



Reach Higher Goes Online, 2020

Programme Overview

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Hello! We offer you the warmest welcome to the Linacre family and to the 2020 Reach Higher programme.

What we are doing this year is in some ways a little different, and in other key ways just the same as normal.

Covid-19 has meant we have had to cancel the Westminster 'Big Ideas' summer school (due for July 5-10). It was a wrench but there was no alternative. The Cambridge 'Stepping Stones to World Class Universities' summer school (August 10-18) has not yet been cancelled. But there is clearly a good chance that this will happen in the coming weeks. Your safety is our priority. We will let you know by the end of June at the latest. However, please do keep this period free, as whatever happens, the summer school will run - online if necessary.

However, some things will be just the same ... Since April, a genuinely fantastic team of people have been putting an alternative programme in place - Reach Higher Goes Online. Having seen what is being offered, I'm very excited. And I'm confident that it will lead to results just as good as our usual programme. That means, 9/10 students winning offers from a UK top-12 university, and 44% of Oxbridge applicants winning offers - twice the national average. Many students have said it has been the best experience of their lives.

And most importantly the principles that lie behind the programme are the same as ever: forming a community of curiosity where ambition and talent are nurtured through world-class support. You can be confident that what you are getting via RHGO is at least as good as the support being offered to any student in the UK.

Principles that lie behind Reach Higher Goes Online

- **Confidence and reassurance.** You will know that you're getting support in your applications that matches that given to anyone in the UK.
- **Community.** You will feel part of a community of intellectual curiosity, where you are supported by people with first-rate skills and knowledge. You will also feel supported by each other.
- **Help plugging gaps in knowledge and skills in the A Level curriculum.** You will feel there are resources and a small group of committed subject experts you can turn to if you feel behind, unconfident or stuck.

- **Getting you ready for the world's best universities.** We will provide stretch, challenge and enrichment, as always, beyond A level. You will feel you are being stretched and challenged with skills and knowledge beyond the basic curriculum in ways at least comparable with those being offered to any student in the country.
- **First-class advice and support in applying to highly selective universities.**
- **Championing.** You will feel that you have people to turn to with expert knowledge of the evolving A Level and university admissions landscape. Those people will advise, guide and where appropriate act for the student.
- **We won't forget Year 13.** We will provide support for you too
- **Structure.** You will need some structure in these uncertain time and we will not rely on you to simply make use of resources independently

Squads

You will do much of your work in a Squad of 3-5 students. This will give you chance to work together and make friends, which is a key part of the programme. Keep your eyes open for an email about Squads in the coming days.

IT facilities

The programme will depend on you having a fairly good laptop, tablet and a decent broadband connection. If these things are a problem get in touch with pcoupar@linacreinstitute.org straight away. We may well be able to help.

Zoom, YouTube, Google Classrooms etc

We will be in touch soon with guides about what technology we will be using, and how to make it work for you.

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<p>Weds June 3, 7pm to 8.15pm</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Welcome to Reach Higher Goes Online - video gathering (Y12 students and your parents / guardians; Partner Schools; Y13 also welcome to attend) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A video-streamed introduction to the programme. Live on Zoom: just click here: https://zoom.us/j/9025870432 ○ If you can't join via your computer, you can join free by phone: +44 330 088 5830, Meeting ID: 902 587 0432 ○ Your parents or guardians are also welcome to attend. ○ Paul Coupar-Hennessy will offer a welcome. ○ Linacre alumni will give short talks on the impact of the programme on them. ○ Dr Nick Bampos from Cambridge University will give a short talk on his own story and why you should reach high. ○ You can submit questions on the night via the Chat feature in Zoom.
<p>June 4 - 17 June, times tbc</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Welcome interviews (Y12 students) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ You will meet the other members of your Squad (fellow students) in a meeting led by Linacre staff and ex-students. ○ These will take place via Zoom - log on details to follow. ○ Please come with some thoughts about what your university plans are, and how you feel things are going right now.
<p>Weds June 17, 7pm to 8.15pm</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Reach Higher Goes Online - Programme overview - video gathering (Y12 & 13 students; Partner Schools) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ We will talk you through the programme for 2020, including some very exciting opportunities. ○ To take place via Zoom: Just click here: https://zoom.us/j/9025870432 ○ If you can't join via your computer, you can join free by phone: +44 330 088 5830, Meeting ID: 902 587 043

	RHGO: IGNITING YOUR ACADEMIC INTERESTS		RHGO: BOOSTING YOUR APPLICATION
<p>Goes public Weds June 17</p>	<p>The Reach Higher Common Room website</p> <p>Igniting section: University Ready In Your Subject - study modules (Y12 and Y13 students)</p> <p>Website with academic modules for self-study, study in your squad and where appropriate for study with Zero Gravity tutors</p> <p>The Common Room is a totally new website. It contains many things: among them are world-class modules study modules in your subject, designed to give you support and challenge that we know are at least as good as that being offered students at any school in the world. We know that because teachers at the world’s best-performing schools have developed them. You will work on these independently, in your Squad, and with support from you Zero Gravity tutor.</p> <p>There will be 4 or 5 modules per subject area. Each module to cover a key skill or area of knowledge you need for university-level work.</p> <p>Modules include videos, totally new content, tasks, reading lists, tutorials, and links - all organised into coherent learning pathways.</p> <p>There will also be an online message board where you can reach out for help or to share your ideas with other people in your Squad.</p>	<p>Goes public Weds June 17</p>	<p>The Reach Higher Common Room website</p> <p>Boosting section: The Inside Track - guidance materials on all aspects of applying to highly selective universities (Y12 students and Partner Schools)</p> <p>The Common Room is a totally new website. It contains many things: among them are resources providing guidance to students and schools on university applications. It works: it is the same guidance we have used to help students achieve things they thought impossible in previous years.</p> <p>There are written documents, videos, and a downloadable Linacre Masterguide to applying to Highly Selective Universities.</p>

	<p>You will work on these between June and December 2020.</p>		
<p>Tutoring begins Weds 17 June, running to end Dec</p>	<p>Zero Gravity Subject Tuition (Y12 students) The very best tutors in the country, available to you weekly for six months and for free</p> <p>Zero Gravity (previously Access Oxbridge) are a hugely successful charity. Their rates of success in getting students to world-class universities are similar to ours - that is, the best in the UK.</p> <p>We have teamed up with Zero Gravity to offer you a weekly online tutorial in your subject, every week between June and the end of December - so around 25 in total. These will be with current Oxbridge students or with first-class Linacre Associates, who have proven records in this field. The usual rates these people would charge for an hour's tuition are between £50 and £100 an hour. For you, like everything on the programme, they are free.</p> <p>These tutorials will link up with the University Ready in My Subject modules, so you have an expert to turn to for advice or to look over your work and to get feedback.</p> <p>The sessions will take place via Zero Gravity's own video platform. More details soon.</p> <p>As you head towards academic tests or interviews, the focus of these sessions will move to supporting you through that period.</p>	<p>Service begins Weds June 10</p>	<p>Phone an Expert - University admissions helpline (Y12 & Y13 students; Partner Schools)</p> <p>There will be a section on the Common Room website (and a dedicated email address) where you can make appointments for advice on any aspect of university applications. We will put you in touch with a Linacre Associate with expertise in this area for a friendly, expert chat on the phone or on Zoom.</p> <p>This is available for Y12s and Y13s on Reach Higher and to any staff at our partner schools.</p> <p>We will have several staff on hand to help on A level results day, to offer advice on A-level grade allocation and on university offers.</p>

	<p>These experts will also be able to help if you feel you are in any way falling behind with your schoolwork.</p>		
<p>August 10-18</p>	<p>Cambridge Summer School Stepping Stones to World Class Universities (Y12 students) This may still take place at Trinity Hall, Cambridge as per our usual programme, but this is now unlikely.</p> <p>Should we have to go online, we will offer precisely the same programme online, so please keep these dates free.</p> <p>There will be 2-3 days of Squad-based intensive subject teaching at near-university level and working on problems led by experts.</p> <p>There will be 2 days' intensive work on Admissions Assessments and how to succeed in them.</p> <p>There will be a day spent visiting Cambridge colleges (in person or via virtual tours and seminars), with first-class advice on choosing colleges. Oxbridge colleges - 1/2 day.</p> <p>There will be 1-2 days' academic interview practice, with personalised feedback and the inside-track on how to succeed in them.</p>	<p>Starting June 24</p> <p>All 7pm-8pm</p> <p>Weds June 24</p> <p>Weds July 1</p> <p>Weds July 15</p> <p>Weds July 29</p> <p>Weds August 5</p> <p>Weds Aug 19</p>	<p>Stepping Stones to World Class Universities - Applications masterclasses (Y12 students)</p> <p>These 1-hour sessions will be live-streamed and recorded. Log on details will follow</p> <p>Each will deal with a particular aspect of applications. Led by Paul Coupar-Hennessy, they will also have a long section for questions.</p> <p>Which universities and why?</p> <p>Personal statements</p> <p>Wider reading</p> <p>Which Oxbridge college?</p> <p>Admissions Assessments</p> <p>Academic Interviews</p>

Seeing behind the Glass Door: internships at world-leading organisations

Throughout the summer

We are helping students secure virtual internships with UK organisations who are leaders in their fields. We have already, for example, secured placements with a leading London law firm ([Weil](#)) and at [Elle magazine](#). These are opportunities very few students in the UK get, and they will introduce you to world-class employers, helping you see behind the glass door to see what really happens there and to do exactly the kind of work people there undertake. We will be advertising these via email from time to time, so please do check your messages.