

Mulberry Scholars Academy

A top university accelerator programme



Sixth Form





Welcome to the Mulberry Scholars Academy

The Mulberry Scholars Academy is a prestigious top university accelerator programme designed by the Mulberry Schools Trust to empower talented students to excel and thrive in their journey towards admission to leading universities worldwide. Our programme is dedicated to providing comprehensive support, academic excellence and personalised guidance to help students achieve their aspirations of attending the best higher education institutions in the world. We are unashamedly bold in our ambition to secure the best rates of success for our students, rivalling other top selective institutions in the country.

At the Mulberry Scholars Academy, we are driven by a powerful moral purpose: equity and social levelling for all students, regardless of their background. We are proud to be a Trust located in the London Borough of Tower Hamlets, an area which is highly diverse and serves communities that continue to be underrepresented at the most prestigious higher education institutions. The Mulberry Schools Trust is dedicated to breaking down barriers and empowering its students to excel.

One crucial issue we tackle is the persistent underrepresentation of students from ethnic minority backgrounds at world-class Russell Group universities. Despite notable progress, British Bangladeshi students remain among the most underrepresented groups admitted to study at Oxbridge. Additionally, while state school admissions have seen a rising trend, over 30% of Oxbridge intake still comes from the independent sector, which educates only 7% of UK students. Out of the top 80 schools with the highest number of Oxbridge admissions, 71% are either independent or selective grammar schools.

The Mulberry Scholars Academy is committed to changing this narrative. We invest in supporting facilitating subjects, enhancing the academic environment, setting higher expectations, providing extensive extracurricular and super curricular opportunities, developing cultural capital, and implementing tailored, elite university preparation programmes. Through these deliberate endeavours, we empower our students to transcend barriers, surpass preconceived limitations and embrace a future of limitless possibilities.

Empowering students to excel at top-tier universities

Our Mulberry Scholars Academy is an elite university mentoring programme and stands as a beacon of prestige and aspiration, while remaining true to the Mulberry Schools Trust's core values of inclusivity and excellence for all regardless of background.

The criteria for entry to the programme has been carefully determined to align with the threshold requirements that world-class universities, such as Oxford and Cambridge, consider during their admissions process.

We understand the competitive nature of university admissions and particularly the unique challenges students face in gaining entry to top-tier institutions like Oxford, Cambridge and Ivy League universities. These institutions are uncompromising in their demand for excellence and passion from applicants in their chosen course/field of study.

The Mulberry Academy Accelerator Programme is specifically tailored to equip students with the knowledge, skills, and confidence needed to stand out among their peers and succeed in their pursuit of their higher education dream.



Gaining skills and knowledge required to succeed at world-class universities

Through a rigorous and holistic approach, the Mulberry Scholars Academy focuses on academic excellence, personal development, and university application support.

Students who join our programme will benefit from:

Rigorous academic support

Our programme offers a rewarding but challenging curriculum that prepares students for the academic demands of elite universities. With specialised workshops, advanced coursework, and access to exceptional resources, students will develop the critical and lateral thinking, research, and study skills necessary for success. They will have a knowledge and interest in their chosen subjects that goes beyond the confines of classrooms and exam board specifications.

Exclusive partnerships

The Mulberry Schools Trust values the power of partnerships and the value that they add to the educational experience of our students. Following the successful example of the Mulberry STEM Academy and the Mulberry Production Art Academy, we have established strong partnerships with leading universities, organisations and professionals to provide our students with unparalleled opportunities. These collaborations offer unique insights and guidance, access to resources and exposure to real-world experiences, giving our students a competitive edge.

Personalised guidance

Each student is assigned a dedicated expert who will offer personalised guidance and support throughout their journey. Our experienced mentors have a deep understanding of university admissions processes and offer invaluable assistance in crafting compelling personal statements, preparing for interviews and selecting the right academic path.

Wellbeing and self-care support

We understand that preparing to study at a top-tier university comes with pressure. Aligning with our values at the Mulberry Schools Trust and putting the wellbeing of our students first, at pinch points in the year, we will offer wellbeing activities and support sessions to manage stress, promote self-care and maintain a healthy work-life balance as part of the programme. The evidence is clear that good mental and physical health and wellbeing are key components of high performance we aim to ensure that our students are well-prepared and supported throughout the challenges and pressures that they experience as they strive to secure a place at the university and course of their choice.

Enrichment activities

Beyond academics, our programme offers a range of enriching extracurricular activities. From guest lectures by renowned experts to study trips and networking events, students will have the opportunity to broaden their horizons, develop leadership skills and engage in meaningful experiences that contribute to their personal growth.



Join us on a transformational educational journey

The Mulberry Scholars Academy is not a separate school, but rather an additional opportunity for students to enhance their academic journey and receive targeted guidance in pursuit of their dream of gaining admission to a top-tier university. They will continue to be an integral part of the Mulberry Schools Trust community, studying alongside their peers in their chosen school and engaging in their selected subjects.

Join us at the Mulberry Scholars Academy and embark on a transformative educational journey that will unlock a world of opportunities. Prepare to excel academically, grow personally, and become a well-rounded individual poised for success in the most esteemed universities across the globe.

Contact us today to learn more about our programme and the exciting opportunities that await you at the Mulberry Scholars Academy. Together, let's shape your future and aim for excellence.

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