



BEECHEN CLIFF

### **Oxbridge Programme**

The School has a strong track record of sending students to Oxford and Cambridge. All those who show the academic potential and interest are provided opportunities and support to prepare them for an application and interview.

For Beechen Cliff students, the Oxbridge programme starts during Key Stage 4, with students in Years 10 and 11 offered opportunities to find out more about each university through external speakers and the Sixth Form team. A day-trip Oxford, arranged through our link College, Lincoln, is complemented by an admissions talk from our link College in Cambridge, Trinity Hall. Current students, including alumni, are invited to speak to students studying GCSEs and our Super Curricular programme is available to all those in Years 10 and 11.

Once they join the Sixth, Form, those new to Beechen Cliff are quickly brought up to speed alongside those continuing at the school. Students are given access to a broad range of experiences to develop their understanding of the institutions collectively and individually and assistance in applying. These include:

- A residential visit to Cambridge
- Day visits to Oxford
- A range of Oxbridge Alumni talks
- The BANES Oxbridge Conference in association with other local schools
- Oxbridge Admissions Staff visits
- Specific Oxbridge personal statement guidance
- Interview skills and mock interview programme
- Access to Oxbridge-educated teaching staff at the School and Alumni network

Our Super Curricular programme gives students many opportunities to develop their knowledge and thinking beyond the A-Level programme, so crucial to successful applications. Oxbridge applicants past and present are encouraged to collaborate in the preparation for entrance exams and interviews, sharing feedback and experiences to support one another.

This programme has seen success most recently with students going up to Cambridge to read Veterinary Medicine at Girton College, Music at Corpus Christi College and Natural Sciences at Churchill College, and to Oxford to read History at Balliol College, Theoretical Physics at University College, Medicine at Corpus Christi and Biochemistry at University College.