

# Able & Ambitious (Student Provision Pyramid)

## High Flyers Foundation Study (KS4)

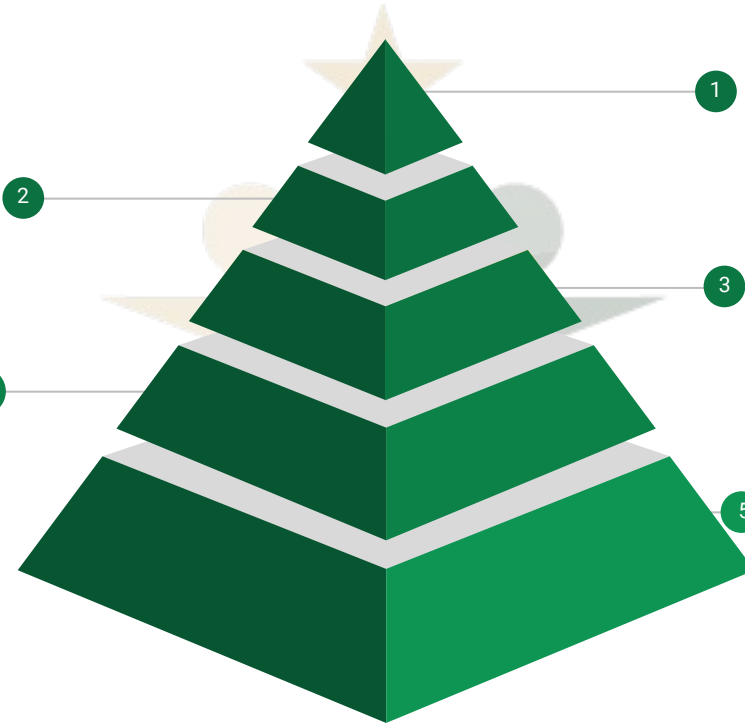
All students identified on the Able and Ambitious programme complete the EtonX course, helping to develop soft skills for the High Flyers Programme, Post 16. Students receive support from an educational psychologist as well as pathway support from the Sixth Form team.

## Provision Maps

Provision maps outline the offer from each subject to help support students developing their ability and ambition.

The maps outline the actions that students, parents and teachers can put in place to strive for excellence in each subject area:

- *In lesson provision*
- *Extra curricular provision*
- *Home provision*
- *Able & Ambitious criteria*



## 1 High Flyers Programme (KS5)

The High Flyers program supports students who are interested in applying to any course that requires an early application, Oxbridge subjects, Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary.

## 3 Able and Ambitious: Registers

Departments create a list of students who display the Able & Ambitious criteria within their subject and have selected approximately 5% of each cohort from Years 7-11, that are currently showing these traits. These students receive individualised intervention to support their learning journey.

## 5 Google Classroom

At Rickmansworth School, we believe that all students should have access to resources that help develop a love for lifelong learning. Google classrooms include guest speakers, subject super curriculums and much more!

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# 5-Google Classroom

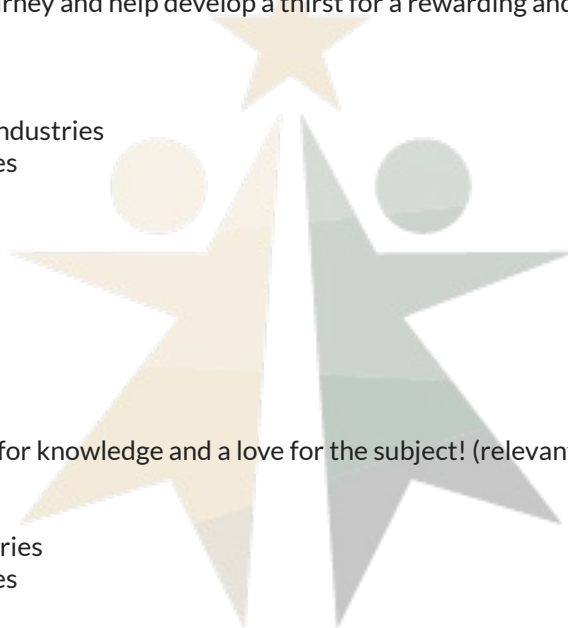
The aim of the 'Able and Ambitious Google Classrooms' are to provide all students, across all key stages, access to resources that will lead them to become more ambitious throughout their learning journey and help develop a thirst for a rewarding and successful career. The Google classrooms include the following:

## Lower School - Years 7 & 8 ([q6rdsgj](#))

- Guest speaker videos from a wide variety of industries
- Rickmansworth alumni student success stories
- Reading resources
- Research resources
- Trips or visits
- Academic competitions
- Motivational videos/podcasts
- Personal development resources
- EtonX soft skill support
- Online courses (MOOCS)
- Subject specific resources to develop a thirst for knowledge and a love for the subject! (relevant for all subjects and all year groups)

## Upper School - Year 9 - 11 ([p3xgbxy](#))

- Guest speaker videos from a variety of industries
- Rickmansworth alumni student success stories
- Reading resources
- Research resources
- Trips or visits
- Academic competitions
- Motivational videos/podcasts
- Personal development resources
- Online courses (MOOCS)
- Subject resources to develop a thirst for knowledge and a love for the subject! (relevant for all subjects and all year groups)



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## 4-Provision Maps

Departmental provision maps outline what each subject does to help support students in developing their ability and ambition. The maps outline the actions that students, parents and teachers can put in place to strive for excellence in each subject area:

- ***Able and Ambitious criteria (what students need to show)***
- ***In lesson provision***
- ***Extra curricular provision***
- ***Home provision***

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## 3- Registers

Each department has created a list of criteria that an Able and Ambitious student is expected to demonstrate in their subject and selected approximately **5% of each cohort in Years 7-11** that are currently exhibiting these traits. This register will be reviewed twice over the course of each academic year. Unlike many other schools, selection reflects current behaviours observed in the classroom rather than being solely based upon data and prior achievement. Rickmansworth School places value on ambition and work ethic, alongside natural talent or ability.

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## 2- High Flyers Foundation Study (KS4)

All students identified on the Able and Ambitious programme complete the following:

1- Students complete their EtonX course during one form time a week, helping to develop soft skills for the High Flyers programme, Post 16:

- Year 10 = Creative problem solving
- Year 11 = Interview skills Y
- Year 12 = Making an Impact
- Year 13 = Critical Thinking

2- Students receive support from the educational psychologist twice a year; these sessions differ depending on student needs.

3- Students receive a separate Sixth Form invitation day from R.Gunn, S.White and S.Leithhead to explain the High Flyers programme and what exciting opportunities lie ahead.

4- Students work with our Careers Advisor to find the best possible routes towards their next destination.

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# 1- High Flyers Programme

The High Flyers program supports students who are interested in applying to any course that requires an early application: Oxbridge subjects, Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary.

Students are guided through every step of this process - starting in Year 12 - where they develop the skills, experience and knowledge needed to ensure success in their applications. As part of this journey, we provide:

- Guest speakers, including past and present Oxbridge students
- Guidance on wider reading
- Work Experience opportunities
- Personal Statement guidance and enhanced checking and feedback
- Workshops for entrance examinations, including UCAT and BMAT
- Interview practice both within and outside of school