

The lecture programme

Students attend two short (10-15 minute) lectures each week. These lectures don't just help students prepare for University style teaching and learning, additionally they develop cultural capital through greater academic breadth.

The content of our lecture programme is designed to build powerful knowledge – we define the hallmarks of this knowledge as:

- Knowledge that changes the way we think
- Knowledge that helps us explore, understand and explain natural and social worlds
- Knowledge that helps us go beyond our individual experiences

Why all students have lectures

The UK has the narrowest post-16 curriculum of all developed nations – for this reason alone it is important for our students to gain wider knowledge beyond their core courses.

In addition the most common progression route for Dixons Sixth Form students is to study at a good or elite University. Our lecture programme helps prepare students for University-style education.

Programme content

Lectures are divided into one of five domains based on their content. Over the course of two years lectures are delivered that explore each domain. Of course some lectures straddle more than one domain and the understanding the connections between areas of knowledge also forms a key part of the programme. A selection of lectures are listed below.

Domain 1 – Science Nature and technology

- Why humans divide the world into them and us – and the plasticity of this division
- DNA architecture the future of nano-engineering

Domain 2 – Culture Arts and Philosophy

- Platonic thinking
- The Greeks & Greek Tragedies

Domain 3 – History

- Black History – the Great Migration
- The 'great man' misnomer

Domain 4 – Politics

- Leadership in the political sphere.
- Global political systems

Domain 5 – Economics

- The fashion industry and the environment.
- World trade

What students can do with this course

The knowledge gained through the lecture programme can be a useful aid for University and Job interviews.

Students with a breadth of wider knowledge develop confidence which is transferable to many other areas of life.

How this course is assessed

The lecture programme forms part of a student's programme of study as such attendance is a part of being a Dixons Sixth Form student.

Further Reading

Sapiens: A brief history of humankind, Yuval Noah Harari, 2011

A short history of nearly everything, Bill Bryson, 2003

Why Nations Fail, Steven Levitt, 2012