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24th September 2024

Highflyers Programme 2024-2025

Dear Parent/ Carer,

Our Highflyers programme will be running again this year for selected students who we believe have the ability to truly excel in terms of academic grades and who show the potential to go on to gain a place at a top university in the future. We are pleased to inform you that your child has been selected this year based on a combination of their prior attainment i.e. SATs or GL assessments, current attainment from their end of year exams and their attitude to learning. Places on the programme are limited and competitive. Your child's place will be reviewed at intervals to ensure they are still meeting the expectations for the programme.

The programme will include a variety of sessions centred around aiming high and supporting the students to reach their potential. For example, university talks/visits, careers sessions, debating, lateral thinking and development of skills needed to prepare students for their GCSEs, Sixth Form, the rigours of university and beyond. Please congratulate your child on this achievement, but also support them to ensure they continue to work hard. For example, this should include completing home learning on time and revising thoroughly for tests, etc. It is also important they continue to read complex and challenging texts at home and if possible, start to read around their favourite subjects to develop a passion for learning.

It is also important to have a balance, therefore extra-curricular clubs, hobbies and getting involved with student leadership roles are also important. These can often give students an all-round skill set and teaches them how to manage their time and be organised, all of which are essential skills that will help them to be successful and play an important part in future applications to university.

All students will receive a one-to-one careers interview in Year 11, however if you child wishes to request a careers appointment at any point, they can email our Careers Advisor Mrs. Kendall at n.kendall@kingsmeadschool.net. Parents can also support in careers discussions at home; a website that is particularly useful to research various careers and the routes into them is the national careers service: <https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/explore-careers>. The UCAS website is also a great starting place to look at the range of universities and courses that your child may like to study Post 18: [UCAS | At the heart of connecting people to higher education](#)



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If you have any questions regarding the programme, please contact Mrs. Greenwood via email on:
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Yours faithfully,

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