



UK PEERS

2021



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 the College 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 the College 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 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





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.”



ISOBELLA KHAN

Former School:

St Bernadette Catholic Secondary School

Subjects studied at A-level:

Chemistry, Mathematics, Further Mathematics, Physics

Grades at A-level:

A* A* A* A*

University:

University of Warwick, Computer Science

“The best part about being a Cardiff Sixth Form College student is the fact you know you are competing amongst the best. Being the highest performer in my previous school, Cardiff Sixth Form College presented a massive challenge and raised my standards for how well I should perform.

The careers department here at Cardiff are a great support to all students. Before Covid all students are offered work experience placements during our enrichment weeks at school and even during the pandemic the careers team sourced many virtual opportunities to participate in. They also were a great help when it came to advice on my personal statement and interview techniques.”

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).



KAI MULCOCK

Former School:

Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Llangynwyd

Subjects studied at A-level:

Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics, Physics

Grades at A-level:

A* A* A* A*

University of choice:

Imperial College – Physics with Theoretical Physics



“Differently from most students I started at Cardiff Sixth Form College in January, the second term of my AS year. This made the studies of my AS year very challenging but with the support from my teachers I achieved all A grades in my AS year. I can’t thank the teachers and staff at Cardiff enough for helping my adjust to life at Cardiff Sixth Form College, especially starting late. They allowed me to attend some taster lessons in my October half term before starting at Cardiff Sixth Form College which really helped me at a time when I was deciding what to do in my future academic plan.

I have enjoyed getting to know students from all around the world and have got to know them not only in class but via the many clubs and societies on offer to students here, academic and non-academic. I took part in Debate Club and MUN society and was

also a part of Medical Ethics and Healthcare society when my future plans were to be a medic. Having these career based societies, as well as the support from our Careers department, really gives great support for students when decided on what to study at University.

I have spent time as a boarding student and a day student during my time at Cardiff, the change mainly impacted by the global pandemic, and have enjoyed my time as both. I am sure future Cardiff Sixth Form College students, boarding or day, will have a fantastic experience at Cardiff and will go on to achieve great things.”

TOP SUBJECT CHOICES IN 2021

39 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
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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 the College 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 the College 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 the College 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 the College was by far one of the best decisions that I have ever made!”



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

FRAN REED

Former School:

Interhigh Education

Subjects studied at A-level:

Economics, English Literature, Government & Politics, Mathematics

Grades at A-level:

A* A A B

University:

King's College London, Philosophy, Politics and Economics



“I started at Cardiff Sixth Form College in my GCSE year before beginning my A-level studies, so I am one of the first local students to have spent 3 years at the College! The support I have received from the staff here has been really helpful to me over the time I have been here, whether it was deciding on what to study or catching up after having to miss a period of lessons, I always knew the school was here for me to help me achieve my academic potential.

Throughout my time at Cardiff I have taken part in many of the different opportunities on offer to students from performing Ballet

at the Eisteddfod and Cultural Event in front of hundreds of people, to taking part in the NASA competition, being in the debate club and a work placement at Barclays Bank. There is so much going on to get involved with at the College around our studies.

One of the highlights of my time at Cardiff was going to the Cardiff MUN. It was right before lockdown, and greatly improved my confidence and debating skills while boosting my university application. I also met some international students from Holland whom I loved chatting in Dutch with.”



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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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, 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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