



## The More Able Programme at Hylands

At Hylands School we believe it is important that our More Able students are recognised and suitably catered for both in the classroom and as well as in extra-curricular activities. We believe that support for the more able should be as inclusive as possible. We ensure that all more able students (including those from disadvantaged backgrounds) have access to work that will fit their needs, that our programmes are made widely available and that the groupings are flexible and regularly reassessed.

### How are More Able students identified?

We use end of Key Stage 2 data as well as our GL Assessments to initially identify more able students. We also consider high scores in subject tests as well as teacher nomination. Teachers can nominate a student who has regularly produced outstanding work or performed to a high standard.

### What is the More Able Programme at Hylands?

At Hylands all More Able students are invited to join the More Able Programme. This is a special programme where students are supported to reach their full potential. In addition to having opportunities to stretch and challenge themselves in lessons, students on the More Able Programme are offered the chance to take part in a range of activities focused on developing their skills. Some of these may include trips, competitions, extra-curricular clubs, collaborating with other schools, careers advice and conferences.

### Key Stage 3

Students identified as More Able in Year 7 & 8 are part of a **peer-mentoring programme** in collaboration with our high-achieving Year 11 & 12 students. Mentors have regular meetings with their mentee, provide academic support and help with the transition from primary school.

At KS3 each student is also given a **More Able Programme (MAP) 'Gateway Key'**, this encourages them to complete subject specific challenges and gain points which equate to a



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rewards system. The challenges have been created to support students' knowledge and understanding of the curriculum and also stretch them further.

Students on the More Able Programme are also invited to attend regular meetings with the **More Able Teacher Ambassadors at the MAP lunch clubs** where they will be kept informed on extra-curriculum opportunities.

To support the choosing of GCSE options, year 9 More Able students are also given the chance to take part in a **student panel** and ask GCSE students all about their experiences in different subjects.

The More Able Programme is designed to stretch and challenge students in a range of areas, therefore students on the programme are given the chance to take part in a number of extra-curricular and enrichment activities during the course of the year.

### Key Stage 4

More Able students in Year 10 are given the opportunity to work with the **Brilliant Club on the Scholars Programme**. The Scholars Programme is an in-school academic programme for selected pupils. It is designed to give pupils a genuine academic environment and to experience learning in the style of a university student.

Pupils will work closely with a PhD Tutor, who is either studying to gain a PhD or already has one, in a series of small group university-style tutorials to study a 'extra-curricular' course that explores topics they may not usually study in the school curriculum. Topics in the past have included Biology, English, History, Maths and Philosophy. During the tutorials pupils will complete readings and assignments that stretch them to work at one level above the current key stage, including 1,500 or 2,000 word university-style final assignment or an equivalent problem set. The Scholars Programme also takes pupils on trips to two highly-selective universities. This gives pupils the opportunity to meet current undergraduates, tour the university and receive information, advice and guidance from university outreach staff.



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The Brilliant Club knows that university may not be for everyone but exists to give children an experience of university learning to help them make an informed decision when they reach the age of 18.

In Year 11 More Able students are given careers and options advice for A level choices and post-16 options. They are also given invitations to our **lecture series** and are guaranteed first pick to attend extra curriculum events related to their degree choice. Many Year 11 students also act as mentors to younger students in a range of subject areas.

### Key Stage 5

A range of opportunities are available in the sixth form to support our more able students. This is driven through 'PIXL Edge' a scheme which develops character as well as the LORIC principles (Leadership, Organisation, Resilience, Initiative and Communication).

UCAS training is structured and involves Russel Group universities for our most able students. This includes links and trips with Oxford University. Support includes careers workshops with focus on post-18 options and include mock interviews with local business leaders.

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### How can parents support their More Able child?

Parental support is one of the most important factors in ensuring that your child is able to reach their full potential. There are many steps you can take to support and nurture your child's skills and talents, some of these are:

- Encourage a broader knowledge and understanding of the world, watch the news or documentaries so they can appreciate the context of their learning and develop an interest in current affairs. In **the 'Challenge Yourself' section of our website** you will see a range of suggestions to support with this.
- Provide opportunities to read for pleasure, encourage your child to read a range of fiction and non-fiction texts to develop their vocabulary and build their general knowledge.
- Try to set up a broad range of experiences, visit museums, theatres or universities to provide your child with aspirations, there are some suggestions available on our website.
- Encourage your child to stretch and challenge themselves in a specific subject by visiting the 'Challenge Yourself' section of our website. Work with your child to complete some of these tasks where possible.

### Useful Links

#### Potential Plus

Hylands School are a member of 'Potential Plus' and we recommend their website and the support they provide for parents and carers of More Able children.

<https://www.potentialplusuk.org/>

#### Tomorrow's Achievers

The programme provides specialist masterclasses for exceptionally able children in many parts of the country. The courses are affordable for all and cover a wealth of different topics - including science, technology, maths, philosophy, virtual reality, literature and the arts - in ways which involve and challenge the most able students.



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The Tomorrow's Achievers Educational Trust can help with fees for its masterclasses and for some other residential and other courses when:

- The child has free school meals.
- The family receives income support.

<https://www.tomorrowsachievers.co.uk/>

### The Royal Institution of Great Britain

The Royal Institution is the home of science in the heart of London, with a packed programme of accessible science for adults, children, families and schools. Through talks in our world-famous theatre, leading scientists and cultural commentators explore the latest amazing science and the way in which it shapes our lives.

<http://www.rigb.org/>

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### Khan Academy

This website features videos and self-paced exercises covering everything from arithmetic to history, finance to physics.

[www.khanacademy.org/](http://www.khanacademy.org/)

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### Young Writers

This organisation aims to encourage young people to engage in creative writing. They run national poetry and creative writing competitions through schools. They provide free resources to teachers to aid them in teaching young writers. They provide poetry and creative workshops for young writers. They award prizes to both schools and pupils across the UK.



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<https://www.youngwriters.co.uk/>

### Open Learn

This website lists free courses from The Open University

<http://www.open.edu/openlearn/free-courses>

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### FutureLearn

This website gives high quality online education free from top universities and other specialist organizations

<https://www.futurelearn.com>

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### Nrich Maths

A free online support for enriching mathematics for all stages

<http://nrich.maths.org/public>

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### Future Morph

A website designed to show children aged 11 and above the exciting places studying science, technology, engineering and maths could take them.

[www.futuremorph.org](http://www.futuremorph.org)

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### Villiers Park Educational Trust

Free online extension activities for AS and A2 Levels by Villiers Park. Inspiring young people to fulfil their potential.

<https://www.villierspark.org.uk/>

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### National Centres Children's University

A national network of centres that provide exciting and innovative learning activities and experiences outside normal school hours. Our local Children's University is in Colchester.

[www.childrensuniversity.co.uk/](http://www.childrensuniversity.co.uk/)

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### Coder Dojo Club

For children who are into computers and like the idea of programming, a coderdojo club is for them (there is one in Chelmsford!) The best thing is they are free to attend!

<http://coderdojo.com/>

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### Young Archaeologists' Club

This is a UK-wide club for 8-16 years olds interested in archaeology and has branches across the country. The nearest club is in Colchester.

[www.yac-uk.org](http://www.yac-uk.org)

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### Young Engineers

This has a national club network for young people interested in engineering. This online community represents thousands of children around the world who participate in enrichment programs. Sessions provide theoretical knowledge and practical implementation in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) basics through the use of K'nex®, Engino® and LEGO® bricks.

<http://www.young-engineers.co.uk/>

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### RSPB Wildlife Explorer Clubs

These are volunteer-led clubs run across the country for kids interested in wildlife from the RSPB.

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/fun-and-learning/>

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