



DRAYTON MANOR HIGH SCHOOL



EXCELSIOR
PROGRAMME

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MESSAGE FROM THE SIXTH FORM TEAM

At Drayton Manor Sixth Form, we are proud to offer a high-quality, academically ambitious and personally enriching Sixth Form Excelsior Programme designed to support students in achieving exceptional outcomes. Our provision combines strong academic guidance with tailored enrichment, ensuring every scholar is fully prepared for university, apprenticeships or future career pathways.

Our Excelsior Programme provides students with access to targeted academic support, mentoring, study skills development, and opportunities that stretch and challenge them. This includes university preparation, subject-specific guidance, leadership development, and wider enrichment activities that help students grow in confidence and independence.

We strongly encourage parents and carers to explore the full details of the programme in this document, as it outlines the breadth of support available and the many ways we help students thrive. The programme is designed to ensure that every scholar is not only successful academically, but also well equipped with the skills, habits and experiences needed for life beyond school.

Choosing Drayton Manor Sixth Form means choosing a community that invests deeply in each student's future. We are committed to helping every scholar reach their full potential, and we look forward to welcoming your child into a supportive, aspirational and high-achieving environment.

Excelsior is the expectation that every Drayton Manor sixth former climbs higher than they thought possible, and is given the structure, challenge and support to do it.

WORLD TOP 100 AND RUSSELL GROUP UNIVERSITIES

At Drayton Manor High School we provide dedicated support to Sixth Form students as they explore opportunities at top UK universities, including those within the prestigious Russell Group.

To help them navigate the university application process, we invite speakers from these institutions to deliver informative sessions on topics such as course offerings, the application process, interview preparation, and understanding grade requirements.

Additionally, we arrange student trips to select Russell Group universities, where students have the chance to attend subject taster sessions, take guided campus tours, and meet with lecturers.

These experiences are designed to give our students valuable insights and help them make informed decisions about their future academic journeys.





UNIVERSITY DESTINATIONS 2026

Bournemouth University

Media Production

Bristol, UWE

Optomety

Brunel University of London

Psychology with Placement
Sport, Health and Exercise Science

Cardiff University

Physical Geography with a Year of Study Abroad

City St George's, University of London

Introduction to Health Sciences
Biomedical Science BSc
Foundation Year in Business, Finance and Accounting
Accounting and Finance (with Professional Placement)
Optometry
Economics
Law LLB
Foundation Year in Business, Finance and Accounting
Adult Nursing
International Political Economy
Aerospace Engineering (with Placement)
Business with Marketing
Biomedical Science BSc

Durham University

Biological Sciences

Goldsmiths, University of London

Psychology with Clinical Psychology

Imperial College London

Chemistry with Molecular Physics

King's College London, University of London

Politics
Artificial Intelligence
Pharmacology
Artificial Intelligence and Philosophy
Electronic Engineering
Midwifery with Registration as a Midwife
Neuroscience
War Studies and History
Neuroscience
Computer Science with a Year in Industry
Neuroscience and Psychology with a Professional Placement Year
Biomedical Science
Extended Medical Degree Programme

Kingston University

Fashion Promotion and Communications
Product and Furniture Design
Primary Education (QTS)

LMA

Music Performance and Industry

London South Bank University

Children's Nursing

Manchester Metropolitan University

Sport and Exercise Science

Middlesex University

Neuroscience

Newcastle University

Pharmacy

Queen Mary University of London

Pharmacology and Innovative Therapeutics with Year in Industry
Environmental Science
Computer Science
Law
Chemical Engineering with Industrial Experience
Chemical Engineering
Medical Genetics
Biological Sciences with Foundation
Computer Science with Foundation
Biochemistry
Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence
Mathematics

Queen's University Belfast

History
History and Politics

Royal Holloway, University of London

Criminology and Psychology
Criminology and Psychology with a Year in Industry
Law with Criminology
Video Games Art and Design

Swansea University

Medical Pharmacology

The University of Edinburgh

Biological Sciences

UCL (University College London)

Cancer Biomedicine
Population Health Sciences (Data Science)
Social Sciences with Data Science

University for the Creative Arts

Business & Management

University of Birmingham

Mathematics, Statistics and Data Science
Aerospace Engineering University of Bristol

University of Bristol

Computer Science
Economics and Finance
Mechanical and Electrical Engineering
Physics with Industrial Experience

University of Essex

Economics

University of Exeter

International Relations and Modern Languages with International Placement
Law with Business

University of Hertfordshire

Diagnostic Radiography and Imaging
Optometry

University of Leicester

Criminology with Forensic Psychology

University of Manchester

Classics
Physics
History of Art

University of Oxford

History - Pembroke College
History - St. Peter's College

University of Reading

International Business and Management with Study Year Abroad
Business and Management

University of Sheffield

Geography

University of Southampton

Psychology
Computer Science
Economics (BSc)
Mechanical Engineering/Aerospace Engineering
Politics and International Relations University of Surrey

University of Surrey

Biomedical Science with Foundation Year
Psychology

University of Sussex

Economics and Finance (with a professional placement year)

University of the Arts London

Fashion Marketing

University of Warwick

Mathematics
Film and Literature
Biological Sciences

University of West London

Information Technology

University of Westminster, London

Psychology
Medical Sciences
Marketing Management

University of York

History
Environment, Economics and Ecology with a placement year
Genetics
Sociology with Social Psychology



ORANGE LABELS DENOTES A RUSSELL GROUP UNIVERSITY

The transition to Sixth Form can feel like a big change, which is why we offer a range of induction activities to help you settle in quickly and start the year with confidence. These include:

INDUCTION DAY

Subject-specific work to complete in the holidays to help you confirm it is the right course for you and to get you ready for the A Level mindset.

INDUCTION AFTERNOON

Where tutor groups complete teambuilding activities and take part in the first of many inter-tutor competitions.

INDUCTION ASSEMBLIES

Where tutor groups complete teambuilding activities and take part in the first of many inter-tutor competitions.

INDUCTION STUDY SKILLS

Run by a specialist organisation called Positively You. Students follow a high-impact programme which prepares them for independent study, note taking, conceptual learning and how to ensure success at A Levels.



EXCELSIOR PROGRAMME AND THE 'SUPER CURRICULUM'

Our Sixth Form scholars benefit from a full programme of support to ensure they are fully prepared and confident in their Oxbridge applications. This includes:

- Eton College Summer School
- Excelsior Society - a weekly meeting where students are challenged in their thinking by our Oxbridge alumni teaching staff. Visitors and speakers from Drayton Manor Oxbridge Alumni prepare students for applications and selection process
- tutoring for Oxbridge, Medicine and Law
- opportunities to take part in mentoring schemes, summer schools, webinars, day trips and residential visits run by Russell Group universities and our link Colleges at Oxford and Cambridge
- tailored subject support and guidance
- mock interviews and preparation for university admissions such as BMAT tests
- MOOC Club
- weekly assembly speakers from industry.



OXBRIDGE SUPPORT PROGRAMME

Our Oxbridge Programme is designed to prepare students for successful applications to Oxford or Cambridge Universities (Oxbridge). Students are selected for the programme based on their GCSE performance.

In Year One, students will benefit from

- support from Oxbridge tutors
- information on open days, masterclasses and summer schools at Oxford and Cambridge
- bespoke workshop with personal statement writing
- Oxbridge/Leadership conferences with visiting speakers
- opportunities to attend partnership courses with private schools
- guidance and bespoke support on applying for mentoring schemes
- confidence building workshops with notable guest speakers

In Year Two, students will receive

- an interview workshop to develop essential interview skills
- an Oxbridge mock interview conducted by Alumni and Expert Staff Members
- one-to-one support for refining and editing personal statements
- small group tuition from Oxbridge tutors and the support around mock interviews and personal statements
- Admission testing - mock exams

This comprehensive programme aims to equip students with the knowledge, skills and confidence to make a strong application to the universities of Oxford and Cambridge.



MEDICINE AND DENTISTRY PROGRAMME

Students interested in Medicine and/or Dentistry follow an additional programme which includes

- regular guest speakers who are successful in the field
- student-led debates about the developments in medicine and dentistry supported by STEM staff
- support in finding relevant work experience
- a medicine and dentistry handbook
- attendance at University lectures at King's College and Gresham College
- preparation and tutoring for university admissions interviews
- intensive specialist support for university applications
- entry practice tests (UCAT and BMAT)
- tailored subject support and guidance
- mock interviews and preparation for university admissions tests
- Medic Mentor support and virtual work experience

LAW PROGRAMME

Those of you thinking of a career in Law are encouraged to join our Law Society. As part of this you will

- benefit from a range of guest speakers including solicitors, Judges and Barristers
- have public speaking enrichment
- take a trip to the Old Bailey and/or the Royal Courts of Justice
- attend a Law networking evening in connection with Highgate Independent School
- participate in student-led debates about current cases and the latest developments in law
- attend lectures at UCL's Centre for Ethics and Law and Gresham College
- receive support in finding relevant work experience and access to our successful alumni
- receive LNAT Tutoring
- receive Interview preparation

ASPIRATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

We encourage our students to be aspirational and support them to achieve their goals by providing invaluable experiences to inform their career decisions and support the UCAS application process.

Our students will benefit from the following

- a week of work experience in the Summer Term of Year 12
- trips to UCAS and career conventions
- Oxford Excelsior Programme
- tutoring for preparation to Oxbridge and Medicine and Dentistry
- subject taster sessions at the University of Oxford and the University of Cambridge
- Unifrog - a complete destinations platform which helps students find and apply for the best courses for them
- well-developed links to universities through our alumni such as Imperial College
- partnerships with top independent schools such as Eton College and Highgate School
- one-to-one careers advice and guidance
- a full UCAS Programme including an in-house UCAS Day tailored to individuals' needs with guest speakers in attendance
- dedicated individual support as part of the UCAS application process
- a broad and varied programme of external speakers as part of our assembly and RSE programme
- visits to universities, including the University of Oxford and Cambridge and the University of Bath
- a dedicated Futures and Careers Coordinator who helps students to succeed an independent careers advisor
- UpLearn, an online platform which supports you to gain the highest of grades



FIND OUT WHERE DRAYTON MANOR SIXTH FORM TAKES YOU

