



**BEAL SIXTHFORM**

ONE SIXTH FORM **TWO CAMPUSES**  
**THREE PILLARS** FOUR PATHWAYS

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## High-Fliers

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# High-Fliers at Beal Sixth Form

The High-Fliers Programme is a targeted, high-aspiration initiative within Beal Sixth Form designed to secure successful progression to the most selective, high-tariff universities, including institutions within the Russell Group and Oxbridge (University of Oxford and University of Cambridge).



# What you'll do in the masterclasses (Year 12 & 13)

## Autumn 1 (Sept–Oct): Programme Foundations

- Year 13 mock admissions tests and interview and personal statement workshops.

## Autumn 2 (Nov–Dec): Scholarship & Super-Curricular Development

- Introduction to super-curricular engagement (Padlet, wider reading, MOOCs, university lectures).
- Introduction to and engagement with academic competitions (super-curricular).
- Launch of independent mini-research project.
- Year 13 mock interviews.



# What you'll do in the masterclasses (Year 12)

## Spring 1 (Jan–Feb): Research & Informed Decision-Making

- Independent research project presentations.
- Workshops on developing academic oracy and critical thinking.
- Understanding the Oxbridge collegiate system – research activities.

## Spring 2 (Mar–Apr): Competitive Application Development

- Alumni insight sessions - “My Oxbridge Journey”.
- Course and faculty research.
- Analysis and review of entry requirements.
- Building a competitive application aligned to selection criteria.



# What you'll do in the masterclasses (Year 12)

## Summer 1 (Apr-May): Application Drafting & Admissions Preparation

- Personal statement drafting.
- Development of a super-curricular log to evidence academic depth.
- Visit to Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford.
- Admissions test overview and preparation strategies.

## Summer 2 (Jun-July): Interview Mastery

- Topical subject presentations encouraging intellectual risk-taking and academic debate.
- Advanced preparation for Oxbridge interviews including admissions test preparation and what to expect in the interview.



# How to apply strategically (big ideas)

## Expectations of students

**Consistency:** Attend weekly sessions, keep a reflection log, and track admissions test practice data.

**Super-curricular:** Get involved in super-curricular opportunities surrounding the subject you are interested in studying at University i.e. University lectures, workshops, summer schools, MOOCs.

**Wider Reading** – Read around your subject and become a subject ‘expert’.

**Professionalism:** Bring a notebook, prepare pre-reads, and act on feedback from your teachers.

