

St Margaret's School



Designing Your Future
The Sixth Form - and Beyond

Enjoying success!

Students from St Margaret's go on to huge variety of careers and courses. In addition to Medicine, Law, Veterinary Science and academic courses at Oxford, Cambridge and leading Russell group universities, we have also celebrated achievements in:

- Gaining places at the prestigious Central St Martin's and Wimbledon Art colleges
- Being accepted to read subjects ranging from Architecture to Wildlife and Practical Conservation, including combinations of Archaeology/Ancient History, Film Studies/Spanish and Music/French
- Aiming high with degree courses in health professions such as Physiotherapy, Nursing, Nutrition and Sports Science
- Fulfilling ambitions in areas as diverse as Music, Theatre and Entertainment Management, Marketing and Events Management and Multimedia Journalism

Wherever you want to go, we can help you get there!

Read on to find out how it's done...

Your Personal Tutor

You will build up a close relationship with your tutor, who will be your mentor for the two years you are in the Sixth Form.

Your tutor will help you review your academic progress and develop skills in time management and independent learning.

Your tutor will encourage you to become involved in extra curricular activities and to take on positions of responsibility.

Your tutor will advise you in the writing of the all important personal statement and create your school reference.

You will be part of a small, close knit and supportive tutor group.

The Issues Programme

The Issues programme is led by the Sixth Form tutor team. Through tutorials and talks, it aims to extend students' knowledge of themselves and of the major political and social issues in the world today.

Personal statements are discussed in readiness for UCAS and mock interviews.

Practical preparation for life beyond school is central to the Issues programme; topics such as health and finance are covered. Popular sessions include: The Fair Trade Game, balloon debates and discussions on "Life, the Universe and Everything".

Perspectives programme

The Perspectives programme is a combination of talks by outside speakers, practical careers lessons and sessions exploring current affairs and critical thinking.

The aims are:

- To broaden students' knowledge of life beyond the Sixth Form
- To encourage independent thinking skills
- To develop research skills, for academic and careers needs
- To refine skills in effective presentation
- To support students in making informed choices about their future

Sixth Form Year Planner

MONTH	Lower Sixth	Upper Sixth
September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome Evening • Confirmation of AS subjects • ALIS testing • Sixth Form Social 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of AS marks and confirmation of A2 subjects • Decision on Jan AS retakes • Entry for university aptitude tests to be arranged and tests taken according to specific dates set • Draft references to be complete with predicted grades in light of AS results • Personal statements being prepared • Sixth Form Social
October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentations to parents at Open Morning • Year 12 Parents Information Evening 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentations to parents at Open Morning • Deadline Oxbridge/Vet Science/Medicine applications 15th October • Personal statements being prepared and deadline for these and CV by half term • Parents Consultation Evening
November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual interviews with tutors in preparation for reports and target setting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mock interviews with external interview panel • Discussion of interview feedback forms with tutors
December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sixth Form Social • Report reading and individual target setting • Year 12 reports sent home 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sixth Form Social • School UCAS deadline 15th December
January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AS mock examinations in lesson time • AS external examinations • Revision tutorials • New Year's Ball 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AS retake examinations and some external A2 units • A2 mock examinations in lesson time • Revision tutorials • UCAS deadline 15th January • New Year's Ball

MONTH	Lower Sixth	Upper Sixth
February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual interviews with tutors • Year 12 review meeting and tutors meeting to plan follow up action 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 13 review meeting and tutors' meeting to plan follow up action • Individual interviews with tutors in preparation for reports and target setting • Report reading and individual target setting. • Year 13 reports sent home • ALIS testing
March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents Consultation Evening • Higher Education convention 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decisions about UCAS offers
April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Voting for positions of responsibility in leadership team. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decisions about UCAS offers
May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student leadership team takes office. • AS examinations. • Revision tutorials 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AS retakes and A2 examinations. • Revision tutorials
June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AS examinations and return to school to begin A2 in two dedicated study weeks. • Higher Education Day in school for students. • Higher Education evening for parents and students. • Collation of subject and extra curricular references and information to tutors. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AS retakes and A2 examinations • Revision tutorials • Leavers' Dinner and Ball.
July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion of A2 choices. • Drafting of references for university applications. 	
August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AS results 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A2 results

Preparing for life beyond the Sixth Form: the sky's the limit!

We offer each student individual support and guidance to get to where they want to be in life. Through *Issues* and *Perspectives*, together with advice from subject specialists, we provide:

- Careers guidance on making choices, researching and making applications for university, art college and employment
- Regular individual meetings to build up the academic and extra curricular profile in preparation for the personal statement
- Detailed, personalised references
- Support throughout the application procedure, utilising the experience of staff who know the students extremely well
- A programme of events such as a Higher Education Day and Evening to which we invite representatives from universities and a range of occupations
- Support for gap year organisation
- Visits to Oxford and Cambridge, as well as advice regarding other university open days

- An annual visit to the regional Higher Education convention
- A programme of mock interviews with a panel of interviewers from the local community, covering a wide range of occupations
- Recommendations for attendance on Medlink and other similar pre-university courses related to specific vocations
- Assistance with work experience and community service
- A detailed, individually focussed programme of academic support for Oxbridge application and for courses requiring specialist admissions tests such as LNAT, BMAT and UKCAT
- In-school access to the UCAS online application system with ongoing support throughout the process
- Preparation of portfolios for Art college and of auditions for Drama college