

HONG KONG PEERS

2020



HONG KONG PEER GUIDE

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

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



HARRIS HUI

Former School:

St. Joseph's College

Subjects studied at A-level:

Maths, Chemistry, Biology and Physics

Grades at A-level:

A* A* A* A*

University:

University of Hong Kong – Medicine

“The Eisteddfod was an amazing experience and it was great to be a part of the Welsh culture. One-to-one guidance from the teachers is a great way the staff support you here. I had advice on my Personal Statement, my university choice, interview practice and help with university aptitude tests. Providing work experience is also a wonderful opportunity as it expands your worldview and helps with applications. I was also a member of the Medical Ethics Club in my AS year which I really enjoyed being a part of. I'll always remember meeting international friends here which I hope I keep for life.”



JONAS LEE

Former School:

Gresham's School

Subjects studied at A-level:

Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Maths

Grades at A-level:

A* A* A* A*

University of choice:

University of Hong Kong – Medicine

“One of my most memorable moments in Cardiff Sixth Form College was performing in the Eisteddfod. It showed such a different side to the college – not only are the students excellent academically but they are also very talented in other ways too.”

Both my Head of House and the careers department have been so supportive over my two years at Cardiff. Whether it be organising work placements, arranging careers talks or helping me with my UCAS application, they have always been there for me no matter how small the query is. They are great to be around – they have cheered me up when I have been down and they have congratulated me enthusiastically when I have succeeded.”

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



TIFFANY LO

Former School:

Diocesan Girls' School

Subjects studied at A-level:

Maths, Further Maths, Physics and Psychology

Grades at A-level:

A* A* A* A*

University of choice:

Imperial College London
– Mechanical Engineering



“Sports Day was my most memorable moment in Cardiff Sixth Form College. It was great fun competing against all my friends and seeing my house go up against other houses. The best part was at the end where we would cheer for those who had won a prize, regardless of their house.

I really enjoyed going on a trip to Renishaw PLC (organised for engineering students) where we were introduced to advanced 3D printing and healthcare equipment. We were also given the opportunity to design small structures using CAD which were later 3D printed for us to take home.

Overall, I think it has been a very rewarding 2 years. Academically, I managed to achieve the grades I was aiming for and get the university offers I wanted. Outside of lessons, I have made a lot of amazing memories with friends from all across the world – people I would never have met had I not attended Cardiff Sixth Form College.”



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).



HERA TUET

Former School:

St Mary's Canossian College

Subjects studied at A-level:

Chemistry, Maths, History and Economics

Grades at A-level:

A*A*A A*

University of choice:

University of Hong Kong – Bachelor of Social Sciences (Government & Laws) and Bachelor of Laws (Double Degree)



"For me, the whole Cardiff Sixth Form College experience has been memorable. The friends I have made from all over the world and the memories I have made with them have been amazing. From putting in countless hours with the careers department to complete my UCAS application to nervously waiting for university decisions with both staff and friends, the comradery of the college has really been excellent.

The careers department is simply incredible! When I first joined Cardiff, I was unsure as to what degree I wanted to study at university. They talked to me for hours on end, helping me to decide what was best for me. Their knowledge of non-UK universities is also tremendous – this really helps students explore all options available to them.

The positive and friendly competition amongst peers really helps students to strive to achieve their best whilst not being over-pressurised to do well. The people at Cardiff are all very friendly and welcoming – it is a home away from home!"

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
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HOSANNA PANG

Former School:

Diocesan Girls' School

Subjects studied at A-level:

Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Maths and Chinese

Grades at A-level:

A* A* A* A* A*

University:

University of Hong Kong – Medicine

“My most memorable moment in Cardiff was my experience as a January Intake student in AS. Despite being new to the school, everybody was so welcoming and very quickly I formed a group of great friends. We would all study together, ask each other questions and support each other.

At the end of my AS year, I was struggling with choosing between Biology and Medicine. Ms Downey and Miss Bendle gave me really good advice as well as conducting personality tests with me. Finally, thanks to



their unwavering support, I was able to settle on Medicine. The school was really helpful in arranging a lot of talks and work placements to provide students with a realistic insight to their chosen career path. The UCAS Program really helped ease my nerves with applying to university.”



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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I WENG LAM (ANTHEA)

Former School:

Sacred Heart Canossian College

Subjects studied at A-level:

Geography, Maths, Chemistry and Biology

Grades at A-level:

A* A* A* A*

University:

University College London – Earth Sciences



“I’ll never forget my first ever fieldwork project! We went to Orielton Field Studies Centre in Pembrokeshire, West Wales to study dune system progression and urban characteristics of rural towns. The trip really helped solidify what I had been taught in lessons and it was a great bonding experience for both staff and students alike!

The careers department at CSFC is extraordinarily supportive and accommodating. Miss Bendle really guided

me through all of my non-UK university applications. She was so knowledgeable about all of the different universities that I was considering applying to and she is so friendly too!

The 2019 Iceland trip was a breathtaking expedition. We got to visit active volcanoes, glaciers, a geothermal power plant and much more. Trips like this really boosted my passion for environmental studies.”

AUDRIC CHAN

Former School:

Whitgift School

Subjects studied at A-level:

Maths, Physics, Biology, and Chemistry

Grades at A-level:

A A A* A

University:

University College London

– Biomedical Engineering



“Not only does Cardiff Sixth Form College live up to its reputation of being the best school in the UK, providing the top quality education to all students but the staff and students alike are incredibly friendly and open - they are willing to help no matter what. There is a strong familial atmosphere in the college with everyone wanting the best for each other.

My greatest experience would be partaking in both GLEE club performances in 2019 and 2020, especially leading the club as president in 2020. Alongside being the GLEE club president, I was also a House Captain for Seacole House, leading the team to a great win during our annual Sports Day.

The accommodation being 5 minutes away from the College and the city centre is definitely a positive as we can both return to dorms immediately after lessons to get work done or take a trip out to the city centre to go out for food or to watch a film. The rooms are modern and well-fitted in both dormitory buildings and the security in both ensure that the students are completely safe at all times.”

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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