

## Aimhigher WECAN Oxford

### 1. Background

Aimhigher WECAN is working with Trinity College, Oxford University to offer a unique programme of support for young people on the Aim higher register.

There are 35 places available to attend a workshop in London led by Trinity College and then a visit to the college. For students who then wish to apply to Trinity then there will be the opportunity to visit the college again and stay overnight prior to their Open Day in Summer 2011.

### 2. Target group

This project is targeted at **year 12 students**. Participation is by application given the small number of places across WECAN. The primary purpose of the application is to ensure that the participants in this programme are clearly from Aim higher backgrounds and have the potential to enter Oxford in year 13. Only applicants who meet these two criteria will be eligible to participate in this programme.

### 3. The programme

- **15<sup>th</sup> February 1.30pm to 4.00 pm**: A half day event led by the Admissions and Outreach Office from Trinity College, Oxford. It will focus on de-mystifying Oxford as a university, looking at the application process and what it would be like to be a student at this university.
- **8<sup>th</sup> March**: A day long visit to Trinity College. This will be a valuable opportunity to visit and explore an Oxford college. The physical and learning environment offered by the Oxbridge collegiate system is perhaps the thing that makes Oxford and Cambridge most distinctive. It is essential if a student is thinking of applying to these universities that they have an in-depth look at an Oxbridge college before they make this decision. There will also be a further session on the application process including the all important interview and what kind of experience this is. In addition there will be the opportunity to meet present students from Trinity.
- **5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> July**: The 2011 Trinity College Open Day is the primary opportunity to learn about the full nature of what it means to be an under-graduate at the college. As well as the chance to meet academics students, will be able to find out about the full range of extra-curricular experiences that Trinity and Oxford offers in sports, art and culture. Participants in WECAN Oxford will also be able to stay overnight at college on the 5<sup>th</sup> July. This is an excellent chance to experience what it would be like to live at college. All undergraduates spend at least their first year living in the college. There will also be a social event in Oxford itself and an opportunity to sample what the town has to offer to students.

### 4. The Project Timetable

31 <sup>st</sup> January	Deadline for applications
4 <sup>th</sup> February	Successful applicants informed
15 <sup>th</sup> February	London Workshop
8 <sup>th</sup> March	Day Visit to Trinity College, Oxford
30 <sup>th</sup> April	Confirmation from participants that they wish to attend residential and Open Day
5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Residential and Open Day
13 <sup>th</sup> July	Project Feedback session