



RUSSIA & UKRAINE PEERS

2021



RUSSIA & UKRAINE PEER GUIDE

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

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



IRINA SHMELEVA

Former School:

School 57, Tolyatti

Subjects studied at A-level:

Maths, Further Maths, Physics and Economics

Grades at A-level:

A* A* A* B

University:

University of Cambridge – Engineering

“Being a student in such a prestigious College gives you a lot of opportunities to become better. Teachers here are amazing; they try to do everything so you can enjoy the subjects you are doing. Moreover, everyone can get as much support with their studies as they need. The life here is not only about hard work, we also have students all over the world and there are many opportunities to make new friends. For example, we have a lot of clubs and societies here such as Debating Society, Dancing Society and Engineering Society that you can attend in the evenings and weekends. The College also provides a membership to a sports centre so students can exercise and unwind after long, hard days.”



MELANIA KOVALENKO

Former School:

The Heritage Private School

Subjects studied at A-level:

Maths, Further Maths, Economics and Psychology

Grades at A-level:

A* A* A* A*

University:

London School of Economics and Political Science – Economics

“Completing my last exam and appreciating how much hard work had gone into my time at Cardiff was a memorable moment. The Careers Team were of constant support with their individualistic approach and they were of great help to me throughout my time here. I have thoroughly enjoyed taking part in extra-curricular activities like Glee, Debate and Volunteering along with the Talent Show. My favourite trip was the Geography trip to Iceland and I’ll remember the friends I made here.”

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

100% gaining A*-B grades

100% gaining A*-C grades

86% students gaining three A*s or more

100% gaining AAB in facilitating subjects





ALEKSANDRA MLEINIK

Former School: School No. 2104

Subjects studied at A-level:

Economics, Mathematics,
Further Mathematics, Geography

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

University of choice:

University of Cambridge - Economics

“I can’t single out one particular moment that I value most in Cardiff Sixth Form College because I enjoy literally every day, every lesson and every minute here. The studying environment is brilliant – it is not too intense but it is not slow either. There are amazing people from very unique backgrounds from all over the world to get to know and hang out with. Cardiff students are very ambitious too, so you are constantly driven to do your very best!

One of my favourite trips in Cardiff Sixth Form College was when we went on a Geography trip to Iceland. We visited a natural spring lagoon, a glacier formed over a volcano and many beautiful waterfalls! Not only did we get to see many beautiful attractions, but the sites we visited helped enormously with our A Level studies since we could see what we had learnt in lessons for ourselves. This made the content so much more relevant and interesting.”



GEORGII KORNEIUK

Former School: Pusukiu State School

Subjects studied at A-level:

Economics, Mathematics, Further Maths,
Government & Politics, and Russian

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

University of choice:

London School of Economics and Political
Science – Economics

“Writing my EPQ was one of my most memorable moments in Cardiff Sixth Form College. It was a very different academic experience to what I had been exposed to before. I had to research academic articles by myself and then evaluate them critically. I then typed up into a research dissertation similar to that assessed in university. I believe this experience has prepared me exceptionally well for life in university!

The sports clubs at Cardiff have been a lot of fun to be involved with. I was a member of the basketball, rugby and football clubs where I have met many people from a wide range of backgrounds. We got to play games against other schools which was a lot of fun and enabled me to bond very closely with my teammates. They were also a great way to relieve stress!”

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).



MURAT SHAFIGULLIN

Former School:

Bromsgrove School

Subjects studied at A-level:

Economics, Further Mathematics,
Mathematics. Physics

Grades at A-level:

A* A* A* A*

University:

Imperial College London –
Mechanical Engineering



“My time at Cardiff Sixth Form College has provided me with a range of experiences and opportunities, both inside and outside the classroom. I have enjoyed taking part in sports with my friends including football and table tennis. These activities organized by the school provide a great way to relax outside of lessons and study time.

In my A2 year, I was extremely proud to be named Cardiff Sixth Form College Head Boy. The opportunity has provided me with new challenges and helped develop my time management, communication and leadership skills, which I’m certain will be hugely beneficial in my future.

The staff at Cardiff, teaching, and non-teaching, are always available to help with any questions or issues that may arise. Unlike the weather in Cardiff, support is always great in case you need it. The Cardiff Sixth Form College careers department and my Head of House have been a great help and guide to me during my UCAS application and the summer UCAS program, as well as all the one-to-one meetings available, which allowed me to really work on my university applications and personal statement.”

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

14

students
studying
Natural Sciences

ANDREI POSTNOV

Former School:

Gymnasium No. 1

Subjects studied at A-level:

Mathematics, Further Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry

Grades at A-level:

A* A* A* A*

University of choice:

Imperial College London – Mechanical Engineering



“My most memorable moment at Cardiff Sixth Form College is definitely when I performed a dance at the Cultural Event. There was such a great atmosphere with there being parents, staff, students and alumni being exceptionally supportive and energetic. Seeing everyone in their cultural wear reminded me of how unique a place Cardiff really is, with there being students from all over the world!

I always remember the incredible and unfaltering support I received from both the careers department and my teachers in preparing for university entrance exams. The careers team are exceptionally well versed in each career and its relevant examinations and

so they were able to give me great advice as to what to focus on and how to prepare for these exams. Teachers were very supportive when it came to working through example questions and for refining exam technique.

Besides academics, Cardiff Sixth Form College has really helped me develop a wide range of soft skills. Boarding away from home has made me far more independent and studying at the top UK sixth form college has made me far more hard-working and resilient.”



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

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

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

18% Business, Finance and Economics

75% of Cardiff students go onto Russell Group Universities

89% of Cardiff students go onto QS Top 100

42% go onto G5 Universities

- 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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ALEXANDER CHIRKOV

Former School: Gymnasium #1 Novosibirsk

Subjects studied at A-level:

Economics, Further Mathematics,
Mathematics, Psychology

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

University:

London School of Economics and Political
Science – Law

“During my time at Cardiff Sixth Form College I was able to participate in different trips and experiences with my future career in Law in mind. I attended Cardiff Crown Court alongside other prospective Law students and travelled to Birmingham to take part in a Mock trial competition where a-level students from around the country were able to gain insight in to the legal justice system in the UK and take part in prosecuting and defending cases.

The careers department at Cardiff are a great



support to all students here and provide invaluable insight in preparing for our university applications, entrance tests and interviews.

Outside of academics I enjoyed playing football with my friends and took part in the inter-house football competitions along with dodgeball and table tennis which was a good way to relax and have some fun away from studies.”

SOFIA MLEINIK

Former School:

School No. 2104

Subjects studied at A-level:

Mathematics, Further Mathematics,
Government & Politics and Economics

Grades at A-level:

A* A* A* A*

University of choice:

London School of Economics and Political
Science – Politics and Economics



“I have many memorable moments from my time in Cardiff Sixth Form College. The lessons with teachers such as Mr Williams and Mr Eedy have been so much more interesting than lessons I have had at other schools. The teachers are very passionate and enthusiastic about their subjects and they do their very best to ensure that students are comfortable with the syllabus.

The teachers at Cardiff are extremely well organised. We have lesson notes, special revision notes and numerous question booklets. All of this is available online too so we can access them wherever we are even without the physical

copies! This makes learning so much more efficient and enjoyable – I am so grateful for my teachers!

My favourite club in Cardiff has to be the debating club. We got the opportunity of competing in very prestigious debating competitions all around the country such as in Cambridge, Oxford and the London universities. Not only did I make great friends in the club, but it also helped develop my critical thinking skills. This really helped me write a good quality personal statement.”

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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