



Sixth Form @ Formby High School

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**HIGH FLYERS
PROGRAMME**



Our bespoke **FHS High Flyers programme** is designed to support and develop our highest ability students and to enable them to feel confident, encouraged and prepared to apply to the most prestigious academic institutions and courses.

During the first half term of Year 12, the High Flyers cohort will be identified based on teacher recommendations and their previous attainment data. Our structured High Flyers programme incorporates activities, events and support for our high achieving students. It offers thorough and diverse preparation for students applying to Oxbridge, Russell Group and other prestigious institutions, as well as for those applying to Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary Science (MDV) degree courses.



OPPORTUNITIES

There is wide range of support available through our High Flyers Programme, including:



Opportunities to attend a range of talks, workshops and events, both in person and online.



Visits to prestigious universities such as Oxford and Cambridge.



Help with university applications from subject specialists and the Sixth Form Team.



Opportunities for small group sessions with former students currently studying at Oxbridge or on MDV courses.



Membership of High Flyers group on Class Charts to allow for ease of communication and sharing of super curricular opportunities.



Admission test preparation and mock interviews.



Careers / UCAS advice and presentations.



The chance to experience university life at Oxford or Cambridge through application for the Cambridge University Shadowing Scheme or UNIQ.

Enrichment activities to develop skills and support applications to prestigious institutions.



Seminar style sessions to discuss current affairs, critical thinking, debate and presenting on research or areas of interest.



Opportunities to work as Subject Ambassadors supporting their subject area, for example in delivering revision sessions to younger students.

The opportunity to study Extended Project Qualification in Y13 Enrichment.





SPECIALIST SUPPORT

is available from external agencies, subject teachers, the Sixth Form Team and former students currently studying at prestigious universities (for those applying for early entry including MDV – medics, dentists & vets).

SUPER CURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES

You will be directed to additional reading and research opportunities through the High Flyers group on Class Charts. You will also be guided to subject-specific opportunities to broaden your knowledge and experience. You will have the opportunity to complete the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ). This AS equivalent 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 leading universities as it demonstrates your ability to work independently as well as being ideal preparation for admission interviews. There will also be opportunities to present on areas of particular interest or on current affairs in our High Flyer seminar sessions, further developing your communication skills.





UNIVERSITY ADMISSIONS PREPARATION

The Sixth Form Team and subject specialists 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 advance of your real interview.

Our former students currently studying at Oxbridge or on MDV courses also offer help and support in preparing for the personal statements and interview processes. This also includes opportunities for personal mentoring.



TRIPS, PLACEMENTS AND TALKS

Students on the High Flyers programme should have the opportunity to visit Oxford or Cambridge, visiting undergraduate accommodation and experiencing life there as a student. 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 Summer School (Oxford) and the Cambridge Shadowing Scheme (CUSU).

There are also a number of lectures and seminars throughout the year which are given by leading academics which students are encouraged to sign up for, many of which are hosted online with other valuable opportunities for MDV.

Students will also be directed to a range of talks and seminars from other Russell Group institutions, allowing them an insight into the academic world.





HIGH FLYERS TIMELINE



<p>AUTUMN Half Term 2</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High Flyers Cohort identified, parents and students contacted about proposed plans with opportunities to self-refer. • Introductory session with the Sixth Form Team to gain understanding of current ambitions and talk through Oxbridge/MDV requirements.
<p>SPRING Half Term 1</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Should you be thinking about Oxbridge? • Session from Oxbridge School Liaison Officer. • Session from former students currently studying at Oxbridge. • Exploring and securing valuable experiences for MDV.
<p>SPRING Half Term 2</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subject masterclasses. • Oxbridge Regional Conference. • Seminar Sessions developing critical thinking, debate and communication. • Career Experience week.
<p>SUMMER Half Term 1</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seminar sessions developing critical thinking, debate and communication. • Subject specific sessions. • Students begin EPQ. • Shadowing opportunity for MDV.
<p>SUMMER Half Term 2</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oxbridge trip. • Oxbridge Open Days. • Personal Statement workshops and draft completion. • Summer plans in place (reading, research, work experience, super curricular opportunities).
<p>AUTUMN Half Term 1 Year 13</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applications finalised. • Exam entrance support. • Interview preparation. • Former student session.



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