

HIGH
ACHIEVERS PROGRAMME



The Sutton Academy



THE SUTTON ACADEMY SIXTH FORM

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FOREWORD FROM OUR DIRECTOR OF SIXTH FORM

At The Sutton Academy Sixth Form, we are committed to making sure every student stretches themselves both academically and personally in order to reach their full potential. We recognise the challenges high calibre students face when competing today because of this we offer bespoke support to all of our students who demonstrate particularly high academic ability.

This support is coordinated and delivered by a specialist team who can provide you with the expert advice and guidance needed to achieve your goals. We offer a two tiered programme consisting of a calendar of structured activities and events that will fully prepare you for your next steps. As well as working with our specialist team, you will also have the opportunity to work with and alongside other high achieving students with similar aspirations to you. This programme offers the best possible preparation for applying for a Russell Group University or other prestigious institutions.

The Sutton Academy Sixth Form High Achievers' Programme Students is divided into two tiers. Those students who have achieved an average Grade 6 and above will automatically be enrolled on to our High Achievers' Programme, with students achieving an average Grade 7 being enrolled onto the High Achievers Plus programme.

The support you receive will depend on which element of the programme you are eligible for but will consist of: specialised support, bespoke visits to Russell Group Universities and even your own personal laptop to support you with your studies!

The Sutton Academy Sixth Form has a long standing tradition of supporting high achieving students through this crucial time of their education and we are very proud of this programme. Regardless of your area of talent, we have complete confidence that this support will give you the experience skills and qualifications required to make you an attractive candidate to Russell Group Universities and world class employers.

Mrs J Dempsey





THE PROGRAMME

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- The opportunity to work with and alongside other high achieving students with similar aspirations to you
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ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

High Achievers Programme

- Average Grade 6 or higher.

High Achievers+ Programme

- Average Grade 7 or higher.

If you have applied to study at The Sutton Academy Sixth Form and are eligible for the High Achievers or High Achievers+ Programme you will be automatically enrolled based on your GCSE results.

Your own personal laptop worth 400 (for High Achievers Plus) or 50 off your own personal laptop (for High Achievers)

Talks from industry experts and outside speakers
Workshops and events ran by organisations such as Shaping Futures and the UNIQ Programme

Visits to Russell Group Universities and other prestigious institutions
Intense support with UCAS applications
bespoke personal statement days

Opportunities to develop presentation and interview skills
The opportunity to study the Extended Project Qualification

WHAT'S INVOLVED ?

1 Research Skills Boost UCAS Application

You will have the opportunity to complete the Extended Project Qualification. This allows you to choose a subject area in which you have a particular interest and then use your research skills to produce a 5000 word essay. This qualification is highly regarded by Russell Group universities as it demonstrates your ability to work independently as well as being ideal preparation for admission interviews.

2 Specialist Support

You will be offered specialist support from an expert from our High Achievers' team to support you in your application Russell Group and other prestigious institutions. We can also support you if you aspirations to secure admission onto competitive degrees such as Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary Science courses.

3 University Admissions Preparation

Someone from our specialist High Achievers' team will assist you in drafting your Personal Statement which forms a key part of your UCAS application. As the most prestigious and competitive universities select by interview, you will also be given the opportunity to participate in practice interviews. These will test and refine your skills, which will also include professional feedback to enable you to improve your performance in the real thing.

4 Russell Group University Trips, Visits and Seminars

Students on the programme have the opportunity to visit Oxford and Cambridge, staying in undergraduate accommodation and experiencing life there as a student as part of the Cambridge Shadowing Scheme. There is also the annual Oxbridge Regional Conference where students attend lectures and find out information about studying there. Our high achieving students are also encouraged to apply for the UNIQ Programme.

5 TAP TV Top Achievers Programme

The Top Achievers Programme is a student mentoring programme for raising aspirations and supporting high achieving students to make successful applications to Russell Group universities (including Oxford and Cambridge Universities) as well as other top Medical and Dental schools.



WHAT OUR STUDENTS SAY

Max Lloyd

"The high achievers programme at The Sutton Academy Sixth Form has supported me in many ways. When applying for university the visiting speakers from Russell Group universities provided an important head start on the process. We visited local colleges to take part in presentations on life as a student at Oxbridge which gave me a greater insight into life as an Oxford or Cambridge student. Subject areas have lots of different enrichment activities available, for example I attended a STEM masterclass hosted by some of the best scientists working at the cutting edge of their specialisms in Biology, Chemistry and Physics. The high achievers programme encouraged me to make a successful application to the UNIQ programme at the University of Oxford and the Realising Opportunities programme. All Realising Opportunities universities give programme members up to two A-Level grades lower than the standard offer and additional consideration to my application. I was also encouraged to apply for the Future Teachers Scholarship and now have the chance of receiving a £15000 bursary. The programme also offers insights in to graduate careers giving me the chance to explore different career pathways through real life graduate stories."



Biology (B)
Chemistry (B)
Mathematics
(Going on to study
Biochemistry at
University of Liverpool)

Leonie Hanlon

"The High Achievers Programme really helped me to prepare for university Applicants attend sessions on topics such as 'How to apply' and 'Writing Personal Statements' They also have visiting speakers from Russell Group universities which provides a great insight into life at their universities and the criteria needed I was supported with my application to UNIQ, a residential summer programme at Oxford University and was successful in their online programme I also successfully applied and completed the Realising Opportunities programme which has increased my knowledge about research intensive universities and what they can offer me I have also had the opportunity to develop skills that help with my studies and the academic elements of studying at A Level The high achievers programme ensured that I was given the tools to make informed choices by giving support and guidance on Russell Group universities so I could make informed decisions about my future."



Biology (B),
Psychology (A),
English Combined (A)
Studying Psychology at
University Of Liverpool

WHY A RUSSELL GROUP UNIVERSITY?



The Russell Group represents 24 leading UK universities which are committed to maintaining the very best research, an outstanding teaching and learning experience and unrivalled links with business and the public sector.

Every year, more than 160,000 students from the UK and nearly 90,000 from the rest of the world choose to join the 320,000 students who are already studying at a Russell Group university. There they will learn from some of the world's finest minds, have access to the very best teaching facilities and be part of a talented, diverse peer group.

Why should you be one of them?

Russell Group universities work hard to create the ideal learning environment for students to flourish. The combination of teaching and research excellence in our universities will offer you the chance to learn from some of the world's most respected academics. You will be supported to make sure you get the most from the education our universities offer and you'll have access to some of the best teaching facilities in the UK: from libraries and lecture halls, to labs and online learning tools. In combination, this gives Russell Group graduates a huge step up to achieving success in the wider world.

At a Russell Group university, you will benefit from world-class teachers, first-rate facilities and a highly-motivated and talented peer group.

Funding your studies

Money worries should not put you off from applying to a Russell Group university. Russell Group universities offer financial help to their students in addition to the maintenance loans and grants provided by the Government. The money that you receive will vary between universities and depend on your particular circumstances but last year a third of all undergraduate students at English Russell Group universities received a bursary or scholarship worth an average of £2,200.



TIMELINE OF EVENTS

WELCOME MEETING

- Welcome to the High Achievers Programme
- Applications for the Cambridge Shadowing Scheme
- Apply for UNIQ



AUTUMN
TERM 2020

SPRING
TERM 2021



- Russell Group University Visit
- Realising Opportunities Applications

UNIVERSITY VISITS

UCAS PROCESS

- Russell Group University Visit
- Bespoke Personal Statement workshops
- Introduction to UCAS process
- UCAS preparation for Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary Science Applicants



SUMMER
TERM 2021

AUTUMN
TERM 2021



- Bespoke Personal Statement workshops
- Introduction to TAP TV

PERSONAL STATEMENTS

AIM HIGHER

- Aim Higher Evening to provide advice and guidance on how to secure the very best grades



SPRING
TERM 2022



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