



# DRAYTON MANOR HIGH SCHOOL SIXTH FORM

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## HEAD'S WELCOME

Over the next few months you will be thinking about what you intend to do after your GCSEs. A number of options are open to you. One of these is to continue with your education in a Sixth Form. The purpose of this prospectus is to introduce you to what Drayton Manor has to offer and to help you make informed decisions about your future.

Our programme for students making this transition at the end of Year 11 has been carefully designed to ensure that students and parents are fully informed about the process of gaining entry into our Sixth Form. It is also important to consider other destinations such as further education, training and the world of work.

We also see this as a time to reinforce the partnership that exists between the school, parents and students who are already at Drayton Manor and an opportunity to build fresh ones with students from other schools. The most successful students are those who commit themselves to their studies as well as taking full advantage of the wide range of opportunities that the school has to offer. The support of parents is vital in helping students succeed.

Many students choose to continue their education in the Sixth Form at Drayton Manor High School because of its outstanding reputation and proven record of success. They and their parents, recognise that we offer continuity of teaching and learning within a familiar environment. This provides a secure foundation from which students are able to meet new challenges and fulfil the rigorous demands of Sixth Form work.

Every year we also welcome a number of students into our Sixth Form from other schools. The contributions of these students enhance and enrich Drayton Manor.

The Ofsted report from May 2012 states that 'The Sixth Form is outstanding. The school has a well-deserved reputation of giving all students equal opportunities to succeed' and 'Sixth formers are mature, keen and diligent in their studies; most of them proceed to university with high A Level grades.'

The courses we offer complement and build on the knowledge and skills students have acquired during Key Stage 3 and 4 and facilitate progress into higher education and employment. At the same time the Sixth Form at Drayton Manor provides the breadth of experience, that is essential for the challenging requirements of our rapidly changing world.

Staff will be pleased to discuss with you the opportunities that are available and to provide any guidance you require before making decisions about this most important stage in your child's career.



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## ABOUT US

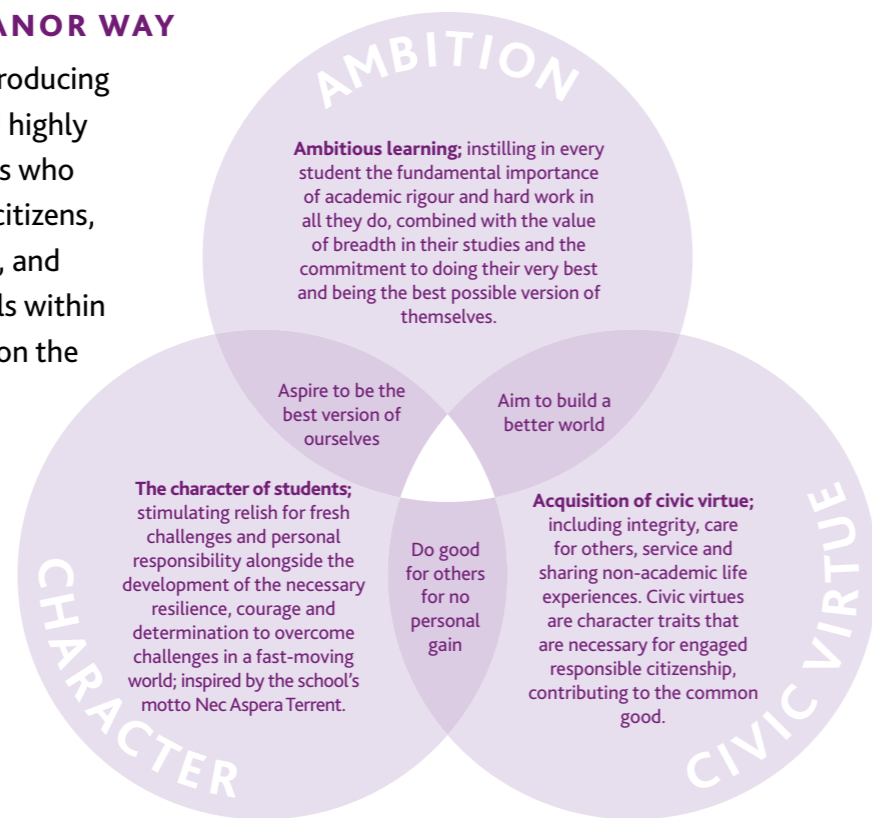
Drayton Manor High School offers a Sixth Form experience which places emphasis on young people developing the knowledge, skills, confidence and ambition to thrive in the complex and ever-changing world. We offer a rich and varied weekly programme which stretches students to learn more about themselves and push their capabilities to achieve their full potential. This range of opportunities on offer allows students to develop and pursue interests and provides them with a broad and rich life experience on which to base their future decisions.

We are proud of our students' achievements and have a

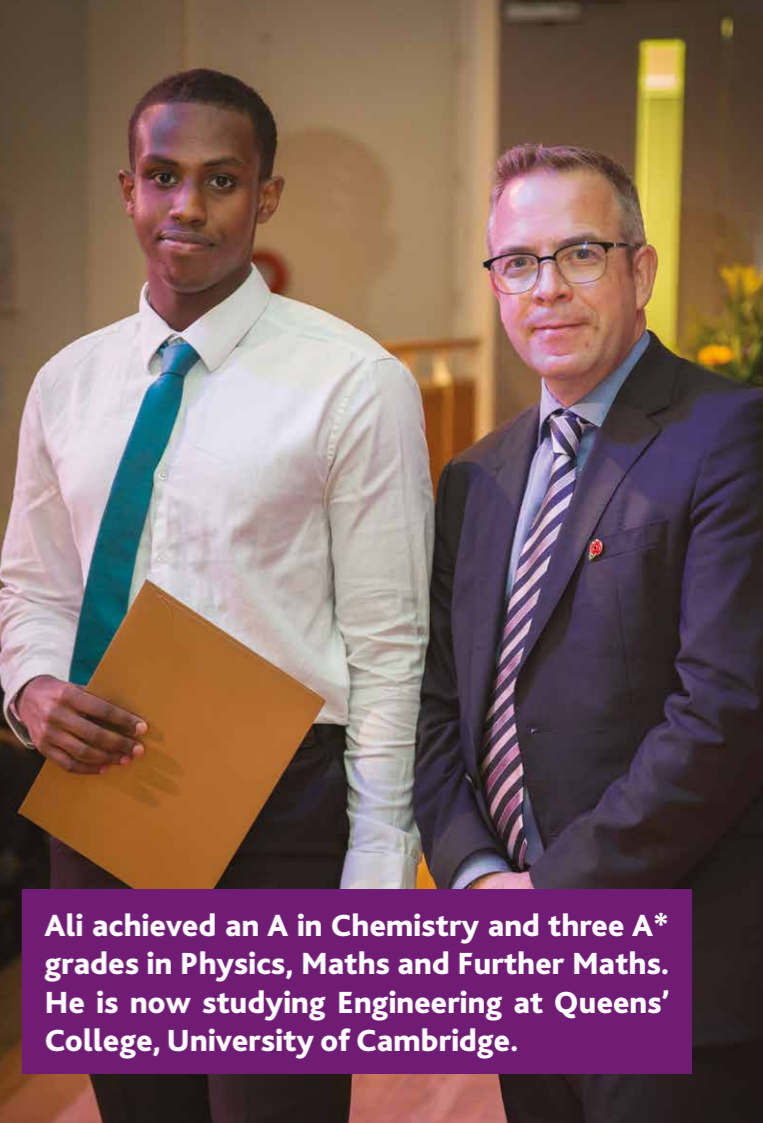
- strong academic record
- excellent rate of progression to universities and increasingly to Degree Apprenticeships
- nurturing and caring environment
- extensive extra curricular and community service programme

## THE DRAYTON MANOR WAY

We are committed to producing personally rounded and highly knowledgeable students who strive to be exemplary citizens, contributing in all ways, and especially as role models within their communities and on the world stage.

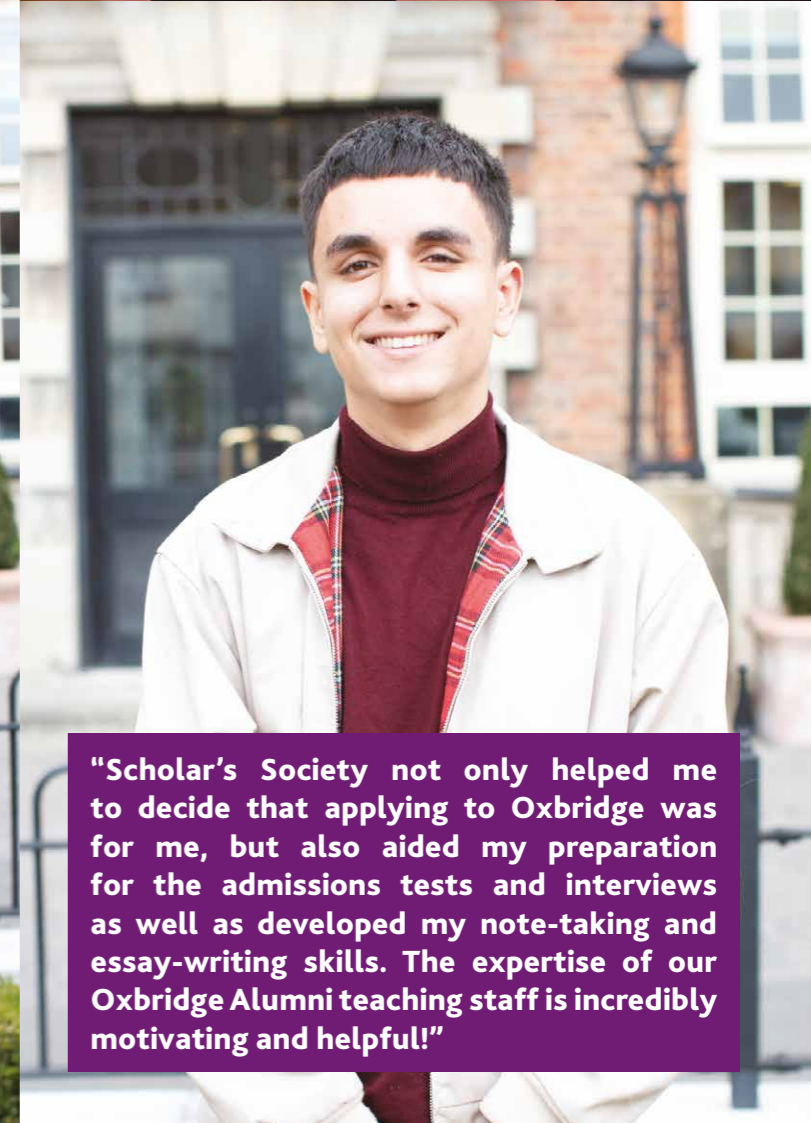


Barnaby achieved an A\* in Economics, an A in History, an A in Mathematics and an A\* in the EPQ. After completing a gap year he is now at the University of Manchester studying Politics, Philosophy and Economics.



Ali achieved an A in Chemistry and three A\* grades in Physics, Maths and Further Maths. He is now studying Engineering at Queens' College, University of Cambridge.

"Helping in the GCSE Sociology lessons as part of the Community Service Programme has developed my transferable skills in mentoring, leadership and communication as well as giving me a firmer grasp of the subject that I want to study at university!"



"Scholar's Society not only helped me to decide that applying to Oxbridge was for me, but also aided my preparation for the admissions tests and interviews as well as developed my note-taking and essay-writing skills. The expertise of our Oxbridge Alumni teaching staff is incredibly motivating and helpful!"

# THE DMHS SIXTH FORM EXPERIENCE

- **ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT**
- **ASPIRATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES**
- **ENRICHING EXPERIENCES**



## ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

We have excellent Sixth Form teachers who hold the highest of expectations for students and support them to achieve their potential. To ensure our students' succeed, the school has a thorough monitoring system which focuses on commitment to hard work, regular attendance and punctuality to lessons, as well as the quality of completion of homework, coursework and termly assessments. Termly assessments take place so that students understand their current attainment and can receive the necessary support to achieve their goals. We recognise the importance of communicating with parents and do so through regular reports. Parents can also meet with subject staff at the annual Parents' Evening and with pastoral staff at the Sixth Form Success Evening and UCAS Information Evening.

Students have five hours of lessons per subject per week plus study time to work independently and with their peers.

Academically, The Sixth Form consistently performs within the top 25% of Sixth Forms nationally, 29% of grades were A\*-A and 56% were A\*-B.

In addition to the twenty-five A Level courses and four Level 3 Vocational courses, we will also endeavour to offer the following qualifications

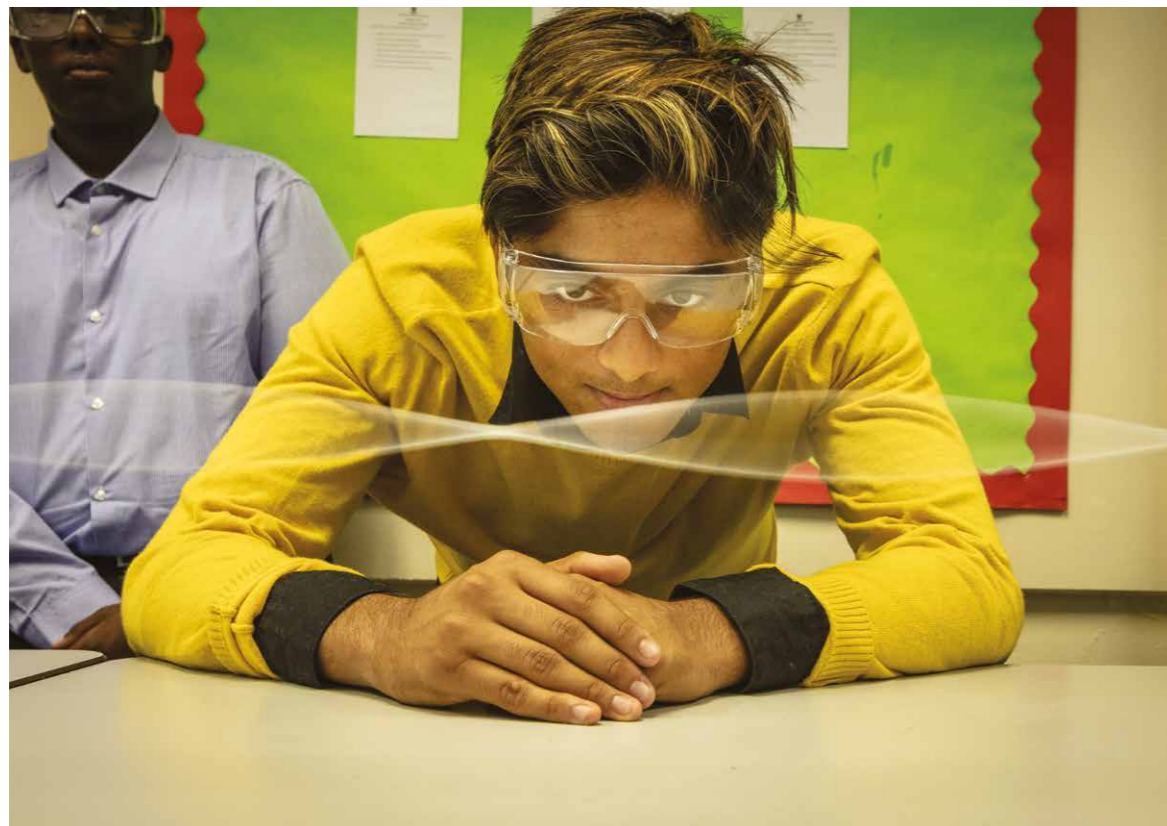
- Extended Project Qualification – an independent research project designed to develop skills essential for university such as research, referencing and critical analysis (equivalent to half an A Level)
  - Gold CREST Award – a project-based scheme for the STEM subjects (Science; Technology; Engineering; Maths)
  - Duke of Edinburgh Award
- recognised and respected by universities and employers. Students undertake an independent enquiry-based approach to a scientific process in a real world context



## 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. For example, students benefit from the following

- a week of work experience in the Summer Term of Year 12
- a trip to a UCAS/careers convention
- Oxford Scholars Programme
- tutoring for preparation to Oxbridge and Medicine and Dentistry
- 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
- partnerships with other top independent schools
- one-to-one careers advice and guidance
- a full UCAS Programme including an in-house UCAS Day tailored to individuals' needs with over 30 guest speakers in attendance and UCAS Parents Information Evening
- visits of key external speakers, as part of our assembly and RSE programme
- visits to universities, including University of Oxford and the University of Bath
- a dedicated Careers Coordinator who helps students to succeed
- UpLearn, an online platform which supports you to gain the highest of grades.



## ARE YOU THINKING OF OXBRIDGE, THE EPQ, LAW OR MEDICINE AND DENTISTRY?

### SCHOLARS' PROGRAMME AND THE 'SUPER CURRICULUM'

Our Sixth Form scholars benefit from a full programme of support to ensure they are 100% prepared and confident in their Oxbridge applications. This includes

- Eton College Summer School
- The Brilliant Club – mentoring sessions for students to experience university learning to help them make an informed decision
- Scholars' Society – a weekly meeting where students are challenged in their thinking by our Oxbridge alumni teaching staff. They hear from Drayton Manor Oxbridge Alumni and prepare for the 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 at Oxford and Cambridge
- tailored subject support and guidance
- mock interviews and preparation for university admissions tests



### THE EXTENDED PROJECT QUALIFICATION (EPQ)

The EPQ is a unique opportunity for students to explore beyond their chosen curriculum of Sixth Form study while at the same time developing the knowledge and confidence to take on independent research at university. Students start the EPQ in Year 12 and finish it in Year 13, during which time they will practise such varied skills as

- planning an extended piece of work
- research and referencing
- time management
- critical thinking
- confident presentation

Universities and employers highly value the EPQ, to the extent that many universities give reduced offers to students who successfully complete the qualification to a high standard.



## MEDICINE AND DENTISTRY PROGRAMME

Students interested in Medicine and/or Dentistry follow an additional programme which includes

- a range of guest speakers who are successful in the field
- student-led debates about the developments in medicine and dentistry
- support in finding relevant work experience
- a medicine and dentistry handbook
- attending University lectures at King's College and Gresham College
- preparation and tutoring for university admissions interviews
- intensive specialist support for
  - university applications
  - entry tests (UCAT and BMAT)



## LAW PROGRAMME

Those of you thinking of a career in Law should join our Law Society. As part of this you will

- benefit from a range of guest speakers including solicitors, judges and barristers
- take a trip to the Old Bailey and/or the Royal Courts of Justice
- attend a Law networking evening in connection with Highgate Independent 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



## HOW DO WE SUPPORT YOU TO MAKE A FLYING START?

The transition into Sixth Form can be a daunting one which is why we have a series of induction activities to help you settle in well and get off to a flying start. These include

- Summer Induction Tasks – subject-specific work to complete in the holidays to help you confirm it is the right course for you and to get you ready for the A Level mindset
- Induction afternoon when tutor groups complete team-building activities and take part in an inter-tutor competition
- Induction assemblies with key information about everything from how to organise your folders to how to keep on top of your workload
- Study Skills Day run by a specialist organisation called Elevate Education and Positively You. Students follow a high-impact programme which prepares them for independent study, note taking, conceptual learning and how to ensure success on Level 3 courses
- Sixth Form Success Evening for parents which includes a session run by Elevate Education

All students attend tutor time every morning from 8.55am to 9.10am. This time is used for PSHE education, the UCAS programme using Unifrog, personalised pastoral support and guidance. Our tutors are experienced Sixth Form teachers and tutors who you'll get to know very well over the two years.

Some students may be referred for additional pastoral support and specialist support from external organisations. For example, this could include

- an academic mentoring programme
- weekly counselling

## ENRICHING EXPERIENCES

The school provides a wide range of extra-curricular and enrichment activities to

- help students discover what else they are passionate about
- ensure a healthy and well-rounded education and Sixth Form experience
- provide leadership opportunities

### THE ENRICHMENT PROGRAMME

On Wednesday afternoons all Sixth Formers opt in to a range of over twenty five activities, sports or societies including yoga, chess, Young Enterprise, Duke of Edinburgh Award and Politics Society.

### THE COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMME

Year 12 Students participate in the Community Service Programme which gives them an opportunity to give back to the school or local community. Within school, Sixth Formers may support lower school students in lessons, homework club or as part of the Peer Reading and Mentoring Programme. Opportunities for Community Service in the local community include supporting in a local primary school, conservation at Brent Lodge and community centre.

**"The Enrichment Programme gives us a refreshing break from studying... you can choose to join societies which are in total contrast to your studies such as Chess, Debating and Film Review or you can choose ones to enrich your academic studies such as Medicine and Law. The best part is that it is nearly all run by students!"**



### THE ASSEMBLY PROGRAMME

Assemblies take place each week and include a range of guest speakers from a variety of backgrounds, such as

- alumni sharing their experiences and careers
- subject lectures led by teaching staff
- charities sharing opportunities and raising awareness
- businesses sharing advice and opportunities
- universities and Gap Year organisations
- current affairs and Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education by teachers and external organisations
- ASK Apprenticeships

### STUDENT LEADERSHIP

Sixth Form students play a very important leadership role in the school as they set an example to younger students. There are multiple opportunities for specific student leadership roles including

- Head and Deputy Head Girl and Boy roles elected by students
- Tutor, Year and School Council Representatives elected by students
- Society Prefects who run Wednesday Enrichment Activities
- Faculty, Welfare, Community and Learning Ambassadors who support school-wide developments

In addition to the above subject areas we also run a range of residential and day trips to support academic study.



## ACADEMIC COURSES

For our 2023-2025 cohort we intend to offer the following courses. Please note these courses may be subject to change.

Art & Design	History
Applied General in Applied Science (Vocational)	Applied General in IT (Vocational)
Biology	Latin
Chemistry	Media Studies
Physics	Mathematics
Applied General in Business (Vocational)	Music
Computer Science	Further Maths
Design & Technology (Product Design)	National Extended Certificate in Creative Digital Media Production
Economics	Philosophy & Ethics (Religious Studies)
English Language & Literature	Photography
English Literature	Physical Education
French	Psychology
Geography	Sociology
German	Spanish
Government & Politics	

## THE APPLICATION PROCESS

Open Evening	12 October 2023 5.00pm – 7.00pm
Apply Online	Applications open after Open Evening and close on 5 December 2023
	Applications should be supported by a reference
Attend a Guidance Meeting	Spring Term
	Receive advice on your application and programme of study
Attend Induction Day	Summer Term
	Attend taster lessons and make sure you're happy with your choices
Accept Offer and Enrol	Receive your GCSE results
	Come and enrol!

## FURTHER INFORMATION

Please find further details on our website about

- Courses
- Admission to Sixth Form
- Choosing an appropriate Study Programme
- Academic criteria
- EPQ
- Inclusion Faculty
- What you can expect from the Sixth Form
- Bursary







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