

QE students target Oxbridge



Sophie Dean (front left) the Head of Sixth Form at QE School and Katie Boyes (front right) Hedteacher of QE School, with some sixth form students who are applying to Oxbridge.

Queen Elizabeth's School in Wimborne has a record number of students applying to go to Oxbridge this year – despite huge disruption to their schooling.

It also has three students hoping to attend some of the country's leading conservatoires to read music.

The school, which is part of Wimborne Academy Trust (WAT), has other students applying to top universities to study medicine, veterinary science and dentistry.

Head of Sixth form Sophie Dean has hailed her students for their efforts this year, not least because they had months unable to attend school due to the Covid restrictions.

She said: "We are extremely proud to have so many students applying to attend the best universities in the country, if not the world.

"There are seven students applying for Oxbridge, three for leading conservatoires and others hoping to attend other top institutions.

"They have not had the advantages that those from public schools enjoy, but are incredibly determined and have motivated themselves.

"We always encourage students to fulfil their potential and to aim as high as they can.

"Because of the Covid situation our staff have had to be creative in their teaching since the lockdown but nevertheless have achieved great success.

“Investment over the years means we have wonderful facilities covering all subject areas that really benefit all our sixth form students.

“It is a record year for us and we want to increase the numbers of our students applying for these top universities.

“The school has been a centre of learning since the 15th century and Wimborne Academy Trust now takes children from Reception right through to their A Levels.”

Katie Boyes, headteacher, said: “This is a tremendous effort by the year group and the teaching staff at QE.

“Competing with the leading schools in the country is something we aspire to do in all areas of school life.”

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