

## Stroud High Visit to the United Nations in Geneva



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Sixth Form

Opportunities



## ***Opportunities - A Level Subjects***

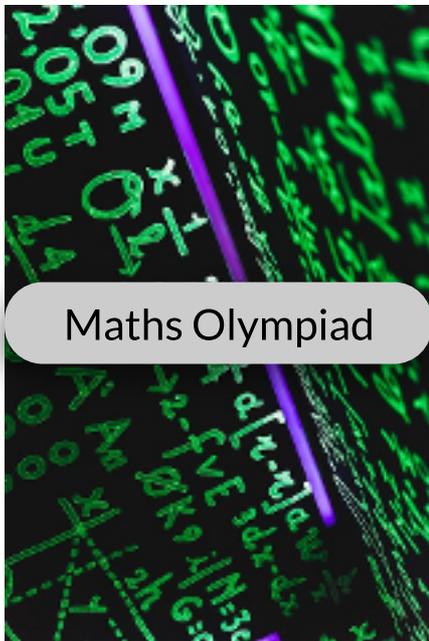
There are a wide range of academic enrichment activities available to you during your time at Stroud High Sixth Form. These activities are run in conjunction with subject areas and will enhance your learning and understanding of your A level subjects. They constitute an integral part of our A level programme.

Getting involved in these activities is a great way to show the passion you have for your subjects and that you have the capacity to undertake independent study.

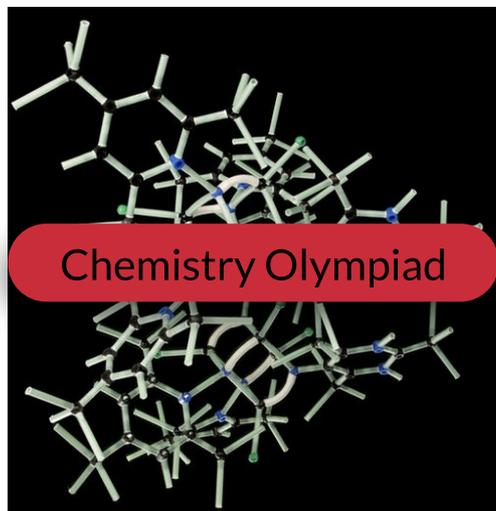
It can also help you to develop a life-long interest in a particular area and help you to narrow down your intended career path or university degree.

Employers and universities are looking for individuals who can demonstrate a genuine interest in their chosen field.

By pushing yourself to actively absorb new information and challenging yourself to investigate areas outside of the A level curriculum, you will be able to build an individual profile that will make you stand out from your peers.



Maths Olympiad



Chemistry Olympiad



## ***STEM Opportunities***

- If STEM is your passion you can get involved in a range of projects that stretch your experience outside the classroom
- We have a number of student-run societies including Biotech, Dissection Club, Microscope Club and MedVetDent Society for those of you considering medicine, veterinary science and dentistry
- We have projects in engineering and astrophysics
- SHS has forged strong links with WSP Textiles Ltd who sponsor the Real Science Project and local engineering companies including Tony Gee & Partners in Stonehouse and GE Aviation in Cheltenham
- Develop creative thinking and apply your existing knowledge in new and interesting contexts by entering the international Chemistry Olympiad
- SHS Mathematicians have the opportunity to visit Oxford University and Maths in Action and to take part in the Senior Maths Challenge and the Maths Olympiad
- If you are taking EPQ as your additional option, why not complete the EPQ in Cyber Security which we offer in conjunction with Cyber Security Challenge and City & Guilds

## ***Gold Crest Award***

A number of sixth form students participate in the Gold Crest Award programme as part of their enrichment option. You can also choose CREST Gold as your Additional Qualification. You will complete a project that makes an original contribution to a STEM field of study and submit your findings via an online platform.

The Award will help you to hone your investigative skills and employ the scientific method to conduct your own piece of research. CREST Gold can be used to enhance your UCAS personal statements. In addition, the Gold Award is recognised and respected by universities and employers and can count towards the skills section of any Duke of Edinburgh Award.



## ***Opportunities in the Arts, Humanities and Languages***

- As an A level languages student, you will be able to participate in exchanges to France, Germany and/or Spain; the French and Spanish exchanges include work experience opportunities so you will be fully conversant by the end of your stay! Previous placements have included working at the local town hall, in a bakery, with school children and in a chocolate shop.
- If you are a talented Textiles student, we will encourage you to showcase your expertise by entering the Young Fashion Designer of the Year competition and the Painswick Art Couture Competition
- If you study Politics you will have a chance to visit the Houses of Parliament and the Supreme Court as well as taking part in Euroscola at the European Parliament in Strasbourg
- Historians can get involved in debates and research with SHSHS (SHS History Society)
- Our Sociologists can listen to high calibre speakers in their field by attending either the annual Criminology Conference or the Sociology in Action Conference
- Artists will be able to visit exhibitions and take part in residential trips
- As a Geographer, you will take part in two residential field trips and are encouraged to participate in competitions run by the Geographical Association and the Royal Geographical Society
- If you choose to study Philosophy, Ethics and Belief you will be able to take part in the Cheltenham Ladies College Philosophy Conference whose past speakers have included Julian Baggini and Baroness Warnock
- Musicians will participate in various concert venue visits and perform at public events
- If you are passionate about sport, then we are offering PE students the opportunity to take part in a Sports Tour in Dubai in 2020
- English students can hone their writing skills by joining the Creative Writing Club and forge links with local journalists and resident poet
- If you study Psychology you will hear talks from visiting clinical psychologists and attend a psychology conference
- Theatre visits are a key component of your Drama A level and you will attend numerous trips to see a variety of shows in theatres across the country as well as seeing touring companies visiting the school



## ***Opportunities - Outside the Classroom***

At Stroud High Sixth Form you will find an extraordinary range of opportunities outside of the classroom to discover and pursue your talents and interests.

Many of the clubs and societies we offer feed into the cultural and sporting life of the school with trips, competitions, drama productions and charity events taking place throughout the academic year.

We encourage you to participate in activities that will not only give you a deeper understanding of your A level subjects but also develop your independence and initiative.

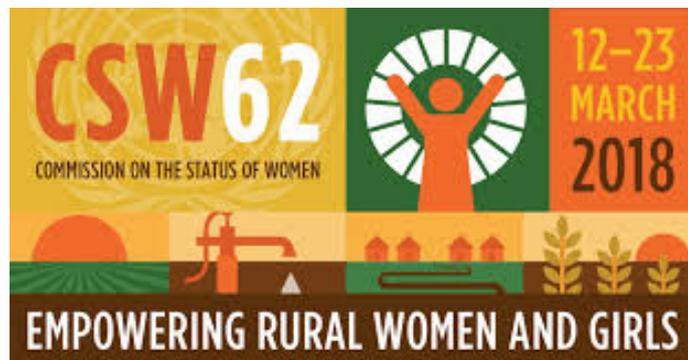
Life at Stroud High is about getting involved, trying your best and learning from the experience so that you can progress to the next chapter in your life as a confident and independent young adult who will make a positive contribution to society. Stroud High students make a difference in the local and global community.

We also know how important it is for you to develop your own personal interests, so we have lots of opportunities to get involved in sixth form life, school council and a range of sixth form committees. You can join the Eco Society, Feminist Society, Global Social Leadership group and Amnesty International to name a few.

Another way of developing your skills is to work towards a volunteering award by working with the local community, or through leadership schemes such as the Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award.

Extensive opportunities are also available for students to give back to their school community through volunteering with a variety of groups such as Peer Mentoring. Many of you will mentor students from local schools as part of our Raising Aspiration Programme.

Our aim is for you to leave us with confidence and ambition as someone who will go out and make their mark somewhere in the world and our extra-curricular opportunities are a key part of our provision in helping you achieve this goal.



## ***United Nations in New York***

Want to see how the United Nations operates first-hand? Stroud High Sixth Form is in a unique position in being able to offer you the chance to get involved in the UN process. Working closely with Serene Communications we are the only school in the country to do this. You will travel to New York and attend the annual meeting of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) at the UN headquarters. CSW is a global intergovernmental body exclusively dedicated to the promotion of gender equality and the empowerment of women and is instrumental in promoting women's rights, documenting the reality of women's lives throughout the world, and shaping global standards on gender equality and the empowerment of women.

You will have the opportunity to sit on a panel at an NGO event or chair your own event. You will attend a wealth of other events focusing on gender equality and the status of women worldwide. You are accredited as a Youth Delegate through the National Association of Women's Organisations (NAWO) and will meet with UK government officials whilst in New York.

An invaluable aspect of the experience is the opportunity to watch, listen and learn from many expert and thought-provoking speakers from around the world. The sheer amount of experience and expertise gathered in one place is astonishing - this is work experience and networking at a global level.

You will make incredible contacts with inspirational and incredibly important people. It is a truly life changing, inspirational experience.



## ***United Nations in Geneva***

Working with Serene Communications, we offer the opportunity to attend meetings of the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) in Geneva.

The UNHRC is an inter-governmental body within the United Nations system responsible for strengthening the promotion and protection of human rights around the globe and for addressing situations of human rights violations and making recommendations on them.

You will attend Government sessions of the HRC and NGO events and participate in those NGO events and, if possible, make presentations at them.

You will meet with NGOs, UN staff and UK Government officials who will inform you of a variety of UN processes. You will also be able to visit the UK Mission to the UN. A remarkable opportunity indeed!

You will also be involved in an NGO conference and be given the opportunity to give presentations there.

You will visit the Palais Nations and Palais Wilson (which housed the League of Nations) and the UN library. The library tour includes the archives including the original treaties and Nuremburg trial transcripts.



University of  
BRISTOL



## ***Bristol University - Access to Bristol***

Every year, Bristol University selects students to take part in its Access to Bristol Programme which provides local students with an unprecedented opportunity to experience life at this Russell Group university.

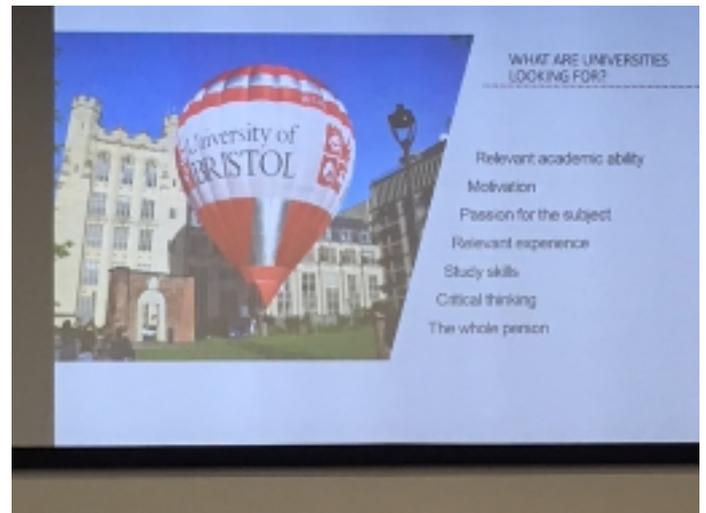
If selected, you will attend a series of sessions held at the University on Wednesday afternoons, choosing from 28 subject streams, representing many of the degree subjects available at Bristol.

You will get an idea of what it is like to study at the University of Bristol, working with academics and current students who can offer advice and guidance about higher education and their subject area.

SHS arranges for a coach to take you to and from Bristol University (no cost involved).

Students have attended courses on:

- Archaeology and Anthropology
- Applied Maths and Computer Science
- Biological Sciences
- Biomedical Sciences
- Childhood Studies
- Classics and Ancient History
- Earth Sciences
- Economics, Finance and Management
- Engineering
- English Literature
- Health Sciences (Pathways)
- Historical Studies
- Law (Pathways)
- Management, Accounting & Finance
- Modern Languages
- Music
- Psychology
- Religion and Theology
- Social Policy and Criminology
- Social Sciences



## ***Bristol University - Workshops***

In the summer term, we arrange for our Year 12 students to attend the University of Bristol's Year 12 Schools Conference where you will have the opportunity to experience first-hand life at this Russell Group university.

You will receive advice and guidance on the progression to Higher Education and in particular how to write personal statements (which will also provide a basis for writing a curriculum vitae and completing employment applications).

The day is beneficial for all students regardless of whether Bristol is one of their preferred choices or whether they intend to go to university.

- Welcome from Bristol University's Recruitment Officer
- Attend a workshop on the UCAS process and how to write a Personal Statement
- Q&A session on student life
- Tour of the university
- Academic Taster Lecture focusing on STEM - Life Sciences and Physical Sciences; or
- Academic Taster Lecture focusing on Non-STEM - Arts & Humanities, Social Sciences and Law
- Students will be able to interact with university ambassadors at the university fair which will provide information on accommodation and fees and funding for university



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Lady Margaret Hall



Robinson College  
University of Cambridge



**OXFORD &  
CAMBRIDGE**  
Student Conferences



## ***Oxford and Cambridge***

We are aware that competition for places at Oxford and Cambridge is fierce which is why we have developed a programme of support for those of you considering applying to these prestigious universities. We have strong links with our partner colleges:

- Lady Margaret Hall - Oxford University
- Robinson College - Cambridge University

In the Autumn term we offer you the opportunity to visit Lady Margaret Hall and Keble College at Oxford University. You will meet student ambassadors who will take you on a tour of the colleges and gain an insight into what life, at this high achieving university, will be like. Students have also taken part in science residentials at Robinson College.

### ***Oxbridge Conference***

In March you will be able to take part in the Oxbridge Conference. This is an annual conference where experienced admissions staff, subject specialists and current students from the universities of Oxford and Cambridge provide information on their courses, outline the admissions process and provide you with the opportunity to hear first-hand how current undergraduate students find life at Oxford and Cambridge. The conference is an excellent introduction to Oxbridge and will help you decide whether these universities are right for you.

### ***UNIQ Summer Courses***

We will support you and encourage you to apply to take part in Oxford University UNIQ Summer courses that give you a taste of the Oxford undergraduate student experience. You will live in an Oxford college for a week, attend lectures and seminars in your chosen subject area, and receive expert advice on the Oxford application and interview process.

### ***Former SHS Students at Oxford and Cambridge***

We invite former SHS students who are currently studying or have studied at Oxford or Cambridge to come and give talks on the application process and their experiences as an undergraduate.

### ***Mock Interviews***

Former students provide tips and advice on what to expect from an Oxbridge interview. We also arrange for experts outside the school to help you with interview practice and give you a flavour of the real thing together with invaluable feedback.



## ***Music and Drama***

Our Drama and Music departments are key components of the school with many sixth form students getting involved in school performances and productions regardless of whether they are taking Music or Drama at A level.

Join the A Capella Choir, Downfielders (Folk), Flute Ensemble, Jazz Band, Recorder Ensemble, Senior Orchestra, Senior Strings, Senior Choir, Senior Clarinets or Wind Ensemble and perform at school events and outside performances.

If you are interested in Drama get involved in our Musical Theatre Club and Drama Special Effects Make-Up Club.

Take part in the annual school production, either behind the scenes or in front of the audience. Many students help out with set design, musical direction and costume design for our shows.

You could also take part in the Gloucestershire Young Musician of the Year competition where former students have achieved great success.

## ***Sport***

If you are passionate about sport and fitness then there are plenty of opportunities at Stroud High to get involved.

We have a very successful U19 Netball Squad.

Or why not join our Stroud Handball Academy or the Hockey Team.

Use our fitness suite for free; try your hand at Archery.

Become a member of the Gymnastics Club or join the Football Squad.

If running is your passion, then join the Cross-Country Club.

For those of you who like to dance, we also run an Advanced Dance Club.



EUROPEAN YOUTH PARLIAMENT

The logo for the European Youth Parliament is centered on the page. It consists of a circle of twelve stars, with ten blue stars and two yellow stars, arranged in a pattern similar to the European Union flag.

## ***Debating Society***

Stroud High School Debating Team is not only extremely active but incredibly successful. The Debating Society is open to all students – it is not a requirement that you take A level Politics to get involved.

You will be able to take part in the annual European Youth Parliament Competition. This year students travelled to the national session in Liverpool and competed against schools from all around the UK including Guildford High School, St Paul's School, Pate's Grammar School, St Colman's College, Cardiff Sixth Form College and Mearns Castle High School.

The sessions begin with team-building activities where you get to know your committee members in order to successfully work together as a team.

The following day, you start work on your resolutions, which seek to offer solutions to the various problems outlined in the motions assigned to different committees. Examples of the issues allocated were the gender employment gap, disability in the workplace, artificial intelligence, space debris and antibiotic resistance.

The next day you debate the various resolutions in the General Assembly. Our team this year was particularly strong making fantastic points and rebuttals as well as strong and powerful speeches being delivered.

Based on our performance at nationals, the judges chose Stroud High and Mearns Castle High School to progress to the international session of European Youth Parliament.



'If your actions inspire people to dream more, learn more and do more and become more, you are a leader'

John Quincy Adams

## ***Leadership Opportunities***

The House system is an integral part of school life at Stroud High and our sixth formers play a key role in organising and leading activities for the entire school community.

We encourage all Year 12 students to put themselves forward for the various leadership roles available within the school.

### **Senior Roles**

The Head Student (supported by four Deputy Head Students) acts as the main representative of students of the school to staff, governors, parents and the wider community. Each Deputy Head Student oversees a particular aspect of school life: Student Council, Houses, Wellbeing and Student Leadership.

### **House Roles**

We have five houses at Stroud High: Arundel (A), Capel (C), Griffin (G), Kimmin (K) and Stanley (S). Each House has two House Leaders who oversee the activities of their house. We have house activities and/or assemblies every Friday.

### **Tutor Group Roles**

Within each tutor group we have a number of student roles that you will be able to volunteer for: Form Leader, RAG Rep, Sports Rep, School Council Rep and International Ambassador.

### **RAG Week**

This is a fun charity-focused week organised by sixth form students:

- Winter Wonderland - stalls and festive fun
- Teacher lip sync competition
- Stroud High Bake Off
- Would I Lie To You Quiz
- Sixth Form Pub Quiz



**DofE GOLD**



## ***Duke of Edinburgh Award - Gold***

Every year a significant number of sixth form students complete the Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award. It is not necessary to have achieved Silver prior to undertaking Gold.

You will meet new people and make new friends, take part in an amazing experience and gain an incredible sense of achievement

You will also have the opportunity to develop self-confidence, self-reliance, leadership, teamwork, decision-making, problem solving, communication, commitment and time management skills.

The award involves:

- training
- expedition
- volunteering
- sport



## ***Korean Exchange***

Over the past 2 years we have been developing links with Hanbit High School, a very high achieving post-15 school in South Korea.

Our connection has been through a historic link the Soldiers of Gloucester have with the province of Paju.

The exchange offers cultural and social opportunities that are second to none.

A second group of Hanbit High School students will be arriving during the last week of January 2019.

We plan to take our first Stroud High School group out to visit in May 2019.

To help facilitate the exchange we have arranged for our students to take lessons in Korean.

You can be part of this exciting exchange by hosting a visitor, returning to South Korea and learning a new language!

# VOLUNTEER



## ***Volunteering - Local Schools***

You will have an opportunity to use your enrichment option on Wednesday afternoons to volunteer as a mentor for Year 11 students at local 11-16 schools.

You will help mentor them in specific subjects in preparation for their GCSE exams, particularly Mathematics, Science and English.

In addition, you will also be able to use Wednesday afternoons to volunteer at local primary schools running sessions on Modern Foreign Languages, Mathematics and Eco projects.

At Stroud High we value making a difference to those in the local community and giving back to others.

## ***Volunteering - Stroud High School***

There are a number of opportunities for you to help mentor students in lower years at Stroud High School providing younger pupils with an invaluable support network.

You can also volunteer to help specific departments as part of your enrichment option on Wednesday afternoons including the school library.



## *Gloucestershire Young Photographer*

Every year students from Stroud High take part in the Gloucestershire Young Photographer of the Year competition with support from our Art department.

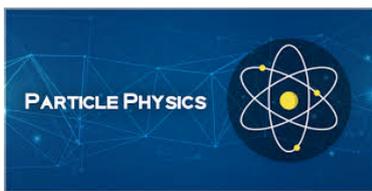
This year there were a total of 617 entries from 29 Gloucestershire secondary schools.

We had over 100 entries from Stroud High School and were awarded the 'overall BEST SCHOOL' prize out of 29 schools.

Abbie Wade in Year 13 did fantastically well and was awarded first place from all 617 entries and Issy Franklin in Year 12 was Highly Commended.

You will also have an opportunity to join our photography club.





ARABIC ALPHABETS

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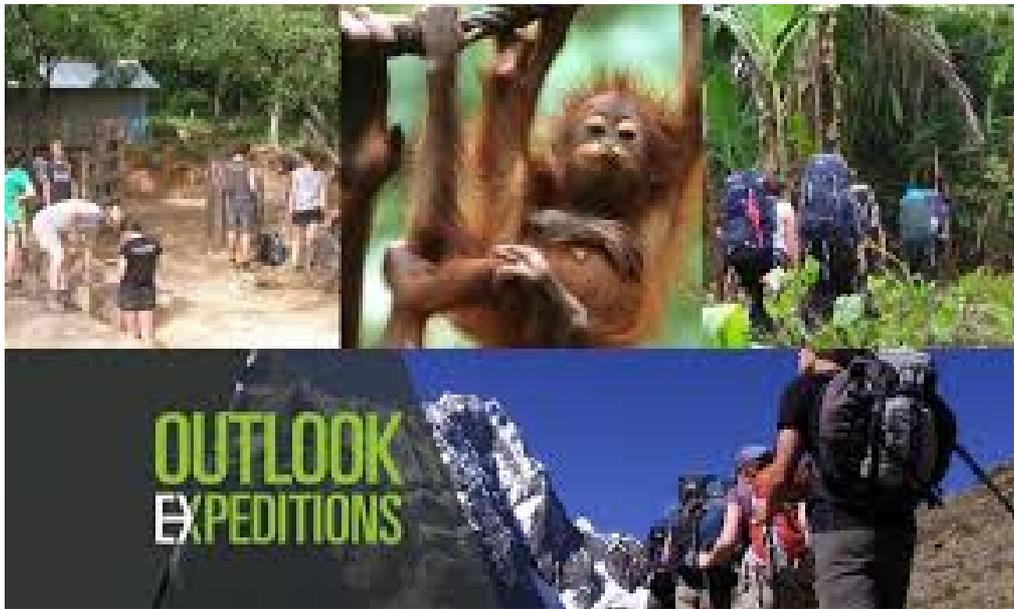


# *Clubs and Societies*

There are plenty of clubs and societies for you to join during your time in the sixth form. Below is a flavour of the clubs that have run in previous years.

If you do not see one you would like to join we encourage you to get one up and running!

Amnesty Society	Handball
Animal Awareness	History
Archery	Hockey
Athletics	Languages (Arabic, Chinese, Italian)
Badminton	Law Society
Basketball	Medical Society
Chess Club	Musical Theatre
Christian Union	Netball
Cricket	Particle Physics
Cross-country	Philosophy Society
Dance	Photography
Drama Special Effects Make-Up	Politics Society
Dissection Club	Psychology Society
Eco Council	Rounders
Fashion Show	Rugby
Feminist Society	Softball
Football	Table Tennis
Gardening Club	Tea Society
German Club	Textiles
Global Social Leaders	Trampolining
Gym	Volley ball
Gymnastics	



## ***Expeditions***

Expeditions are designed to be challenging, inspiring and transforming; a powerful force in empowering young people to identify and realise their ambitions. By giving you responsibility and ownership of your expedition, you will develop life skills such as independence, confidence and accountability.

Every expedition is designed to be educational, not just in the academic sense but in a way that supports the development of core skills. From the start you will be responsible for planning and choosing your itinerary, destination research, budgeting and raising funds.

Fears are conquered, friendships are strengthened, new relationships are built, unforgettable stories are written, character is revealed, potential is fulfilled and confidence soars! You will benefit from every aspect through fundraising, planning and training, supported by an expert team so that upon departure you are prepared and motivated for the opportunities that wait for you.

### ***Outlook Expeditions***

In 2019 there are three trips taking place with Outlook Expeditions:

- Thailand, Laos and Cambodia
- China and Mongolia
- Borneo

### ***Visit to Tanzania - Massai Widows***

The trip is run by Serene Communications in partnership with the charity Naserian that helps Massai widows prosper within their community. Traditionally when a woman's husband dies she is inherited by a male relative in order to keep her safe. Naserian helps communities understand that often the women want to live independently and remain in control of what happens to their children.

This learning and service trip will help to raise funds for the widows to continue their work. You will meet the widows and provide a range of services to the community including documenting the stories of the widows, teaching children in the villages, teaching English and IT skills and providing resources for and building a Naserian Widows centre. The trip includes a safari camping trip and ends with a 3 night stay in Zanzibar where you will take part in an array of cultural activities.



## Everything is Possible

Mechanic. Graphic designer. Engineer. Nobel Prize Winner.  
Astro-physicist. **Confident**. Game changer. Musician. Tailor.  
Artist. Dancer. **Brave**. Marine biologist. Surgeon. Surveyor.  
Dietician. Politician. Accountant. **Curious**. Banker. Chef.  
Dentist. Mid-wife. Architect. Actor. Pilot. Fire-fighter.  
**Courteous**. Police officer. Judge. Secretary General of the  
United Nations. Librarian. Lawyer. Astronaut. Social worker.  
Psychiatrist. Film producer. Statistician. Scientist. Novelist.  
**Honourable**. Teacher. Independent. Paramedic.  
Technologist. Vet. Prime Minister. Nurse. Broker.  
**Respectful**. Racing driver. Revolutionary. Pharmacist. **Fun**.  
Doctor. Pie maker. Carer. Pioneer. Comedian. Olympic  
athlete. **Happy**.