

# BAY HOUSE SIXTH FORM ELEVATE OPPORTUNITIES

**Your tutors, who you see everyday:** Your tutors are there to support you with your career choices and to suggest people or places which will be able to support you. They also help you to write any personal statements and can provide references for jobs which you apply to.

**Access to the Elevate Curriculum:** Engaging with the Elevate Curriculum will help to make any applications you make stronger. Referring to these tasks will help you to stand out from the crowd. Remember, you can also consider tasks related to subjects that you do not study at A Level, there are also activities relating to specific careers which aren't available as a A Level subject such as Engineering.

**The Careers Department,** email [careers@gfmat.org](mailto:careers@gfmat.org): You can book a one to one careers appointment to receive additional impartial advice and support regarding your next steps.

**Trip to the UCAS event at Winchester University:** Every year we support all of the Lower Sixth to attend the fair at Winchester University. Despite being called a 'UCAS event', there is the opportunity to gather information about careers and apprenticeships as well as information from a wide range of universities.

**The HE+ Programme in conjunction with Cambridge University:** This scheme is in conjunction with external networks, it targets students from more diverse backgrounds who aspire to study in a prestigious university. It involves some online provision as well as face to face lectures in specialised areas. There is also an opportunity to visit Trinity College, Oxford.

**EPQ:** There is an option to study for the Extended Project Qualification in your Upper Sixth year. The project encourages you to explore a specific interest in more depth and allows you to articulate this interest via and presentation as well as in written form. You will receive one to one support from a teacher most related to your chosen field.

**Enrichments as well as trips and visits:** We offer a wide range of enrichments from Model United Nations to Ceramics. Many subjects also run trips and visits which are also varied, with some being international. These opportunities develop your understanding and can be positive for your well-being. They also provide you with something to add to your applications and CVs.

**The Oxbridge Mentoring Programme:** We work with an external provider who aim to support people from more diverse backgrounds to get into competitive courses. They match a select number of students with mentors connected to their chosen field. The mentors help young people prepare for their chosen careers.

## Opportunities available to support you with your future

**Online Mentoring:** Zero Gravity mentoring can also help you to prepare for your future. This is a successful online service and more information can be found on their website: [www.zerogravity.co.uk](http://www.zerogravity.co.uk) Please speak to your tutor or a member of the year office if you need support with this.

**Oxbridge Road Show Support:** The Oxbridge Roadshow visits local institutions and they can provide information to anyone interested in applying for Oxford or Cambridge. We will inform you about these events.

**University summer schools:** Attending a summer school at university can provide you with a real insight into what university life is like. Information about these can be found on the university websites. If you require any support with applying to these, please see your tutor or a member of the sixth form team.

**Online courses, lectures and support videos e.g [aspire.upreach.org.uk](http://aspire.upreach.org.uk) and [www.mooc.org](http://www.mooc.org) .** Researching and engaging with online lectures will allow you to expand your knowledge. You can refer to these when applying for your next steps and they can also make an interesting topic of conversation during interviews.

**Subject Specialist appointments:** We will match you up with a subject specialist who will support you with your personal statement which is an important element of your university application. They will also support you with any interviews or entrance exams which you have to apply for.

**Apprenticeship support:** We provide you with information about applying for apprenticeships, including a list of the top 100 companies who offer apprenticeships. There is also an apprenticeship fair and we can help you with your applications.

**Work Experience:** There is a week long work experience opportunity in the Lower Sixth year where you can gain a deeper understanding of the world of work.

**Our RSE Curriculum:** We have developed a RSE curriculum to make you more confident and prepared for the future. It covers topics relating to issues like inflation, strike action and mortgages as well as those relating to relationships with others including the protected characteristics.

**Ask your teachers about interventions and subject tutorials:** Ultimately, your grades will support you in securing your future pathway. If you need support, don't forget to ask your teachers about interventions and subject tutorials.

**Additional support is also available from the Year Office: Please do not hesitate to ask if you have any questions or concerns.**