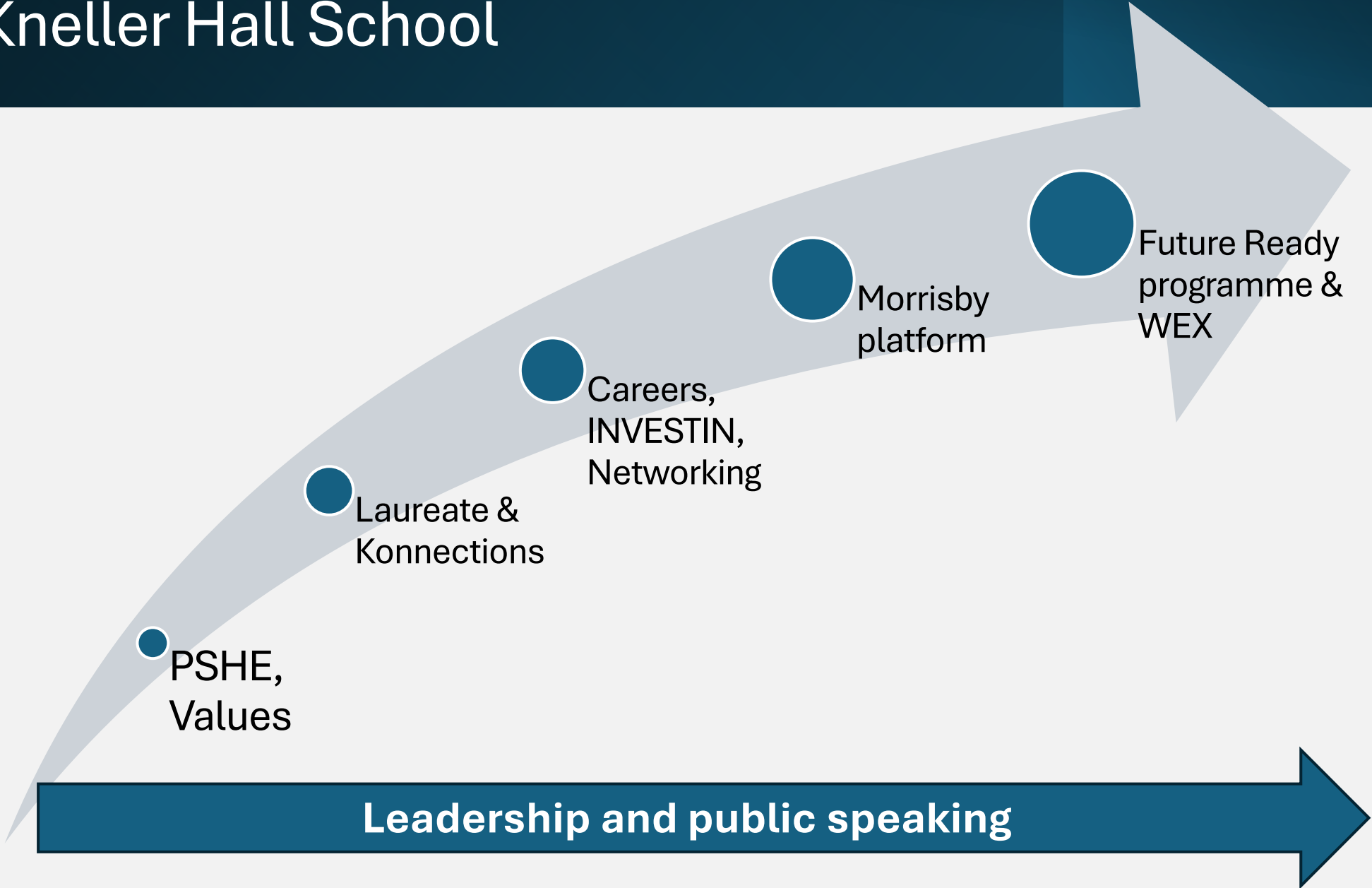


From the cradle to a career - at Kneller Hall School



KNELLER LAUREATE

- 2-year programme (Y7-8, Y9-10, Y11-Y12) pupils engage with four key areas of opportunity
 - Building a well-rounded individual
 - Pupils track and build up a portfolio of evidence over the two years
 - For Y11, serves to track a variety of personal successes to support UCAS personal statement writing.
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PERFORMANCE

ACADEMIC



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COMMUNITY



Konnections: *Expeditionary learning*

What is Konnections?

Our own expeditionary programme of lessons at KS3, outside of the traditional curriculum.

- One hour a week, three Konnections a year, one per term.
- Contains a focus on ‘beautiful work’, product design and “symbiotic” skills
- Focus on collaboration and long-term planning skills.
- Personal development and problem solving.

Year 7 Community

1. Rolling Down the River
2. Liquid History
3. Our People, Our Past

Year 8 Personal Responsibility

1. Green Design
2. Mealtime!
3. My Entrepreneurship

Year 9 Global Perspectives

1. World of Languages
2. Global Markets
3. Sustainable Architecture

Future pathways – Year 8



Careers curriculum and Dukes Plus partner: **INVESTIN**

PERSONAL INSIGHTS survey

INDUSTRY INSIGHTS

Three-hour careers workshop exploring:

- Business
- Creative
- Engineering
- Law



Future pathways – Year 9



- Year 9 parents' evening in January
- GCSE Options Booklet shared with parents and pupils
- Year 9 Subject Fair evening: March
- Investin speaker follow up to Y8 – exploring personality type and seeing what sort of careers are most suited.
- Careers Event – Careers hub – speakers from different categories of careers discuss their work and answer questions.



Future pathways – Year 10



- **Reflections lessons:**
 - Financial Management
 - Personal Strengths
- **Morrisby:**
 - Y10 will sit a full Careers Profile Testing through our Careers partner, Morrisby: full report with multi-faceted suggestions for future study.
- **Futures Week** every June
 - Sixth form Open Evening
 - Futures Day
 - Taster lessons
 - Year 10 Parents' evening



Future pathways – Year 11

- **1:1 November options guidance meetings – student/parent/SLT**
- **(Year 12 – focus on destinations; Year 13 – focus on UCAS)**
- **Reflections lessons** to support their post-16 choices
- Sessions led by our Dukes partner **InvestIN** called ‘Getting Career Ready’.
- **Networking Evening** in early February – our landmark Careers event, bringing together 25-30 professionals across a broad spectrum of fields
- **Work Experience** – launched early September, for a placement after GCSE exams
- **Futures Week** – post GCSEs: Options, HE guidance, A Level induction



Sixth Form value add at Kneller Hall



- **Academic outcomes**
- **Excellent guidance – 86% first choice destinations; 93% firm or insurance**
- **Class sizes 3 – 14**
- **Quality and continuity**
- **Excellent transition support – 5 terms only**
- **Sixth Form study supervision**
- **Be-spoke pathways: Oxbridge, Medivet, Art foundation, Drama school**
- **Kneller Hall campus 2027: new teaching block – seamless site transition**



Cradle to Career Partnership.

Delivering The Dukes Difference.
Built in and at no extra charge to families.

Stretch Your Skills



A Dukes Year 5 one day workshop, brought to you by 

Why is this day valuable for your child?



We will be hosting this one of a kind 'Stretch your Skills' event, introducing younger students to transferable skills and helping them to identify where their strengths lie. We will focus on some of the most sought-after skills in the job market today, including communication and emotional intelligence



Students will attend three masterclasses (of a possible five!) and each masterclass will provide details of the most sought after skills and a fun interactive task or game so that students can experiment for themselves! Your child will leave empowered and excited for their futures.

Key Information

Where?

Dukes House (58 Buckingham Gate, London, SW1E 6AJ)

Who?

This opportunity has been booked for Year 5 students across various Dukes settings, so they will have the opportunity to meet other students too!

When?

Thursday 15th January 2026. There will be two iterations of the event - **morning (9am-12pm) and afternoon (1pm-4pm)**. The school will be aware of which iteration your child will be attending.

What is included on the day?

'Stretch Your Skills' session	Activities
Introducing Skills	Creating a skill toolbox
Communicating Clearly	Communication obstacle course
Tackling Teamwork	Human Bingo & Team Jigsaw
Exploring Emotions	Role play & resilience reserves
Problem Solving	Put all of the skills together into a scenario simulation!

Parent Webinar

In addition, we will be hosting a bespoke parent webinar the **same evening** (15th January, 6-7pm) in collaboration with InvestIN. We will share the key learning outcomes of the day and how you can be supporting your child as they navigate the early stages of their career.

Contact: Katie Kraiss at katie.kraiss@dukesplus.com for any enquiries

Register for parent webinar here

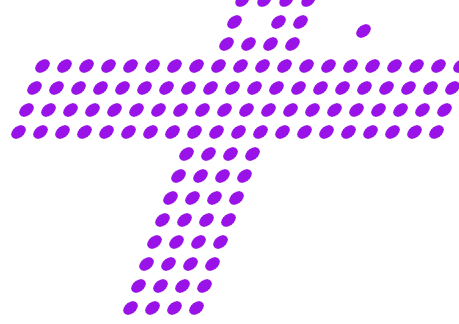
Examples of working together with the team at Kneller Hall School

How can we further support you?

Dukes Plus Oxbridge Scholars Club

This is a free series of seminars, delivered by D+ Oxbridge Applications, for nominated Year 12 students, which take place during the school holidays and half terms

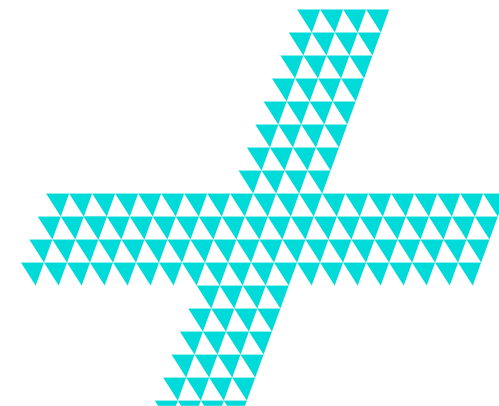
The aim of this programme is to expose students to Oxbridge and top university style teaching in a group setting, and to introduce new concepts within students' subject interest to help support their 'Super Curricular' development.



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CAMBRIDGE



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OXFORD





Future Ready

The Dukes Plus Future Ready Programme is a comprehensive package of support designed to empower students to face their futures with confidence.

Delivered by the university and careers experts at Dukes Plus, it is available exclusively to Dukes schools.

Applications to top universities are increasingly competitive and the careers landscape is changing faster than ever before.

To prepare our students for this dynamic and challenging future, every Dukes school benefits from the expertise of Dukes Plus.

From exclusive careers talks for students to rigorous training for our university advisors, the Future Ready Programme takes our university and careers education to the next level.

Discover how we're getting our students future ready.

Exclusive support for students at Dukes schools

Expert university and careers guidance

Empowering students to face their futures



Visit: dukesplus.com

The Career School

WHAT WE OFFER:

Three intensive one-day career workshops

Covering the most competitive and sought-after industries

Delivered in-school by Dukes Plus career experts

The Dukes Career School is a series of intensive one-day workshops. Available to students aged 15-18 at Dukes schools, it is designed to enhance their skill development and enable them to explore a range of competitive industries.

Delivered in-school by Dukes Plus career experts, each workshop is a fully immersive, gamified experience. There are three workshops in the series which build on one another to provide a thorough careers education.

Step 1:
Year 10 (Grade 9)

Industry Insights Workshop

- Taster of five sought-after industries
- Fun and informative activities
- Early careers inspiration

Step 2:
Year 11 (Grade 10)

Recruitment Ready Workshop

- How to write an outstanding CV
- Impressing at interview
- Communication and presentation skills

Step 3:
Year 12 (Grade 11)

Assessment Centre Workshop

- Psychometric testing
- Group tasks and individual exercises
- Personal feedback for every student



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It was absolutely amazing. I met new people and fully immersed myself in the experience. I learned so much about life as a doctor and the daily challenges and rewards.”

- THE CAREER SCHOOL STUDENT

Key Benefits for Students

- Thorough preparation for success beyond school
- Targeted training on employers' most valued transferable skills
- Exposure to what life is like in five desirable professions
- Differentiator in university admissions and preparation for job applications

University and Careers Accreditation

WHAT WE OFFER:

Annual formal certification for all university and careers advisors

Ensures all our students receive the highest quality of advice and guidance

Led by the Head of Schools at Dukes Plus Consultancy, Hayley Bendle

All university and careers advisors across Dukes schools are formally certified each year through a rigorous, high-level training programme delivered by Dukes Plus.

This annual Accreditation ensures that every advisor is expertly equipped with the latest insights, strategies, and guidance to navigate the rapidly evolving landscape of university admissions and career development.

The Accreditation is led by the Head of Schools at Dukes Plus Consultancy, Hayley Bendle. Hayley is a former Director of Careers & Higher Education at Cardiff Sixth Form College, the UK's leading independent school for academic results and university destinations. She holds Qualified Careers Advisor Status and a Postgraduate Award in Careers Leadership from University of Warwick.

Hayley has advised over 1000 UK and international students who have successfully gained places to study at the world's most selective universities. She also serves on the Communications Committee for International ACAC, a global organisation of higher education counsellors and consultants.



Hayley Bendle
Head of Schools | Dukes Plus Consultancy

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It was exceptional – I cannot emphasise that enough. Exceptional. The starting point was that this was clearly tailored. It provided really specific and useful knowledge.”

– HEAD OF HIGHER EDUCATION

- Our advisors stay up to date with the latest admissions and career trends
- Backed by strategies that have helped 1,000+ students reach world-leading universities
- Ensures your child benefits from the most up-to-date, high-quality information
- Informed by global best practice



Online Careers Institute

WHAT WE OFFER:

Online lecture series exclusively for Dukes students and parents

Expert advice on university, careers, and student futures

Featuring leaders from world-class universities and companies

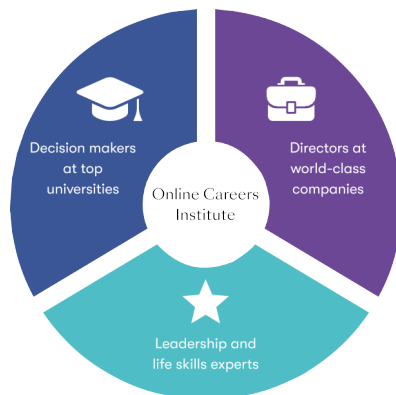
The Dukes Plus Online Careers Institute is an online lecture series featuring leaders from world-class universities and companies – created exclusively for families at Dukes schools.

Throughout term time, Dukes Plus will bring powerful perspectives and insider advice to your screen, helping families make smarter decisions about university, careers, and life after school.

Sessions are high-energy and exclusively available on demand to all students and parents at Dukes schools from Year 9 (Grade 8) upwards.

Speakers

The Online Careers Institute will feature experts and leaders from a range of fields.



- Exclusively available to families at Dukes schools
- Connects students with the people shaping their futures – from university to careers
- Regular sessions during term time
- All talks available anytime on demand

“World-class, exclusive advice, direct to families at Dukes schools – the Online Careers Institute helps our students make smarter decisions about their futures.”

- RICKY TAVARES, DIRECTOR OF DUKES PLUS



Sign Up

To get access to the talks or learn more, scan the QR code or visit dukesplus.com/online-careers-institute.

Careers Centre of Excellence

WHAT WE OFFER:

Dedicated hub for careers and university advice within the school

Staffed by our highly trained advisors

Programme of scheduled events and drop-in sessions for students

In keeping with our commitment to excellence in university applications and careers education, the Dukes Plus Careers Centre of Excellence provides a dedicated, in-school hub where students can access expert support as they plan their next steps.

Staffed by our formally accredited university and careers advisors, the Centre delivers a year-round programme of tailored guidance — from one-to-one consultations and application workshops to guest speaker events and career exploration sessions.

Whether students are exploring their future pathways, researching competitive careers, or preparing applications to leading global universities, the Centre offers personalised, high-quality advice at every stage.

Beyond our scheduled programming, the Careers Centre of Excellence welcomes our students to drop in at a time that suits them. They can ask questions, explore opportunities, and gain the confidence they need to make informed, ambitious choices about their future.



- Supports students at every stage of planning their futures, from exploration to application
- Open-door policy so students can access advice whenever they need it
- Builds our students' confidence in making informed, ambitious decisions
- Staffed by our formally accredited university and careers advisors