



## Oxbridge (Oxford and Cambridge Universities)



At the J6th we work closely with both Oxford and Cambridge universities using the HE Plus programme through King's College, Cambridge and our direct link with Mansfield College, Oxford. We organise a number of events and activities for students including:

- A year 11 trip to either Oxford or Cambridge university after the GCSEs for students who are considering Oxbridge or Russell Group university as an option after A levels;
- Participation in the HE+ programme;
- Cambridge residential trip (part of HE+);
- The Lunchtime Lecture Series at Beverley High School;
- Support from staff who are graduates from Oxford and Cambridge;
- J6th Oxbridge Society run by Mrs Gardiner (Oxford graduate) and Miss Butlin (Cambridge graduate);
- Interview with Mrs Gardiner or Miss Butlin to plan for a successful application to either Oxford or Cambridge;
- Assistance when applying for summer schools (e.g. Sutton Trust) and the Cambridge Shadowing scheme;
- Advertising of key events, lectures and Open Days via emails and posters;
- Assistance with resourcing courses and the entry requirements;
- Dedicated time with a mentor to help develop an outstanding personal statement and ensure that their UCAS application for university is the very best it can be;
- Interview preparation and practise with subject staff and external advisers;
- Entrance examination preparation and guidance from staff on a 1-1 basis;
- Guest speakers during PSHE programme at both schools including ex-J6th students.

Each year our students have different needs and requirements so any plan or programme is designed to enhance their experiences and ensure they are fully prepared for applying to Oxbridge.

**If you are considering a Russell Group university then you can still be involved in all the programmes and events offered as part of the Oxbridge society.**

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What is HE+?



[www.myheplus.com](http://www.myheplus.com)

HE+ is a collaborative project between the University of Cambridge and its Colleges, working together with groups of state schools and colleges in 18 regions of the UK. In the 2017-18 academic year, over 3,000 Year 12 students in more than 130 schools and colleges are participating in the initiative. The HE+ project is unique in that it encourages schools and colleges to collaborate to form regional consortia and to engage their very best students in a sustained year-long programme, including academic extension classes, subject masterclasses, information and guidance sessions, and a visit to the University. The

overall goal of the project is to encourage and prepare more academically-able students to make competitive applications to top universities, including the University of Cambridge. This project is for Year 12 students who attend state schools and colleges participating in HE+ and who have the potential to make competitive applications to top universities. Taking part in the project gives students many opportunities to develop their academic skills, understanding, and confidence, while also receiving advice and guidance about applying to higher education. Teachers at schools and colleges involved in HE+ also benefit from a closer relationship with other institutions in their area, and partner together to support students in their preparation for selective higher education.

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## Medicine, Veterinary, Dentistry



Students who wish to pursue a career in the Healthcare profession or veterinary science are supported from Year 11 when choosing the correct A levels to study, right through until they leave to start their chosen course of study after A levels. We have close links with Hull York Medical School (HYMS) and the University of Sheffield Medical School and are building links with the Lincoln University Medical School which took its first students in September 2019. We run a similar set of events linked to medicine and veterinary science as for the J6th Oxbridge Society.

Preparation for the UCAT (formerly UKCAT) is provided in small group workshops or on a 1-1 basis for those students who need to take this qualification before the October of Year 13 study. Students wishing to apply to a medical school requiring the BMAT examination are also supported on a 1-1 basis as required.

We keep in close contact with a number of our ex-J6th students and they enjoy coming to talk about their experiences and offer help and advice about the interview process. Universities are using the MMI (multiple mini interviews) more frequently now rather than a traditional interview. We have successfully assisted a number of our students through this process and every year students achieve their dreams and get to medical school or onto the nursing course they wish to study.

Getting valuable work experience is a must for any health care profession related course or veterinary science. Our close links with the local and other medical schools as well as other establishments mean our students are best placed to develop a varied portfolio of experiences that they can draw on in their personal statements and at interviews.

HYMS Pathway is a programme we have been involved in since its conception. Students who are from Beverley High School or Beverley Grammar School and have been a pupil premium student during part of their time at either school or meet other criteria, are eligible to be considered for this course. We are proud to say that we have successfully placed students onto this course over the years. Find out more about this programme at [www.hyms.ac.uk/about/information-for-schools/pathways-to-medicine](http://www.hyms.ac.uk/about/information-for-schools/pathways-to-medicine).

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## **FAQs - Your frequently asked questions**

### **I want to study 4 A levels, can I?**

Yes, you can but you need to ask yourself are you prepared to commit another 10 hours plus a week to additional study. You will get 5 taught hours per subject (15 hours) and be expected to do at least another 5 hours per subject a week (15 hours) of independent learning (IL). To achieve the best grades you need to do much more than the 15 hours IL. On 3 A levels this means 30+ hours of study with 4 A levels you are looking at over 40 hours of study a week. Some universities penalise you for taking 4 A levels making you a 4 A level graded offer for a 3 A level offer course - beware! However, we consider each student on a 1-1 basis so talk to the Head of Sixth at either school for more details.

### **What other resources can I use to help me make informed choices about my A level choices?**

The Russell group of universities have developed a really useful tool to help you make informed choices about your A level options. Have a look at their website for more information: <https://www.informedchoices.ac.uk/>

### **What A levels should I study if I want to go to a top ranking university?**

These universities recommend at least 2 facilitating A levels but you should look carefully at the courses you might be interested in and do your research. If you know what you want to study in the future, then it is better to pick A levels subject you are interested in as you are more likely to succeed in those subjects.

### **Does J6th offer unconditional offers?**

No. Our offer is based on you meeting the necessary entry requirements. We are an academic sixth form and do not offer BTECs or other more vocational qualifications. Most establishments that offer unconditional offers for potential A level entry, will offer you an alternative to the course you wanted to study if you do not get the entry requirements for the course you originally wanted to study.

### **If I don't get the entry requirements, will I still be able to do the A levels I want?**

Each individual student is considered on a 1-1 basis on results day. If you have just missed out on getting what is required we may still consider you. You will be invited to chat with either Mrs Gardiner (BHS students) or Mrs Field (BGS students) to see if you are still suitable for the course or whether an alternative A level should be considered.

### **Can I try out some A levels first?**

Yes, the Induction Days are the perfect opportunity. Even if you start in September and want to swap a subject you still can, with good reason, before the end of September of Year 12. Attending the Induction days and completing the summer study work is a good way of making sure you are going to enjoy the A levels you plan on studying for 2 years.

If you require further information about Beverley Joint Sixth Form check out the website [www.beverleyj6.co.uk](http://www.beverleyj6.co.uk) or contact

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