



TRIPLE **A+** PROGRAMME

Exceptional support and guidance to help **high-performing** students achieve their academic **ambitions** and prepare for entry to top universities, **competitive** degree programmes, and rewarding careers.

WHAT IS THE TRIPLE A+ PROGRAMME?

The 'Triple A+' Programme at Queen Mary's College is designed to support our most able students in making aspirational academic choices and achieving their full potential. This programme provides opportunities for students to engage with higher-level academic work and broaden their skills beyond their chosen curriculum. It also caters to talented young athletes, dancers, musicians, and performers at national and international levels, offering dedicated links into those departments.

Exceptional performance at GCSE is often a strong indicator of success at A Level, which is why we encourage students in the Triple A+ Programme to aim high, whether pursuing degrees at Oxbridge, Russell Group universities, or competitive degree apprenticeships.

HOW ARE STUDENTS SELECTED?

Students are invited to join the Triple A+ Programme based on their predicted grades during the application process. Typically, applicants will have an average GCSE score of 7 across their subjects. Early applicant events provide guidance and support for those who meet the entry criteria, helping them prepare for the programme before starting college.

WHAT DOES THE PROGRAMME INCLUDE?

- Personalised support with personal statements, entrance exam preparation, and mock interviews.
- Mentoring and subject specialist support from the Oxford University Society and subject-specific experts.
- Debates, mentoring, and super-curricular academic extension opportunities, including research projects, specialist work placements, and the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ).
- Guest speakers and leading academics, who share their personal journeys, expertise, and insights into various fields.
- Specialist tutor groups with experienced Oxbridge, medical, and academic tutors.
- Access to enrichment opportunities such as The Duke of Edinburgh's Award and cultural trips, alongside industry insight days, internships, and summer schools.
- A broad programme of academic and cultural events, designed to widen students' horizons, encourage social engagement, and develop leadership skills.



ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Students in the Triple A+ Programme will have the opportunity to engage with Oxbridge support and other widening participation initiatives, such as the Cambridge HE+ Programme. These offer alternatives to the EPQ through research-based projects, providing valuable preparation for university applications and career development.



STAFF CREDENTIALS

The Triple A+ Programme is overseen by Tom Featherstone, a former Queen Mary's College and Oxford University student (Philosophy, Politics and Economics), and Jason Yeomans, a former Oxford and Cambridge University graduate. Specialist Maths and Science support is led by David Smith (Maths) and Nick Everett (Mechanical Engineering), both former Imperial College graduates.

PROGRAMME BENEFITS

The Triple A+ Programme is designed to help students excel in their studies and prepare for life after college, whether through higher education or a rewarding career. It offers:

- Focused sessions on academic study skills, critical thinking, and transferable skills.
- Extended Project Qualification (or equivalent) to complement other qualifications.
- Preparation for university entrance with guidance on applications, interviews, and entry exams.
- Cultural and academic enrichment, with trips and visits to academic institutions and cultural destinations.
- A programme of influential speakers and opportunities for group discussions and project management.
- Encouragement to engage in work experience and industry insight, fostering a greater degree of cultural awareness and social activism.

MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP

Music flourishes at QMC, with students performing in a variety of ensembles and accessing two fully equipped recording studios. Many progress to prestigious conservatoires and universities such as Trinity Laban and The Royal College of Music. Our Music Scholarships are open to talented musicians, singers, or producers, even if you haven't studied Music at GCSE. Scholars benefit from free instrumental tuition, a dedicated Music Tutor, support for conservatoire applications, and regular performance opportunities.



USEFUL LINKS:



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OXBRIDGE SUPPORT



MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP



MEDICS AND VETS

SUCCESS STORIES...



WILL CHAVE

French | Double Mathematics | Computer Science
Now studying Mathematics at the University of Oxford.

"I received lots of support with university application, with help available at every step. I took the STEP/MAT enrichment which prepared me well for Maths Admissions tests. Across all of my subjects, I loved being challenged and independent yet encouraged, with my teachers ready to help and provide feedback."



EXCEL OLONIYO

Biology | Chemistry | Psychology
Now studying Medicine at the University of Southampton.

"The Medics and Vets programme at QMC was crucial in helping me secure an offer to study Medicine. We covered entrance exams, got advice on personal statements, and had mock interviews. Participating in the Anatomy Lab, where we dissected animal organs and body parts, was very insightful. Regular content testing and lunchtime drop-in sessions increased my confidence to tackle challenging topics and prepared me for exams."



LEWIS BROE

Business Studies | Economics | Psychology
Lewis secured a Higher Level Tax Apprenticeship at KPMG.

"The defining factor of my college experience was the teachers. They took a genuine interest in both my academic progress and my life outside of college. Their dedicated guidance and positive influence played an important role in leading me to the position I am in now. I thoroughly enjoyed my time at QMC."

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