



HONOURS PROGRAMME

A BESPOKE ASPIRATIONAL PROGRAMME FOR
ACADEMICALLY GIFTED STUDENTS

What is the Honours Programme?

The Honours Programme is an additional pathway for students whose aspirations are to progress onto highly competitive courses at top universities, such as Oxford, Cambridge and Russell Group universities. A high number of honours students also compete for prestigious higher and degree apprenticeships.

The best universities now expect future academics to possess a repertoire of core skills that are vital for 21st Century professional success. The Honours Programme will help you to develop these skills as well as stretch and challenge you to ensure that you really stand out from the crowd when applying to university.

The Honours Programme offers guidance, personal statement support, interview practise and general scholarly improvement to help you achieve your full intellectual potential. As part of the programme, you'll be expected to commit extra time every week to this intensive support pathway.

You will get involved in extra and super-curricular activities and experiences, such as visits to top universities and cultural destinations. The programme helps build your confidence, develop your skills and knowledge and improves your chances of achieving a place at a world-class university.

What can I expect?

The Honours Programme is a supplement to your academic provision, aimed to help equip you with skills in wider academic research, debating, leadership and critical thinking. During the programme you will work towards the following badges:

- Ambassadorship
- Enrichment
- Research Skills
- Social Action
- Widening Participation & Access Programme
- Careers
- Networking
- Work Experience

Evidence of the work you do towards these badges will be logged in your Honours Diary. Upon completion of the Honours Programme badges, students will have their hard work and commitment recognised through the presentation of the Honours Leader Award.



Philippa Lloyd

STUDENT SUCCESS

Previous school:
St Mary's Catholic High School

Now attending:
University of Cambridge studying Economics

Qualifications gained:
A Level Economics (A*),
Further Mathematics (A*), Mathematics (A*)
and Extended Project Qualification (A*)

Enrichment:
Women into Leadership, Learner Voice,
Podcasting, Student Ambassador



HONOURS AWARDS AND BADGES

ENRICHMENT

Must complete:

- 6 weeks of enrichment
- 3 sessions from the Leadership Programme (one per term)

BADGE



RESEARCH PROJECT

Must complete:

- EPQ or the "Honours Challenge"
- Individual presentation

BADGE



AMBASSADOR

Must support at least two events:

- Open Event
- Future Honours
- New Student Day
- Year 10 Taster Day

BADGE



SOCIAL ACTION

Must complete:

- A social action project and group presentation
- Volunteering award (optional)

BADGE



BADGE

WORK EXPERIENCE

Must complete:

- One week of in-person work experience
- Medics/Dentists must complete two separate work locations



BADGE

CAREERS

Must complete:

- A careers appointment
- Personal statement review
- A mock interview
- University open day



BADGE

ACCESS PROGRAMME

Must complete at least one of the following:

- University Access Programme (HE+, MAP)
- Industry Access Programme (EY, PwC)
- Professional Qual (MHFA, MoS, Adobe)
- Careers 6 week employer programme
- Sutton Trust Online Programme
- A subject insight day at a university

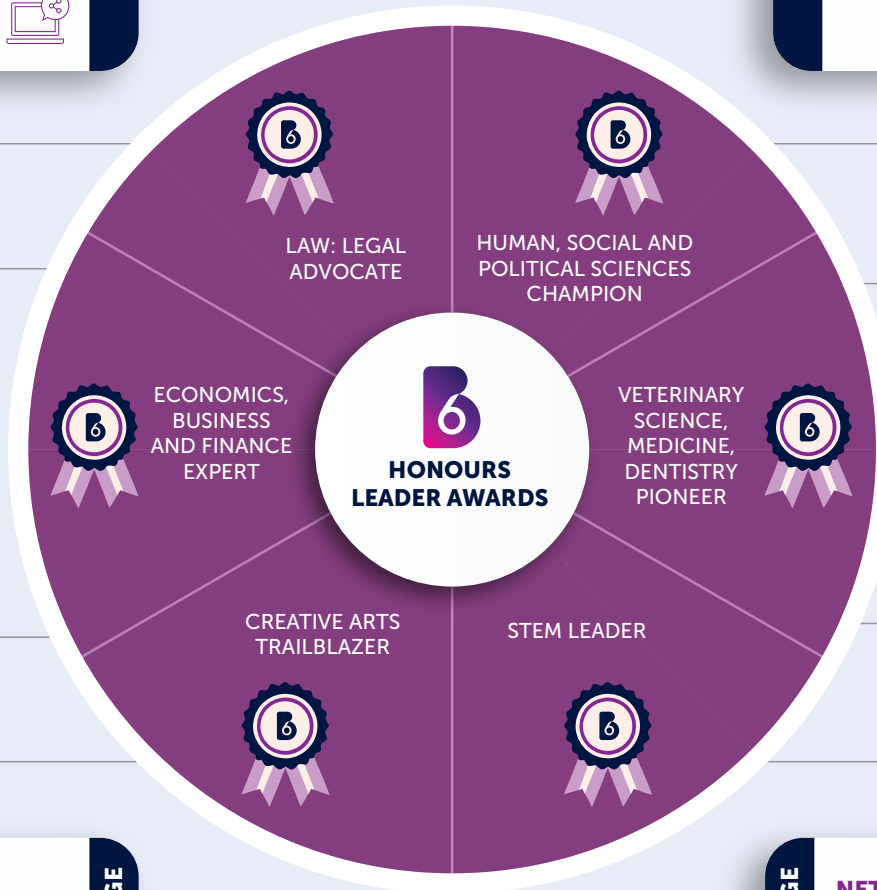


BADGE

NETWORKING

Must complete:

- Create a LinkedIn Profile
- Join Honours Network
- Attend one networking event
- Participate in the Honours Buddy Scheme



Your Honours Diary

As an Honours student you will also keep a diary which acts as a record of achievement and logs the extra-curricular activities that you engage in. You will reflect on how you are developing as a person through taking part in our fantastic enrichment programme. You will also take part in internships and work experience placements so the diary will help you to process, evaluate and promote what you are achieving outside of the classroom.



Student Ambassador



Go Ape



Debating Society



Learner Voice



Work Experience

Honours Programme Tutorials

Honours Programme Tutorials are weekly timetabled classes designed to increase your cultural understanding as well as offering you opportunities to think in different ways. Through our sessions on culture and ethics you will learn to think critically about current affairs. You will also develop your interpersonal skills, from social etiquette and engaging with employers to presentation skills and effective communication. You will become more resilient and resourceful by developing your emotional intelligence and develop key strategies for problem solving and independent self-developments.

Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)

Exclusively available for Honours students to apply to, the Extended Project Qualification provides the opportunity to work on an individual research paper with expert support from an experienced member of the The Sixth Form's teaching staff. It allows you to choose a topic that you are passionate about. For example an aspiring doctor may write their EPQ on the impact of AI in Medicine.

While completing this project you will increase your academic toolkit and develop those research skills which are so highly valued by universities. The EPQ can be particularly helpful to students wishing to pursue a career in Medicine, Dentistry or Veterinary Science. It will demonstrate that you are motivated, organised, imaginative and driven. The EPQ carries up to 28 additional UCAS points.



Extended Project Qualification



Trips and Visits



Anisha Mohammed

STUDENT SUCCESS

Previous school:

Harper Green School

Destination:

University of Oxford studying
Philosophy, Politics and Economics

Grades achieved:

A Level History (A*)
A Level Mathematics (A)
A Level Politics (A*)
Extended Project Qualification (A*)



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OXFORD

Enrichment: The Debating Society, Learner Voice,
Subject Ambassador, History Club and Politics Club

"I'm overjoyed with my results. The Honours Programme has been paramount in helping me secure my place at the University of Oxford. Their application process was really tough, so thank you to all the teachers and my Honours tutor for supporting me every step of the way. I really enjoyed and benefitted from the cultural trips and visits. I am so proud of myself for achieving my dream."

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