



SINGAPORE PEERS

2020



SINGAPORE PEER GUIDE

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

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



ZI QI KOK

Former School:

Singapore International School

Subjects studied at A-level:

Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Mathematics and Further Maths

Grades at A-level:

A* A* A* A* A*

University:

University of Cambridge – Medicine

“The school has provided me with the means to pursue my desired career choice at my dream University. I loved having the British boarding school experience and all of the novelties that it involves. What distinguishes the College from other traditional institutions is that it adopts a superior academic approach, constantly encouraging students to challenge themselves and strive for excellence. The College has not only been helpful in providing much-needed academic support, but has also gone the extra mile in tailoring supplement classes to the students’ preferred career choice.”



EUGENE CHAI HAN SOH

Former School:

Anglo Chinese Junior College

Subjects studied at A-level:

Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics, Economics

Grades at A-level:

A*A*A A

University:

National Service

“Meeting friends from different parts of the world is something quite unique that I’ve loved about Cardiff. I have made many friends from Cardiff and Malaysia so it’s been a great experience. Miss Davies (Head of House) has been great with helping me with managing challenging subjects and vouching for me when my grades haven’t been the best. I have enjoyed taking part in Glee, NASA and being part of our debating community. I have taken part in most of the extra-curricular activities and really enjoyed the Debate Finals in Swansea and Bristol. The annual Biology trip was fantastic as we were able to get outside, take soil samples and really get involved with our natural surroundings.”

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





LYNETTE TEE

Former School:

Singapore Chinese Girls' School

Subjects studied at A-level:

Mathematics, Biology and Chemistry

Grades at A-level:

A* A A

University:

University of St Andrews – Medicine

“I loved the visit to London where we went to various museums and the enrichment week which followed was fantastic. Miss Davies helped and gave me plenty of advice and additional help in finding out my next steps after Cardiff.

The events at Cardiff Sixth Form College are great – I particularly loved the Halloween Party where we had a disco and everyone dressed up in scary costumes!”



SEAN WU QUN LEE

Former School:

Catholic High School

Subjects studied at A-level:

Economics, Mathematics, Further Maths, Government and Politics

Grades at A-level:

A* A* A* A*

University:

University of Cambridge – Law

“Cardiff Sixth Form College is a great place to study, and I am glad and grateful to have earned a place here. Without the enormous efforts of the staff at the College, I would not have received my offer to study at the University of Cambridge, an enormous personal achievement.

I found the tuition to be of a high calibre with great support offered when needed. In addition to this, I have thoroughly enjoyed the extra- curricular activities and the mix of Eastern and Western cultures”.

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

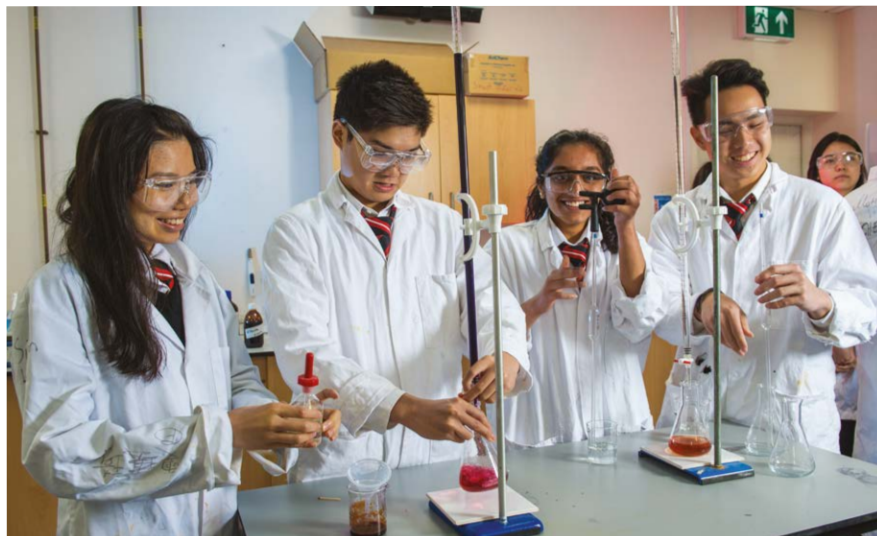
Philosophy

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).



CLARE GOH

Former School:

Raffles Girls' School

Subjects studied at A-level:

Physics, Maths, Chemistry and Biology

Grades at A-level:

A A* A* A

University:

University of Bristol – Dentistry



“A few years ago, I would never have imagined myself coming to the UK to study in a boarding school. However, when I faced a crossroad when deciding between taking Biology or Physics as my second H2 Science subject in Junior College in Singapore, I made the important decision to study here in Cardiff Sixth Form College. There are no qualms about the academic excellence of Cardiff, which is evident from previous results, proving it to be the top College in the UK. From arranging Work Experience, to providing UCAS and interview preparation, the school gives its students a leg up on others. The dedicated and supportive teachers helped me to manoeuvre smoothly in a fast-paced, intensive study environment. In addition, I was surrounded by like-minded peers who chased their goals relentlessly. Besides academics, the College has many extra-curricular and super-curricular activities

that allowed us to unwind and pursue our interests. Having never been to Wales prior to studying here, I was pleasantly surprised to discover how peaceful and safe Cardiff is. All in all, I am very grateful to this school.”

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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CLAIRE CHAN

Former School:

Catholic Junior College

Subjects studied at A-level:

English Literature, Economics, Mathematics

Grades at A-level:

A* A* A*

University of choice:

London School of Economics and Political
Science – Law



My most memorable moments in Cardiff Sixth Form College have been the various trips my friends and I have been on around the UK. In our spare time, we have really been able to explore all that the UK has to offer. This has made me feel so much more at home.

The careers department at Cardiff have been so helpful in helping me prepare my UCAS application. They regularly checked and made suggestions on how I could improve my personal statement and they were very patient in helping me prepare for my entrance exams. Being a law student, my entrance exams were very important and so this support was so valuable in helping me to attain offers from top UK universities.

There are so many clubs at Cardiff Sixth Form College to take part in! I took part in

Glee, Debate and the Law Society. These clubs were a lot of fun; my favourite was our Glee performance of Grease where I got to act as one of the main characters! I met so many amazing people at these clubs who I hope will be friends for life.

The trips I got to go on with my English Literature class are some of my best memories from Cardiff. We got to watch plays such as Doctor Faustus which were amazingly displayed and really helped me to understand what we had discussed in class. They made the syllabus content so much more interesting which is why I loved English lessons so much in Cardiff!



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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NATASHA KOWSHIK

Former School:

National Junior College

Subjects studied at A-level:

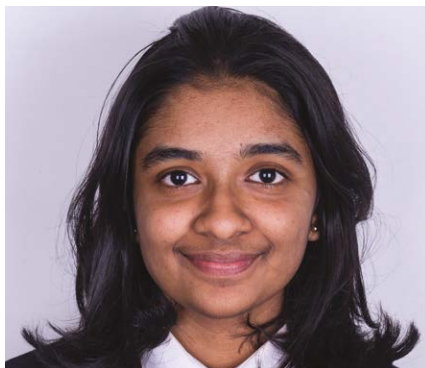
Maths, Biology, Chemistry and Physics

Grades at A-level:

A* A* A* A*

University:

University of Cambridge – Medicine



“Meeting international friends has been the most fulfilling part of my time here. The teachers here are incredible; they are some of the best I have ever had. I have never truly been able to enjoy learning until I came to this College.

The teachers given me an immense amount of academic support and aided me in meeting my desired grade requirements for Cambridge. The Careers Department are exceptionally helpful in guiding us through

university applications. Aside from the academics, I participate in the Medical Ethics Society, and am the President of the Biology and Research Society.

The best trip that I attended was the International Citizenship Experience in India, as the opportunity to view pivotal procedures in a medical setting has laid the foundation for discussion in a lot of my university interviews.”

FIONA QING QING HU

Former School:

Queensway Secondary School

Subjects studied at A-level:

Maths, Further Maths and Psychology

Grades at A-level:

A* A* A

University:

City University of London

– Accounting and Finance



“The teachers and staff at Cardiff Sixth Form College are incredibly supportive and shower us with lots of attention and care. Cardiff is definitely a second home for me and is a place where I can get help whenever I need it. Having the best teachers to help us beat our competitors is half the battle; working hard to achieve what we want is a very important element to being successful. The accommodation that Cardiff provides us is one of the best I have seen. It is very convenient for us to get to school and the city centre which is only five minutes away.”

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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