



**NIGERIA PEERS**

2020



## NIGERIA PEER GUIDE

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

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

## TEMILOLUWA OJO-OSAGIE

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### Former School:

Lagoon Secondary School

### Subjects studied at A-level:

Mathematics, Economics, Government and Politics

### Grades at A-level:

A A A

### University of choice:

University of Warwick – Law

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“My most memorable moment during my time at Cardiff Sixth Form College has been meeting new people. I have such a diverse group of friends with people from all over the world: Malaysia, Indonesia, Nigeria, Russia, Great Britain and many more. I have learnt so much about other cultures and I feel as though Cardiff has really opened my mind up to the wider world.

My teachers have been very helpful and encouraging with my studies. They regularly stay behind after class or arrange a time where we can go through the content so that I understand the syllabus as best as possible. I have been so grateful for their support and they really helped me feel at home in the UK.

During my time at Cardiff, I took part in Glee, the Eisteddfod and the Cultural Event. I had a lot of fun either performing or presenting in these events and they are certainly moments that I will cherish for the rest of my life. These events really made Cardiff Sixth Form College such an amazing place to be – celebrating our multi-cultural community made us bond so closely.

My time in Cardiff has prepared me very well for life in university and beyond. I am now very independent and have developed important skills such as time-management significantly.



# 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

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### CHIDERA OFILI

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**Former School:**

Greensprings School, Lagos

**Subjects studied at A-level:**

English Literature, Economics and History

**Grades at A-level:**

A\* A A\*

**University:**

University of Warwick – Law

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“You’re surrounded by like-minded people with similar goals and that drives you to work harder. Ms Daley in the English Department was a big help for me in preparing for interviews and for my LNAT and my Law application as a whole. I have loved our annual Cultural Event as you witness, not only other cultures, but get to express your own. I even got to MC the night in my first year and that was a lot of fun. Outside of the College, I enjoyed Sports Day despite coming last in the running when all the other Nigerians came first! The History trip to Poland was thought-provoking, including the Auschwitz concentration camp and the Wieliczka Salt Mine.”



### FOLAOLUWAHAN FAPHOUNDA

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**Former School:**

Trinity International College

**Subjects studied at A-level:**

Maths, Further Maths and Physics

**Grades at A-level:**

A\* A A

**University:**

University College London – Electronics and Electrical Engineering

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“The College is built for academics and filled with academic people. It’s a serious place but that doesn’t mean to say that there isn’t a wealth of supportive people that are there for you when you need them. I have enjoyed meeting new people from different cultures and finding out about our similarities and differences. The staff are great in terms of academia and are always there to support you, which does not happen in most schools. They are even there to help on the morning of the exam. Outside of the classroom I have enjoyed our Glee performance of ‘Hairspray’ where I was a dancer, Debate Club, the NASA competition and playing in the College’s five-a-side competitions. Furthermore, I headed up the Science and Innovation Club.”

# 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).*



## SHAAKIR ELELU

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### Former School:

Rainbow College

### Subjects studied at A-level:

Mathematics, Further Maths, Physics and Chemistry

### Grades at A-level:

A\* A\* A A\*

### University of choice:

University College London – Engineering (Electronic and Electrical)

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“I have enjoyed the teaching here at Cardiff Sixth Form College and it is different to that I had back in Nigeria. The practical science lessons are my favourite where we do lots of experiments and work together to figure out how and why reactions take place. There is lots of time to study and the teachers are amazing – they give us extra support sessions and lots of online resources and will mark extra papers if you do them.

For me the difference at Cardiff has been that I now completely understand what I am taught. I often used to rely on cramming in Nigeria but I now read around my subjects, research online and listen to podcasts so I feel I am much better prepared for university. You are surrounded by intellectual students here and it has made me go the extra mile.

Although it is a very academic college, it is actually really fun at Cardiff! The College has a real mixture of students and some real personalities. I have found it really easy to make friends and there is no bad behaviour here – you can talk to anyone. I not only have friends from Nigeria but also from Malaysia, UK and Hong Kong for example. I love the diversity. I met my first friend playing basketball and now we are all one big family.”

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## TOP SUBJECT CHOICES IN 2020

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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

## OSARUMWENSE AKPATA

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### Former School:

British International School, Lagos

### Subjects studied at A-level:

Mathematics, Biology, Chemistry

### Grades at A-level:

A A B

### University:

University of Exeter

– Medical Sciences

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“Being a cast member during the school production of ‘Hairspray’ was a highlight for me and the Monday afternoon rehearsals were the best part of my AS year. My Head of House was extremely helpful in assisting me in finding out what my options were for studying Medicine. Going to Cardiff has opened my eyes to what it is like to live on my own and away from my family for the first time. It was a bit difficult at the start but I soon learnt to adapt and had an amazing time.”



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



# 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

## ABDULLAHI JA'AFAR

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### Former School:

The Regent Secondary School

### Subjects studied at A-level:

Maths, Further Maths, Physics and Chemistry

**Grades at A-level:** A\* A\* A\* A\*

### University of choice:

University of Oxford - Engineering

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"The Cultural Event was by far my most memorable moment at Cardiff Sixth Form College. The different cultural dances and songs were very entertaining but were also very interesting. Seeing everyone in their cultural dress was great – there were so many different styles and colours!

During my time at Cardiff, I have loved taking part in the many inter-house competitions. Some competitions are very large, such as the NASA competition, whereas other competitions are only small, such as the Christmas tree decorating

competition. Regardless of size, all of these competitions have been great fun to partake in with friends.

There is no denying that the A-Level experience is a challenging one but it has certainly been worthwhile. I have made friends from all over the world that I intend to keep and I have achieved my academic goals."



# 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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## KINDA OTIENO

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### Former School:

The Regent Secondary School, Abuja

### Subjects studied at A-level:

Mathematics, Economics and Physics

### Grades at A-level:

A\* A A

### University of choice:

Trinity College Dublin – Business,  
Economics and Social Studies

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“All the teachers I had were always so helpful and patient whenever I didn’t understand something. They would always take time out of their busy schedules to give extra lessons to ensure that I understood all content thoroughly. I am also so grateful for the support that Miss Davies (my Head of House) gave me through some of the tough times.



During my time in Cardiff, I took part in the Debate Club, NASA, the Glee Club (where we performed Grease) and I performed at the Cultural Event. The Debate Club was particularly helpful in improving my public speaking skills. It helped build my confidence so now I feel more than comfortable speaking to groups of people.”

## TABITHA BALOGUN

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**Former School:**

Green Springs Lekki

**Subjects studied at A-level:**

Maths, Further Maths, Physics and Economics

**Grades at A-level:**

A\* A\* A A\*

**University:**

University of Cambridge – Economics

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“Performing in both years with the Glee Club in our productions of Mulan and Hairspray was brilliant, but being awarded the prestigious title of Head Girl was my proudest day here. I have really enjoyed having this position and the teamwork and responsibilities that it entails. I have also hosted the Cultural Event and been an active Debate Committee member. So many members of staff have been extremely helpful and encouraging during my time here. I am particularly thankful to Head of Careers Miss Bendle, who supported me throughout the UCAS process. Teachers here go the extra mile, even offering to come

in and provide additional support sessions on the weekends. The accommodation here is great and I have no doubt it is very similar to what I will experience in terms of university accommodation. Cardiff is a very multicultural school and enabled me to form friendships with people from all around the world whom I hope to remain friends with for a long time”.

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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





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