

An **inspiring** academic community



Sale High School

# SCHOLARS Programme



A young man with dark hair, wearing a dark blue school jacket over a light blue shirt and a striped tie, is looking down intently at his work. He is sitting at a desk, and his hands are visible. In the background, other students in similar uniforms are blurred, suggesting a classroom setting. A light blue rounded rectangle is overlaid on the left side of the image, containing text.

## ABOUT THE PROGRAMME

The Sale Scholars Programme is aimed at the most academically able 10% of our students. It starts in year 7 and helps to prepare, stretch and challenge students throughout their time at Sale High School. The programme provides extended opportunities and wider experiences that are tailored to the needs of each year group.

The Sale High School curriculum is broad and balanced and is differentiated to stretch and challenge all students of all abilities. The Sale Scholars programme, therefore, provides carefully targeted enrichment activities designed to build upon the curriculum through a wide range of opportunities outside the classroom.



# WELCOME

to Sale High Scholars  
programme



Dear parents and students,

I am very pleased and excited to introduce our Sale Scholars initiative to you.

The purpose of the programme is to nurture potential in our most able students. Our curriculum is already based soundly on stretch and challenge and differentiation for all abilities; the Scholar's Programme

adds further enrichment for our most able students, through the opportunities that will be provided outside of the classroom.

We want our scholars to develop and embrace their gifts with passion, determination and resilience. We actively celebrate achievement and success across school, our aim being to create a school culture where students are also unafraid in their desire to be seen to be doing well: where it is, 'cool to be clever'. We are also determined to catch our students early. We believe that investing in our students at the earliest stages enables them to develop the aspiration and skills required to ensure that they have the widest opportunities and choices available to them at every stage of their education.

We also know that it can be tough to be bright. We are determined to give our scholars support so they can develop the confidence and maturity they will need to cope with high levels of stretch and challenge and make the most of their abilities.

As our students progress through each stage of their education they will know that they have our unwavering support and guidance every step of the way.

Jayne O'Grady  
Headteacher

# WHAT ARE WE LOOKING FOR FROM OUR SALE HIGH SCHOLARS?

- Students are selected for the Scholars programme based on their KS2 data and their performance across maths, English, science, geography, history and modern foreign languages at Sale High School
- Hunger and enthusiasm for learning with a determination to perform to the highest possible standard
- Highly developed personal organisation and independent learning skills combined with the self-discipline to utilise them consistently
- Emotional intelligence with sensitivity towards others and a collegial outlook
- A growth mind-set, which leads students to be relentless in their determination to develop, grow and achieve
- Ability and willingness to work highly effectively as a member of a team
- Students are expected to take up a significant number of the opportunities offered including those that take place - or require assignments to be completed - outside the timetabled hours of the school day





# AIMS

- To celebrate, encourage and develop a profound love of learning
- To support our highest performing students in seizing extended learning opportunities that lie outside the formal classroom and so to develop their independent study skills
- To provide a wide menu of experiences designed to allow students to find their own personal passion and develop confidence, critical thinking skills and flexibility of thought
- To foster extremely high expectations among our highest performing students
- To add further depth, complexity and breadth to our curriculum for students with the appetite and the ability to be stretched further
- To support SHS students in accessing the very best local further education providers and Russell Group and Oxbridge Universities
- To prepare our most academic students for higher education and aspirational careers





## ACADEMIC COMPETITIONS

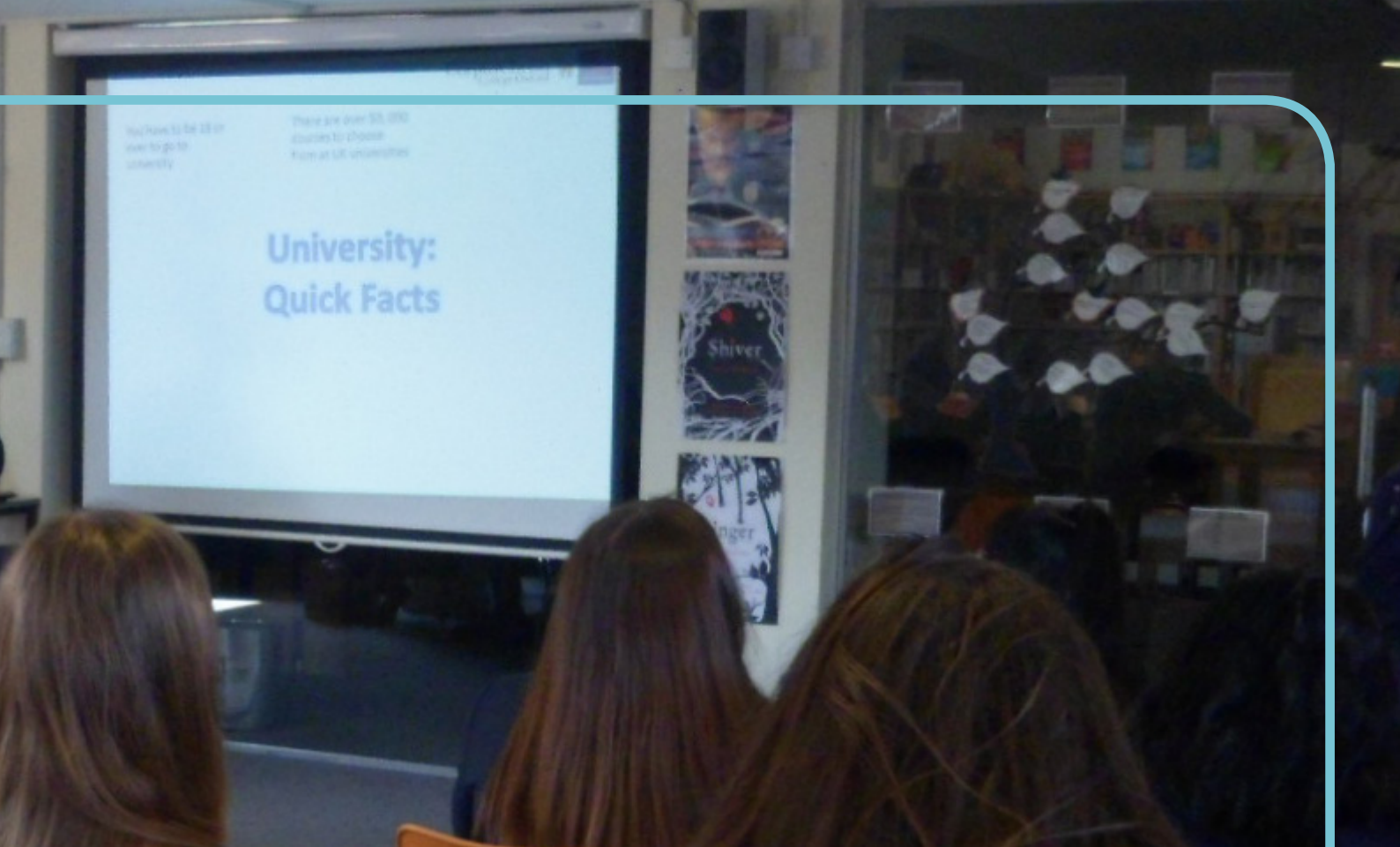
Scholars will enter a number of internal and external academic competitions. These are promoted to broaden and extend learning and to build students' confidence in presenting their ideas and arguments. Through competitions, students take ownership of their learning, expect excellence of themselves and aim for success in a competitive format. Over the course of their time in the Sale Scholars programme students might be involved in delivering speeches, essay writing, poetry and formal presentations. Older students will be encouraged and supported to engage with national academic competitions across academic subjects and topics. The expectation is that these experiences will be enjoyable and rewarding while also developing self-confidence and skills that will be a great asset to students as they seek to achieve aspirational goals.

## CAREERS ADVICE AND GUIDANCE

Sale Scholars receive careers advice and guidance that is tailored to their academic performance. In Year 9 this will include guidance with regard to the choice of GCSE courses. In Year 10 a priority will be securing dynamic work experience placements. In Year 11 the focus is heavily on ensuring that students are fully prepared for their exams and looking ahead at future career pathways.

Students will be equipped to make informed choices with regard to particular careers such as financial industries, business management, engineering and medicine. There will be a strong emphasis on higher education with Russell Group universities and Oxbridge being of particular interest.





## ENRICHMENT VISITS

Sale Scholars will be exposed to a range of experiences that will stretch and inspire them. Students will be expected to respond to enrichment visits through workshops, discussion, written work or presentations. Events are chosen with a focus academic learning, higher education, careers and the love of learning.

## EXAMPLES OF ACTIVITIES

- Book Club
- Membership of the Sale High School Debating Society
- Essay writing competitions
- Study Skills workshops
- 'Manchester Higher' activities at Manchester University
- Oxford/Cambridge workshops
- Online courses
- Subject based competitions and workshops
- Participation in Loreto Sixth Form's 'Greater Manchester High Achievers' Programme'

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