



The Minerva Programme



Meet the Team

- Ms Armitage: Programme Lead and Year 11
- Mr Machin: Year 7
- Miss Elton: Year 8
- Mr O'Boyle: Year 9
- Mr Yeadon: Year 10

The Minerva Programme

- Foster, enrich and extend the curious minds of our most able students
- Develop a broad range of skills to build confidence, resilience and new experiences to help these young people be incredibly successful through their lives ahead
- Students will participate in a range of activities, trips and after-school events over the year
- This is an invite only programme

**Why have we introduced
the Minerva Programme?**

What will students gain from the programme?

- Critical thinking skills
- Build confidence
- Make new friends
- Expertise from staff
- Advice and guidance
- Develop skills in public speaking
- Greater awareness of the opportunities open to them
- Ability to make competitive applications to university and degree apprenticeships



Programme Structure

In school:

Debates/Public speaking
Inspirational speakers
Book club
Research project
Sessions delivered by
University Outreach
Mentoring

Trips and visits:

A cultural visit
Theatre/cinema trips
Visit to a University
A visit to the University
of Oxford/Cambridge
A residential trip to
London

Programme Structure

In school:

Debates
Inspirational speakers
Book club
Research project
Public speaking support
Sessions delivered by
University Outreach

Thursday Period 6
every two weeks

Mentoring
programme

What these will develop

In school:

Debates/Public speaking
Inspirational speakers
Book club
Research project
Sessions delivered by
University Outreach
Mentoring

Developing higher level
research skills
Widen reading to enrich
and extend breadth of
knowledge
Research skills to prepare
for GCSE and A Level
study
Access to University
provision at a younger
age

Research and residential

- Students will undertake a research project in an area of their choice
- This will be supported by their mentor
- They will develop high quality research and presentation skills and give a presentation at the end of the year
- The end of year will be a residential celebration and cultural visit to London, as a reward and celebration of their success

Why do we think your child will thrive in this programme?

- Enjoyment
- Sense of achievement
- New friendships
- Opportunities unique to your child
- Regular mentoring to help support achievement and success

**Thank you
Questions?**