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The XL Academy

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Academy**





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The application stage is over but the admissions process continues...

- Interviews have taken place, courses chosen, conditional offers made.
- You are now parents of our prospective XL Academy students
- I am delighted that they have chosen us. We treat them as if they are coming to us unless we know otherwise.
- Their priority is now their GCSEs and we leave them to it!
- Their next event with us will be Induction Day after their GCSEs and Brave New World event before the summer break.



What we all want... the same thing!

We all want our young people:

- To choose a post 16 pathway that suits their interests, talents and aspirations.
- To choose next steps that will challenge but not overwhelm them.
- To enjoy their programme and thrive academically, personally and socially.
- To complete their programme of study, achieve well and progress onto their destination of first choice.
- To be well-equipped to make future choices for a happy and successful life and career.

So, good choices now are in everyone's interest.

The need for The XL Academy



What is XL?

- An aspirational culture
- Specialist advice and guidance at interview and enrolment (think about the balance of your subjects)
- A designated tutor group with other XL students
- A bespoke tutor programme
- Specialist support and preparation for the demands of Oxford/Cambridge and other “research intensive” Russell Group university applications
- An opportunity to pursue an individual research project via Extended Project Qualification
- An exclusive range of enrichment/preparatory activities
- Subject based extension work to further stretch and challenge

Clear pathways – A1 XL



STEM

Creatives

Arts

MDV

OXBRIDGE SCHOLARS

A2 XL



XL Oxbridge



XL MDV



XL Academic



XL
Professionals



Bespoke support

Each pathway to has at least a half termly:

- **Assembly**
- **Lecture/visiting speaker**
- **Event**

Wider Opportunities

- **Summer Schools**
- **University/employment events**
- **Masterclasses**
- **Shadowing schemes**
- **XL Leadership program**





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The XL Academy outreach

- Y10 Student conferences in college
- Y11 Masterclasses in schools
 - A to A*
 - Revision techniques
 - Essay skills and referencing
 - Independent Learning
 - Metacognition
- Personalised packages – Y7-Y10 – BeXL Sessions
- Consistent presence at whole college events/Online



XL student experience

Oxbridge

- Specialist guidance on Oxbridge, Medical, Dentistry and Veterinary applications and admissions exams
- Mock Oxbridge interviews with tutors from Oxford and Cambridge
- Trips to university open days
- Residential course at Villiers Park Educational Trust, Cambridge
- Cambridge shadowing scheme
- Oxnet programme with Pembroke North – we are the North West Theology & Religious Studies Centre
- Summer schools





Oxbridge success



XL Student Experience

Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary

- Specialist guidance on Oxbridge, Medical, Dentistry and Veterinary applications and admissions exams
- Mock interviews with tutors
- Hospital placement opportunities
- Nuffield STEM research projects
- Gifted and Talented conference
- Trips to university open days
- Medlink three day conferences for Dentistry, Medicine, Veterinary Science, Chemistry and Physiotherapy
- Medical taster days
- Two day XL summer school

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“My Nuffield placement was at the Henry Moseley X-ray Imaging Facility in the University of Manchester. I spent a lot of time researching how x-ray CT works and became familiar with the software they use to analyse 3D images. My work was part of the University’s Micrographia Revisited project with Manchester Museum.”

- Jack, A*A*A*A*

Our High achievers

**8 out of 10 XL students
achieved high grades (A* - B)**

**94% of XL Students progressed to
higher education**

**Half of all grades achieved
by XL students were A*/A**



Mia Corcoran

St. Damian's RC Science College

A*AA

Chemistry, Maths and Psychology

**Psychology at the University
of Bath**

**2nd university in the UK
for Psychology**



Vincent Allott

Alder Community High School

A*A*A*A*A

Biology, Chemistry, Maths, Physics and the
EPQ.

**Medicine at the
University of Oxford**

**No.1 university in the UK
for Medicine**



Amish Shah

West Hill School

A*A*A*A

Computer Science, Mathematics, Physics and
Chemistry

**Computer Science at the
University of Manchester**

**12th out of 111 in the UK
for Computer Science**



Shania Chauhan

Longdendale High School

A*A*AA

Chemistry, Maths, Physics and the EPQ

**Chemical Engineering at the
University of Leeds**

**9th university in the UK
for Engineering**



Olivia Papps

Glossopdale Community College

A*AAB

English Literature, History, Business and the
EPQ

**History and Sociology at
Sheffield University**

**10th out of 93 in the UK
for History**



Oscar Lewis

Great Academy Ashton

A*A*A*A*A*

Maths, Further Maths, Geography, Physics and
the EPQ

**Maths at the
University of Durham**

**4th university in the UK
for Maths**

Entry requirements

7 GCSEs at grade 7

Including

English Language or Maths with no lower than a 5 in the other

