



LYMM
HIGH SCHOOL

THE
SCHOLARS
PROGRAMME



Lymm High School has a long-standing tradition of supporting high achieving students throughout their time here. As part of our ongoing commitment to these students, we have developed an exciting programme for a select number in each year, who are invited to join our Scholars Programme.

The Scholars Programme runs alongside various different programmes supporting the successes of our students who contribute to many different aspects of school. This includes showing exceptional talents at international, national, regional and local levels in areas such as sports, performing arts and the visual arts.

Every year we take great pride in our students' academic achievements, including those many students who progress on to top universities, including Russell Group, Oxford and Cambridge Universities to study traditional academic courses as well as Law and Medicine.

We believe that investing in our students at the earliest stages enables them to develop the aspiration and skills required to ensure that they have the widest opportunities and choices available to them at every stage of their education.

At Lymm High, we provide students with many opportunities to develop the confidence and maturity to enable them to cope with high levels of stretch and challenge and thus to make the most of their abilities. As students progress through each stage of their education they will know that they have our unwavering support and guidance every step of the way.

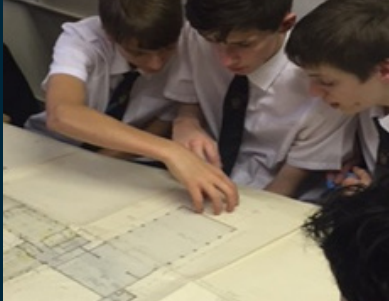
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"THEY GIVE STUDENTS SUCH USEFUL PREPARATION FOR UNIVERSITY, IN TERMS OF DEVELOPING THEIR INDEPENDENT LEARNING AND INTELLECTUAL CURIOSITY."

Dr Kirsten Dickers, Sydney Sussex College, University of Cambridge



What is the Scholars Programme?

The Scholars Programme is essentially a programme aimed at the top 10% of each year group, to enable them access to support, extended opportunities, challenge and inspiration.

It has not been designed to replace our broad and balanced curriculum, which is based soundly on stretch and challenge and differentiation for all abilities; rather it adds further enrichment through opportunities that will be provided outside of the classroom.

The purpose of the Scholars Programme is to nurture potential in our most-able students. Lymm High seeks to lead our chosen scholars to develop and embrace their gifts with passion, determination and resilience.

We also seek to fully prepare these students to pursue a pathway towards challenging and rewarding courses at the top universities, including the Russell Group and Oxbridge Universities.

Through the Scholars Programme, we aim to:

- nurture students with exceptional gifts.
- add further breadth and enrich our curriculum.
- add further depth and complexity to our curriculum.
- foster extremely high expectations for our gifted students.
- promote independence in thinking and learning, and provide opportunities to self regulate.

What are the characteristics of our Scholar students?

- Intensely curious, with many interests that are supported, encouraged and nurtured within and outside school.
- Ability to process information with great speed and understanding whilst having a thirst to continually develop this.
- To enjoy learning and seek all opportunities to gain deeper understanding.
- Readily grasp underlying principles and make generalisations through deep questioning and thought-provoking discussion.
- Relate well to their peers, other students and adults.
- Demonstrate an advanced sense of humour
- Able to work with increasing levels of independence; but transfer easily to team and group skills when needed.

Full details of the Scholars Programme are available on the website and on request.

Enquiries about the Scholars Programme should be made to the Scholars and Most Able Co-ordinator Miss A. Dockerill (adockerill@lymmhigh.org.uk).



"IF OXFORD STANDS FOR ANYTHING, IT STANDS FOR EXCELLENCE AND THE APPLICATION OF TALENT BY HARD WORK. THE SCHOLARS PROGRAMME ALSO COMMENDS THESE VALUES AND INVITES PUPILS TO MEET A REALISABLE CHALLENGE."

Dr Peter Claus, Pembroke College, University of Oxford



Enrichment visits

Part of the Scholars Programme will expose students to a range of experiences that will stretch and inspire them.

Events will enable students to develop a thirst for learning and will be delivered by experts in the field, enabling them to participate in masterclass workshops. The underlying principles surrounding these events will be to generate an interest and love of the subject and enthusiasm for learning. It will spark thought and inspire them to shape their futures.

The visits will not be in isolation; they will provoke conversations, discussions and interest, many exposing them to previously undiscovered subjects and generating a passion to become intellectually curious.

Workshops

Throughout the Scholars Programme, there will be opportunities for students to participate in workshops run by staff and external organisations. These workshops aim to develop critical thinking, and analytical and teamworking skills.

Workshops to date have been based on a wide range of subjects for students with different interests.

The workshops have allowed the students to develop bonds with other students on the programme.



Academic Competitions

Competitions are widely promoted for the Scholars to get actively and independently involved with. The competitions, both internally and externally, enable students to apply their learning and to develop their confidence in presenting ideas and arguments in a variety of formats and to a wide range of audiences.

Competitions vary widely from speeches, essay writing, poetry and formal presentations, as well as academic essays.

- The competitions enable students to internalise the knowledge they have been exposed to both within and outside the classroom.
- Older students will be encouraged and supported to engage with national academic competitions across a wide range of subjects and topics. Fun and enjoyment will be the primary motivation but by engaging with these activities students will develop deeper skills, which will prepare them for the challenges that they may face when competing against their peers in the future.

"THE OXBRIDGE INTERVIEW WORKSHOP THAT WAS ARRANGED AT SCHOOL AS PART OF THE GATEWAY PROGRAMME WAS GREAT AND REALLY PREPARED ME FOR MY INTERVIEW AT OXFORD."

Emma Catlow, former Lymm High School Scholar, studying Chemical Engineering at Cambridge University

Careers, Advice and Guidance

Throughout the Scholars Programme, students will gain insight into future routes and identify areas in which they would like to become increasingly specialised within. Part of this will involve support and guidance for future careers. This could take the form of access to admissions officers for informal conversations or attendance at student conferences designed to provide students with key information to help them get into the top universities.

However, there will also be a number of opportunities to explore a wide range of careers and to meet people within the industries who can provide insight and help prepare students towards being the most suitable candidate for the position. Ultimately, it will provide a nurturing environment in which students can identify their passions and interests, provoking curiosity and developing confidence and knowledge to the highest level.

Examples of Activities



KS3

- Developing friendships with other able students
- Developing confidence
- Providing a breadth of experience
- Igniting a passion for learning

KS3 Book Club, French Pen Pal Project, £10 Business Enterprise Challenge, Gladiators workshop with Dr Fear (University of Manchester), Footballers and their wages (Maths Challenge), Interacting with the historical environment, Citizens of the City Workshop and Tour, STEM Workshop by Thinkers in Education, Lecture Series, Debating, Young Magistrates Competition, Cryptography Club, UKMT Maths Challenge, History Documentary Challenge, Writing Competitions, Chester Zoo Trip, Imperial War Museum Trip.

KS4

- Refining interests and consideration of future options and pathways
- Developing in-depth knowledge and experience
- Developing advanced study skills and other skills suitable to the demands of higher education

Medical Mavericks Workshop, Getting into the Top Universities - PIXL Student Conference, Science Live, Advanced Research Skills Workshop, Tower Poetry Competition, Academic Tutorial Programme, The Bog Mystery Forensic Science Workshop, KS4 Book Club, Human Guinea Pig Roadshow, UKMT Maths Challenge, Oxford University Roadshow, Lecture Series, Debating, STEM Workshop by Thinkers in Education, Investors Challenge, Jodrell Bank Trip.

KS5

KS5 leads into the Gateway Programme. For more information, please see Lymm High School Sixth Form webpage.



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