

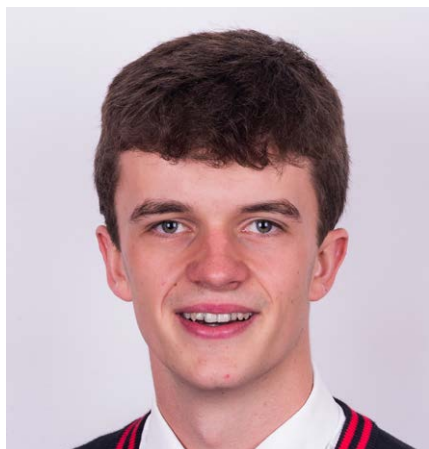
UK PEERS
2020



UK PEER GUIDE

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

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



PAUL DUGDALE

Former School: Rougemont School

Subjects studied at A-level:

History, Economics, Mathematics,
Further Mathematics

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

University of choice:

University of Oxford – History & Economics

“My most memorable moment at CSFC has been meeting so many like-minded people from around the world. Educationally, it has allowed me to thrive and achieve bigger and better things. I now have so many friends for life that I also feel the social experience has been invaluable for me.

I have taken part in numerous extra-curricular activities such as debating, the Eisteddfod and the Cultural Event. These have all helped to enrich both my CV and my UCAS application, giving them an edge over other candidates.

The move to CSFC was the best decision I’ve ever made. The experience has allowed me to realise my academic potential and make so many good friends.”



ENYALA BANKS

Former School: Stanwell School

Subjects studied at A-level:

Maths, Physics, Chemistry, History

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

University:

University of Oxford – Materials Science

“Changing schools has been a really good preparation for university life and it has certainly made me more independent and aware of the world. When I joined Cardiff Sixth Form I signed up for everything and particularly enjoyed playing music with some exceptionally talented musicians, taking part in badminton tournaments and performing in the drama productions. I was introduced to material science when Miss Bendle organised a trip to Swansea University” said Enyala. “I hadn’t thought of it before but taking part in the workshop there gave me the confidence to apply for it at Oxford as the mixture of physics, chemistry and maths in the subject there is very broad and follows on well from my EQP in nuclear energy.”

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





ELIS GOLDING

Former School:

Llanishen High School

Subjects studied at A-level:

Mathematics, Physics, Economics, and Geography

Grades at A-level:

A* A* A* A*

University:

University of Cambridge – Law

“What I’ll remember most, and what was certainly my proudest moment at Cardiff, was becoming Head Boy. The staff here are supportive, they stay behind after school, organise extra lessons, come in on weekends, make exam technique booklets and literally help in any way they can. I have been a part of the Debate Club, NASA, EYP (European Youth Parliament), GLEE and Law Society – there is plenty to get involved with and you will never be bored here.. Coming to Cardiff was the best decision I have ever made and I believe it has set me up for life.”



KATIE ROBERTS

Former School:

Caldicot School

Subjects studied at A-level:

Maths, Biology and Chemistry

Grades at A-level:

A A* A

University:

University of St Andrews – Medicine

“I’ve loved enjoying my time here at Cardiff and I’ll remember playing ‘Truth or Dare’ and walking in the woods at night in Orielson and being a part of Sports Day. Teachers go above and beyond for you. I can email them at any time with a question, syllabus or whatever, and they will do all they can to help you. Outside of the classroom, I have been to two medical ethic nights and helped with interview sessions. My favourite trips have been to Orielson and Bristol Zoo, both of which were great fun and very interesting. It is the people that make the school; I’ll always remember everyone I met here at Cardiff.”

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

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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).



AHMED IBRAHIM

Former School:

Cardiff High School

Subjects studied at A-level:

Biology, Chemistry, Maths, Economics

Grades at A-level:

A* A* A* A*

University of choice:

University of Cambridge – Medicine



“My most memorable moment in CSFC was hosting the school talent show. Introducing the amazing performances was great fun.

The teachers at CSFC are always available to answer questions and go over difficult topics. The careers department provides superb advice on how to fine-tune your application to ensure it is of the highest standard.

I took part in the debate and NASA clubs which helped me to develop my critical thinking and teamwork skills. The numerous trips we went on with these clubs formed some of my best memories.

Our Biology trip to Scotland was extremely helpful in assisting our studies in the classroom. Actually being able to go out and study the various organisms in real life made the subject far more fulfilling.

My two years at CSFC have been by far the best years of my life. I would never have been able to achieve my goals without the support and opportunities provided by the college.”

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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BURAQ AHMED

Former School:

Cardiff High School

Subjects studied at A-level:

Chemistry, Biology, Mathematics, and Economics

Grades at A-level:

A* A* A* A*

University of choice:

University of Cambridge – Medicine



“My most memorable moment at CSFC was the Biology trip to Scotland. Not only was it great fun with friends, we also got ahead with key material in the A2 year to take pressure off whilst preparing UCAS applications.

All of the teachers at CSFC have always been very friendly and welcoming. They are always willing to sacrifice their time to make sure that students understand everything. The careers department even helped me throughout the summer holidays and were very accommodating during the UCAS program despite me not being able to come into the college. Without them, I certainly would not have gotten into Cambridge.

I took part in many clubs at CSFC such as NASA, EYP, Debate and Medical Ethics. These were all instrumental in furthering my understanding and skills developed in the classroom and they played a key part in making my application stand out amongst many other top quality students.

I have made many new friends and enjoyed myself whilst being able to learn about other cultures and obtain offers from top universities. Coming to CSFC was by far one of the best decisions that I have ever made!”



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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ARIANNE BANKS

Former School:

Stanwell School

Subjects studied at A-level:

French, Government & Politics, History, Biology

Grades at A-level:

A* A* A* A*

University:

University of Oxford – Law and French Law

“The people were the best part of my school experience and everyone was really willing to learn and it was very easy to make friends. I very much enjoyed playing the lead in the GLEE Club production of Grease and being a Prefect. I felt welcome at Cardiff very quickly when I joined and the teachers were really inspiring. Cardiff has inspired by love of current affairs and I am interested in how the legal world is changing and in particular



analysing which laws we maintain and which we change coming out of the EU. Coupling law with French means that I can look at the international side of law and I am very much looking forward to learning more about both the British and French legal systems.”

SUYASH AGARWAL

Former School:

St John's College

Subjects studied at A-level:

Mathematics, Further Mathematics
and Physics

Grades at A-level:

A*A*A*

University of choice:

University of Oxford - Engineering



“The UCAS program in August really helped me improve my application. I had a Cambridge Engineering student as my 1-to-1 tutor which really helped me to perfect my application so that I had the best chance possible of getting into Oxbridge. My tutor also helped me to prepare for entrance exams – working through problems with me to ensure that I was using the most efficient methods possible.

In my A2 year, I started the Engineering Club for AS students. The club is designed to give able students a chance to stretch themselves beyond the Maths and Physics A-Level syllabuses and to allow students to explore the world of engineering.

I have been on a few trips but my favourite one was to CERN. We went to Geneva for 5 days to learn more about particle physics, in particular learning about the function of the Large Hadron Collider. The trip really helped me to explore physics beyond the content taught in the classroom.

I have enjoyed making new friends here as the number of people at my old school was really limited. I have also liked the fact that it is a more focused environment, which has really helped me to achieve my best.”

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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