

Tailored Oxbridge, G5 & international university application guidance

We are ambitious for all students at Tettenhall College. Oxbridge and G5 applicants face fierce competition as they are competing against the best candidates worldwide. To gain a place at one of the most prestigious institutions in the world, effective and thorough preparations are the key to a successful application.

Unlike other universities in the UK, G5 and Oxbridge admission processes go beyond a UCAS application. Additional entrance assessments and interviews mean applicants need as much support as possible to increase their chances of admission.

Applications to excellent universities outside of the UK are also increasingly popular.

The Aspire Programme is an accelerated course which has six core areas of focus:

- (1) Genuine interest in, and passion for, a particular subject or course
- (2) Independent research and study (of topics outside of the curriculum)
- (3) Essay writing skills
- (4) Interpretative skills and creativity
- (5) Interdisciplinarity
- (6) Resourcefulness

At Tettenhall College we are committed to ensuring that each student has the widest choice of future opportunities they can, and our Sixth Form team will work closely with each student to support this, bringing in specialist advice where needed.

Whilst all students at Tettenhall College will receive a full programme of university application support and guidance, for those who are considering an 'Aspire' application, support will include:

- College selection
- Editing personal statements
- Help with securing the best references
- Supra-curricular recommendations
- Admissions test preparation with specialists
- Mock interview practice









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Mrs Jayne Sabio is Head of Sixth Form at Tettenhall College.

With more than ten year's experience of working at Wellington College, in Tianjin, China, Mrs Sabio brings to Tettenhall College a wealth of experience, specifically focused on supporting international students, particularly those from China, with their applications to top tier institutions.

Mrs Sabio's leadership experience in China includes holding the positions of Deputy Head, Head of Sixth Form and positions focused on curriculum design, educational support and mentorship. In these roles she has collaborated with both local and international educators to deliver a rich, high quality learning experience for students from diverse backgrounds. Each year, students would progress on to some of the best universities in the world, including Oxbridge and Ivy league institutions.

We are ambitious for all students, and those who join Tettenhall College for their A Level studies, will have the opportunity to work closely with Mrs Sabio and her experienced Sixth Form tutor team. They will work in a structured way to develop a tailored plan for each individual, to ensure they have the skills, aptitude and knowledge to submit the most successful application they can.

Having worked extensively with Chinese students, Mrs Sabio brings a deep understanding of the culture, which allows her to offer valuable insights and high level support for Chinese students. Tettenhall College is committed to ensuring every student has the widest choice of future opportunities that they can, and the programme offered looks to deliver this in the most effective way possible.

This year, we are proud to confirm that more than 40% of our students have applied to a G5 university.

Application criteria

To be accepted as a member of the Aspire Programme, students will need to fulfil a strict application criteria, which will include:

- Attitude, attendance and excellent academic attainment in their GCSE/ High School years
- A CV and cover letter
- An interview with the Head of Sixth Form
- Feedback from subject leaders
- Outstanding GCSE results or equivalent