

Your Ed+ St Augustine's Partnership Update

YOUR ED+ INBURGH EDUCATION

A COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE UNIVERSITY OF
EDINBURGH AND OUR PARTNER SCHOOLS.

Congratulations to a number of our current S6 students who signed up to take part in an initiative piloted by The University of Edinburgh and have progressed to Phase 3. This has been set up to tackle educational inequality; taking the University to the school and underlining that everyone is welcome and valued,

In March 2020 we had 8 students who applied to participate in a pilot programme – Your Ed+ - an initiative set up by University of Edinburgh to mentor S5 students to widen their horizons and opportunities for applying to Higher Education.

Students had to submit an application with a personal statement in S4 and during lockdown the feedback from Your Ed+ was very positive and the calibre of our pupils was outstanding.

The following pupils were successful in reaching Phase 1 of the Programme.

They are;

Khanyi Duma, Wacka Ceesay, Alessandra Giovannelli, Remi Isikaiye, Victor Manhando, Chidera Osuigwe, Sana Rezig and Kiara Robinson

PHASE 1 – STUDY SKILLS

Students completed Phase 1 in February 2021 - this consisted of attending 8 twilight sessions focussing on Study Skills. This message was sent out to pupils by Matt Lucas UoE Widening Participation Officer (Schools Partnership).

"Firstly, I want to say a big thank you to all of you for your continued engagement throughout the programme so far. In light of everything that has been going on in the world and your education over the past few months, it is a huge testament to each of you that you maintained your attendance and engagement throughout such a hectic period. The way you adapted to all the changes of dates, times, locations and formats was exemplary and says a lot about each of you as students and is a testament to your maturity and commitment to your education. On personal note, I also really appreciate the patience you showed me throughout phase 1, with online delivery of sessions which were designed to be delivered in person." MLucas

They Study Skills Sessions covered a range of essential Higher level Academic skills to increase attainment to ensure students are University Ready. Sessions covered Thinking and reading Critically, Essay Structure, Referencing, Note Taking, Revision Methods, Time Management and Planning, Research and Independent Study.

PHASE 2 S6 ACCREDITED SUBJECT WEEK

The Programme of events started w.b. 5th July 2021.

Your Ed+ students spent a week online linking in with the University, taking part in a subject taster week delivered by academics and PHD Tutors for the University. They spent the week living the life of students and taking part in specially designed subject taster lectures, seminars and tutorials in their chosen subjects. Please see the selection of subjects.



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Timetable

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
LIVE SESSIONS				
09.30-10.15 Welcome to Phase 2 & Introductions	09.30 - 9:40 Morning Check in			
10:30 - 12:30 Philosophy or Economics	9:45 - 11:45 Philosophy or Economics	9:45 - 11:45 Philosophy or Economics	9:45 - 11:45 Philosophy or Economics	9:45 - 11:45 Philosophy or Economics
13:30 - 15:30 English Literature or Biomedical Science				
	15:30 - 16:30 Study Abroad opportunities	16:00 - 17:00 Pub Quiz	16:00 - 17:00 Subject Panel	15.30-16.15 Final Discussions & Next Steps

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Students also became involved in evening activities getting to meet all of the other students involved across the Lothians and University Staff

PHASE 3 S6 ACCREDITED ACADEMIC ASSIGNMENT

To complete an accredited assignment set by the Academics to support their application to University.

Sana, Victor, Khanyi, Alessandra and Remi have also elected to proceed through to phase 3 and complete the assignment piece.

Chidera has secured a University placement at St Andrew's at the end of S5 – congratulations Chidera.

We would to thank Matt Lucas and the team at the University of Edinburgh for offering these opportunities to mentor the talent that we have at St Augustine's, and we are immensely proud of our students achievements, and being fantastic ambassadors for our School Community..

NEXT STEPS: We will be recruiting at the end of October 2021 for our current S5 to participate – we will be launching in PSE and will be able to share the criteria and eligibility for application.

Geraldine Kelly
Pupil Support Leader