



Sixth Form Enhancement

***“Courage and confidence I cannot
repeat this too often”***

Madeleine Sophie Barat



Sixth Form



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Introduction

At Sacred Heart Sixth Form, we aim to provide our students with as many bespoke opportunities as possible. Whether your daughter aspires to Higher Education, a degree apprenticeship, apprenticeship or employment, there are a wide range of experiences and opportunities available. Quality universities and employers place increasing emphasis on super-curricular experience; Sacred Heart's focus upon these enriching partnerships, teamed with the academic excellence of our teaching and bespoke Pastoral care, gives our students the greatest chance of success in their chosen field. What follows is a precis of just some of the partnerships we have forged with local, national and international organisations that regularly work with Sacred Heart to improve outcomes for our students.

A Word From Our Students

"Teachers have given me the confidence and the reassurance that I can achieve whatever I want to."

"I would never have imagined what could be possible without the help and support I received at school."

"Sacred Heart has provided invaluable encouragement and support, as a result I have felt confident and empowered to pursue highly competitive universities."

"Applying to Oxford would never have been an option if it wasn't for their continual encouragement that I can do it!"

"The opportunities and guidance I have received are invaluable and has made me more confident in pursuing my dreams and making them come true."



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University of
Sunderland



Every year, we invite our local universities into school to speak to the Y12 cohort. The universities provide various sessions: personal statement sessions, student finance, independent study to name but a few. The universities also deliver sessions on their progress schemes and any taster sessions or summer schools. This ensures that all of our students have equal access to the opportunities available at our local universities and the variety of courses that they offer.



JESUS COLLEGE
CAMBRIDGE



TRINITY COLLEGE
UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD



St Anne's College
University of Oxford

Sacred Heart have forged strong links with our North East Liaison colleges at Oxbridge. Representatives from the colleges come in to provide our students with information and support from interview questions and technique, to application process support and taster days. By giving our students the most information possible on the processes and the expectations and then supporting them with these elements, we make it possible for them to realise their dreams of attending these institutions.



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We work closely with Amazing Apprenticeships to help support our students who want to begin their career in the workplace as soon as they leave Sacred Heart. The team works alongside students and supports them in their applications and helps them to discover the right placement for them. Amazing Apprenticeships also work with our students looking to embark upon a degree apprenticeship; a degree apprenticeship mixes the academic with the valuable workplace skills of an apprenticeship, allowing students to be paid for their work as they further their education in a specific area.



Ernst & Young are a top private sector employer who work in tax, consultancy and financial auditing. Students interested in the private sector and/or finance or accountancy are offered the opportunity to complete valuable work experience with the company, but they also offer other programmes leading to degree apprenticeships in the sector. Degree apprenticeships are an interesting opportunity for our students who feel committed to a career in finance- they offer on the job training with an impressive annual salary, combined with a degree that will allow them to go on and flourish. We enjoy a strong relationship with the company and several of our alumni have gone on to successful careers in the finance sector through their work with Ernst & Young.



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St Anne's College
University of Oxford

Aim for Oxford:

We encourage our Y12 students to apply to a newly launched programme from St Anne's College, Oxford. The programme offers the opportunity to explore subjects with university researchers, experience academic and social life at Oxford University, receive expert advice on how to apply and be supported throughout the process. This year, nine Sacred Heart students were successful in their applications, out of a cohort of only 40 students taken from across the region, their success is even more impressive and will give our students the best chance of success in their chosen area.



**REALISING
OPPORTUNITIES**
Working Together | Supporting Talent

By inviting our students to apply for Realising Opportunities, we open doors for them. The organisation support students with personal statement workshops, university visits and networking opportunities to name but a few of the benefits of working with them. Upon successful completion of the programme, the students receive a lowered offer for one of the top universities that Realising Opportunities work with- this includes many of the Russell Group institutions including: Loughborough, Kings, UCL and Newcastle to name but a few.



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We promote and support applications to Sutton Trust Summer Schools at Sacred Heart Sixth Form. If successful, the students will attend lectures, take part in workshops and receive support with their university applications. The Sutton Trust has working partnerships with some of the top universities in the country and can be a really valuable way for your daughter to experience life at university.



The Social Mobility Foundation works with highflying young people to assist them into a profession of their choice. The support includes: a professional mentor, internship opportunities and workshops to assist them in CV writing and interview skills, preparing students for university and beyond. Their support extends into your daughter's first career or graduate placement so that she can make the right decisions about her future and have the confidence and skill to achieve her potential.



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REECE **FOUNDATION**

Every year we invite in a speaker from the Reece Foundation so that we might encourage our students interested in Maths, Physics, Architecture and Engineering to apply for a place on the Reece Scholarship. The objective of the programme is to increase engagement in Engineering and other related fields such as Science and Maths in the North East. Our students get hands-on experience with employers and in industry and work with professionals as part of a team towards the completion of a complex project which they then present back to a panel. The students gain so much from their experiences with Reece and it is greatly beneficial to their applications to STEM courses at university.



In Newcastle we are lucky to have one of the most revered medical schools in the country. Every year, our students are given time to apply for a much-coveted place on the University of Newcastle's Medicine and Dentistry Days. This gives our students an excellent opportunity to work in a laboratory, take part in experiments and even experience working on a cadaver to give them a taste of medicine and dentistry courses before they embark upon them.



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Sacred Heart is a RSC Lead School and the work that they do with our young people extends beyond main school. Our KS5 students are regularly offered work experience with the RSC in a variety of roles: directing, back stage, technical support, costume and marketing. The students are given the opportunity to work on live sets and performances amongst industry professionals.



To help our students to consider the wide range of careers on offer in the private sector, we ask speakers to come in and present to the students on their field. Lisa Kennedy is a high-flying Chartered Surveyor who also attended a state school in Sunderland and who now manages Burberry's concerns in Europe, the Middle East, India and Africa. She is keen to speak to young women and it is inspirational for the students to see what other careers are available to them outside of their field of experience. Students interested in Economics, Business and Real Estate, or who have embarked upon A Levels of their choice but would relish the opportunity to become chartered in a specific field would find this input incredibly useful.



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Cambridge Shadowing Scheme: we have helped students in applying for Cambridge University Shadowing Scheme. Our successful students have been allotted a Cambridge student who is studying in a field that they are interested in. The students will then attend events organised by the university to assist them in fully understanding the processes involved in attending higher education, as well as learning from another student who has similar interests.



The school is supported by the North East Collaborative Outreach Programme: Future Me. The organisation offers study workshops, mentor programmes and information, university visits and financial information as well as a host of other opportunities. This helps Sacred Heart to ensure that students from all backgrounds can access the most enriching opportunities and succeed.