



## Honours Programme

### Aims

*“We will ensure that we bring out the very best in our most able students and give them the head start, the confidence and independence they need to achieve their dreams through access to an even broader array of opportunities.*

*We will further inspire, motivate and challenge the young people of Congleton so that they continue to be successful in their applications to the most prestigious employers, universities and courses.”*

The success rate of our students in securing places at the highest-ranking universities is outstanding. Excellent exam results, extensive enrichment opportunities and high-quality university application programmes have ensured that this is the case.

However, we are not complacent. In an increasingly competitive national market we want to do even more to challenge and support our most academic students so that they continue to be selected by the most prestigious universities and for the most oversubscribed courses.

The aim of the Honours Programme is to enable our students to access an even broader array of opportunities by arranging lectures, master classes, competitions, university visits and other enhancement opportunities. Some of these opportunities will take place on specified days of the school year, with them mostly taking place after school hours.

The Honours Programme is an enrichment programme, aimed at students who wish to develop their educational experience within school. They will stretch themselves through a structured programme that will differentiate their future applications to university or employment. Students who achieve five Grade 7/8/9s at GCSE will automatically be invited to participate, but it is open to all students who wish to join.

There will be a number of opportunities available throughout Years 12 and 13. Some of these will be organised specifically for Honours Programme students, whilst others will be

available to all but with Honours Programme students being actively encouraged to take up the opportunities.

Examples of opportunities available to Honours Programme students:

- Honours Programme debating societies and competitions
- Debating Matters Competition
- Conferences such as TedX
- Lectures in school from visiting speakers on a range of topics
- Oxbridge application workshop and conference
- University visits to Oxford and Cambridge
- Pembroke North Scheme, Sutton Trust, UNIQ summer schools at Oxford.
- Pathways into Law scheme
- Wider reading scheme
- Honours Programme essay competitions
- External Competitions – e.g. run by Corpus Christi, Cambridge
- Nuffield Bursaries, Engineering Education Scheme, Arkwright Scholarships
- ‘Ask a Student’ – the chance to contact former CHS students currently at top universities
- Leadership and Higher Achievers Conferences
- Participation in Target One Cheshire with Pembroke College, Oxford
- Workshops to develop interview technique and presentation schools
- Organising events such as a quiz night

For further information and details of the 2023-2024 Programme, please see Miss Boulton (Assistant Headteacher - Sixth Form) or Mr Franklin (Assistant Leader Sixth Form and Honours Programme Co-ordinator, Congleton High School).

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