

# TalentEd

Expert teachers for bright students



## TalentEd combines qualified teachers and small groups every week to improve grades and future options

TalentEd's expert tutors supported 24 highly able disadvantaged Year 10 pupils at Oasis Academy Hadley during 2016-17



\* All names have been changed

### Case study: Charlotte\*

Charlotte was a bright spark who had become bored in a class of 30 pupils and was misbehaving. As a result, she had been moved down sets even though she was highly capable. Her trajectory is typical of many bright students from disadvantaged backgrounds in the UK. Lisa is eligible for free school meals (FSM), because her family's income is below £16,190, and attends a school with above average levels of FSM students.

Charlotte needed personalised support, attention and challenge from a qualified teacher in a small group to reach her potential. Her tutor focused on building trust and enthusiasm for learning, encouraging Charlotte to take responsibility for her own learning. Her school teachers noticed an improvement, almost immediately as Charlotte grew in confidence and self-belief and started applying herself to her studies. She could still be challenging at times, but she was able to focus much more and think about the bigger picture.

By the end of the programme her grades had improved, particularly in Science subjects where she had been struggled with motivation before. Her tutor noted that she was so much more positive about herself and others and understood that she had ability which needed to be applied. Charlotte attributed improvements in the following areas to working with her TalentEd tutor:

Confidence

Teamwork

Aspirations

Revision skills

By the end of the programme:

87% of students felt they had improved their study skills by more than 1 point on a 1-5 scale

80% of students felt they had improved their application and interview technique

95% of students volunteered positive feedback about their tutor

On average, students improved their CV writing skills by at least one point on a 1-5 scale

"They have grown in confidence and developed learning skills, a team work attitude as well as an ability to self-reflect, which will help them with their upcoming GCSEs and for the rest of their lives"

Mandy\*, TalentEd tutor

### Charlotte is now achieving top

10 point improvement in her Attainment 8

Improvement of two whole grades in Physics

Q: What was the best thing about TalentEd?

A: "Learning new skills!"

Charlotte, TalentEd student

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