

## 7. BEYOND SCHOOL

*Independent school pupils engage in unrivalled co-curricular activities.*

*Once at university they consider themselves better prepared for study than do their state school peers.*

*They then go on to achieve better degree results and greater success in employment than other university students.*

### Co-curricular activities

- HMC schools are renowned for **excellence** in specialist areas such as **sport, music, the arts, drama, expeditions, outdoor education, fieldwork studies** and **community service**.
- In 2009 the Charity Commission found that HMC schools play a leading role in **co-ordinating sports fixtures** across all the schools in an urban area, **orchestral participation** among young people of all backgrounds, **community work** and **charitable fundraising**.

### Thriving at university

- Undergraduates from independent schools rate the **quality of teaching** they had at school **and preparation** for university studies much **more highly** than do their state-educated peers.

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### Thriving at university *continued*

- **65%** of undergraduates from independent schools gain a **1<sup>st</sup> or 2:1 degree** compared to **53%** of their state-school classmates.
- Undergraduates from independent schools are a **third more likely** than other students to be in a **top graduate position** three years later.

### Adult achievement

- **One third** of British gold medallists at **Beijing 2008** and **one quarter** at **London 2012** attended an independent school. 44 out of 114 British medal winners at London 2012 were won by Olympians who had attended an independent school.
- Pupils from independent schools go on to senior positions in public life and the professions. Sutton Trust research concludes:
  - **53%** of today's **influential people** who attended UK schools were independently educated.
  - **Leading professionals** educated at independent schools include:

Vice-Chancellors	24%
CEOs	54%
MPs	32%
Journalists	54%
Scientists and scholars	42%
Judges	70%
Medics	51%