

5th May 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: The Oxford Scholarship Competition

For the first time, St James' has the opportunity to offer one of our Year 10 students the chance to become our 'Oxford Scholarship Student'

This unique opportunity allows for the selected student to enrol, for free, on a number of Oxford University taster courses and internships throughout Year 11. There are courses on offer in a number of different subjects including:

- Business & enterprise
- Computer science & coding
- Creative writing
- Debate and public speaking
- Engineering, international relations
- Politics & leadership
- Law
- Medicine
- Psychology & neuroscience

The student will become our school representative on the scholarship programme. The selected student will need to offer regular updates on courses they have attended and what they have learned to share with the rest of students via the career's newsletter.

In order to select this student, we are running a competition which is open to all current Year 10 students. If you want to apply to become our Oxford Scholarship Student you will need to do the following:

Write a letter addressed to Miss Ashworth and Mrs Rarity detailing why you want to be considered for this opportunity. This letter must include the reasons why you think you would benefit from taking part, what your aspirations are for after school/college and how you would like to inform the rest of the school and keep them updated on what you have been doing. The letter should be at least 1 side of A4 paper typed.

Once you have completed the letter, it needs to be sent to Miss Ashworth via email at g.ashworth@stjamescheadle.co.uk

Depending on the number of applicants, we may need to interview pupils further or ask follow-up questions to those who have applied in order to shortlist and decide upon candidates. Afterwards, a panel of staff members will discuss and decide who will be selected as our Oxford Scholar for 2021/22.

If you have any questions or queries about the application process or what the scholarship involves, then please email Miss Ashworth or you can have a look on the Oxford Scholastica Website: https://www.oxfordscholastica.com/



Students may submit their letters to apply from the 17th of May and the deadline for applications is the 18th of June at 3pm.

Thank you and good luck!

Yours faithfully

Miss G Ashworth Career Advisor

Headteacher: Mr A Pontifex BSc (Hons) MA NPQH NPQEL