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# HONOURS PROGRAMME

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The Sixth Form Bolton Honours Programme is a bespoke programme designed for the most able students who are aspiring to attend the very best universities. 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. Added to this, our tailored Honours tutorial programme will provide you with support through your A Levels, alongside cultivating your competency in critical thinking and leadership.

## WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT?

- Tailored support for specific applications to medical professions, Veterinary Science, Dentistry, Law, Mathematics and applications to Russell Group Universities
- Access to the prestigious Cambridge University HE+ programme
- Opportunity to join the Oxford University Humanities Pembroke North Project
- The study of the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)
- Honours tutorial and skills development programme
- Academies in Science and Law
- Participation in prestigious university access programmes

## WHAT DO YOU NEED?

At least six GCSEs at grade 7.

## THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY HE+ PROGRAMME:

The HE+ Programme is a prestigious programme run in conjunction with the University of Cambridge. You will receive advice, guidance and support on how to make the best possible application. Preparation for interviews are also given, including mock interviews and seminars run by admissions tutors from the University of Cambridge.

Being a part of this programme will give you access to extension classes in a chosen subject area.

You will be stretched and challenged academically, and your confidence will grow as a result of this. A year long programme concludes with a visit to the University of Cambridge.

You will stay in one of Cambridge's famous colleges, hear experts in their field discussing key subject themes and receive further advice and guidance from students who already attend the University of Cambridge. HE+ is designed to stretch and inspire the UK's most academically able students, encouraging and preparing them to make competitive applications to top universities.

## OXFORD UNIVERSITY'S HUMANITIES PEMBROKE NORTH PROJECT:

If you are studying subjects such as history, geography, politics, economics and religious studies and you are aspiring to attend Oxford University then the above project may be for you. The Humanities Pembroke North Project is a challenging and competitive programme which is run by Oxford University scholars. You will be schooled in academic seminars and will be expected to prepare for these through the detailed reading of key texts. You will then write essays on chosen themes.



## CASE STUDY



### NIZA MALIK

Westhoughton High School  
A Levels Biology, Chemistry, Psychology and Honours Programme

*"I applied here because of the friendly atmosphere and approachable staff that I met on my Year 10 Taster Day. The teachers are fantastic, they care about their students and they are always here for extra support. The Careers Team are extremely helpful too. I have a place to study Medicine at The University of Manchester in September and participating in the Honours Programme has really helped me in the application process."*

## THE EXTENDED PROJECT:

The Extended Project 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 or 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 demonstrate you are a student who is motivated, organised, imaginative and driven. The EPQ carries 70 additional UCAS points and is highly valued by universities.

## HONOURS PROGRAMME TUTORIALS:

Honours Programme tutorials are designed specifically for our gifted and talented students. They will 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.

## 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 PROGRAMME:

All Honours Programme 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.

**"HONOURS PROGRAMME TUTORIALS ARE DESIGNED SPECIFICALLY FOR OUR GIFTED AND TALENTED STUDENTS"**

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## CLAIRE TAYLOR

Smithills School

Studying A Level Biology, Chemistry and Physics

Extended Project Qualification Honours Programme

*We have been supported with our university preparation by examining exemplar personal statements and discussing entry processes and criteria. Knowing the application to medical school is often a long, stressful process, I have found this aspect of Honours especially useful as I aim to become a Doctor."*

## SCIENCE AND LAW ACADEMIES:

Our academies are designed to give you the opportunity to immerse yourself in the world of law and science. If you are interested in careers in these disciplines, then the enrichment opportunities offered here are invaluable.

### LAW ACADEMY:

- Participate as a lawyer, member of the court staff or be a court reporter in the Bar National Mock Trial Competition. This takes place at a regional Crown Court and is judged by senior lawyers and judges
- Plan and design a mock trial for pupils in local high schools and deliver in a real courtroom
- Complete the Manchester University Access Programme, Pathways to Law
- Participate in mooted competitions hosted by the University of Law, presided by a real judge
- Participate in The Times newspaper legal apprenticeship competition

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## SCIENCE AND MATHS ACADEMY:

Students have the opportunity to take part in:

- UKMT Senior Maths Challenge, The University of Leeds
- Nuffield research placements
- The science debating society
- A scientific research project where you will present your findings to a panel of experts
- Visits to scientific and industrial institutions
- The UK Chemistry Olympiad

## THE RUSSELL GROUP:

The Russell Group is made up of 24 prestigious universities for which competition is particularly fierce and where entry to most courses require very high grades. The time you spend at The Sixth Form Bolton will not only enhance you academically but also help you develop new interests, new skills and new experiences.

University interviewers will want to know about your achievements and involvements beyond your academic studies. The Honours Programme will progress you both academically and personally in preparation for Higher Education. The Russell Group Guide can be found here: <https://russellgroup.ac.uk/for-students/school-and-college-in-the-uk/subject-choices-at-school-and-college/>