

June 17th, 2024

Parents' Evening

Why Oxbridge?

- Top universities
 - Career prospects
 - Academic brilliance
 - Collegiate system
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- Tutorial system
 - Short terms
 - For all
 - Don't be put off

What students need...

- Entry requirements different for each course at the two universities
- Bare minimum – three A grades at A Level (this year)
- More likely to be A*AA or even A*A*A

What students should have

Oxford

- Successful applicants typically have a high proportion of A and A* grades or 7,8 and 9 grades. However, we do look at GCSE grades in context. Where possible, tutors will be made aware of the overall GCSE performance of the school or college where you studied.

Cambridge

- GCSE results are looked at as a performance indicator, but within the context of the performance of the school.
- Most students who apply have at least four or five As or A*s at GCSE (7 is considered equivalent to an A; and 8 and 9 is considered equivalent to an A*).

What students must have

- Intellectual curiosity
- Academic potential
- Genuine intellectual commitment

Which university? Which college?

- University and college – the student's life – the student's choice
- College choice doesn't matter so much unless subjects only offered by certain colleges

Courses

- [Admission requirements for 2025 entry | University of Oxford](#)
- [Course requirements | Undergraduate Study \(cam.ac.uk\)](#)
- [Course listing | Undergraduate Study \(cam.ac.uk\)](#)

Unusual (or unusual sounding) courses

Oxford

- Archaeology and Anthropology
- Classics and Oriental Studies
- European and Middle Eastern Languages
- Human Sciences
- Materials Science
- Physics and Philosophy

Cambridge

- Anglo-Saxon, Norse and Celtic
- Asian and Middle Eastern Studies
- Education
- Human, Social and Political Sciences
- Land Economy
- Natural Sciences

What the students have done.....

- Oxbridge Conference - overview of process; personal statements; discussion groups; Q&A with successful candidates; mock interview

What students should be doing....

- Researching the different types of courses which Oxford and Cambridge have to offer.
- School's Oxbridge Accessit website has lots of useful information and links.

What students should be doing....

- Supercurricular !
- Reading beyond their syllabus. Articles and books. Stretching their thinking and understanding. Taking notes! Podcasts, TedTalks, etc can count too.

What students should be doing....

- Maintaining highest academic standards
- UCAS predicted grades will be based on evidence and professional judgement as per school policy rather than “need”

What we will do.....

Summer Term

Autumn Term

- Discussion Groups
- Meet ex-CRGS Cambridge and Oxford undergraduates on July 1
- Open Day visits

What we will do.....

Summer Term

Autumn Term

- Provide advice and support available to every student and help them meet the early UCAS deadline
- Prepare students for Admissions Tests
- Provide practice interview
- Support with remote interview*

Dates

- September – register for Admissions Tests with Pearson Vue
- September 24- school deadline for applications to UCAS
- October 16 – UCAS Early Entry Deadline
- October 22 – My Cambridge Application (no extra form for Oxford)
- October – Admissions Tests at Pearson Vue test centres
- December – Interviews – vast majority will be virtual/remote
- January – Students informed of decisions (Oxford first, Cambridge later)

Open Days

Oxford

- Led by Mr S Draper, Oxbridge Co-ordinator; Mr J Procter, Senior Tutor; Mrs D Doggart, Teacher of English
- Overnight stay at Keble, Brasenose, Queens

Cambridge

- Led by Mr S Draper, Oxbridge Co-Ordinator; Mrs V Howard, Careers Co-Ordinator; Miss E Illingworth, Student Support
- One day visit

Open Days - Oxford

- Wednesday, June 26th – depart 9.30am from Well Terrace
- Arrive at 2pm. Settle into colleges and chance to explore Oxford
- Evening – Dinner in colleges/Pizza Express/early evening walk

Open Days - Oxford

- Thursday, June 27th – Breakfast in colleges.
- Research and exploration – chance to attend lectures and visit colleges and departments; own lunch; check in at Noon at Radcliffe Camera
- Depart – 3.15pm from St Giles
- Arrive at Well Terrace – 8pm

Open Days - Cambridge

- Thursday, July 4th – Depart 5am from Well Terrace
- Arrive at 10am.
- Check in 1pm at King's Parade
- Meet at King's Parade at 4.30pm for departure
- Arrive 10pm at Well Terrace

Open Days - Cambridge

- [Cambridge Open Days | Undergraduate Study](#)
- Warm up Webinars – Book in advance.
- Be prepared!!

Both trips – Discipline, Health & Safety

- School Code of Conduct
- Groups of Four
- Students **MUST NOT** leave colleges in the evening unless with staff
- Room checks
- Mobile phones

Both trips – Discipline, Health & Safety

- Students responsible for own medicine including inhalers/epipens
- Allergies – please don't bring nuts (including peanuts), seeds and eggs onto coach
- Comfortable walking shoes/trainers
- Prepare for all weathers – sun or rain or both!
- Bikes!

Both trips - Packs

- Maps with colleges and departments
- Contact numbers for staff

Oxford trip - Luggage

- One small overnight bag (perhaps a rucksack too)
- Colleges have storage facilities which students can use on both days
- Towels usually provided by colleges but....
- Pen!