

The Elevate Award is designed to help you stand out when applying for university, apprenticeships or employment. Certificates are issued when your each specific milestones. We keep a record of your submitted evidence, so that we can also include the information on any references we provide.

Enabling you to demonstrate readiness for your future

**Platinum Award- 80 points** 

## **Gold Award - 60 points**

# Silver Award - 40 points

#### **Bronze Award - 20 points**

Points are awarded for:

#### Attendance

- Above 95% attendance during a half term\*
- No lates in a half term\*

# Taking responsibility for your learning

- Being productive in all of your studies over a half term period\*
- Each half term that you have attended every tutor-time when you have not been absent\*

### Additional work

- Each activity you complete from the Elevate curriculum (this does not necessarily need to relate to the A levels you are studying)
- Completing an appropriate online course
- Any other recommended extra curriculum activity

#### Researching and planning for your future

- Attending the UCAS fair
- Attending relevant Careers Events University Open Days (no more than 6 points awarded for this)
- Having an up-to-date, relevant CV or 'Linkedin' page.
- Applying for an apprenticeship
- Completing your UCAS form
- Attending a careers interview
- Attend a Subject Specialist appointment
- Attending at a university summer school

#### Work Experience/Volunteering

- Organising work experience
- Each time you gain 5 hours work experience (evidence for this can be cumulative over time e.g. one hour a week over 5 weeks)
- A strong reference from your work
  experience employer
- Each time you gain 5 hours of volunteer work (evidence for this can be cumulative over time e.g. one hour a week over 5 weeks) - this needs to be completed outside of your timetable A strong reference from someone
- who has supervised or observed your volunteer work

#### **Contributing to Sixth Form Life**

- Delivering a whole year groupassembly
- Providing an appropriate resource for all tutor groups e.g. a pre-recorded assembly - these need to be submitted to your tutor who will forward this to the Year Office
- A strong tutor time presentation Representing your tutor in the Student Council meetings (1 point per half term all meetings need to be attended and you need to actively participate)
- Submitting an article to the Sixth Form magazine
- Supporting at Open Evenings, Taster Days and other events

# Enrichment

- Each half term you have 100% attendance at an enrichment\*
- Regular participation in an extracurricular activity

# How do you apply for points?

To achieve the points, you need to submit evidence using a Google form (one award per form please - do not apply for multiple points on one award). You do not need to submit a form for the tasks marked with **'\*'**, we will review these half termly for you.

# COPPORTUNITIES

**Your tutors, who you see everyday:** Your tutors are there to support you with your career choices and to suggest people or places which will be able to support you. They also help you to write any personal statements and can provide references for jobs which you apply to.

Access to the Elevate Curriculum: Engaging with the Elevate Curriculum will help to make any applications you make stronger. Referring to these tasks will help you to stand out from the crowd. Remember, you can also consider tasks related to subjects that you do not study at A Level. There are also activities relating to specific careers which aren't available as a A Level subject such as Engineering.

**The Careers Department:** You can book a one to one careers appointment to receive additional impartial advice and support regarding your next steps. Email careers@kgabayhouse.uk.

**Trip to the UCAS event at Winchester University:** Every year we support all of the Lower Sixth to attend the fair at Winchester University. Despite being called a 'UCAS event', there is the opportunity to gather information about careers and apprenticeships as well as information from a wide range of universities.

The HE+ Programme in conjunction with Cambridge University: This scheme targets students from more diverse backgrounds who aspire to study in a prestigious university. It involves some online provision as well as face to face lectures in specialised areas. There is also an opportunity to visit Trinity College, Oxford.

**EPQ:** There is an option to study for the Extended Project Qualification in your Upper Sixth year. The project encourages you to explore a specific interest in more depth and allows you to articulate this interest via and presentation as well as in written form. You will receive one to one support from a teacher most related to your chosen field.

**Enrichments as well as trips and visits:** We offer a wide range of enrichments from Model United Nations to Ceramics. Many subjects also run trips and visits which are also varied, with some being international. These opportunities develop your understanding and can be positive for your well-being. They also provide you with something to add to your applications and CV.

**The Oxbridge Mentoring Programme:** We work with an external provider who aim to support people from more diverse backgrounds to get into competitive courses. They match a select number of students with mentors connected to their chosen field. The mentors help young people prepare for their chosen careers.



# Elevate Opportunities are available to King's Academy Bay House Sixth Form students

**Online Mentoring:** Zero Gravity mentoring can also help you to prepare for your future. This is a successful online service and more information can be found on their website: www.zerogravity.co.uk. Please speak to your tutor or a member of the year office if you need support with this.

**Oxbridge Road Show support:** The Oxbridge Roadshow visits local institutions and they can provide information to anyone interested in applying for Oxford or Cambridge. We will inform you about these events.

**University summer schools:** Attending a summer school at university can provide you with a real insight into what university life is like. Information about these can be found on the university websites. If you require any support with applying to these, please see your tutor or a member of the sixth form team.

**Online courses, lectures and support videos:** Researching and engaging with online lectures will allow you to expand your knowledge. You can refer to these when applying for your next steps and they can also make an interesting topic of conversation during interviews. Examples include aspire.upreach.org.uk and www.mooc.org.

**Subject Specialist appointments:** We will match you up with a subject specialist who will support you with your personal statement which is an important element of your university application. They will also guide you with any interviews or entrance exams which you have to apply for.

**Apprenticeship support:** We provide you with information about applying for apprenticeships, including a list of the top 100 companies who offer apprenticeships. There is also an apprenticeship fair and we can help you with your applications.

**Work Experience:** There is a week long work experience opportunity in the Lower Sixth year where you can gain a deeper understanding of the world of work.

**Our Personal Development Curriculum:** We have developed a curriculum to make you more confident and prepared for the future. It covers topics relating to issues like finance, travel and staying safe on a night out as well as those relating to relationships with others including the protected characteristics.

**Interventions and subject tutorials:** Ultimately, your grades will support you in securing your future pathway. If you need support, don't forget to ask your teachers about interventions and subject tutorials.

Additional support is also available from the Year Office: Please do not hesitate to ask if you have any questions or concerns.