



**HONG KONG PEERS**

2021



## HONG KONG PEER GUIDE

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

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



## NOELLE PANG

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**Former School:**

St Paul's Convent School

**Subjects studied at A-level:**

Chemistry, Economics, Mathematics, Further Mathematics

**Grades at A-level:**

A\* A\* A\* A\*

**University:**

University of Hong Kong – Medicine

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“The careers department at Cardiff Sixth Form College have been a great help to me. I applied to universities in the UK, USA and Hong Kong, all with different application processes which the careers team have helped guide me through. I was able to arrange one-to-one meetings as well as taking part in all the UCAS support provided including help with personal statements, university entrance exam preparation and interview technique. They also helped me get a work placement with Barclays Bank.

Outside of lessons at Cardiff I participated in several clubs including Debate, Economics, Model UN, film and cooking. There really is something for everybody at Cardiff to get involved with!”



## JONAS LEE

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**Former School:**

Gresham's School

**Subjects studied at A-level:**

Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Maths

**Grades at A-level:**

A\* A\* A\* A\*

**University of choice:**

University of Hong Kong – Medicine

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“One of my most memorable moments in Cardiff Sixth Form College was performing in the Eisteddfod. It showed such a different side to the college – not only are the students excellent academically but they are also very talented in other ways too.

Both my Head of House and the careers department have been so supportive over my two years at Cardiff. Whether it be organising work placements, arranging careers talks or helping me with my UCAS application, they have always been there for me no matter how small the query is. They are great to be around – they have cheered me up when I have been down and they have congratulated me enthusiastically when I have succeeded.”

# ACADEMIC STATISTICS AND CASE STUDIES 2021

For the past 17 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 European students gain coveted places to study subjects such as medicine, law and architecture at leading UK and US universities.

Around 160 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.

## 2021 saw another outstanding year with our results showing

98% 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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86% students gaining three A\*s or more

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100% gaining AAB in facilitating subjects



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### Former School:

Diocesan Girls' School

### Subjects studied at A-level:

Maths, Further Maths, Physics and Psychology

### Grades at A-level:

A\* A\* A\* A\*

### University of choice:

Imperial College London  
– Mechanical Engineering

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“Sports Day was my most memorable moment in Cardiff Sixth Form College. It was great fun competing against all my friends and seeing my house go up against other houses. The best part was at the end where we would cheer for those who had won a prize, regardless of their house.

I really enjoyed going on a trip to Renishaw PLC (organised for engineering students) where we were introduced to advanced 3D printing and healthcare equipment. We were also given the opportunity to design small structures using CAD which were later 3D printed for us to take home.

Overall, I think it has been a very rewarding 2 years. Academically, I managed to achieve the grades I was aiming for and get the university offers I wanted. Outside of lessons, I have made a lot of amazing memories with friends from all across the world – people I would never have met had I not attended Cardiff Sixth Form College.”



# 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 2021

Law

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Medicine

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Chemical Engineering

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Economics

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Natural Sciences

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Mathematics

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5%

of Cardiff students  
gained Oxbridge  
places in 2021





## 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. Loughborough
7. Durham
8. Lancaster
9. Bath
10. University College London

*(Ranked on entry standards, student satisfaction, research quality and graduate prospects).*

### GUARDIAN UNIVERSITY RANKINGS 2021

1. Oxford
2. St Andrews
3. Cambridge
4. Durham
5. London School of Economics
6. Bath
7. Loughborough
8. Warwick
9. Imperial College
10. Lancaster

*(Student focused and ranked by student benefit, student ratings by university, subject and job prospects).*



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## HERA TUET

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### Former School:

St Mary's Canossian College

### Subjects studied at A-level:

Chemistry, Maths, History and Economics

### Grades at A-level:

A\*A\*A A\*

### University of choice:

Durham University - Law

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“For me, the whole Cardiff Sixth Form College experience has been memorable. The friends I have made from all over the world and the memories I have made with them have been amazing. From putting in countless hours with the careers department to complete my UCAS application to nervously waiting for university decisions with both staff and friends, the comradery of the college has really been excellent.

The careers department is simply incredible! When I first joined Cardiff, I was unsure as to what degree I wanted to study at university. They talked to me for hours on end, helping me to decide what was best for me. Their knowledge of non-UK universities is also tremendous – this really helps students explore all options available to them.



The positive and friendly competition amongst peers really helps students to strive to achieve their best whilst not being over-pressurised to do well. The people at Cardiff are all very friendly and welcoming – it is a home away from home!”

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## TOP SUBJECT CHOICES IN 2021

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students studying  
Medicine,  
Veterinary Medicine  
and Dentistry

41

students studying  
Engineering, Maths,  
Computer Science,  
and Architecture

25

students studying  
Economics,  
Business, Finance  
and Management

11

students  
studying  
Law

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students  
studying  
Natural Sciences

## CHERRY LAM

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**Former School:**

Malvern St James

**Subjects studied at A-level:**

Biology, Chemistry, Economics, Mathematics

**Grades at A-level:**

A\* A\* A\* A\*

**University:**

University of Hong Kong – Medicine

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“What I like about the teaching at Cardiff Sixth Form College is that they provide you with a lot of resources in lessons, there is also a range of activities outside the syllabus which relate directly to the subject providing a more rounded knowledge of the topic. Every subject also offers drop-in sessions which is really helpful, any time I wasn't sure of something or needed help with my homework I knew I could pop in to school and see one of the teachers and get that one-on-one time to really help me understand everything.

Outside of lessons I love visiting local places in Cardiff for a walk with my friends, it's a really lovely city that's small and friendly. There's also plenty of inter-house

competitions organised for us to take part in, some I took part in were photography, Christmas video making, dodgeball, Masterchef and badminton. It's a really good way to socialize and get to know other students, it was a big part of my Cardiff Sixth Form College life.

The boarding facilities at Cardiff are great, we have a common room to hang out with our friends and a great kitchen for if we want to practice our cooking skills! I love having my friends nearby to socialize with while taking a break from studies. It's a really diverse community at Cardiff Sixth Form College and you get to meet amazing people from all around the world.”



# UNIVERSITY DESTINATIONS BY DEGREE SUBJECT 2021

(e.g. in alphabetical order A)

**Cardiff University** – Medicine, Psychology with Professional Placement

**Chinese University of Hong Kong** – Medicine

**City, University of London** – Finance with Actuarial Science

**Columbia University** – Economics

**Durham University** – Computer Science, Business and Management, Law

**Griffith University** – Medicine

**Imperial College London** – Biochemistry, Materials Science and Engineering, Electrical and Electronic Engineering, Physics with Theoretical Physics, Mechanical Engineering, Electronic and Information Engineering, Computing, Aeronautical Engineering

**King's College London** – Law, Economics, Economics and Management, Accounting and Finance, Philosophy, Politics and Economics, Medicine, Mathematics with Management and Finance

**Lancaster University** – Electronic and Electrical Engineering

**London School of Economics and Political Science** – Economics, Finance, Politics and History, Law, Accounting and Finance, Management

**Mahidol University** – Medicine

**New York University** – Economics

**Queen Mary University of London** – Medicine, Business Management

**Queen's University Belfast** – Medicine

**St George's, University of London** – Medicine

**University College Dublin** – Medicine

**University College London** – Arts and Sciences, Economics, Applied Medical Sciences, Medical Sciences and Engineering, Mathematics, Computer Science, Law, Medicine, Biochemistry, Biomedical Sciences, Economics and Geography, Neuroscience, Comparative Literature, Engineering

(Chemical), Engineering (Electronic and Electrical), Engineering (Biomedical), Mathematics with Economics, Statistics, Economics and Finance, Engineering (Mechanical with Business Finance)

**University of Aberdeen** – Medicine

**University of Birmingham** – Medicine, Chemical Engineering

**University of Bristol** – Medicine, Aerospace Engineering, Mechanical Engineering

**University of California, Berkeley** – Civil Engineering

**University of Cambridge** – Chemical Engineering (via Natural Sciences), Economics, Mathematics

**University of Central Lancashire** – Medicine

**University of East Anglia** – Biomedicine

**University of Exeter** – Psychology

**University of Glasgow** – Aeronautical Engineering

**University of Hong Kong** – Medicine, Science, Law, International Business and Global Management, Dental Surgery, International Business and Global Management

**University of Manchester** – Mechanical Engineering, Materials Science and Engineering, Medicine, Civil Engineering

**University of Nottingham** – Electrical and Electronic Engineering

**University of Oxford** – Philosophy, Politics and Economics, Law, Medicine

**University of Queensland** – Physiotherapy

**University of Sheffield** – Medicine, Aerospace Engineering (Private Pilot Instruction), Architecture

**University of St Andrews** – Medicine, English

**University of Warwick** – Computer Science, Modern Languages and Economics, Economics, Psychology



# PROGRESSION BY DISCIPLINE

13% Law, Humanities and Social Sciences

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41% Healthcare (Med, Dent, Vet, Bio Sciences)

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29% STEM (Computer Science, Mathematics, Engineering and Architecture)

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18% Business, Finance and Economics

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75% of Cardiff students go onto Russell Group Universities

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89% of Cardiff students go onto QS Top 100

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42% 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 and two year GCSE and two year A-Level courses for students typically aged 14-19 years
  - High quality boarding options of single en-suite cluster rooms and apartments
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## HOSANNA PANG

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### Former School:

Diocesan Girls' School

### Subjects studied at A-level:

Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Maths and Chinese

### Grades at A-level:

A\* A\* A\* A\* A\*

### University:

University of Hong Kong – Medicine

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“My most memorable moment in Cardiff was my experience as a January Intake student in AS. Despite being new to the school, everybody was so welcoming and very quickly I formed a group of great friends. We would all study together, ask each other questions and support each other.

At the end of my AS year, I was struggling with choosing between Biology and Medicine. Ms Downey and Miss Bendle gave me really good advice as well as conducting



personality tests with me. Finally, thanks to their unwavering support, I was able to settle on Medicine. The school was really helpful in arranging a lot of talks and work placements to provide students with a realistic insight to their chosen career path. The UCAS Program really helped ease my nerves with applying to university.”

## AUDRIC CHAN

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**Former School:**

Whitgift School

**Subjects studied at A-level:**

Maths, Physics, Biology, and Chemistry

**Grades at A-level:**

A A A\* A

**University:**

University College London

– Biomedical Engineering

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“Not only does Cardiff Sixth Form College live up to its reputation of being the best school in the UK, providing the top quality education to all students but the staff and students alike are incredibly friendly and open - they are willing to help no matter what. There is a strong familial atmosphere in the college with everyone wanting the best for each other.

My greatest experience would be partaking in both GLEE club performances in 2019 and 2020, especially leading the club as president in 2020. Alongside being the GLEE club president, I was also a House Captain for Seacole House, leading the team to a great win during our annual Sports Day.

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The accommodation being 5 minutes away from the College and the city centre is definitely a positive as we can both return to dorms immediately after lessons to get work done or take a trip out to the city centre to go out for food or to watch a film. The rooms are modern and well-fitted in both dormitory buildings and the security in both ensure that the students are completely safe at all times.”

## SUPER CURRICULAR AND CAREERS PROGRAMME

- 100% of students take part in work placement and volunteering opportunities
- International work experience in India, Tanzania, Malaysia and Europe
- 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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