

The Deanery Sixth Form Opportunities Brochure 2022-23



Opportunities Programme

Here at the Deanery Sixth Form we have an extensive opportunities programme. All students are provided with opportunities to enhance their academic studies. Taking part enhances an application for higher education or employment.

In addition to all the enrichment detailed below 'opportunities' emails are circulated by the sixth form team regularly.

During induction week you will have the chance to sign up to many of the opportunities below, others will become available at a later date in the academic year.

The Deanery Elite Programme

High prior attainers are invited to participate in the Deanery Sixth Form Elite Programme. The programme is designed to raise aspirations and provide opportunities in addition to the students' subject choices. The programme will support students who wish to study at a prestigious university or pursue a higher level apprenticeship. The programme will provide opportunities for students to discover a suitable course to pursue post 18, support them during the application and interview process and help develop essential skills to prepare them for degree study.

As part of the Elite programme students will participate in the following opportunities ...

HE+ Programme

The Cambridge HE+ Programme is a series of tutorials, experiences and visits delivered by a combination of lecturers from the University of Cambridge as well as teaching staff from a range of consortium schools across the Wigan and Warrington area. Students who participate learn about the admissions process and surviving an Oxbridge interview. Students are invited to participate in a residential trip to the University of Cambridge.

EPQ

The Extended Project Qualification is equivalent to an AS qualification and carries UCAS points. The qualification requires you to complete an independent research project; this can be on any area of interest to you.

Student Sixth Form Ambassador Programme

The student ambassador programme allows students to volunteer to be a Student Sixth Form Ambassador. These are therefore not elected roles. There are a number of different roles available. You can volunteer for one or more of these roles. All students have the opportunity to sign up for one or more of these roles in the first week of first term.

STEM Ambassador

This is your opportunity to support the very successful STEM Club and other STEM Events throughout the year. STEM Club is fun and exciting, allowing all involved to explore STEM subjects in innovative and inventive ways outside the curriculum. You can help support our pupils learn more about STEM subjects.

Reading Mentor

Students have the opportunity to become fully trained Reading Mentors. They assist and deliver the Reading Mentors Programme throughout the year. The training equips students with the skills and qualifications to help support struggling readers in lower school.

Lower School Lesson Support

Students support in school lessons to develop their skills. This year we have sixth form students supporting in maths, chemistry, PE and Health & Social Care lessons. Students will attend sessions during enhancement time to develop the skills needed to fulfil this role.

Peer Supporter

Students are assigned to a younger form and build a relationship with them through weekly activities. Peer Supporters provide a role model for younger pupils, help them in their form and year group activities. They can offer guidance and a listening ear if needed. Peer Support enables pupils of different ages to work together and support each other, reflecting and demonstrating our school values. Students will be trained as a peer supporter by attending sessions during enhancement time.

Medicine, Dentistry & Oxbridge

We identify and support those students who wish to apply for these courses at the beginning of and through Year 12, helping them develop into strong potential candidates.

Medicine & Dentistry

We share opportunities to apply for medical work experience and volunteering. We encourage the completion of a medical related EPQ.

Oxford/Cambridge Conference Aintree racecourse

Designed as Open Days on the road, the conferences bring experienced admissions staff, subject specialists and current students from the universities of Oxford and Cambridge to you and your students at venues around the UK. This includes information about the admissions process and expectations.

Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award

Students are invited to complete their Duke of Edinburgh **Gold Award** (students do not need to have completed the Bronze and Silver).

The DofE gives you the chance to do something completely new and improve on things you're already doing. It takes you out of your comfort zone and into a place where you'll push yourself and have amazing new experiences. You'll build confidence, resilience, skills for work and friendship groups. And you'll have a brilliant time doing it.

Mrs Vaughan is available for help and advice in college or by email. Many members of staff are willing to act as assessors and have in the past worked with candidates on challenges including cooking, computer building, photography and art. Voluntary opportunities are also available here. College will organize your expedition training with an outside provider.

Subject Trips & Events

A number of trips and events are offered within our subject areas. Here are some which have been offered recently...

History - Berlin Residential & Civil Rights Conference at the Museum of Liverpool
STEM - Euro Disney Trip & Nuffield Engineering Day
Child development/Health & Social & Sociology - London Residential
Engineering - Sellafield Engineers Apprenticeship engagement visit &
Physics – Nuffield Engineering Day (Manchester Metropolitan University)
Maths – Maths at University workshop (Salford University)
Geography - Hodders Annual Hazard Conference in Kings Hall Conference Centre
Media Studies - Aesthetica Short Film Festival

Find out more details about the trips above by reading our Post 16 Post.

Widening Participation Programmes

We encourage and support students to apply for various widening participation programmes

Social Mobility Foundation

Students can apply to participate in this programme if they are eligible (criteria set by the Charity). The Social Mobility Foundation (SMF) is a charity which aims to make a practical improvement in social mobility for young people from low-income backgrounds.

MAP – Manchester Access Programme

Students can apply to participate in this programme if they are eligible (criteria set by the University). The Manchester Access Programme aims to support entry to The University of Manchester, or another research intensive university, through the completion of a portfolio of work. If your application to this programme is successful it can aid your access to Manchester University.

Summer Enhancement

We encourage and support students to apply for various summer enhancement opportunities.

Summer Schools

GM Higher Summer Schools & Sutton Trust Summer Schools.

Sellafield Summer Work Experience

Students can apply to participate in a week long work experience during the summer break between Y12 & Y13.

Nuffield Research Placements

Nuffield research summer placements are engaging, hands-on research projects. Students are given the chance to make a meaningful contribution towards the work of a host organisation.

Student Leadership Opportunities

As a Sixth Former, you are a role model to our younger pupils. Your everyday actions influence and transform the lives of our younger pupils. We believe every Sixth Former has the potential to be a leader and we have a number of opportunities to develop your leadership skills. We encourage you all to take on a leadership role.

The sixth form roles available are...

For Y13

- Senior Head Boy & Senior Head Girl
- Senior Deputy Head Boy & Senior Deputy Head Girl
- Senior Students

For Y12 & Y13

- Form Representatives
- Form Worship Ambassadors
- Sixth Form Ambassadors (including Subject Ambassadors, STEM Ambassadors, Peer Support Ambassadors & Reading Mentors, Wellbeing Champions)

All the above, except the Sixth Form Ambassador Roles, are elected roles.