



MALAYSIA PEERS

2020



MALASIAN PEER GUIDE

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

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



JONATHAN YUAN CHANG CHEONG

Former School:

Sri KDU International School

Subjects studied at A-level:

Maths, Further Maths, Chemistry and Physics

Grades at A-level:

A* A A A

University:

Bristol University – Civil Engineering

“My experience at Cardiff has surpassed my expectations and has served as a good preparation for my future life at university in September. Although the workload was intense and academic pressure could be tremendous at times, the strong support provided by the College allowed me to achieve my target grades consistently. I am grateful to my subject teachers and pastoral staff for keeping us focused but also happy – they really do care about each individual.”



JULIA CHIN

Former School:

British International School of Kuala Lumpur

Subjects studied at A-level:

Economics, Mathematics and Physics

Grades at A-level:

A* A* A*

University of choice:

University of Warwick – Economic Studies and Global Sustainable Development

“My most memorable moment in CSFC was the Integration Party – setting up and organising the party with the rest of the Prefect Team was great fun. There are lots of events that run alongside lessons so there are always plenty of things to attend such as the Integration Party, the Halloween Party, the Christmas Ball, Valentine’s Day, the Eisteddfod and the Cultural Event.

I like how being in CSFC has influenced me to work harder and to read beyond the syllabus of my chosen subject. My time in CSFC has really helped me to gain a better idea of what career I would like to pursue in the future.”

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





SIDHARTH SHANKAR ASNANI

Former School:

Lodge International

Subjects studied at A-level:

Biology, Maths Economics

Grades at A-level:

A* A A*

University:

University of Cambridge – Law

“Making friends from around the world was the best part of my time at Cardiff and I am still in touch with them now. It was generally a very positive experience. I felt the teachers were very passionate about the subjects they taught and were very happy to answer questions, pushing people to be their best. I was part of the Cardiff debating club and a member of the law society and enjoyed playing badminton and football. The careers team were excellent at helping us maximise our chances of getting into university and I enjoyed work experience with local solicitors and magistrates and watching trials at the Crown Court. Everyone is very friendly and has no agenda. The staff are just rigorous academically and want the best for all the students.”



CHERNG CHIA

Former School:

Chong Hwa Independent High School

Subjects studied at A-level:

Physics, Further Maths and Maths

Grades at A-level:

A A* A*

University:

University of Bristol – Civil Engineering

“The basketball inter-house competition was fantastic - Starky amazed me with his playing skills! I enjoyed all of the sports societies offered and loved having gym facilities just down the road. The gym was ideal, working out with friends after a long day of classes was a healthy decision for me, and took my mind off academic work.

The Careers Department helped me to perfect my Personal Statement for my university course, which made our lives much easier around the UCAS deadline time, and it is thanks to them that I have received my offers. I have enjoyed meeting students of all nationalities, something that I would never have had the chance to do at home. The Malaysian students were particularly friendly and reminded me of my friendships at home.”

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).



CHIA YI ONG

Former School:

HELP International School

Subjects studied at A-level:

Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Maths

Grades at A-level:

A* A* A* A*

University:

University of Cambridge – Medicine



“Receiving an offer to study Medicine at Cambridge University was one of the happiest days of my young adult life. The Careers Department has been incredibly supportive and I would have been lost without their invaluable advice. Teachers have been such a source of motivation for me to keep working hard.

I love the gym membership each student has, allowing us to relax our tired minds after College classes. The canteen’s Asian food always helps to keep a little of the homesickness at bay, as well as the lovely staff at Reception who greet everyone that walks past them by name.

One of my favourite moments was taking a breath of fresh air on the A2 Biology trip and stopping for lunch in a beautiful meadow amongst the sand dunes, was a much-needed break from the usual schoolwork.”

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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KEVYN XII LOONG TAN

Former School:

Lodge National Secondary School

Subjects studied at A-level:

Biology, Chemistry and Maths

Grades at A-level:

A* A A*

University:

Kings College London – Dentistry



“I have loved meeting new friends and friends from the rest of the world, playing football and founding the Dentistry Club. The ICE trip to Malaysia was special and getting great exposure to work experience is something that was important to me in my time at Cardiff. The support you get here is excellent. You get an insight into the application process and Dukes have organised interview sessions and UCAS programme sessions. People came into the College to

help with Personal Statements so that level of guidance is fantastic. Everyone here is friendly and accommodating and you can always talk to someone so that makes the transition period a lot easier.”



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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ZHE SHEAN LIM

Former School:

Wesley Methodist School

Subjects studied at A-level:

Biology, Chemistry, and Maths

Grades at A-level:

A* A* A*

University:

St. George's, University of London –
Medicine

“Mr Madden was particularly helpful in Chemistry classes and is certainly someone I will remember going forward. I appreciated the offered support from all of the academic teachers and also the staff within the pastoral team, for example the Head of Boarding, Mr Thomas.



In terms of activities outside the classroom, the Eisteddfod was a calendar highlight and I loved being a part of the audience. It was also fantastic playing basketball outside on the weekends with the team – even when it rained!”

HUMAIRA FADZIL

Former School:

Garden International School

Subjects studied at A-level:

English Literature, History, and Maths

Grades at A-level:

A* A A

University of choice:

University College London – Law

“For me, there is no single most memorable moment. In CSFC I have constantly made new but very unexpected memories throughout my time here. It isn't necessarily the most extravagant moments – for example, some of my best memories are simply from having food in the canteen with friends! The diverse range of people here at CSFC is something I believe to be hugely valuable.

There is no denying that sitting A-Levels can be a bit stressful at times but there are always people here at CSFC to help with that, whether it be staff or students. There is a real sense of community amongst us which helps us get through the hard times. I have grown



so much since arriving at CSFC not just academically but also mentally. You get to meet so many different people with so many different stories that help you expand your cultural and social awareness. I am so glad that I came to CSFC.”

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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