



THE CEDARS ACADEMY

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CAN YOU TELL US ABOUT THE IMPACT OF THE PROGRAMME?

The Impact Report was useful in seeing how students felt being part of the programme made a difference to them. It was particularly interesting to see the increase in students strongly agreeing with the fact that 'university is for people like them' at the end of the programme, suggesting that they felt an increased sense of self-efficacy and ambition. All students said that they felt that the work was challenging but that they were well supported to be able to complete it. The highlight for many students was the university trip (to Cambridge) as 83% of students said that it was a great experience and that they would consider applying to university in the future.

Several students were proud of their final result and one student in particular, said that balancing school work, The Scholar's Programme and her extra-curricular commitments made her learn to prioritise and ask for help when she needed it. She said that she is really interested in finding out more about university and that the Scholar's Programme sparked this interest in her.

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"I thought the launch trip was amazing and it has motivated me to work hard so that I can apply to Cambridge or Oxford one day!"

Pupil from The Cedars Academy on a trip to Trinity Hall, Cambridge

CAN YOU TELL US ABOUT YOUR EXPERIENCE OF RUNNING THE SCHOLARS PROGRAMME?

The way The Scholars Programme promotes interest and participation in higher education is in line with our school's ethos of providing academic and holistic excellence for all. We ran an assembly to share information and experiences from previous Scholars Programme students. Those that were interested in finding out more information were invited to a meeting and encouraged to write a letter of application. The PhD tutor that worked with The Cedars Academy was very knowledgeable and helpful. Students mentioned that they found her approachable and her online resources were useful in assisting them with homework and assignments.

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