



ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Gunnersbury enjoys an enviable academic reputation with outstanding annual results at GCSE and 'A' Level. 2020 brought, once again, exceptional academic achievement, with 90% of Year 11 boys attaining 5 or more GCSE grades at 9-4 including English and Maths. Achievement reflected with our estimated Progress 8 of +0.96. At 'A' Level, pupils celebrated success with 100% of entries passed, 36% of which were awarded the top grades of A* and A.

At Gunnersbury, it is the academic achievement of the individual rather than the year group that matters, and our long-standing and successful model is based on this premise. Central to our philosophy is the manner in which results are achieved and the breadth of the educational experience that a pupil enjoys whilst achieving academically. The Gunnersbury curriculum is designed not only to ensure and facilitate this academic momentum within school, but also to maximise success

beyond it. The aim of the early years is to establish good habits of work and to enable our boys to study a range of disciplines so that they can discover their interests and talents and lay solid foundations for future success. We offer an exceptionally wide range of traditional GCSE subjects (including home languages and the separate sciences), vocational and 'A' Level courses which allow pupils' programmes to be tailored to individual needs.

Excellent academic achievement at Gunnersbury has been facilitated through accurate setting of classes according to ability. Further personalisation of each individual's curriculum ensures that every boy is stretched academically and attains to their fullest. Regular assessment and continuous tracking of our students assures the quality of their education and learning.

Pupils are engaged and inspired through a vibrant academic enrichment programme which aims to inspire



creative thought, stimulate intellectual endeavour and encourage independent thinking. We have nurtured excellent relationships with Oxford, Cambridge and Russell Group universities and with Eton College, the Rotary Club, the Law Society and the Science Museum amongst others; this enables increasing numbers of boys to further their love of learning and discovery, outside of the classroom. A wide range of after school clubs and societies support boys' learning, including our Science and Engineering Club, Latin and Classics Society, Debating Society and Duke of Edinburgh Awards. Furthermore our renowned Aquinas Programme equips our students for entry to the very best universities in the world.

Our aim is to provide boys with a long-lasting love of learning. 'Opportunity' is one vital ingredient of developing boys at Gunnersbury – parents have the right to expect a rich diversity of activities and choices for their sons, as a full range of activities helps to develop

character, values and a boy's artistic, sporting, musical and cultural interests.

Above all, everything we do – whether it be inside or outside the classroom – is defined by our intimate knowledge and experience of educating boys. Boys learn in a particular way and our staff are able to tap into the huge bank of knowledge and experience we have at Gunnersbury, with the sole aim of getting each and every boy to reach his potential.

Pupils' applications to the most prestigious universities continue to meet with great success. In 2020 Gunnersbury pupils progressed to Cambridge, London School of Economics, Imperial College, Bristol, King's College to name but a few. Their studies included: Medicine, Dentistry, PPE, Engineering, Physical Sciences, History, Geography, English... and so many more life-changing degrees.



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