

Dear parents/carers,

It is with pleasure that I write to you to inform you that your child has been nominated by their school to take part in a new initiative being launched in the North West by the University of Oxford, called Pembroke Youth Scholars.

Pembroke Youth Scholars is a programme being delivered by Pembroke College, University of Oxford, and Priestley College. Its aim is to work with a small group of Year 10 students in Warrington and to teach them content beyond the curriculum. Crucially, students must have demonstrated the potential to achieve well academically, as well as: being in receipt of Free School Meals or Pupil Premium; ever having been in care, or acting as a Young Carer; or living in a postcode in the UK where relatively few people go to university. This is an exciting opportunity to engage with the University of Oxford and to enhance pupils' learning that takes place in the classroom in a creative, bespoke and unusual way.

The launch event for this will be on Thursday 19th November at 4pm. Pupils will participate in a session led by Dr. Peter Claus, Senior History Fellow at Pembroke College. I will be running a separate event at the same time for parents and carers, so I can give you more detail on the programme and what we hope to achieve. Google Meets links for both of these events are provided at the end of this letter.

Sessions will run once a half term, and will be delivered by academics from the University of Oxford. Until we are able to safely run these sessions face-to-face, all delivery of content will be online. The theme of this year-long course is "Thinking about Thought", and will focus on various different academic disciplines' approaches to the area of Thought:

- Session one: The History of Thought. Dr. Peter Claus, 19th November 2020
- Session two: The Philosophy of Thought. Mr. Felix Slade, 21st January 2021
- Session three: The Science of Thought. Mr. Daniel McAteer, 3rd March 2021
- Session four: The Language of Thought. Mr. Felix Slade, 28th April 2021
- Session five: The Representation of Thought. TBC, 28th June 2021.

Pending the status of national lockdown, we also anticipate holding a Graduation Ceremony for our Youth Scholars in academic year 2021/22 at Pembroke College in Oxford.



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I look forward to meeting you all on Thursday.

Yours faithfully,

Mr. Felix Slade
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Google Meets link for students: <https://meet.google.com/ez3tnx42xk> (Class code, zkooll)

Google Meets link for parents and carers: <https://meet.google.com/lookup/hf5ig2e3oi>
(Class code, 2pafnh3)