

## Chase Grammar School's Oxbridge Preparation



Gaining a place at Oxford or Cambridge University is challenging for even the strongest of pupils. That's why here at Chase Grammar School we have a dedicated Oxbridge Preparation Programme to help and support pupils and give them the best possible chance of being offered a place.

Our experienced and dedicated staff will help and support each individual pupil throughout the process. Here's a brief outline of our Oxbridge Preparation programme.

### **Year 7 to Year 11 - Early Preparation**

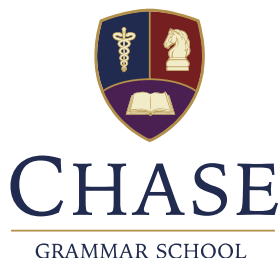
Our Oxbridge Preparation programme begins early. Even the youngest pupils at our school have the opportunity to participate in clubs, enrichment activities and our Scholar's programme which is designed to develop the kind of intellectual thinking that Oxford and Cambridge are looking for.

### **Year 9 to Year 11 – Junior Oxbridge Club**

Pupils in Years 9, 10 and 11 who aspire to gain places at Oxbridge can attend a weekly Junior Oxbridge Club known as 'Think, Discover, Thrive'. Each week the club, led by the Head of Oxbridge Programme, gives pupils the opportunity to develop the kind of intellectual curiosity that is a prerequisite for studying at Oxbridge in the future.

### **Year 11 – Getting Ready to Apply**

Pupils in year 11 who have aspired and are reaching their potential will be invited to the 'Applying to Oxbridge' presentation which provides a practical introduction to the application process. They will also receive A level subject choice advice from the Head of Achievement and Oxbridge tutor.



### **Year 12 – Programme of Preparation**

The following is a breakdown of the support that we will give to our students who wish to apply through the Oxbridge process.

- Oxbridge Preparation Conference – we host a dedicated event in the Autumn Term which consists of talks from the Admissions Adviser from our link college, [University College Oxford](#) and [Sidney Sussex College Cambridge](#).
- Weekly Oxbridge Seminar Group.
- Individual Oxbridge preparation guidance from our Head of Oxbridge Programme and Head of STEM.
- Advice on attendance at subject specific masterclasses and Oxbridge summer schools.
- A two-day Oxbridge Trip which includes attending Open Days at both Oxford and Cambridge.
- Submissions for Oxford and Cambridge University essay writing competitions
- Links to other super curricular opportunities e.g. MOOCs.
- Access to books and resources about how best to make a competitive application to Oxbridge.
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### **Year 13 – From Preparation to Interview Programme**

- Advice and guidance from the Head of Oxbridge Programme and Head of STEM on choice of course and College.
- Weekly meetings with assigned subject mentors who help prepare pupils for Oxbridge aptitude tests and written assessments.
- Application and personal statement preparation support and guidance.
- Aptitude test coaching.
- Interview preparation day in which our candidates will undergo a rigorous interview and assessment programme.