

# EUROPEAN PEERS

2020



## EUROPEAN PEER GUIDE

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

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



## **VENTSISLAV BICHAKOV**

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### **Former School:**

American College of Sofia

### **Subjects studied at A-level:**

Maths, Economics, Government & Politics and History

### **Grades at A-level:**

A A A B

### **University:**

University of Bath – Economics

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“I loved the Politics classes on a Friday from 5-8pm in my first year at Cardiff. The teachers were always there to help me with my subjects no matter if it was 8am before school or 6pm after school. I loved Economics Club and taking a trip to Krakow with the College was a great experience. Meeting people from different countries and getting familiar with different cultures is something I will take away from my time at the College.”



## **DARIIA PARKHOMENKO**

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### **Former School:**

CATS College

### **Subjects studied at A-level:**

Biology, Mathematics, Physics

### **Grades at A-level:**

A\* A\* A\*

### **University of choice:**

University College London – Human Sciences

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“Meeting so many different people at CSFC has to be my most valued memory. There are people from all over the world here and I have learnt a great deal from them as well as forming many great memories.”

The careers team have been particularly helpful in both my AS and A2 year. They helped me redraft my personal statement numerous times until it was of the highest standard and they also organised a wide range of activities to help boost our UCAS applications. For example, they organised lectures from subject experts such as that by Patrick Minford (former advisor to Margaret Thatcher) on Brexit as well as intensive programs designed specifically for applications to top universities such as Oxford and Cambridge.”

# 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

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100% gaining A\*-B grades

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100% gaining A\*-C grades

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62% students gaining three A\*s or more

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100% gaining AAB in facilitating subjects



## MINH-ANH BACH

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### Former School:

Polegiul National Spântul Sava

### Subjects studied at A-level:

Mathematics, Chemistry, Physics, Biology

### Grades at A-level:

A\* A A A\*

### University of choice:

University of St Andrews – Medicine

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“My most memorable moment in CSFC has been running the Medical Ethics Club. It has been a completely eye-opening experience due to the vitally important decisions that have to be made in medical careers. It also developed my public speaking skills dramatically and was great fun to meet other passionate medicine applicants!

The teachers at CSFC have been simply phenomenal. Not only do they provide superb teaching for the A-Level syllabus, but they also helped me significantly in drafting my personal statement for university. They are very well acquainted with the subjects that they teach and any relevant examinations for their subject which means that their teaching focuses directly on the specific content that



is needed to pass the exam. I found this particularly helpful in Biology and Chemistry where there is a large amount of information to learn.

Our Biology trip to Scotland was a great adventure! During the day we would enrich ourselves with knowledge of ecosystems and during the evenings we would stroll around and enjoy the view of the beach. The trip struck the perfect balance between furthering our academic studies whilst also having fun with friends.”

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## 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

# 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).*



## ERIND MAHO

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### Former School:

### Subjects studied at A-level:

Maths, Further Maths, Physics and Chemistry

### Grades at A-level:

A\* A\* A\* A\*

### University:

University of Cambridge – Engineering (full scholarship)

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“Coming to Cardiff Sixth Form College was the best decision I have made in my life. Not only was I helped to achieve my goals, but I was further motivated to develop my full potential in my studies. Excellent students from all over the world join this College, and aim for places at top universities. What made the difference between Cardiff and other Colleges was the support given from the teachers, who were always there to assist and guide us in order to help us to gain the highest possible marks in our exams.”

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

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## 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
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## MARGARITA SOLODOUNIKOFF

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### Former School:

English International College

### Subjects studied at A-level:

Biology, Chemistry, Maths

### Grades at A-level:

A A A\*

### University of choice:

Imperial College London – Medical  
Biosciences with Management

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“My most memorable moments from CSFC have been all of the fun trips and events I have been on with friends. Whether it is a big event like the Eisteddfod or if it is just a small gathering in the accommodation block for a birthday, the people at CSFC are so fun to be around.

The staff at CSFC have been so helpful in helping me pursue my academic goals. There are drop in slots at regular intervals throughout the day if you need extra support with a particular topic. These helped me so much with difficult subjects like Chemistry where there is a lot of complex information to understand. The careers department were also brilliant in helping me prepare my UCAS application. They ran a two week

UCAS program where we had one-to-one support in writing personal statements, practicing interview technique and preparing for university entrance exams.

The Medical Ethics club at CSFC really helped me explore medicine beyond the content taught at A-Level in Biology. Discussing current medical affairs with others who were also fascinated by medicine really helped me to discover new interests and be challenged on my own opinions. This really helped prepare me for medicine interviews at top universities.”





# 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

## PIOTR SAMOCHOWIEC

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**Former School:**

**Subjects studied at A-level:**

Biology, Chemistry and Maths

**Grades at A-level:**

A A A\*

**University:**

King's College London – Dentistry

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“Cardiff definitely brought me one step closer to what seemed like an impossible dream for me. The teachers were thoroughly dedicated in their roles and I was blessed with the most caring group of teachers, all of whom helped me to make remarkable progression, especially in topics I have never studied before. I had numerous opportunities to enrich my life and broaden my horizons during my time at the College. These two years were very exciting and fruitful. I would



recommend Cardiff Sixth Form College to anyone wanting to study A-levels in the UK”.

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## PROGRESSION BY DISCIPLINE

9% Law, Humanities and Social Sciences

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

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

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24% Business, Finance and Economics

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64% of Cardiff students go onto Russell Group Universities

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77% of Cardiff students go onto QS Top 100

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51% go onto G5 Universities

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- 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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