Blundell's

FOUNDED 1604

# GIFTED and TALENTED

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE MOST ABLE

- At the centre of our curriculum is a commitment to excellent teaching which allows our most able to benefit from challenging subject material and extension work both within the classroom and for prep. In addition, our most able have the opportunity to participate in external competitions run by the Royal Society of Biology, the Royal Society of Chemistry, the Institute of Physics, the Bank of England and Maths Olympiads, as well as Arkwright Scholarships, and more.

- Pupils who show exceptional academic talent are identified through the use of baseline data and the awarding of academic scholarships. These pupils, as well as those who self-select, can choose to become members of the 'Phoenix Society'. These students are offered opportunities to take part in extra curricula events; from an engineering trip to a car plant, to a trip to Exeter University to analyse previously synthesised chemicals.

- Their love of learning is celebrated at Scholars' events each year, which provide the opportunity for this group of pupils to meet together for a social event with a guest speaker.

- Academic Scholars and other able pupils in Years 7-10 are invited to Academic Enrichment evenings where they are challenged to work in teams to solve very difficult problems in subjects such as Art, Philosophy, Maths, Science and Engineering. Older Scholars are invited along to mentor, support and to mark the work.

- Those identified as scholars or the most able also receive a personal interview each Spring Term as part of the Scholars' review. Pupils explore what they enjoy about learning, and are encouraged to see challenge as a positive learning opportunity. They set themselves targets and, with the interviewer, identify opportunities available to stretch themselves.

- For those considering an Oxbridge or a medical application, we have a specialist team to guide, which also includes specific interview preparation, help and advice.

- Pupils may take an additional ancient or modern language at GCSE or A Level, or use their Elective time in Year 10 or 11 to explore a new interest.

- We offer and encourage members of the Sixth Form to undertake an EPQ in addition to their A level programme. Pupils wishing to undertake an Extended Project in the Sixth Form are supported by the Extended Project Co-Ordinator and a personal mentor and it is taught through the weekly activities programme.

- Those who show exceptional talent in areas such as music, drama, sport and art/design also merited in extra-curricular activities, such as elite sports programme or the specialist art society. They are invited to participate in various master classes in art, drama and music.

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