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Inspiring students' interest in competitive universities and supporting their next steps: an opportunity to share good practice



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Opening the door to the future of your choice

Aspiration
Preparation
Resilience } ongoing and in tandem

Our programmes:

- 2+ years of information, support, advice and guidance
- Delivered in small chunks on a very regular basis
- Students are successful at achieving competitive places
- Balance of equity and equality but always inclusive

How can we support students to aim high?

Aspiration

- Informed Choices
- University presentations
- Whole year group visit to RG university
- Visits to the University of Oxford and the University of Cambridge
- Visits to Medical/Dental Schools
- Student finance information
- One-to-one meetings with students
- Alumni networking and presentations

How can we help students to
prepare effectively so they
stand out in a competitive field?

Preparation

- Through high school programme
- Assemblies and tutorials
- External academic programme information and application support
- Elective programme for competitive courses and universities
- Subject specialist link for super-curricular activities and reference writing
- Form tutor link for personal statement and wider application
- Work experience – independently sourced
- Degree apprenticeship sessions and providers
- Interview skills and mock interviews

How can we guide students if things don't go to plan?

Resilience

- Detailed Plan B and consideration of Plan C, D, E
- Greater aspiration gives students further to 'fall', good quality support needs to be waiting
- Pastoral and academic systems to pick them back up again
- Student/parent/carer communication re: results day and next steps
- Knowledge of Clearing, alternative courses, alternative institutions, alternative routes
- Alumni stories
- Wider skill development as part of tutorial programme

Final thoughts and questions



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