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Carmel's GIFTED AND TALENTED PROGRAMME

provides a structured programme of activities, events and support to our Gifted and Talented students. It offers the best possible preparation for application to **Oxbridge, Russell Group and other prestigious institutions**, as well as onto Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary Science degree courses. It also provides support for our talented students in specialist fields such as Art, Music, Physical Education and Drama/Theatre Studies.

As a Gifted & Talented Law student at Carmel, you will be supported, encouraged and challenged by our **highly-qualified and committed Law tutors**, who will help you to **achieve your potential** in your Law course and to develop the high order legal skills necessary for success at degree level.

Success Stories

Andrew Dixon (Wade Deacon) went **Merton College, Oxford** in September 2016 to study Law.

Lucy Hughes (Haydock High) went to study Law at **Magdalene College, Cambridge** in September 2016.

Rowena Machin (St Gregory's) achieved 10 A*'s at GCSE and is studying Law at Carmel. She is applying to **Oxbridge** to study Law in 2017.

Who is the Law Gifted and Talented Programme aimed at?

- Those applying for a degree in Law at university
- Those applying to Oxford or Cambridge for Law or a related course
- Those aiming for an A*/A in this subject who want to be 'stretched and challenged'



"Studying Law at Carmel has been an amazing experience and has led me to apply to do Law at university. The course is really interesting and I've thoroughly enjoyed it. My tutor has been excellent in providing me with all the support I needed with regards to writing my UCAS application, preparing for my Oxford interview and sitting my Law National Aptitude Test. I was fortunate enough to be able to attend an Oxford Law Day and the Cambridge Sixth Form Law Conference, both of which were great opportunities to get involved with. Outside of the classroom, I participated in the National Bar Mock Trial, I had brilliant experiences acting as a barrister in court. I had work experience at a solicitors' firm through the Carmel Law Vocational Programme, which gave me a good insight into the everyday workings of being a solicitor and confirmed my ambition to be a lawyer. My experience at Carmel has been incredible and I would urge anyone to come here and study Law!"

Andrew Dixon

Studied A Levels in Law, Government and Politics, History.
Now at **Merton College, Oxford** studying Law

What will I be offered through the College Gifted and Talented Programme?

At the beginning of your first year in college you will be enrolled onto **Carmel's Gifted and Talented Programme**. You will be offered the chance to attend the **Haydock Oxbridge Conference** and to visit Oxford and Cambridge in the summer.

You will also have the opportunity to complete the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ), which will allow you to choose an area or aspect of Law in which you have a particular interest, such as whether the UK should leave the EU, and then to use your research skills to produce a 5000 word study. This qualification is highly regarded by leading universities as it demonstrates your enthusiasm for the subject and ability to work independently as well as being an introduction to legal research and method.

What will the Law Gifted and Talented Programme offer me?

As part of the Law Gifted and Talented Programme, you will be supported by our **Law Gifted and Talented Co-ordinator**, who will offer you specialist help to ensure that you develop your interest in Law, choose the right Law course for your career intentions, and are supported at all stages during the UCAS application process.

At the beginning of the first year you will be invited to attend the **Law Society**. These sessions are designed to encourage students in their wider reading and to help them to develop their research skills and ability to assimilate information from different sources; skills which are vital to the study of Law at degree level. Students will also have the opportunity to participate in the annual **National Bar Mock Trial** held at Liverpool Crown Court. Students will read two cases and prepare arguments for the prosecution and defence and then compete against other schools and colleges. This is a very prestigious event, providing our students with the invaluable opportunity to gain advocacy skills in a public forum.

In the Spring term, **talks** will be held by representatives from Oxford/Cambridge. The Law department is also very proud of its **Carmel Law Vocational Programme**, which offers our most able students the opportunity to gain work experience in a variety of solicitors' firms. These work placements are both in barristers' chambers, such as the prestigious Atlantic Chambers, and Hill Dickinson, which is a leading UK firm.

At the start of the second year, you will continue to be supported with the application process, receiving specialist help from the Law Gifted and Talented Co-ordinator to help perfect your Personal Statement and prepare for **admission tests** such as Oxford's LNAT and/or **interviews**. You will also have the opportunity to attend a weekly **discussion group which will focus on current legal issues in preparation for Oxbridge interviews**, in addition to participating in the Law Society.



Carmel's Law students won the North West Bar Mock Trial and competed in the National Final at the Old Bailey in London.

2016's Gifted and Talented students visit the Oxbridge colleges



Our students say..



"I enjoy the diversity at Carmel and the excellent resources such as the library and work-bases which are great for free periods! With the Gifted & Talented Programme there is a constant stream of opportunities to get involved in, such as the Cambridge Law Conference, which means you stay at

Cambridge for several days, go to lectures such as Criminal and EU law and basically live as a law student. This is an amazing experience that I would definitely recommend! Overall, Carmel's study support system is fantastic – there are tutorials several times a week for each subject if you need help with anything – and teachers will also help on a one-to-one basis. After Carmel, I want to study Law at Oxbridge, then train to become a barrister."

Rowena Machin

Studied Biology, Chemistry, Law, Maths
Applying to study Law at Oxbridge in 2017



"The best thing about Carmel is the supportive atmosphere which enables all students to reach their full potential. I would definitely recommend studying Law as it encourages you to consider current and topical questions regarding the presence of law in our everyday lives. It also teaches

you a variety of transferable skills such as the ability to think analytically. There is an extensive range of enrichment activities offered by the Law department, including a visit to Liverpool Crown Court, the Bar Mock Trial and the Law Society. The support and extra-curricular activities offered by the Law department helped me immensely during my interviews and I have been successful in gaining an offer from Cambridge University where I will hopefully study Law after leaving Carmel."

Lucy Hughes

Studied Law, English Language & Literature, History
Now at Magdalene College, Cambridge studying Law

Law Gifted and Talented Calendar 2016-17

		GIFTED AND TALENTED PROGRAMME GENERAL	LAW GIFTED AND TALENTED PROGRAMME
2016/17	SEPTEMBER	Gifted and Talented Programme meeting; Gifted and Talented Societies begin	Law National Aptitude Test (LNAT) presentation
	OCTOBER	Internal Exams – Gifted and Talented students not already on the programme are identified and enrolled	The Law Society
	NOVEMBER	Apply for Cambridge and Oxford Shadowing Scheme	Law mock interviews; Oxbridge small group discussions - legal issues; Bar Mock trial - Liverpool Crown Court
	DECEMBER		Stretch & Challenge tutorial - So you want to be a lawyer? - legal reading
	JANUARY	Application for Sutton Trust and summer schools; Identification of Gifted and Talented students after internal exams	Stretch & Challenge tutorial - debate on current issues
	FEBRUARY	Should you be thinking about Oxbridge? - talk	The Law Society
	MARCH	Mansfield Study days at Oxford; Haydock Oxbridge conference	Oxford talk/presentation
	APRIL - Early JUNE	Careers Evening talks	Carmel Law Vocational Programme
	JULY	Oxbridge Open days; Summer schools start	
2017	SEPTEMBER	UCAS preparation Early Applicants; Aim Higher evening; Oxbridge application training	Personal Statements advice/workshops - Law
	OCTOBER	Early Application deadline; Internal Mock Interview Evening	Oxbridge mock interviews
	NOVEMBER	Oxbridge interview training	
	DECEMBER		Stretch & Challenge tutorial
	AUGUST	Support on results day	Law Department support on results day

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