

CHINA PEERS
2020



CHINA PEER GUIDE

Here at Cardiff Sixth Form we are very proud of our students from China who have all excelled under the College's care and guidance.

This booklet highlights some of our excellent Chinese pupils and gives some useful statistics and academic information showing why Cardiff Sixth Form College is the top school in the UK.



LILLIE CHEN

Former School: Beijing Royal School

Subjects studied at A-level:

Maths, Further Maths, Economics, Physics, and Chinese

Grades at A-level:

A* A A* A* A*

University of choice: London School of Economics and Political Science – Economics

“The teachers at CSFC are extremely helpful. Mr Grimes teaches in a way which enables me to see Physics from a completely different perspective – this has made me feel so much more passionate about physics.

I took part in both the Economics and Debate clubs at CSFC. These have been great fun and aided me massively with my university application by developing my critical thinking skills. I was also regularly challenged on my views which helped replicate Oxbridge interviews very well.

The London Museum trip was great fun – we got to learn lots about the UK and the way it has developed into the amazing place in which we study today!”



DEWEN SUN

Former School:

Shanghai Qi Bao High School

Subjects studied at A-level:

Maths, Further Maths, Physics and Chemistry

Grades at A-level:

A* A* A* A*

University:

Imperial College London – Materials Science and Engineering

“I’ll remember the night we spent in Bristol debating and the trip to CERN in 2018. I loved that trip along with CERN 2019 and ICE Malaysia. The Careers Department have helped me out a great deal and made sure I finished the application process quite early. The facilities we use are great and I go to the gym everyday which is very important to me.”

ACADEMIC STATISTICS AND CASE STUDIES 2020

For the past 15 years, Cardiff Sixth Form College students have enjoyed success at the G5 universities – Oxford, Cambridge, Imperial, London School of Economics and University College London - as well as other leading universities in the UK and around the world. Each year our Asian students gain coveted places to study subjects such as medicine, law and architecture at leading Asian universities such as University of Hong Kong and the Chinese University of Hong Kong, whilst others have entered Ivy League universities in the US.

Around 180 students join Cardiff each year to complete their GCSE and A Levels before progressing onto university. Over 40 nationalities are represented and the international flavour of the College is highly regarded. What the students have in common is that they are all intelligent, ambitious and career-driven and are looking for the top quality teaching and highly successful super curricular and careers programmes run by the top school in the UK.

2020 saw another outstanding year with our results showing

98.5% of students gaining A*-A grades

100% gaining A*-B grades

100% gaining A*-C grades

62% students gaining three A*s or more

100% gaining AAB in facilitating subjects





CHARLOTTE LI

Former School:

Abbey College Cambridge

Subjects studied at A-level:

Maths, Biology, and Chemistry

Grades at A-level:

A* A* A*

University:

Imperial College London – Biochemistry

“The Duke of Edinburgh expedition was an experience I will always remember. It is just great to be outdoors and have fun while achieving something special. The Careers Team have been a huge support to me; they have provided a lot of help for my Personal Statement and my application to Cambridge. The Bath trip to visit the Christmas markets was fantastic again as, much like the DofE trip, it was a chance to get outside of the College and away from academia for a while which is very important.”



YISHU WANG

Former School:

Taiyuan No.5 Middle School

Subjects studied at A-level:

Maths, Further Maths, and Economics

Grades at A-level:

A* A* A

University:

University College London
– Economics and Statistics

“I’ll remember working hard at Cardiff; it’s the hard work that pays off in the end. The support I was given was great as without the help with my Personal Statement and the information about which subjects I should choose I could not have achieved what I have achieved. I owe a big thank you to the teaching staff such as Mr Kampas, Mr Grimes and Ms Davies for all they did for me throughout my time at CSFC.”

OXBRIDGE SUCCESS

Cardiff students are extremely successful at gaining places at Oxford and Cambridge. The College runs specific courses for applicants with extra coaching for university entrance exams, interview coaching and weekly critical thinking classes.

In addition, as part of Dukes Education which runs Oxbridge Applications, Cardiff students receive tutorials and presentations as well as advice from current Oxbridge students studying the subjects they are applying for.

SUBJECTS STUDIED AT OXBRIDGE IN 2020

Biochemistry

Economics

Economics and Management

Engineering

Law and French Law

Mathematics

Materials Science

Medicine

Natural Sciences

Philosophy

Veterinary Medicine

17

of Cardiff students
gained Oxbridge
places in 2020





UNIVERSITY PROGRESSION

The top five destinations for students from Cardiff Sixth Form College are the G5 universities: Oxford, Cambridge, LSE, UCL and Imperial.

Admissions tutors from leading universities are invited to visit Cardiff on a regular basis to advise students on making the right degree choice and how to prepare an effective personal statement.

COMPLETE UNIVERSITY GUIDE 2021

1. Cambridge
2. Oxford
3. St Andrews
4. London School of Economics
5. Imperial College
6. Durham
7. Lancaster
8. Loughborough
9. Bath
10. University College London

(Ranked on entry standards, student satisfaction, research quality and graduate prospects).

GUARDIAN UNIVERSITY RANKINGS 2021

1. Cambridge
2. St Andrews
3. Oxford
4. Loughborough
5. Durham
6. Bath
7. Imperial
8. Lancaster
9. Warwick
10. Exeter

(Student focused and ranked by student benefit, student ratings by university, subject and job prospects).



SHERRY DENG

Former School:

Bruton School for Girls

Subjects studied at A-level:

Maths, Further Maths, and Physics

Grades at A-level:

A* A* A*

University:

University of Cambridge – Engineering



“The staff have been super supportive and the level of pastoral care here is high. I often go to the Careers Department just to check in and tell them how my studies are going and talk about any issues that may arise with university applications. The staff are always willing to listen and give advice at any time of day.

I participated in numerous extra-curricular activities as I found that it was the perfect way of de-stressing after an intense academic day. As the President of Glee and NASA societies, I spent a lot of my free time organising events. The extra-curricular aspects of my life away from studying have helped to perfect my leadership skills. I travelled with my teammates to Florida to participate in the NASA ISSDL Final. During the week I focused on the competition at the same time as experiencing American culture for the first time.”

Cardiff students study a wide range of subjects, however there is no doubt that the professions and business-related degrees are highly represented.

TOP SUBJECT CHOICES IN 2020

40

students studying
Medicine,
Veterinary Medicine
and Dentistry

33

students studying
Engineering, Maths,
Computer Science,
and Architecture

35

students studying
Economics,
Business, Finance
and Management

9

students
studying
Law

23

students
studying
Natural Sciences

JIAHUA ZHAO

Former School:

Leighton Park School

Subjects studied at A-level:

Mathematics, Further Maths, Physics,
Economics, and Chinese

Grades at A-level:

A* A* A A A*

University of choice:

Imperial College London – Mechanical
Engineering



“Completing the Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award with six of my fellow classmates was easily my most memorable moment in Cardiff Sixth Form College. Surviving seven nights in a forest was a challenge both physically and mentally but it was an experience that really helped me to develop resilience and teamwork skills.

During my AS year, I went on an enrichment scheme with Renishaw PLC. There, I had the chance to take part in the designing of a small structure which was then 3D printed. The experience really helped me gain an

insight into the operation of engineering firms and thus I was far better able to explore my interests in engineering.

I am so grateful that I became friends with many staff members. Whether it be the amazing teachers who help us to attain top grades or Brian on the desk having a friendly conversation every evening, the staff here are like family. From them I have learnt a lot of life skills which I wouldn't be able to learn anywhere else. Cardiff Sixth Form College is the place where the journey to reaching my dreams truly started and it will forever be one of my most treasured memories.”



UNIVERSITY DESTINATIONS BY DEGREE SUBJECT 2020

(e.g. in alphabetical order A)

AA School of Architecture –
AA Experimental Programme

Cambridge – Economics, Engineering,
Medicine, Natural Sciences (Biological),
Natural Sciences (Physical), Veterinary
Medicine

Cardiff – Biomedical Sciences, Medicine,
Dentistry

Central Lancashire – Medicine

Chinese University of HK – Medicine

City University of HK – Veterinary Medicine

Edinburgh – History and Politics

Glasgow – Medicine

Hong Kong Polytechnic University –
Occupational Therapy

Imperial College London – Aeronautical
Engineering, Biomedical Engineering,
Civil Engineering, Computing (Artificial
Intelligence and Machine Learning),
Electrical and Electronic Engineering,
Mathematics and Computer Science,
Mathematics with Statistics for Finance,
Mechanical Engineering, Medical Bioscience
with Management, Medical Biosciences,
Medicine, Physics with Theoretical Physics

King's College London – Computer Science,
Dentistry, General Engineering, Law,
Medicine, Philosophy, Politics & Economics,
Psychology

Leeds – Dental Surgery/Oral Science

LSE – Accounting and Finance, Actuarial
Science, Economics, Law, Management,
Politics and Economics

Manchester – Civil Engineering, Computer
Science, Materials Science and Engineering

Northwestern University – Economics

Nottingham – Medicine

Oxford – Biochemistry, Economics and
Management, Engineering, History and
Economics, Law and French Law, Materials
Science

Queen Mary – Biomedical Science, Global
Law, Marketing and Management

St Andrews – Medicine, Pure Mathematics

Surrey – Veterinary Medicine

Sydney – Veterinary Medicine

Trinity – Business, Economics and Social
Studies

University College Cork – Medicine

University College London – Biochemistry,
Biomedical Science, Cancer Biomedicine,
Civil Engineering, Earth Sciences,
Economics, Engineering (Biomedical),
Engineering (Electronic and Electrical),
Engineering (Mechanical with Business
Finance), Human Sciences, Law,
Management Science, Mathematics,
Medicine, Pharmacy, Social Sciences with
Quantitative Methods, Urban Planning and
Real Estate

University of HK – Actuarial Science, Dental
Surgery, Medicine, Social Sciences

Warwick – Data Science, Economics,
Economic Studies and Global Sustainable
Development, Law



PROGRESSION BY DISCIPLINE

9% Law, Humanities and Social Sciences

29% Healthcare (Med, Dent, Vet, Bio Sciences)

38% STEM (Computer Science, Mathematics, Engineering and Architecture)

24% Business, Finance and Economics

64% of Cardiff students go onto Russell Group Universities

77% of Cardiff students go onto QS Top 100

51% go onto G5 Universities

- Average class size - 7 Students
 - A Level students receive more than 25 hours of tuition per subject per week
 - One year GCSE and two year A-Level courses for students typically aged 15-19 years
 - High quality boarding options of single en-suite cluster rooms and apartments
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BERTHA WONG

Former School:

The British School of Beijing

Subjects studied at A-level:

Maths, Biology, Chemistry and Physics

Grades at A-level:

A* A* A* A*

University of choice:

University of Hong Kong – Medicine

“My most memorable moment in CSFC was becoming Head Girl. Working as part of a team to organise events and liaise with both staff and students was so exciting. I helped organise big college events such as the Eisteddfod and the Cultural Event which really helped me to appreciate just how much time and effort is spent by staff at CSFC to organise the myriad events which take place every year.



The staff at CSFC are so supportive. They help hugely with preparing UCAS applications by checking over personal statements, conducting mock interviews and by preparing us for entrance exams. I felt so much more comfortable and prepared for the admissions process thanks to them.”

LEWEN LIU

Former School:

Queen Ethelburga's College

Subjects studied at A-level:

Maths, Further Maths and Physics

Grades at A-level:

A A B

University:

University of Edinburgh – Physics



“Students were given the chance to attend a special programme on how to present yourself well and perform adequately in university interview settings. I feel that I really benefited from this experience and training and I was lucky to also receive special one to one tutorials on how to write a brilliant personal statement.

During my time at Cardiff I am proud to say that I have made many outstanding friends from a variety of countries whom I hope to learn from. We were lucky to go out on excursions on the weekend and explore the Welsh countryside. I particularly loved the

mountain climbing in the Brecon Beacons. I also flew to Geneva with my peers for a ‘CERN’ trip (The European Organization for Nuclear Research) to see the Large Hadron Collider (LHC) with the Physics department. I thought Geneva was a beautiful city!”

SUPER CURRICULAR AND CAREERS PROGRAMME

- 100% of students take part in work placement and volunteering opportunities
- International work experience in India, Tanzania and Malaysia
- Academic societies – Healthcare, Engineering, Natural Sciences, Business, Economics and Finance, Law, Architecture and Art
- Weekly critical thinking lessons
- Award opportunities
- Personal development programme
- Varied extracurricular programme of sports and cultural activities





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