

# HIGH ACHIEVERS

# PROGRAMME





24

\*OFFERS WERE  
RECEIVED IN 2020 FOR  
MDV COURSES

\* - AS OF AUGUST 2020

## WHAT IS THE PROGRAMME?

Designed by our experienced College staff who have graduated from some of the top universities in the country, our High Achievers Programme gives specialist support to our most academically able students aspiring to study at prestigious UK and international universities.

The programme enables you to receive individual mentoring, guidance and support from experienced professionals with first-hand knowledge of university admissions processes and tests.

Alongside this support will be numerous opportunities to hear and interact with guest speakers from world leading universities and companies.

### EMILY CORNE

Previously: Thistley Hough Academy  
Studied: A Level English Language, A Level English Literature & A Level French  
Results: A\*, A, A  
Next steps: University of Oxford

## MEET THE TEAM HIGH ACHIEVERS CO-HEADS:



### ED SWANN

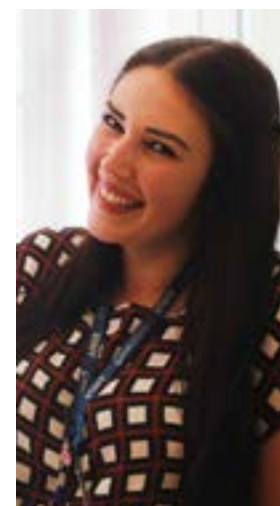
Director of STEM and Co-Head of the High Achievers Programme, Ed specialises in supporting students who aspire to pursue a career within STEM or MDV with a particular focus on Oxbridge applications using his own experience from his time as an Oxford student.



### GEMANIE HASSALL-DENDY

Quality Officer and Co-Head of the High Achievers Programme, Gemanie specialises in monitoring and improving teaching and learning as well as the overall student experience.

## HIGH ACHIEVERS CO-ORDINATORS:



### JODIE GUT

Teacher of Law & Politics, with insight into both undergraduate and postgraduate qualifications Jodie specialises in guiding students through the Law National Aptitude Test (LNAT) and interview process.



### SIAN HOLAH

Teacher of History, with many years experience of teaching at A Level and giving students support and guidance in applying for university. Sian specialises in students applying for degrees within Humanities.



### ANDREW BARKER

Curriculum Manager for Earth Sciences, Andrew is the College lead for the Extended Project Qualification and specialises in supporting students looking to progress into Earth Sciences.

199 A\*

OR EQUIVALENT GRADES  
- 1/3 MORE THAN 2018



## THE BENEFITS OF TOP PRESTIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS

Each year students join the High Achievers Programme with an array of exceptional skills and abilities, all aspiring to attend top national and international institutions.

Studying at prestigious destinations provides opportunities to access outstanding teaching, research and student facilities. These universities are renowned for giving students a high-quality experience whilst successfully preparing them for employment in a competitive market.

A successful application to top institutions requires a lot of preparation.



The Sixth Form was a great environment to study, it's been challenging but equally rewarding, especially when you see results from your hard work. You are pushed academically both inside and outside of the classroom, but that encourages you to give 100% all of the time. Staff helped me to find supra-curricular courses that would help with my entrance exams to university. They really did go out of their way to support and encourage me.

### IZAAK FAIRCLOUGH

**Previously:** Clayton Hall Academy  
**Studied:** A Level French, A Level Further Mathematics, A Level Mathematics, A Level Physics  
**Results:** A\*, A\*, A\*, A\*, A\*  
**Next steps:** The University of Cambridge

At first it might seem like a daunting challenge to get that sought after university offer, however, there will be many opportunities to attend specially designed talks to help you with your application to top institutions and competitive courses.

**IN THE LAST TWO YEARS,  
 10 STUDENTS HAVE  
 PROGRESSED ON TO STUDY  
 AT EITHER CAMBRIDGE OR  
 OXFORD UNIVERSITY.**



## MEDICINE, DENTISTRY & VETERINARY SCIENCE

We receive an increasing number of students looking to pursue a career in Medical, Dentistry or Veterinary sectors every year.

The Programme will provide a number of opportunities to ensure that you progress onto a top Medical, Dentistry or Veterinary Science course, through ongoing work experience and placements, tailored tutorials focusing on progression and a plethora of guest speakers and alumni visits.



Being part of the Medical, Dentistry and Veterinary Programme alongside my A Levels has helped me to develop my skills and passion for science even further. I had access to bespoke tutorials and relevant workshops which helped to prepare me to study Medicine at University.

### SELCAN ICLI

**Previously:** Clayton Hall Academy  
**Studied:** A Level Chemistry, A Level Mathematics and A Level Biology  
**Results:** A, A, B  
**Next steps:** University of Birmingham



## SPORTING EXCELLENCE

With dedicated programmes such as the Talented Athlete Programme and The Junior Elite Scholarship, students will have access to bespoke workshops, guest speakers and trips to leading Universities specialising in sport.



The College has provided me with extra opportunities such as coaching qualifications and work experience. Excellent teaching and guidance has helped me to get a competitive place at Loughborough University.

### CHLOE STIRLEY

**Previously:** JCB Academy  
**Studied:** BTEC Sport & Exercise Science, A Level Statistics  
**Results:** BTEC D\*D\*D\*, A  
**Next steps:** Loughborough University



## INTERNATIONAL STUDY

For students considering the option of studying abroad, the Sixth Form College provides students with the information, tools and encouragement to pursue this route. We offer specialist assistant with research, application documents and webinars to help you achieve your goals.



The Sixth Form College has helped me realise my dream of attending Stanford University in California. I've been pushed to think in new ways and consider differing perspectives, whilst striving for excellence.

### TILLY GRIFFITHS

**Previously:** Westwood College  
**Studied:** A Level French, A Level English Language, A Level English Literature  
**Results:** A\*, A, A  
**Next steps:** Stanford University, USA

## CREATIVE ARTS

Our students have progressed onto top Performing Arts institutions and Dance Conservatoires throughout the UK, our dedicated and specialist teachers provide advice on creating an eye catching and stand out portfolio as well as offering support with university auditions.



Whether you're a musician, a dancer, an artist or a designer, the College's teachers support you to develop your abilities. During my university applications, the College worked with me to prepare for auditions, giving me one-to-one feedback on performances.

### JOE WOOD

**Previously:** Trentham Academy  
**Studied:** BTEC Music Performance, BTEC Performing Arts, A Level French  
**Results:** BTEC D\*D\*, C  
**Next steps:** Laine Theatre Arts College



# SUPPORTING EVERY STEP

## WILL I HAVE ACCESS TO SPECIFIC EVENTS IN THE RUN UP TO MY UNIVERSITY APPLICATIONS?

Throughout the year there will be numerous talks, workshops and events that are designed to prepare you for university applications and life after Sixth Form.

With numerous opportunities to visit top university destinations, plus guest speakers from prestigious institutions such as the University of Cambridge and Oxford, you will be given every opportunity to enhance your university applications.

## HOW WILL AN EXTENDED PROJECT QUALIFICATION HELP ME TO PREPARE FOR UNIVERSITY?

For many an EPQ is the perfect tool to help boost your abilities and prepare you for university study. Focusing on a topic of your choice, you'll learn valuable research skills whilst expanding your subject knowledge. Additionally, UCAS recognises EPQs as worth half an A Level which really helps your application to stand out.

## DO YOU OFFER SUPPORT WITH UNIVERSITY APPLICATIONS?

All students that join the High Achievers Programme will receive high quality assistance with their personal statements; a key part of any UCAS application, including specially dedicated sessions designed to help students create unique personal statements customised for their university application.

## I AM WORRIED ABOUT ADMISSION TESTS AND MOCK INTERVIEWS, CAN YOU HELP WITH THAT?

Most prestigious institutions include an interview and admissions test as part of the admissions process. Our High Achievers Programme will fully prepare you through a series of practice interviews and mock tests in the lead up to your official admissions tests and interview.

## WILL TAKING PART IN SUPRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES HELP MY APPLICATION?

Prestigious institutions like to see that students have a wider interest in their chosen area. Our wide range of student-led societies as well as our innovative Futures Programme are fantastic ways to develop your skills outside of lessons whilst improving your employability skills.



# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

## YEAR 12

<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	Visit to the Oxford University Day
<b>JANUARY</b>	Apply for Summer School places Work Experience week
<b>FEBRUARY</b>	Enrolment onto the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)
<b>MARCH</b>	Oxbridge Student Conference
<b>APRIL</b>	Oxford University/Russell Group Year 12 Study Days
<b>MAY</b>	Personal Statement sessions
<b>JUNE</b>	Summer Plans interviews with a member of the High Achievers Team Residential visit to Oxford University
<b>JULY / AUGUST</b>	Cambridge/Oxford University Open Day Individual preparation for Admissions Tests, wider reading and work experience Oxford University UNIQ Summer School

## YEAR 13

<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	College UCAS Deadline for Oxbridge applications and Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary courses (MDV)
<b>OCTOBER</b>	Applications to the Access to Birmingham Scheme (A2B) and the Access to Leeds (A2L) Scheme Admissions Tests Oxbridge Interview Preparation Event delivered by representatives from Oxford and Cambridge Universities
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	3-stage Mock Interview process for Oxbridge/MDV applicants Mock multiple mini stage for MDV
<b>DECEMBER</b>	Oxbridge and MDV interviews Deadline for completion of the EPQ



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### FEATURED ON OUR FRONT COVER: ANDERSON ALLCOCK

Next steps: University of Cambridge to study  
Veterinary Science

### LUCY SIBBRING

Next steps: University of Cambridge to study Natural  
Science

### TILLY GRIFFITHS

Next steps: Stanford University to study Linguistics

### LAURA WATSON

Next steps: Liverpool Institute for Performing Arts to  
study Dance