



Independent Day and Boarding School  
for Girls Aged 11 to 18

## Harrogate Ladies' College Oxbridge Preparation



Gaining a place at Oxford or Cambridge University is challenging for even the strongest of pupils. That's why here at Harrogate Ladies' College we have a dedicated Oxbridge Preparation Programme to help and support pupils and give them the best possible chance of being offered a place.

Our experienced and dedicated Sixth Form staff help and support each individual pupil throughout the process. Here's a brief outline of our Oxbridge Preparation programme.

### Year 7 to Year 11 – Early Preparation

Our Oxbridge Preparation programme begins early. Even the youngest pupils at school have the opportunity to participate in clubs, enrichment activities and our Scholar's programme which are designed to develop the kind of intellectual thinking that Oxford and Cambridge are looking for.

### Year 9 to Year 11 – Junior Oxbridge Club

Pupils in Years 9, 10 and 11 who aspire to gain places at Oxbridge can attend a weekly Junior Oxbridge Club known as 'The Spires'. Each week the club, led by the Head of Sixth Form, gives pupils the opportunity to develop the kind of intellectual curiosity that is a prerequisite for studying at Oxbridge in the future.

### Year 11 – Getting Ready to Apply

- 'Applying to Oxbridge' presentation which provides a practical introduction to the application process
- A level subject choice advice from the Head of Sixth Form

### Year 12

- Oxbridge Preparation Conference – we host a dedicated event in the Autumn Term led by Dr Joe Organ, Admissions Adviser from our link college, Brasenose College Oxford
- Weekly Oxbridge Seminar Group
- Individual Oxbridge preparation guidance from our Head of Sixth Form
- Attendance at subject specific masterclasses and Oxbridge summer schools
- A three day Oxbridge Trip which includes attending Open Days at both Oxford and Cambridge.
- Submissions for Oxford and Cambridge University essay writing competitions
- Links to other super curricular opportunities e.g. MOOCs
- Access to books and resources about how best to make a competitive application to Oxbridge
- Access to Unifrog Oxbridge platform – including a dedicated Oxbridge briefing session

### Year 13

- Advice and guidance from the Head of Sixth Form on choice of course and College
- Weekly meetings with assigned subject mentors who help prepare pupils for Oxbridge aptitude tests
- Application and personal statement preparation support and guidance
- Aptitude test coaching
- Interview preparation programme in collaboration with other local schools
- Mock interviews with Oxbridge graduates

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