

HONOURS PROGRAMME

A BESPOKE ASPIRATIONAL PROGRAMME FOR ACADEMICALLY GIFTED STUDENTS

Make your dream of studying at one of the UK's top universities - including the University of Cambridge and the University of Oxford - your reality with the Honours Programme.

You bring the drive, commitment and passion for your subject and our teachers will bring the expertise to support you every step of the way.

Those academically gifted students who achieve six GCSEs at grade 7 are automatically included and receive a broad package of support throughout their time at The Sixth Form Bolton.



STUDENT SUCCESS

St Mary's Catholic High School

Now attending: University of Cambridge to study Economics

Qualifications gained: A Level Economics (A*), Further Mathematics (A*), Mathematics (A*) and EPQ (A*)



"I chose to study at The Sixth Form because I liked the modern style of the building and I got a good feeling from the place. I have received an offer to study Economics at the University of Cambridge so the Cambridge trip we took with the Honours Programme is one of my fondest memories of my time here at B6. I have really enjoyed being part of the Honours Programme, it definitely helped me secure my place at Cambridge."

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 and Cambridge or 'Oxbridge' as they are known, and those in the elite Russell Group of universities. As part of the programme, you'll be expected to commit extra time every week to this intensive support pathway.

Prestigious 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 goal is to offer guidance, personal statement support, interview practise and general scholarly improvement to help you achieve your full intellectual potential.

You'll 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.

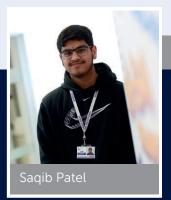
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What can I expect?

The Honours Programme is a supplement to your academic provision, aimed to help equip you with skills in wider academic research, debating and critical thinking.

As part of the Honours Programme, you will benefit from:

- Tailored support for specific applications to Medical professions,
 Veterinary Science, Dentistry, Law, Maths and applications to Oxbridge and Russell Group universities
- The study of the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)
- Honours tutorial and skills development programme
- Access to the prestigious Cambridge University HE+ programme
- Opportunity to join the Oxford University Humanities
 Pembroke North Project
- Academies in Science and Law
- Participation in prestigious University Access Programmes
- Cultural trips and visits



STUDENT VOICE

Harper Green School

A Level Geography, Mathematics, Physics and Honours Programme with EPQ

Enrichment: Learner Voice, Debating Society

"My favourite memory so far has to be the Go Ape trip we went on with the Honours Programme. I had an amazing time and it was a great opportunity to make new friends. I would 100% recommend the Honours Programme as well as the EPQ, both are challenging yet rewarding."

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 Politics, Philosophy and Economics you will learn to think critically about current affairs. You will also progress your personal characteristics, from social etiquette and engaging with employers to presentation skills and effective communications. 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)

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 explore an aspect of a subject you are studying, choose a topic in which you have an issue that concerns you.

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 show you as a student who is motivated, organised, imaginative and driven. The EPQ carries up to 28 additional UCAS points and is highly valued by universities.

Enrichment Diary

As an Honours student you will also keep an enrichment 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 the fantastic Sixth Form's 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.











University Access Programmes

All Honours students are invited to take part in university led schemes such as the Manchester Access Programme, Access to Leeds and Access to Newcastle. The aim of these programmes is to support entry to the above universities through the completion of a portfolio of work demonstrating specific knowledge and skills. Participation in Access Programmes can result in more favourable offers from university.

University Summer School and Projects

Each year, a number of Honours students are invited to take part in residential Summer Schools at Oxford and Cambridge, as well as participate in challenging and competitive scholar's projects.

These unique opportunities are designed to stretch and inspire the UK's most academically able students, encouraging and preparing them to make competitive applications to top universities.







Salma Farah



STUDENT SUCCESS

Bolton Islamic Girls' School

Now attending:

The University of Oxford - Worcester College studying Politics, Philosophy and Economics

Qualifications gained:

A Level Economics (A*), Law (A*), Politics (A), AS Level Core Mathematics (A) and EPQ (A)

"The Honours Programme has been paramount in helping me secure my place at the University of Oxford. The teachers are so helpful and extremely knowledgeable with regards to the application and selection process, offering support and guidance along the way. I also really enjoyed and benefitted from the cultural trips and visits."

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