



SOUTH KOREA PEERS

2020



SOUTH KOREA PEER GUIDE

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

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



JAWOON (JOHN) LEE

Former School:

North London Collegiate School Jeju

Subjects studied at A-level:

Maths, Biology and Chemistry

Grades at A-level:

A A* A

University of choice:

Kings College London – Biomedical Science

“I was nervous initially to study in a brand new country but within weeks of being at Cardiff I felt settled in my accommodation and had fantastic new like-minded friends around me. I am very grateful to the teachers for the help that I have received over my time here both in academic classes and in Careers Department help sessions. The Careers Department gave out a great deal of information relating to the lengthy application process for specific universities, wrote us reference letters and reviewed the state of our applications regularly. My subject teachers have been happy to provide learning resources for exam preparation.”



JAEWOOK CHUNG

Former School:

Hanil High School

Subjects studied at A-level:

Maths, Further Maths, Economics, Government and Politics

Grades at A-level:

A* A* A* A

University:

University of Cambridge – Economics

“My teachers always challenged me to do my absolute best and work hard, making us understand theories and how to strategically approach the exam to achieve top A* grades. I personally think that my friends I made here are the highlight of my experience, regardless of my academic achievements.

I particularly enjoyed playing for the College football team in my free time. This game taught me a great deal about teamwork outside of the classroom environment, and I learnt a lot about how to cooperate with others effectively in order to obtain the best result.”



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



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).



DAVID (BYUNG YUN) KIM

Former School:

Saint Joseph's Institution International

Subjects studied at A-level:

Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Maths

Grades at A-level:

A A B A*

University:

St George's University of London, Medicine



“I really enjoyed our London trip to the museum which was really interesting and a great chance to spend some quality time with my friends. The Careers Team here have helped me enormously in gaining a better insight in how to write a successful application to the universities I chose. Furthermore, they also helped overcome any difficulties I faced during the application process. My subject teachers were also always there to help me gain confidence in my upcoming examinations.

I have participated in the Swansea Regionals with the NASA team, I've been an MC for the College Talent Show when I was in my AS year and even took part in the Dance Club and fashion show which was a lot of fun. Going away with the College is great because it is a chance to de-stress and forget about academia for a while.

The ICE India trip was an eye-opening experience that I truly loved and learned a lot from. Being in the hospital for several days and learning about the healthcare system of another country was informative and I got a chance to gain a better understanding about what it takes to work in the healthcare profession. Being in an international school really helped me meet friends with diverse backgrounds that I can keep catching up with after my time in Cardiff Sixth Form College is over.”

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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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



$$Z = \frac{X - \mu}{\sigma}$$



$$P(1.56 \leq X)$$

$$Z = \frac{X - \mu}{\sigma}$$

$$Z = \frac{1.56 - 2}{1} = -0.44$$

$$= 0.54$$



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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SUN JIN KIM

Former School:

NLCSJEJU, Korea

Subjects studied at A-level:

Physics, Chemistry, and Maths

Grades at A-level:

A A A

University:

King's College London – Philosophy

“One of my favourite experiences during my time at Cardiff Sixth Form College was the two Duke of Edinburgh trips I attended. I absolutely loved everything about living in Wales and in particular the stunning countryside.

I found it was really important to have these sorts of extra-curricular activities to focus on during the weekends, to give us a break from an intense daily academic programme. I think that the Duke of Edinburgh programme



challenged us all enormously; we had to work well in a team in order to navigate ourselves, but we all became better friends and picked up new skills along the way. Aside from this programme, there were many College-organised events including Sports Day, an end of year Ball and Cultural Event.”

SEEUN CHOI

Former School:

Hungjin High School

Subjects studied at A-level:

Maths, Biology, and Psychology

Grades at A-level:

A* A A*

University:

University of Bath – Psychology



“There is no doubt that the unconditional efforts of the staff lay the foundations to our achievements for sky high grades. As students of this prestigious College, we strive diligently for success. Being in this College has exposed me to the importance of cultural diversity and this has allowed me to obtain not only knowledge, but also social skills set for the real world. The friends that I have made here have truly broadened the way I view life and its ups and downs, keeping me motivated - especially around the exam

periods. Finally, I would like to seize this opportunity to express my utmost gratitude to all of the teachers at Cardiff Sixth Form College. I would not be the same person I am today without them.”

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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