

## AN INTRODUCTION TO UNIVERSIFY EDUCATION

Universify Education is a charity committed to educational equality. We want to help more state-school students to feel empowered and excited about fulfilling their potential at top universities.

## THE UNIVERSIFY PROGRAMME

We run a fully-funded year-long programme to maximise the effect on students' aspirations and GCSE attainment. Our year-long programme features:

1. **1-week Free Summer Course** at Oxford University in August 2021
2. **Monthly 1 to 1 academic coaching** sessions provided by Universify-trained and DBS-checked Volunteer Coaches.
3. **3-day Spring residential** in late March/early April 2021 to aid GCSE preparation

## OUR AIMS

Our programme aims to give students the best chance of making a successful application to a highly-selective university. This means increasing attainment at GCSEs and helping students to decide the right pathway for them. By raising aspirations to university and the feeling of belonging in a university environment, students gain added motivation to do well at school and set themselves up for future success.

Monthly one-to-one coaching has helped our students to overcome the challenges that the pandemic has brought. It has provided reliable ongoing support which we have always believed is transformative, and is proving even more crucial during the ongoing uncertainty.

## WHO CAN APPLY?

Schools select up to four students to put forward to apply. Suitable students for Universify Education's programme will need to be identified by their teacher as meeting the following criteria:

- **Have the potential to do sufficiently well** in their GCSEs to make a viable application to a highly selective university - 6 or more subjects at grade 6
- **Are in danger of falling short of their potential** – based on the teacher's assessment of student's potential and likely trajectory
- **Are unsure of whether to apply to a highly selective university** – based on a conversation between the teacher and the student
- **Show an interest in attending a week-long summer course in Oxford in August 2021**
- **Are from a disadvantaged background** – teachers will be asked to provide evidence of disadvantage through a short written statement

## HOW CAN STUDENTS APPLY?

Schools must [register their interest here](#) or by emailing [info@universifyeducation.com](mailto:info@universifyeducation.com). If you are a student, please pass on this leaflet to your teacher at school and ask them to email us. Student applications will run from 12<sup>th</sup> January – 12<sup>th</sup> February 2021.

'Before attending the programme I never would have considered a Russell Group university, let alone Oxford, but now I'm applying to study History! It was a life-changing experience that made me realise my love for academia. The coaching and academic sessions also helped me with my GCSE exams significantly.'

**Nadia Awad, Cohort 1 student from Hounslow, now studying History at Somerville College, University of Oxford**

