



Breaking Educational Barriers (BEB) is a Kingsway International Christian Centre (KICC) community outreach initiative run by education specialists dedicated to raising aspirations and widening access to top universities for young people from under-represented backgrounds.

Since 2012, BEB has worked in collaboration with the University of Oxford and other leading institutions to challenge perceived barriers to higher education and help students aim high and achieve their full academic potential. What began as a mission to increase the number of students from minority backgrounds progressing to Oxford has grown into a broader programme that supports young people to pursue ambitious pathways, including Oxbridge, Russell Group universities and more recently Higher and Degree Apprenticeships.

Over the years, BEB has delivered a wide range of aspiration-raising and preparation activities, including:

- Educational visits and day trips to the University of Oxford for different year groups
- Parent engagement workshops to support families navigating higher education and university pathways.
- Large-scale conferences featuring school, university, apprenticeship, and employment experts.
- Career insight days at city financial institutions

- Myth-busting sessions about Oxbridge admissions and subject choices
- Guidance on A-level subject selection and university course requirements
- Personal statement application and interview workshops
- University preparation “boot camps” focused on preparing young people for independence and student life at university.
- Mentoring and support programmes for Oxbridge applicants
- Parental one-to-one advice and guidance surgeries

Through these initiatives, BEB has supported hundreds of students and families across England and abroad, helping them develop the confidence, knowledge and support networks needed to access competitive universities. Many alumni of the programme have gone on to study at Oxford, Cambridge, and other Russell Group universities, as well as to secure prestigious higher and degree apprenticeships.

Today, Breaking Educational Barriers continues to champion aspiration, empowering young people to believe that top universities are within reach and equipping them with the tools to succeed.

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