



#### The XL 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.

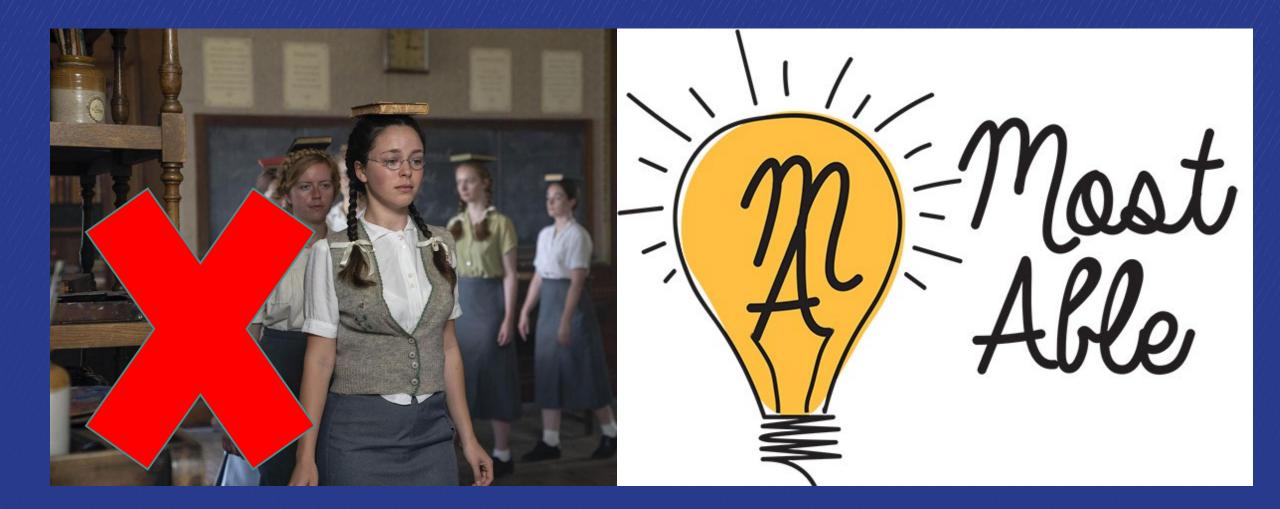
# What we all want.... the same thing!

#### 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

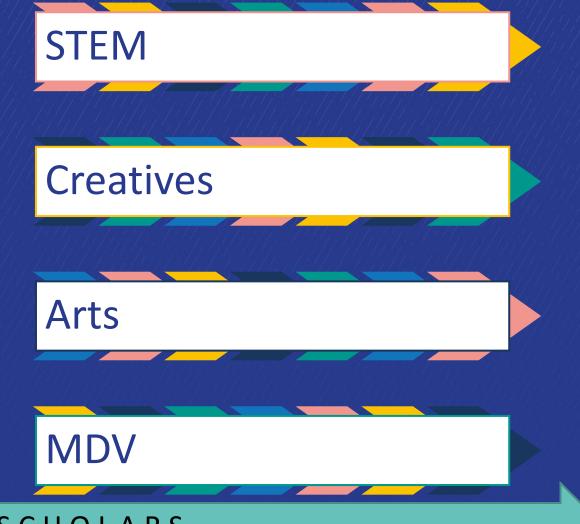


# What is XL?

- 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 – Al XL





#### OXBRIDGE SCHOLARS





## **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





#### 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







#### **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



"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

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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

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## **Entry requirements**

# 7 GCSEs at grade 7

#### Including

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

