

# KAZAKHSTAN PEERS

2021



## KAZAKHSTAN PEER GUIDE

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

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



### **RAKHAT TURGANBEK**

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**Former School:**

High School of Natural Science and Maths

**Subjects studied at A-level:**

Physics, Maths, Further Maths and Economics

**Grades at A-level:**

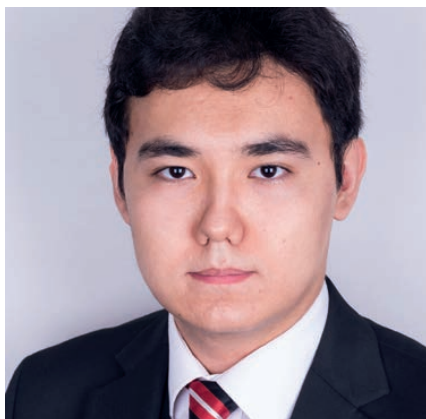
A A\* A\* A\*

**University:**

London School of Economics and Political Science – Economics

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“I’ve had many good moments throughout my time at Cardiff and one of the best was the NASA competition. When you get through from Regionals to Nationals you get a real sense of fulfilment in what you have accomplished and I made close bonds with other competitors. Dr Foster and Ms Bendle were helpful with the technical part of my UCAS application whilst Ms Owens and Ms Luxmore helped in the technical aspects of Economics. I have been a speaker at the Talent Show and Cultural Event and taken part in the NASA competition as well as many debates. I enjoyed the Garth Mountain walk a great deal, as it was an opportunity to get out of the classroom and see more countryside. I am grateful for Cardiff as it taught me how hard I have to work for results as before coming here, I really didn’t need to.”



### **RUSTEM KENZHEBEKOV**

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**Former School:**

Altynsaryn 159 Gymnasium, Almaty

**Subjects studied at A-level:**

Maths, Geography, Economics and Russian

**Grades at A-level:**

A A A A

**University:**

London School of Economics and Political Science – Management

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“My teachers put all of their energy into helping us become bright, creative and noble people. My special thanks are dedicated to Mr Davies and Mr Eedy, who are both professionals in their fields and provide knowledge far beyond the syllabus.

The Pastoral team were very hospitable and their help meant that I wasn’t too homesick for Kazakhstan and that I always had someone to turn to when I needed advice. The Careers Department provided us with all the information we needed before and after getting our university offers. It was my pleasure to work with such wonderful people and highly experienced teachers and extremely kind staff members.”

# 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







### **DILYARA YERZHANOVA**

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**Former School:**

Gymnasium N68

**Subjects studied at A-level:**

Maths, Further Maths, Russian and Economics

**Grades at A-level:**

A\* A\* A A\*

**University:**

University College London – Economics and Business

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“For me College was not just a place to study but it also became my second home. We spent a great deal of time here, making new friends and having fun.

Everyone knows how fantastic the results are at the College, but the main thing is that all these results are reached with hard work of not only students on their own, but with the help of all the staff and teaching faculty. All the teachers are very friendly and always ready to help. For the first time in my life I have met people who sacrifice their own leisure time and came to College for tutorials to help us to prepare for exams. There were many activities on offer: College societies, work experience and voluntary work.”



### **OLZHAS KOZHANOV**

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**Former School:**

NurOrda

**Subjects studied at A-level:**

Maths, Further Maths, Physics, Economics, and Russian

**Grades at A-level:**

A\* A\* A A\* A

**University:**

University of Cambridge – Economics

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“Cardiff is an educational institution where learning becomes surprisingly enjoyable! The whole of the staff and teaching team are pleasant and ready to help with any topics you struggle with, or challenges that you face. The fact that the student body is incredibly multicultural brings a diversity of benefits, such as exploration of new cultures and future business connections. Overall, Cardiff is a great start for anyone who anticipates a higher education in the UK.”

# 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
Medicine
Chemical Engineering
Economics
Natural Sciences
Mathematics

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).*





## ABYLAIKHAN ISMAGULOV

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### Former School:

National School of Physics and Maths  
(FIZMAT)

### Subjects studied at A-level:

Physics, Economics, Math, and Further Math

### Grades at A-level:

A A\* A\* A\*

### University:

University of Cambridge – Economics

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“I found the University Fair and Oxbridge Conference to be extremely helpful in my second year and I believe that attending these events allowed me to be more prepared for my Cambridge interview. The teaching staff put us through our paces academically and I appreciated the frequent testing. The level of homework provided was sufficiently stretching.

I would thoroughly recommend this College to anyone hard working who is up for a challenge. I have made some wonderful friends whom I hope to stay in touch with during my undergraduate degree in Cambridge. The home comforts that the student accommodation provided me with made the transition to life in the UK far easier!”

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## TOP SUBJECT CHOICES IN 2021

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students studying  
Medicine,  
Veterinary Medicine  
and Dentistry

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students studying  
Engineering, Maths,  
Computer Science,  
and Architecture

25

students studying  
Economics,  
Business, Finance  
and Management

11

students  
studying  
Law

14

students  
studying  
Natural Sciences



# 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

## AIBIKE BEKMUKHAMBETOVA

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### Former School:

Miras International School

### Subjects studied at A-level:

Biology, Mathematics, Physics, Russian

### Grades at A-level:

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

### University:

University College London – Applied  
Medical Sciences

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“Cardiff Sixth Form College has really helped me to achieve my academic potential over the past two years. Whenever there has been a topic in class that I have struggled with the teachers are always on hand to provide extra support and take time to answer my questions. The level of academics at Cardiff is high, and there are times when you will feel like you’re falling behind, but with regular tests and continued support from the teachers and our Heads of House any issues are quickly noticed and that gives us plenty of time to resolve the problems and catch back up to go on to achieve top grades at the end of the year.

Outside of lessons I have taken part in the

Debate club and the Model UN which was not only a great way to get to know more people at school but also to improve my language and communication skills whilst having fun.

The friends I’ve made during my time at Cardiff Sixth Form College will last a lifetime and some of my favourite memories are from times I spent with my friends either hanging out in boarding, exploring Cardiff in my first year or taking part in the extra-curricular activities and inter-house competitions organised by school.”





## ASSEL ABDRAKHIMOVA

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### Former School:

Miras International School

### Subjects studied at A-level:

Maths, Further Maths, Russian and Economics

### Grades at A-level:

A\* A\* A A\*

### University:

University College London – Economics

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“The time I spent at Cardiff Sixth Form College was the most demanding but at the same time the most rewarding experience that I have ever had. High academic standards, intercultural exchange and incredible facilities - these are the things that have made my stay unforgettable.

The atmosphere of healthy competition that exists at the College creates perfect conditions for achieving the highest possible results. The vivid community and a wide range of clubs

and societies lets you show your abilities and develop yourself outside the classroom. The provided facilities allow you to work towards your goals. Altogether, this is a perfect place to study, live and develop.”

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## 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

## ADILZHAN NUSSIPZHAN

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**Former School:**

Specialised School-Lyceum N165 for Gifted Children

**Subjects studied at A-level:**

Maths, Further Maths and Physics

**Grades at A-level:**

A\* A\* A\*

**University:**

Imperial College London – Civil Engineering

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“Work hard, play hard - that is exactly how I would describe life at Cardiff Sixth Form College. Studying here has led me to discover my chosen future career path - Civil Engineering.

Besides the academia, life at Cardiff is full of other events and occasions. For instance, the annual Cultural Event, which is essentially an opportunity for anyone to show their talents or skills, is thoroughly entertaining. As I am super interested in sports, I was



selected to take on the role of Vice-President of the Football Society. Generally, even though the workload here is challenging and the curriculum is demanding, the College provides a great deal of support and help.”

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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, 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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