

Oxbridge Support Programme

Spring Term L6 through to Winter term U6

This programme is intended to support KESW students applying to Oxford or Cambridge. There are two parts to the programme: support WE can offer and things YOU need to do. These universities are highly competitive and so continuing through the programme is conditional upon you completing the parts of the process at each stage.

Term	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2	Autumn 1	Autumn 2
Important dates					15 th October – Oxbridge application deadline	Early- November – entrance tests Mid-December interviews
Year group	L6	L6	L6	L6	U6	U6
Focus	Is Oxbridge for me? How is it different to other universities? Do I have the grades/aptitude for it?	Application preparation	Ongoing application preparation Practice Entrance Tests	Personal statement drafts Practice entrance tests Ongoing application preparation Mock exams	Finalise personal statements and submit applications	Interview practice

MP	<p>General introduction and overview of Oxbridge – how the experience and application process differs from other universities. General course guidance and advice.</p> <p>One to one meetings with students to discuss options.</p>	<p>Weekly meetings to discuss current affairs, critical thinking skills and advise on ongoing preparation</p>	<p>Weekly meetings as last half term plus entrance test practice advice.</p> <p>Pair students up with appropriate members of staff to advise and support with entrance test practice</p>	<p>Personal statement advice – general advice with whole group then one to one meetings once students have written draft</p>	<p>One to one meetings to finalise personal statements (with MP, RD, ZC)</p> <p>Interview advice and guidance</p> <p>Zooms with Old Wits currently at Oxbridge and graduates to discuss interview experience and advice</p>	<p>Arrange practice interviews at least one of which will be with an external contact (Oxbridge graduates - Old Wits, current parents)</p>
Students	<p>Thorough research of both universities and course options. Think realistically about whether there is appropriate course and whether you are likely to achieve the grades required. Discuss with subject teachers, tutor, MP.</p>	<p>Keep up to date with news/current affairs in subject area</p> <p>Find and complete relevant essay competitions/additional courses/MOOCs in subject area</p> <p>Wider subject reading</p> <p>Organise work experience for the summer holidays</p>	<p>As last half term plus Practice entrance tests -Complete at least 3 practice tests available and seek advice from relevant subject teacher(s)</p>	<p>Achieve grades in mock exams that suggest appropriate grades will be achieved in the real thing and enable suitable grade predictions.</p> <p>Carry on with practice entrance tests, current affairs, essay competitions, wider subject reading etc Complete a further 3 practice entrance tests (minimum)</p>	<p>Register for entrance tests.</p> <p>Finalise personal statements and submit applications.</p> <p>Keep up to date with current affairs. Continued wider reading.</p>	<p>Keep up to date with current affairs. Continued wider reading.</p> <p>Complete 2 x practice interviews with Oxbridge graduates arranged by MP</p>

		Find out dates of and attend Open days (virtual or in person) – university and colleges		Write draft of personal statement. To then be improved over summer holidays following meeting with MP and relevant subject teacher(s)		
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