



DRAYTON MANOR HIGH SCHOOL

EXCELSIOR

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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.

Mr Boniface  
Head of Sixth Form

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Head of Careers and Futures

**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.**

## RUSSELL GROUP AND LEADING 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 leading universities, including St. John's College, Oxford and Jesus College, Cambridge 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

Optometry

## Brunel University of London

Psychology with Placement  
Sport, Health and Exercise Sciences

## Cardiff University

Physical Geography with a Year of Study Abroad

## City St George's, University of London

Accounting and Finance (with Professional Placement)  
Adult Nursing

Aerospace Engineering (with Placement)

Biomedical Science BSc

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Business with Marketing

Economics

Foundation Year in Business, Finance and Accounting

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International Political Economy

Introduction to Health Sciences

Law LLB

Optometry

## 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

Artificial Intelligence

Artificial Intelligence and Philosophy

Biomedical Science

Computer Science with a Year in Industry

Extended Medical Degree Programme

Midwifery with Registration as a Midwife

Neuroscience

Neuroscience

Neuroscience and Psychology with a Professional

Placement Year

Pharmacology

Psychology

War Studies and History

## Kingston University

Fashion Promotion and Communications

Primary Education (QTS)

Product and Furniture Design

## LMA

Music Performance & 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

Biochemistry

Biological Sciences with Foundation

Chemical Engineering

Chemical Engineering with Industrial Experience

Computer Science

Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence

Computer Science with Foundation

Environmental Science

Law

Mathematics

Medical Genetics

Pharmacology and Innovative Therapeutics with Year in Industry

Politics and International Relations

## Queen's University Belfast

History

History and Politics

## Ravensbourne University London

Graphic Design

## 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

Aerospace Engineering

Mathematics, Statistics and Data Science

## University of Bristol

Computer Science

Economics and Finance

Mechanical and Electrical Engineering

Physics with Industrial Experience

## University of Essex

Economics

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

History of Art

Physics

## University of Oxford

History - Pembroke College

History - St. Peter's College

## University of Reading

Business and Management

International Business and Management with Study Year

Abroad

## University of Sheffield

Geography

## University of Southampton

Computer Science

Computer Science

Economics (BSc)

Mechanical Engineering/Aerospace Engineering

Politics and International Relations

Psychology

Psychology

## 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

Biological Sciences

Film and Literature

Mathematics

## University of West London

Information Technology

## University of Westminster, London

Marketing Management

Medical Sciences

Psychology

## University of York

Environment, Economics and Ecology with a placement year

Genetics

History

Sociology with Social Psychology

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## INDUCTION TO DRAYTON MANOR SIXTH FORM

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

Taster lessons in each of your chosen subjects, with work to complete over the summer to confirm the course is right for you and 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'

The Excelsior Programme is open to students who wish to apply to Oxbridge, Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary (or other universities that require an interview). The Excelsior Programme will stretch and challenge each student and prepare them for competitive 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, St John's College, Oxford and Jesus College, Cambridge
- Tailored subject support and guidance
- Mock interviews and preparation for university admissions tests such as the UCAT and LNAT
- MOOC Club
- Weekly assembly speakers from industry
- Weekly visits and workshops from Drayton Manor alumni who have expertise in applying to top universities
- UCAS Day in early July, with around ten speakers from Russell Group universities and Oxbridge Tutors
- The Oxbridge Soirée for Year 12 students In Summer term



## OXBRIDGE SUPPORT PROGRAMME

Our Oxbridge Programme is designed to prepare students for successful applications to the Universities of Oxford or Cambridge (Oxbridge). Students are selected for the programme based on their GCSE results and interest in applying for Oxbridge, dentistry, medicine or veterinary

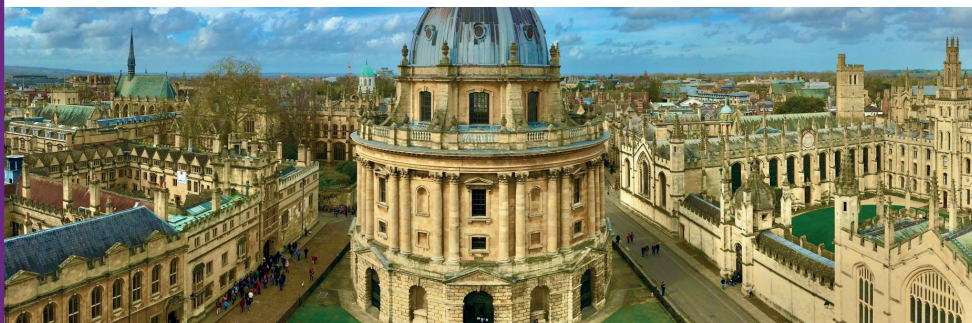
### In Year 12, students will benefit from

- Support from Oxbridge tutors
- Information on open days, masterclasses and summer schools at Oxford and Cambridge
- Bespoke workshop with personal statement writing
- Oxbridge and leadership conferences with visiting speakers
- Opportunities to attend partnership courses with independent schools, including Eton College and Highgate School
- Guidance and bespoke support on applying for mentoring schemes
- Confidence building workshops with notable guest speakers

### In Year 13, students will receive

- An interview workshop to develop essential interview skills
- An Oxbridge mock interview conducted by Alumni and Expert Staff
- 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
- Mock admission tests

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 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 full week of work experience in June of Year 12
- Trips to UCAS and career conventions
- Opportunity Oxford
- Tutoring to prepare for Oxbridge, Medicine and Dentistry applications
- 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
- A full UCAS programme, including an in-house UCAS Day in early July with around ten speakers from Russell Group universities
- 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, Cambridge and Bath
- Support from our Head of Careers & Futures, who helps every student plan their next steps
- One-to-one guidance from an independent Ealing Connexions careers adviser
- Access to UpLearn, an online platform which supports you to gain the highest of grades
- Lucy Cavendish Programme
- Degree apprenticeship talks, including the University of Exeter and Vision Path (Mars)
- Employer programmes with Arrival, Morgan Stanley and Jupiter
- Roots and Routes, our whole-school leadership conference each July. Perfect for Year 12 to network with local employers.





FIND OUT WHERE DRAYTON MANOR SIXTH FORM TAKES YOU



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