whitby Wildlife Sanctuary, in addition to a yearly work experience placement with DEFRA.
- Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCS) - distance-learning courses run online by many universities worldwide.

## Guest Lectures, Visits and Summer School Opportunities

- Trips to top Universities e.g. we have excellent links with Cambridge, Durham, York and Hull universities.

- Presentations and workshops delivered by visiting Oxbridge admissions tutors.
- Yearly Oxbridge conference trip for Year 12 students.
- Information about applications to relevant summer schools at top Universities e.g. Oxford; Cambridge; Durham; Leeds; Sutton Trust schemes where applicable.

## *Alumni Tutors*

Students will receive invaluable “insider” information and advice from alumni students who have been through the process in that particular subject area.

## *Bespoke Advice and Guidance*

- Dedicated mentor who will provide specialist support and guidance on the complex application process to the top universities and most competitive courses (Medicine/ Law/ Dentistry/Veterinary Science).
- Overnight trip to Cambridge university to attend the open day.
- Detailed interview preparation.
- Extra support sessions to help prepare for admissions tests e.g. University Clinical Aptitude Test (UCAT) and Biomedical Admissions Test (BMAT).
- Help with funding towards attending open days and trips, where necessary.
- Close and well-established links with professors and admissions at Cambridge University.

## *Alumni Information*

Many of our students have gone on to study at the country’s most esteemed universities, on courses ranging from Biomedical Sciences to Egyptology.

- Kilian Robinson - Imperial College
- Hermione Richardson - Cambridge
- Rose Garrett - LIPA
- Jayden Brown - Durham
- Jack Parkes - Durham University (English)
- Lina Cox - Oxford University (Chemistry)
- Isabel Mastrolonardo - Durham/Cambridge University (Music)
- Evie Mason - Durham University (Law)
- Ellie Dyer Brown - Durham University (English Literature)
- Nicola Burrells - Nottingham University (Veterinary Medicine)
- Sam Pike - Durham University (PE)



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