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6th Form Academy

Gifted & Talented Excellence Programme

Application to competitive universities is about more than excellent grades. You must make an informed choice regarding the subjects you want to pursue, understand the competitive selection process and systems, submit a polished application and excel at interview.

As a member of the Sixth Form Academy, you may be eligible to apply for our Gifted and Talented Excellence Programme. This is a structured specialist programme of support for those learners with exceptional GCSE results.

Those applying to competitive universities, particularly those in the Russell Group, Oxford and Cambridge, will then receive personalised support through our GATE programme.

In 2020/21 our students achieved the following results:

NPTC Group	Grade	National
57.8%	A*	21.3%
93.3%	A*- A	48.3%
100%	A*- B	73%

What does the programme consist of?

Specialist Tutorial Programme

If you have a GCSE profile consisting of A* and A grades with a minimum of 3 A*s, you will be eligible to apply to the GATE programme which will cater to your needs and aspirations. The aim is to broaden your horizons beyond your chosen subjects and to promote analytical reasoning and discussion.

This is invaluable preparation for university. Some of the areas covered during tutorial, will include:

- Political processes and goals
- Beliefs, values and moral reasoning
- The ethical and environmental implications of scientific development.

The Extended Project Qualification

Experience writing a dissertation and gain extra UCAS points! This additional qualification will provide you with excellent preparation for a successful transition to university and your future career.



It will provide you with the opportunity to extend your abilities beyond the A Level syllabus.

- Become more critical, reflective and independent in your learning
- Develop and apply decision-making and problem-solving skills
- Increase your planning, research, analysis, synthesis, evaluation and presentation skills
- Learn to apply new technologies confidently
- Demonstrate creativity, initiative and enterprise.

Enrichment Programme

The Gifted and Talented Excellence Programme will also give you access to our enrichment activities. These include:

- A rigorous training in critical thinking, the evaluation of arguments and the analysis of sources. These skills will be internally assessed prior to October half term to prepare you for the successful completion of your Extended Project Qualification.
- The opportunity to carry out a Research Report on the subject of your choice after October half term. This will have a strong focus on academic referencing, research skills and the ability to reach balanced conclusions through the use of critical thinking, argument and counter arguments of the sources you have included.

Both of these enrichment activities will develop and reinforce the high level academic skills which the competitive universities value.

They will prepare you well for successful completion of the EPQ and the higher order skills required to gain the highest grades in your A Level subjects.

Our GATE programme provides an excellent stepping stone to the academic demands of studying at university level.

How do I join the Gifted and Talented Excellence Programme?

Applications are welcome from any student with an A*- A grade GCSE profile, with a minimum of 3 A*s. Other students can apply and will be admitted depending on the quality of their application and interview. In addition, students should be committed to achieving their personal best and be willing to undertake a wide range of activities designed to help them perform at the highest levels.

What will the Gifted and Talented Excellence Programme cost?

Our GATE Programme is free but there are costs associated with residential trips and some speakers. If you have difficulty in meeting these costs, financial help may be available. Students should not see cost as a barrier to participation.

THE SEREN NETWORK

SEREN Network: Supporting Wales' Brightest Students

NPTC Group of Colleges is a part of the Seren Network. A programme to support Wales' brightest students so that they achieve their academic potential and gain access to Russell Group, Oxford and Cambridge Universities.

As part of the Seren Network Hub, students will have access to:

- Enrichment activities to enhance and promote academic excellence
- A peer group of high achieving students
- Links to university students and recent graduates from similar backgrounds.

"Through Seren I have made new friends who share the same interests as me. Seren has made me more confident about my ideas and opinions."

"Seren has made me realise my possibilities for the future."

"Seren provides several opportunities for pupils that aspire to reach higher levels of education. It has been extremely useful for me."

"Seren has extended my understanding on topics that I'm interested in."

"Seren has enabled me to believe that I can reach full potential while offering many opportunities to learn about future academic aspirations."

"Seren has given me the opportunity to explore my interests and meet other passionate and motivated students who are at my level. I have received a lot of information about applying for Oxbridge from Seren so I feel confident now."

How Have They Done?

Rhys James has achieved A*, A*, A* in French, Spanish, and English Language, and has been accepted at Cambridge University to study French and Russian. He said:

"I did have my doubts about applying to Cambridge University but my lecturer reassured me, she made me believe I had what it takes. The support from GATE and my tutor helped me take that step to apply and I haven't looked back!"

Lewis Thorn achieved an incredible A*, A*, A, A in Maths, Physics, Chemistry, Further Maths and is now off to study Engineering at Bath University. He said:

"I have had an excellent experience at Neath College. The lecturers kept the work engaging and interesting even with the limitations of online learning. They were always accessible and supportive enabling me to achieve the grades I needed."

Hannah Parel is really excited to be going to University College London to study Economics after achieving 3 A*s in Maths, Economics and Chemistry.

"It would not be possible without the support of the lecturers at Neath

College who ensured our learning was the highest standard despite difficult circumstances. I have had a fantastic time at Neath College and I'm grateful for all the opportunities it has opened up for me."

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