

LYMM
HIGH SCHOOL

THE SCHOLARS PROGRAMME

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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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Dr Kirsten Dickers, Sidney 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 students to gain 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. We seek 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 exceptional students;
- add further breadth and enrich our curriculum;
- add further depth and complexity to our curriculum;
- foster extremely high expectations for our high achieving students; and
- promote independence in thinking and learning, and provide opportunities to self regulate.

What are the characteristics of our Scholars?

- 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.
- 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 Mrs N. Douglas (ndouglas@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 enrichment opportunities will expose students to previously undiscovered subjects and generate a passion to become more 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 also allowed students to create bonds and forge friendships with fellow scholars in the pursuit of shared interests and passions.





Academic Competitions

Competitions are widely promoted for our Scholars students to become actively and independently involved with. The competitions, both internally and externally, enable students to apply the knowledge they have learnt and to develop their confidence to present ideas and arguments in a variety of formats, 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 are the primary motivation but in engaging with these activities students develop deeper skills, prepairing 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. Part of this will involve support and guidance for future careers. This could take the form of the access to university 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 careers and meet people within different industries who can provide insight and help prepare students for applications. Ultimately, the Scholars Programme will provide a nurturing environment in which students can identify their passions and interests, provoking curiosity and obtaining knowledge of the highest level.

Examples of Activities and Trips







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- Young Magistrates Competition
- STEM Forensic Science Workshop with Thinkers in Education
- Lunchtime lectures from professionals such as pilots, engineers, architects, civil servants
- BBC Young Writers Competition
- Alan Turing Cryptography Competition
- IET Faraday Challenge Engineering Competition
- Oxplore Big Questions – debating skills
- Puzzle Club
- Market Watch Club

Examples of Trips

- Workshops and lectures at Cambridge University
- Code-breaking at Bletchley Park
- Trip to Oxford including the Ashmolean Museum, Pitt Rivers museum and tour of Oxford University Colleges
- Space Dome Show, exhibition visit and astronomy lecture at Jodrell Bank
- Journalism and documentary workshop at the Imperial War Museum
- Conservation workshop at Chester Zoo
- Stratford-upon-Avon Shakespeare trip, including a play at the RSC

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