

Brightest pupils apply to join 'pathway' to top universities

TOP students will bid to join an academy school's programme to help them get into prestigious universities.

Teens at Stockwell Park High School in Clapham Road, Stockwell, will be offered the chance to take part in a so-called "grammar school pathway". The brightest of the school's 977 students are due to take exams today, Monday and Tuesday.

The top 40 per cent will then be given regular testing in English, maths and sciences

to prepare them for the higher standards expected to gain access at the so-called Russell Group of universities, which includes Oxford and Cambridge. They will visit campuses and attend master classes and lectures from visiting experts.

Stockwell Park headteacher Judette Tapper, *pictured*, said: "We have students who are very bright and have the potential to do whatever they choose in life.

"Times are changing and competition for the best



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university places and jobs is getting fiercer.

"We can't give our children the financial advantage that some students enjoy. What we can do is equip them with the very best education."