

Prospectus

CATS Cambridge

Preparing you for
university success

2016 students
achieved over

3x the
national average
of **A*** grades

1 in 3
students at
top 10
universities
from A level
programme

450 single
en-suite rooms
to create a
home-from-home
environment



CATS provides a **world-class international education**, attracting students from across the globe. In this diverse and exciting international community you can thrive both within the classroom and beyond.

CATS offers you an **unforgettable educational experience** – where you can achieve academic excellence in encouraging and supportive surroundings, while also feeling confident to grow personally and take full advantage of the **extensive enrichment opportunities** provided at CATS Cambridge.

Our welcoming and challenging learning environment ensures that you have everything you need to **succeed academically**, while also expanding your interests to become the well-rounded candidate universities look for.

The range of programmes we offer is demanding but rewarding, and aims to prepare you fully for success on your **journey to university**.

Our team of talented teachers and welfare staff is great at providing a home-from-home environment for international students, meaning that you have **continuous support** for settling in and fulfilling your potential.

“ Studying at CATS Cambridge was a journey for me to discover who I was. CATS was the place where my **academic ability, emotional endurance and professional passion** were constantly challenged to grow. ”

Thien Huong Vu (Lexie), Vietnamese



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University success at CATS Cambridge

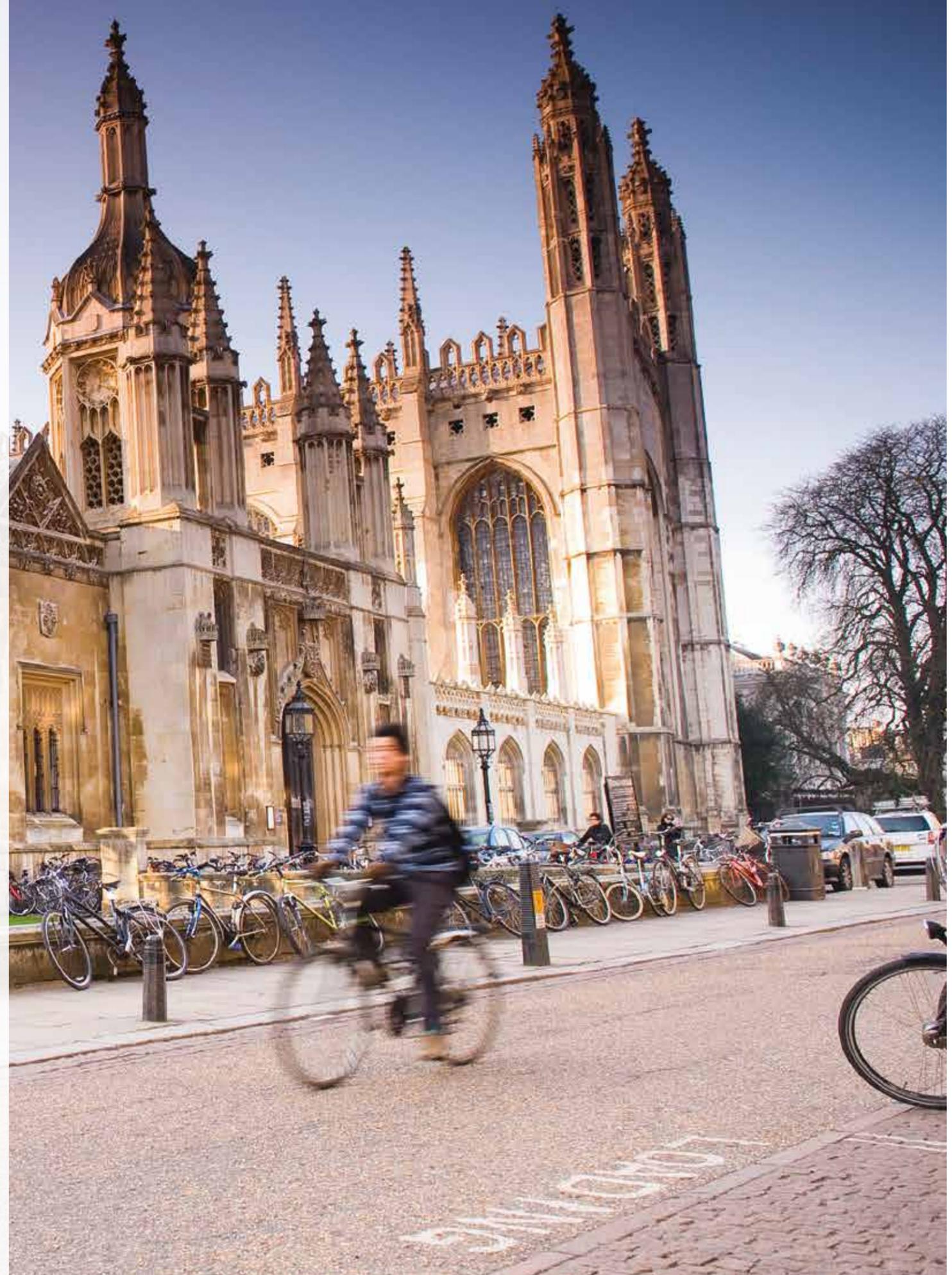
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Welcome

“ Cambridge is the **fairytale**
land I imagined. ”

Nhu Cao Quynh Nguyen (Alice), Vietnamese



King's College Chapel, University of Cambridge



Where inspiration and tradition meet global innovation in one of the world's most beautiful cities.



LOCATION
Cambridge is located near to the coast, as well as being only 45 minutes from the centre of London.

Cambridge
 London

Market Square

The Cambridge experience

A city that changes the world

Cambridge is a fascinating city that allows you to learn from the past while experiencing the technology of the future. The city is **steeped in history**, but is also home to **leading global organisations** at the forefront of innovation within the science, engineering and technology sectors such as Microsoft Research, ARM and AstraZeneca.

Offering a huge range of entertainment

Cambridge is a vibrant city with a whole range of entertainment on offer – from **music and theatre, to museums and academic events**. In the summer, the city comes alive with performances in College gardens, music in the parks and film showings in the meadows.

Great shopping on your doorstep

The range of shops in Cambridge is constantly growing, with unique **independent boutiques** sitting alongside major **high street brands** and the most **exclusive designer labels**. The traditional Market Square with stalls selling fresh fruit, clothing and books is surrounded by modern shopping centres – giving you plenty to explore.

Excellent location with great connections

Cambridge is well connected – **London is only a 45-minute train journey** and London **Stansted Airport is only a 30-minute commute**. This allows you the chance to easily explore the rest of the UK and exciting nearby European cities.

An inspiring cultural environment

Cambridge is home to some of the world's most **prestigious art collections**, as well as showcasing **contemporary exhibitions**. The city has a number of museums that attract visitors from all over the world, allowing you to be inspired by antiquities from ancient times, literary manuscripts and masterpieces from the likes of Monet, Cézanne and Picasso.

Exciting festivals to enjoy every year

Cambridge is host to a number of highly regarded festivals – the events make the city buzz with excitement and activity. The festivals are held throughout the year and offer the best variation of **music, film and literature** including: the Jazz Festival, Literature Festival, Film Festival and Science Festival.



Fitzwilliam Museum



Grand Arcade shopping centre



Punting on the River Cam



City centre streets



The University of Cambridge is ranked the 4th best university in the world (Times Higher Education).

Peterhouse College, Cambridge University



Mathematical Bridge, Queens' College, Cambridge University



St John's College, Cambridge University



Senate House, Cambridge University

Academic Cambridge

Home to the University of Cambridge

The University of Cambridge is prestigious all over the world – it is ranked **number 2 in the UK** by Times Higher Education and **number 4 in the world** in the Times Higher Education World University Rankings.

Leading university for international students

A study from the British Council showed that the University of Cambridge has hosted more **international students** who have gone on to win a **Nobel Prize** than any other UK university – paving the way for international students studying in the UK.

The UK's leading academic city

Cambridge has been renowned as a **centre of learning** for over 800 years, and is upheld as one of the best university cities not only in the UK but also in the world – meaning that you can take full advantage of the **knowledge that is shared** at local events and talks.

Where famous academic figures studied

Inspired by both the historical and cutting-edge research taking place in Cambridge, you can achieve outstanding results while here – studying in the same city as the hugely influential **Scientist Stephen Hawking**, **Naturalist Charles Darwin**, **Mathematician Alan Turing** and **Physicist Isaac Newton**.

Centre of cutting-edge medicine

The Cambridge Biomedical Campus is one of the **largest research clusters of its kind in the world**, home to pharmaceutical company AstraZeneca, Addenbrooke's Hospital and Papworth Hospital to name a few. This allows you to attend talks by key speakers and perhaps even take part in work experience.

Host to high-technology business

Over the past 50 years, Cambridge has become a **hub of modern technology** with many of the world-leading companies setting up offices in the city – including Amazon, Apple and Samsung.

The University of Cambridge is ranked:

number 2 in the UK

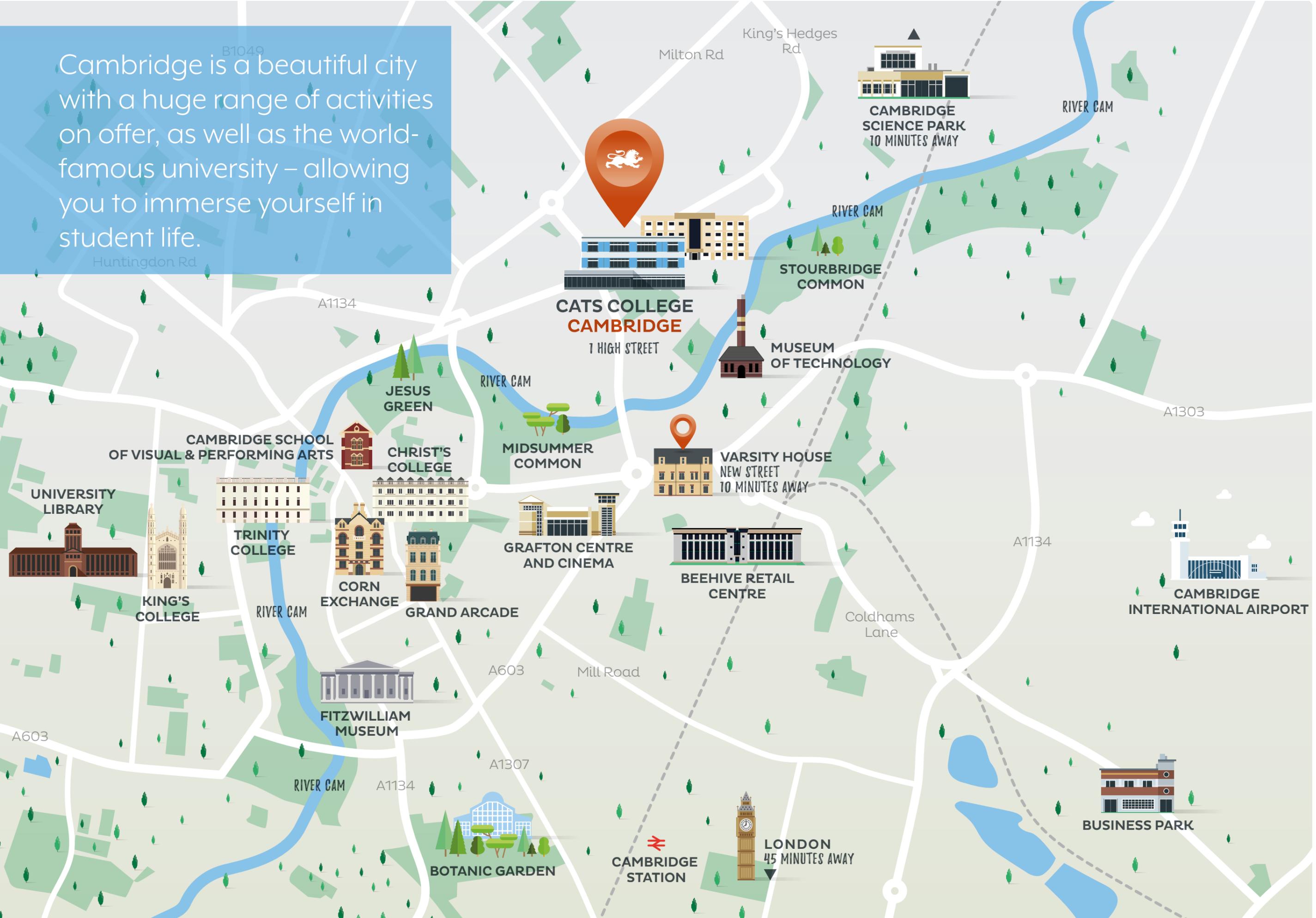
(Times Higher Education)

There are currently:

4,300+ advanced technology firms in Cambridge

Cambridge is a beautiful city with a huge range of activities on offer, as well as the world-famous university – allowing you to immerse yourself in student life.

Huntingdon Rd



“ I chose to study here because Cambridge has a **good reputation** for **education**. CATS is a very **diverse** place and I have met **friends** from around the world. ”

Sopheak Chin (Duke), Cambodian



Welcome from the Principal

Principal Dr Craig Wilson
DPhil MChem PGCE

We are delighted to offer you some of the **best learning facilities** in the UK, with **first-class welfare support** and the **highest academic standards**.

Dr Wilson is an Oxford University graduate with a first class degree in Chemistry. He studied for a Doctorate, with his project making the front cover of leading scientific journal 'Angewandte Chemie' published by the German Chemical Society.

"Cambridge is a great city, and we are very fortunate to have such a new campus close to the centre. Living and studying in one of the oldest and most famous university cities in the world is something truly special, and you should really enjoy being here in the academic heart of England.

It is a privilege to be a part of the life-changing journey students at CATS Cambridge make and, with a purpose-built state-of-the-art school, we are delighted to offer you some of the best learning facilities in the UK, with first-class welfare support and the highest academic standards.

Our school will help you focus on success and seize opportunities. We encourage ambition, recognise potential and give you the opportunity to stretch your abilities in an atmosphere that is safe and supportive.

We are a community with students from over 60 different countries. You will have a unique opportunity to make friends from all over the world. Make the most of this opportunity: it's what makes CATS Cambridge a very special place to be.

Whatever your intended career, we will provide a unique level of support, including additional tuition when needed, as well as professional expertise in university placement and careers guidance.

I look forward to seeing you soon."



CATS Cambridge advantage



2016 A level students achieved **29% A* grades** at A level – over three times the national average of 8%.



The University of Cambridge is ranked as the **4th best university in the world.**



Over **230 single en-suite rooms** on campus, keeping you comfortable and safe.



Cambridge University speakers and subject experts visit **every 2–3 weeks** to stretch your knowledge.



Government inspectors graded the campus **'Excellent' in 5 out of 9 areas** including boarding, and 'Good' in all other areas, so you will be safe, secure and well cared for.



36 subjects on offer to stretch your knowledge.



40+ activities give you the chance to try new things, have fun and improve your university application.



Life at CATS Cambridge

“ I like that the school encourages freedom of expression. Everyone comes from **different backgrounds**, which creates a **welcoming environment** and gives you **confidence** to give your own opinions.”

Gia Huy Dang (Huy), Vietnamese



Common room

Our purpose-built campus is designed to give you the best environment for both studying and living in the city of Cambridge.

The Hub

The campus

Great location

The modern CATS Cambridge campus is located **near the city centre**, close to the prestigious University of Cambridge and the beautiful River Cam – allowing you to enjoy everything Cambridge has to offer.

Purpose-built facility

Our large purpose-built campus is designed to give you the **best environment for both studying and living** in the city of Cambridge – providing everything you need to succeed both personally and educationally.

State-of-the-art facilities

Our new campus has amazing facilities to give you a **state-of-the-art learning experience**. Shared social areas make you feel at home, while flexible learning spaces encourage collaboration and academic excellence within the classroom.

En-suite boarding bedrooms

Our boarding facilities provide you with a **home-from-home, with over 230 single en-suite rooms** on campus ensuring that you are comfortable. Also, as our boarding house is connected to the school building you do not even need to step outside in winter.

Independent living facilities for over 18s

We offer catered or self-catered accommodation for over 18s at Varsity House, a short walk from campus, allowing you to **be more independent** and preparing you for life at university.

Graded 'Excellent'

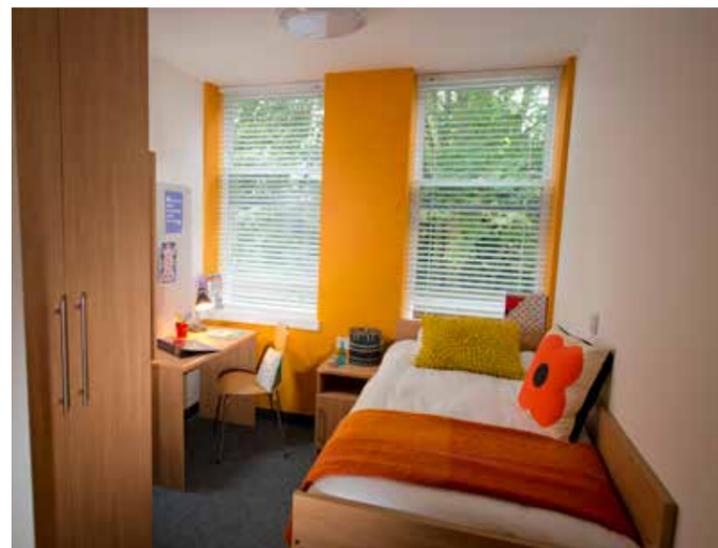
CATS Cambridge is regularly inspected by the UK Independent Schools Inspectorate, and achieves **outstanding results**. In the last inspection the campus was graded **'Excellent'** in five out of nine areas including boarding, and achieved 'Good' in all other areas.



Lecture theatre



Biology lab



Elizabeth House bedroom



Reading room

Where you live

Elizabeth House

Age
14-17

236
single en-suite
rooms

The accommodation

1 High Street, Chesterton,
Cambridge CB4 1NQ

Elizabeth House is a **brand-new residence, purpose-built** for CATS students, and is **attached to the main building** – providing you with a **centrally located, single-site campus**.

As our boarding house is connected to the main school building you do not even need to step outside in winter and are only minutes from the main building facilities, including the common room, which can be used in the evenings.

All 236 rooms are **single en-suite** and offer **shared social and common room spaces** to make you feel at home. House Parents offer the **highest standard of care**, welfare and supervision for all of our students. One of the team of House Parents is **awake 24 hours a day** to provide help whenever needed, which is particularly helpful for our younger students.

There is also a **dedicated wing for our youngest students** where extra care is provided.

 Less than 1-minute walk to school

 236 single bedrooms

 All en-suite

 Fully catered

 24-hour supervision

 Laundry services

 Wi-fi

 Communal areas

 Medical provision on site



Bedroom



Bathroom



Bedroom



Bedroom

Varsity House

Age
16-18+

214
single en-suite
rooms

The accommodation

New Street,
Cambridge CB1 2TX

Varsity House is a **fully supervised residence** with **214 single en-suite rooms**.

Students are split into **six different Halls of Residence** – each Hall has its own communal kitchen and lounge/dining area where you can make snacks.

The **courtyard offers seating** and an outdoor gym, and there is a **common room on site**. The complex is managed by **House Parents who supervise 24 hours a day**, and it also has a Porter.

The residence is **close to local cafés and convenience shops**, as well as being only a 5-minute bicycle ride to the main teaching building.



Kitchen/dining area



Bedroom



Bathroom



Communal area

 15-minute walk to school

 5-minute cycle to school

 214 single bedrooms

 All en-suite

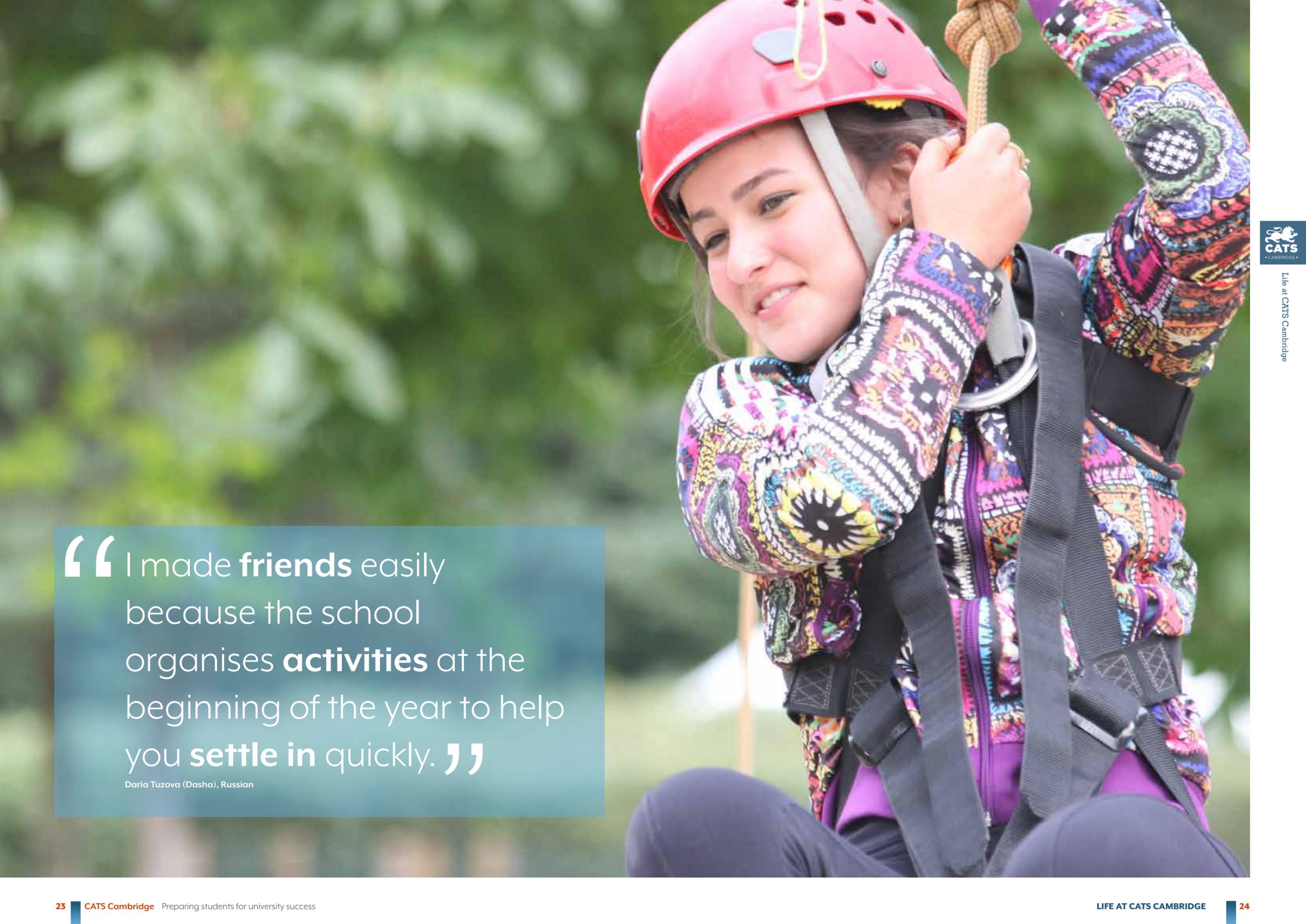
 Shared kitchen/dining areas

 24-hour supervision

 Laundry facilities

 Wi-fi

 Communal areas



“ I made **friends** easily because the school organises **activities** at the beginning of the year to help you **settle in** quickly. ”

Daria Tuzova (Dasha), Russian

Activities

Our extra-curricular programme is **tailored to your interests** – meaning you get to experience new **exciting activities**, have fun and **make good friends**.

Range of sports, clubs and development activities

We run **over 40 different activities** each week – from sport clubs to academic and self-development activities, all of which are great for your university application. We encourage all of our students to join in with their peers and have fun, be it football, basketball, yoga, breakdancing, ju-jitsu, or coding, robotics, debating and Model United Nations.

Interact with students from other schools

In addition to the range of activities offered on campus, we also encourage our students to **take part in local community clubs** – allowing you to interact with English students around your age and learn more about the local area. CATS Cambridge football and basketball clubs also compete regularly with other schools.

Cambridge has a lot to offer

If you have a specialist interest, we work hard to find you suitable **facilities in the local area** where you can pursue your interests. As Cambridge is a university town, there is always a lot to do – particularly popular with our students are the Cambridge Science Festival and the Cambridge Festival of Ideas which are run annually by the University of Cambridge.

Trips all over the world

We encourage our students to take part in a range of trips, allowing you to **explore new cities and embrace another country's culture**. Recent trips have included a visit to the Christmas markets in Berlin (Germany), sightseeing and shopping in Madrid and Seville (Spain), a cultural exploration of Paris (France), and an insightful trip to Boston (US) for our Model United Nations group.

Duke of Edinburgh's Award (DofE)

The DofE award is recognised across the world as a **fun, creative but challenging adventure**. The award focuses on pushing you personally, expanding your skill set and is great for your university application. You can take part in a range of activities focused around volunteering, physical participation, skills and expeditions.

Leadership programme

CATS Cambridge's inclusive 'Learn to Lead' programme encourages you to **make a real difference to your school community**. You will work closely with your peers to identify changes needed at CATS and then will run your own project teams to implement these – empowering you to run your own action groups, develop transferable communication skills and make a positive impact.



Mixed hockey



Girls basketball



Sports day



Badminton



Photography



Duke of Edinburgh's Award

Activities list

Sport

- Badminton
- Badminton team league
- Ju-jitsu
- Boys basketball
- Girls basketball
- Basketball for fun
- Muay Thai Boxing
- Gymnastics
- Yoga
- Tae Kwon Do
- Indoor rowing
- Boys football
- Girls football
- Running club
- Tennis
- Sports on the lawn
- Hill walking
- Swimming



Arts

- Photography
- Crafts
- Breakdance
- Painting
- Movie night
- Cooking
- Drama
- Ballet
- Choir
- Contemporary dance
- Movie night



Leadership

- Debating
- Duke of Edinburgh's Award
- Young Enterprise
- Model United Nations
- Student Council
- Christian Youth Fellowship
- Business enterprise
- Fundraising
- Vegetable gardening



Academic activities

- Robotics
- Astronomy club
- Board games and chess
- Coding/Java
- Debating
- Book club
- History society
- Talks from University of Cambridge academics
- Quiz club



Events

- Bodyflight
- Bronze Expedition
- Fudge making
- Hill walking
- Model United Nations Conference
- United World Schools fundraising event
- Science Festival



Welfare and support

The **CATS family** of welfare staff are **experienced** at providing a **home-from-home** environment, offering you **continuous support** in settling in and fulfilling your potential.



Staff are always on hand to offer advice



Health Centre and nurse



Our students support one another

Induction

During your induction we ensure that you have everything you need to **make Cambridge your second home**. We will show you the local banks, shopping areas, bus routes and bookshops so that you can settle in easily, as well as introducing you to clubs so that you can make friends.

Supportive House Parents

We pride ourselves on growing a community of excited and happy students. Our team of live-in House Parents are always on hand to provide you with the **highest standard of safety and pastoral care**. Your House Parent will also make teachers aware of issues that happen outside of the classroom such as homesickness or trouble with homework, so that you are fully supported at every step of your CATS journey.

Personal Tutor (PT)

Every student at CATS is assigned a Personal Tutor (PT) to make sure that you are **happy and able to fulfil your potential**, and together with about 15 other students this will form your Personal Tutor Group. Your PT will guide and assist you in all areas of life at the school, and you will regularly meet to discuss your personal development – from personal wellbeing to aims and targets, challenges and accomplishments.

Programme Director (PD)

Each Programme of Study also has a Programme Director (PD). This is a senior teacher who oversees all the Personal Tutor Groups for your programme. If your Personal Tutor is not available for any reason **you can always talk** to your Programme Director or contact a member of the Welfare Team.

Welfare Officer

Our Welfare Officer will ensure that you have everything you need – offering advice on travel, culture shock, personal emotional support and counselling for personal issues. So **you can feel confident settling into a new home** with a new culture.

Health Centre and nurses

Our fully trained onsite medical staff manage the Health Centre and **provide support** including medicine and health advice, information on diet and healthy living, assessing and providing treatment if required, making referrals to doctors, dentists and other specialists.

Keeping parents informed

The Student Services team, along with your Personal Tutor, act as a link between your teachers, House Parents and your parents. Your Personal Tutor will be involved in everything from **emotional and social support**, to **monitoring attendance, academic progress** and helping with your **university application** – your parents are then regularly updated on your progress.

In the latest inspection, the school was graded as:

‘Excellent’
for boarding provision

Life on campus

We offer you an **unforgettable educational experience**, where you can achieve academic excellence in **encouraging and supportive surroundings**.

International food

All meals are served on campus for catered students, cooked by our team of onsite chefs. As we look after students from all over the world, we know the importance of enjoying **a taste of home** as well as **trying food from different cultures**. Recent meals include – braised beef, stir-fried noodles, roast chicken, steamed cod, roast beef with Yorkshire pudding and borsch.

All fully catered students take breakfast, lunch and dinner in The Hub at the following times:

MONDAY - FRIDAY

Breakfast: 07.30 - 08.30

Lunch: 11.30 - 14.00

Dinner: 17.00 - 19.30

WEEKENDS

Breakfast: 09.00 - 11.30

Lunch: 11.30 - 13.00

Dinner: 16.30 - 18.00

Coffee shop

There is also a coffee shop which serves snacks throughout the day and into the evening.



Coffee shop

Laundry

We encourage our students to **live independently**, preparing you well for life at university. Personal laundry is your responsibility and **washers and dryers** are available in the residences, and washing powder is available free of charge.

Wireless access

All of our residences have **wireless internet available**. We restrict wireless access between midnight and 06.00 to help you get a good night's sleep and be ready to learn again.

Religious worship

CATS Cambridge is a **non-denominational organisation**. We respect your right to practise your religion and are happy to give you details of the closest church, mosque, synagogue, temple or alternative place of religious worship. A prayer room is also available in Elizabeth House and arrangements can be made during times of fasting. We also provide Halal food.

Evenings

Students living in our main campus residence should be back by **19.30 Sunday to Thursday**, unless you are taking part in an activity, to give you time for Prep (supervised study). On **weekends** you will be back in your residence at either **20.30 or 21.30**, depending on your age. Your evening can then be spent doing your homework and private study in your room, or socialising with your friends.

Getting around Cambridge

We encourage you to **walk or cycle** from your accommodation as you will either be based on campus or a short distance away. There is also a bus stop right outside the main campus.

Leaving the campus

If you wish to leave the campus overnight or leave the city you can apply for an **exeat** – this will allow you to **explore other amazing parts of the UK** such as nearby London, or visit university open days.



Campus exterior



Canteen with international food



Computer room

University success

“ The teachers at CATS are excellent, they are always willing to **answer any questions** you have and they really **respect** you.”

Chuzhengnan Xu (Bill), Chinese

University support

We have **years of experience** in **guiding** international students to apply for the right courses at a **top university**.

Academic counselling

It is really important that you are studying the right subjects for the course you want to take at university. When you first arrive in school you will talk to one of our senior academics who will **make sure that you have chosen correctly** for what you want to do in the future.

Higher Education Advisor

Our **dedicated full-time** Higher Education Advisor has years of admissions experience and offers **unlimited individual support** from day one, helping with each aspect of the university application process. You will have timetabled lessons along with one-to-one meetings with them if needed, to get the **extensive advice** that you need to feel confident in your application. Medics and Oxbridge candidates receive one-to-one advice as standard.

Unlimited support

The friendly CATS Cambridge staff are always on hand to answer your questions and provide advice on the university process. If you are unsure of anything, you can meet with your Personal Tutor or the Higher Education Advisor outside of timetabled lessons and **feel confident that you are always supported**.

Personal statement

Our Personal Tutors have **extensive experience of university admissions** and know what will make your application stand out. Your Tutor will dedicate time to getting to know you and your interests to ensure that your personal statement is the best reflection of you.

Open days

It is important that you really know about the universities that you are applying to. We encourage you to visit when they have open days so that you can **look around and ask questions**.

University visits

Universities from around the world visit CATS regularly throughout the year to tell you about their courses and give you the chance to ask questions.



Unlimited support from staff



Support with your studies



Graduation ceremony

University support

University application process

September	October	November/ December	January/ February	March/April	May/June	July/August
<p>Induction week</p> <p>Introduction to the higher education department and services available</p>	<p>Careers fair to begin university and careers thinking</p> <p>CATS university fair</p>	<p>USA applicants identified</p> <p>Preparation for mock exams</p>	<p>Introduction to UCAS* and the application process</p> <p>Oxbridge students identified</p> <p>Medic UK work experience</p> <p>Prospects (matches students' interests and abilities to courses available) or Stamford Test</p>	<p>Prospects report results and interpretation</p> <p>Personal Tutors work with students on their personal statements</p> <p>Open days arranged to gain a taste of university life</p> <p>CATS university fair</p>	<p>Preparation for USA university applications</p> <p>Examinations</p> <p>Medic UK work experience</p>	<p>Medic home country work experience</p> <p>Oxbridge open days</p> <p>Internal A level half way exams</p>
<p>Induction week</p> <p>Oxbridge College advice</p> <p>Oxbridge open days, USA College day</p> <p>Personal statements completed</p> <p>SAT and ACT tests (USA Colleges only)</p>	<p>Oxbridge candidate mock interviews</p> <p>Oxbridge/Medicine application deadline</p> <p>UKCAT admissions tests for Medics</p> <p>LNAT admissions tests for Law</p> <p>USA applications</p> <p>CATS university fair</p>	<p>BMAT admissions test for medical degree</p> <p>Oxbridge interviews</p> <p>UCAS workshop</p> <p>UCAS applications completed (non-Oxbridge applicants)</p>	<p>January start</p> <p>University Foundation Programme students complete UCAS applications</p> <p>UCAS deadline 15 January</p> <p>Examinations</p>	<p>Students given conditional offers</p> <p>Confirm university firm and insurance choices</p> <p>CATS university fair</p>	<p>Examinations</p>	<p>UFP exam results published</p> <p>A level exam results published</p> <p>Confirmation of university place</p> <p>Clearing and adjustment</p>

A level year 1

A level year 2
or UFP

*Universities and Colleges Admissions Service



University success at CATS
Cambridge

Key Professions Support

Our **inclusive Key Professions support** offers you **opportunities to improve** your chances of **success** when aiming for a prestigious university or competitive profession.

Close links with Cambridge University

CATS Cambridge has connections to academics and Admissions Tutors at a variety of University of Cambridge Colleges. **Speakers visit the campus every 2–3 weeks**, giving talks about their specialist subject, hosting debates, performing mock interviews and advising on admissions. This gives you a unique insight into what is needed to secure a place at Cambridge University, as well as having the chance to **stretch your knowledge** and be challenged by content outside of the syllabus.

Mock interview preparation

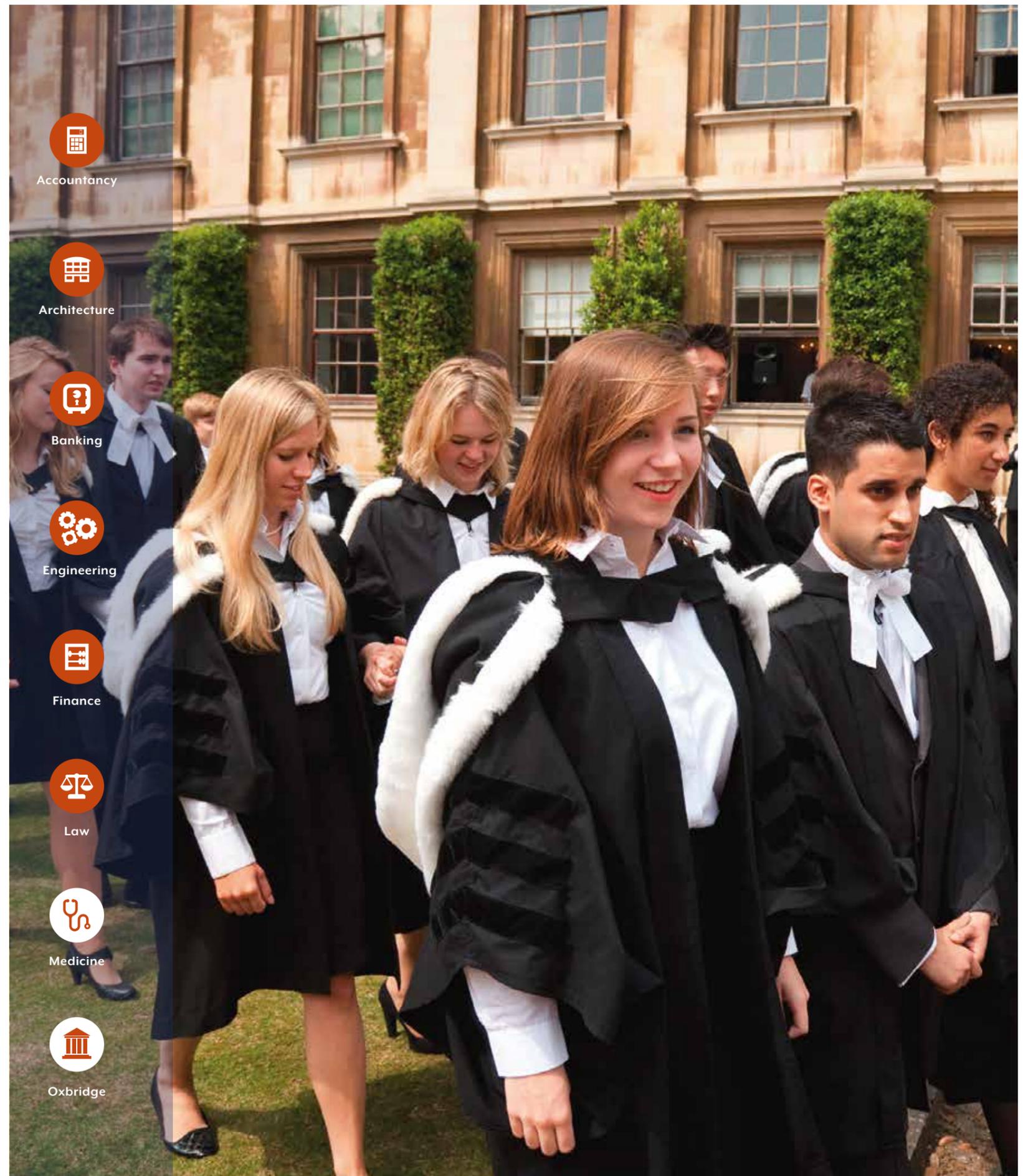
We want all of our students to **feel as prepared and as confident as possible** when applying to university. If your university requires you to attend an interview we ensure that you have several practice interviews tailored to the specific style of your prospective university – these are held with staff experienced in admissions so that you can achieve your best.

Stretch activities

We offer a range of different extra opportunities designed to **stretch your knowledge and passion**, including science Olympiads and competitions, the Cambridge Chemistry Challenge competition, BioMedical Admissions Test (BMAT) preparation and UK Clinical Aptitude Test (UKCAT) classes. We also have a range of clubs to **extend your subject practice**, such as the robotics society for engineers or debating society for aspiring lawyers.

Work experience for university applications

If your university course requires work experience, we **help you organise a placement** that gives you a unique learning opportunity. Recent CATS Cambridge Medics students have worked at the local Addenbrooke's Hospital, Biology labs at the University of Cambridge and Shepreth Wildlife Park.



University success at CATS
Cambridge

Key Professions speakers

Speakers visit the campus every 2–3 weeks, giving **talks** about their specialist subject, hosting **debates**, performing **mock interviews** and **advising on admissions**.

Recent speakers and topics

<p>Dr David Smith Graduate Tutor, Director of Studies and Historian at Selwyn College, University of Cambridge</p>	<p><i>'The value of History', 'Cambridge University admissions and preparing for interviews'</i></p>
<p>Dr Kirsten Dickers Admissions Director at Sidney Sussex College, University of Cambridge</p>	<p><i>'University interviews' – preparing you for interviews at the University of Cambridge</i></p>
<p>Prof Ian White Master of Jesus College and Deputy Vice Chancellor of the University, University of Cambridge</p>	<p><i>'Opening the College' – keynote speaker at the CATS Cambridge new campus opening ceremony: 'The value of higher education'</i></p>
<p>Dr David Pratt Historian at Downing College, University of Cambridge</p>	<p><i>'Alfred the Great'</i></p>
<p>Dr Stuart Clarke Chemistry Research Fellow at Jesus College, University of Cambridge</p>	<p><i>'Polymer Chemistry'</i></p>
<p>Dr Simone Maghenzani Director of Studies and Historian at Girton College, University of Cambridge</p>	<p><i>'Italian Unification'</i></p>
<p>Dr Andrew Spencer Historian and current Admissions Tutor, University of Cambridge</p>	<p><i>'England 1035–1107', 'How to apply to Oxbridge'</i></p>
<p>Dr David Bainbridge Admissions Tutor and Clinical Veterinary Anatomist at St Catharine's College, University of Cambridge</p>	<p><i>'University of Cambridge admissions' – preparing you for the process and study of Medical and Veterinary Sciences at the University of Cambridge</i></p>
<p>Prof David Bates Historian at University of East Anglia, University of Cambridge</p>	<p><i>'The Norman Conquest'</i></p>
<p>Dr Gavin Jarvis Fellow and College Lecturer in Pharmacology, Selwyn College, University of Cambridge</p>	<p><i>'Science and Oxbridge interviews' – Universities of Oxford and Cambridge interview preparation for undergraduate sciences courses</i></p>



“It is always a pleasure to lecture to CATS students. CATS is very **supportive** of visiting speakers, and the students are always **attentive, lively, and enthusiastic.**”

Dr David Smith, Historian at Selwyn College, University of Cambridge

Regular visiting speakers



University success at CATS Cambridge

Student success

Rayan Farag Ali
El Zawawi
Libyan
UFP

A* A* A*

Studying Medicine at
UCLan

"Cambridge is a great city to live in – local events such as the Cambridge Science Festival are on my doorstep. You also meet lots of people from all around the world here, meaning that you end up with more of an experience than just your studied subjects. The best thing about studying in the UK is the quality of the education here – a qualification from Britain is recognised all over the world."



Thien Huong Vu
(Lexie)
Vietnamese
A level

A* A* A* A*

Studying Natural Sciences
at the University of
Cambridge

"Studying at CATS was a journey for me to discover who I was. CATS was the place where my academic ability, emotional endurance and professional passion were constantly growing. The international learning environment, the teachers and my friends all inspired me to become a science lover, a critical thinker, a socially and culturally aware person and an independent mind. I could not be more grateful for the mock interviews, the revision sessions, the tutoring classes and the countless hours that my Personal Tutor spent on perfecting my university applications."



Davyd Dragovoz
Ukrainian
A level

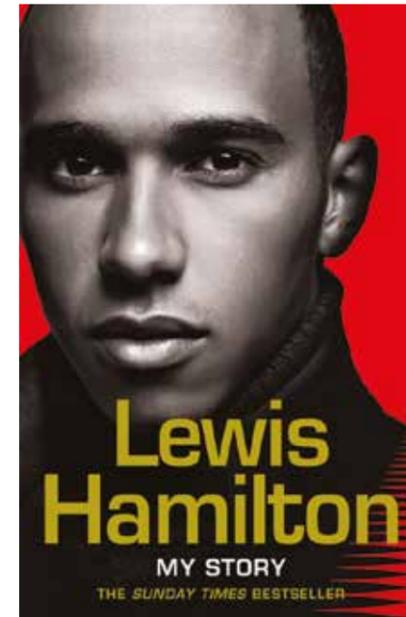
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Studying Economics at
the London School of
Economics and Political
Science (LSE)

"It is a privilege to study in the UK. The education system here stretches you, encouraging you to think independently. You can choose the subjects you want to specialise in too, which is great when you know what you want to do in the future. I have achieved the goal I set myself. I have got good grades and I'm attending a top university so I am very happy."



We are proud of the **outstanding results** our students achieve, allowing them to **succeed** at **both university** and in their **chosen career**.



Lewis Hamilton, Formula 1 World Champion and CATS Cambridge alumnus, writes about his time at CATS in his autobiography:

"CATS was a fantastic place...it was a pleasurable experience for me. The staff were really nice: they spoke to you on the level and not as if they were above you. I also felt more fulfilled and began to value myself differently. I was happier... I felt like I really wanted to do well. Something clicked for me. It was a much smaller class and I got on well with my teachers...It was the first time in my life in my academic work that I actually thought to myself, I can do this and I can do well in exams."

Extract from 'Lewis Hamilton: My Story'.

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At the time of publication:

16 CATS Cambridge students applying to the University of Cambridge or Oxford.

11 students submitting university applications to study Medicine, Dentistry or Veterinary Medicine.

Students have offers from **Imperial College London, University College London, York University, Durham University, Bristol University, Warwick University, University of Birmingham** and **Leeds University**.



University success at CATS
Cambridge

Student progressions

Recent CATS Cambridge students have been accepted into some of the **best universities** to study the most **competitive subjects**.

All of the UK's top 40 universities have accepted CATS students, proving how well our students are prepared not only in their academic results but also in their overall application.

Medicine

Complete Uni Guide subject ranking	Times Top University Ranking	Institution
1	1	University of Cambridge
3	5	Imperial College London
4	37	University of Edinburgh
5	6	Imperial College London
16	13	University of Leeds
18	27	King's College London
19	123	University of East Anglia
20	16	University of Birmingham

Law

Complete Uni Guide subject ranking	Times Top University Ranking	Institution
11	7	University of Warwick
17	9	University of Exeter

Business and Management

Complete Uni Guide subject ranking	Times Top University Ranking	Institution
3	8	London School of Economics
4	7	University of Warwick
5	4	Durham University
6	27	King's College London
7	11	Loughborough University
9	9	Lancaster University
10	6	University College London
12	14	University of Surrey
14	20	University of Nottingham
15	16	University of Birmingham
16	37	University of Edinburgh
17	50	City University
19	24	University of Sheffield

Psychology

Complete Uni Guide subject ranking	Times Top University Ranking	Institution
3	12	University of Bath
6	4	Durham University
8	29	University of Glasgow
13	19	University of Bristol
16	20	University of Nottingham
18	34	Royal Holloway
19	17	University of York

2016	University	A level	UFP
1	University of Cambridge	✓	
2	University of Oxford		
3	University of St Andrews	✓	✓
4	Durham University	✓	✓
5	Imperial College London	✓	
6	University College London	✓	✓
7	University of Warwick	✓	✓
8	London School of Economics and Political Science	✓	
9	University of Exeter	✓	✓
9	Lancaster University	✓	✓
11	Loughborough University	✓	✓
12	University of Bath	✓	✓
13	University of Leeds	✓	✓
14	University of Surrey	✓	✓
15	University of East Anglia	✓	✓
16	University of Birmingham	✓	✓
17	University of York	✓	✓
18	University of Sussex	✓	✓
19	University of Bristol	✓	✓
20	University of Nottingham	✓	✓
21	University of Southampton	✓	✓
22	Newcastle University	✓	✓
23	University of Kent	✓	✓
24	University of Sheffield	✓	✓
25	University of Leicester	✓	✓
26	Queen's University, Belfast	✓	✓
27	King's College London	✓	✓
28	University of Dundee	✓	✓
29	University of Glasgow	✓	✓
30	University of Essex	✓	✓



University success at CATS Cambridge

Learning

“ My teachers really know what they are doing. They have helped me decide my **future path**. They gave me the **confidence** to go places and **achieve**. ”

Davyd Dragovoz, Ukrainian



GCSE and Pre-programme

One or two-year programmes that offer progression to A level or University Foundation. GCSE/Pre-programmes provide you with a **high-quality secondary education** foundation, ready for you to decide on the **right study pathway** to a UK university.

GCSE

The GCSE (General Certificate of Secondary Education) is a **flexible two-year programme** which provides a broad and solid secondary education. The qualification is **internationally recognised** and is normally obtained after two years of study. The programme prepares you perfectly to go on to study A level or the University Foundation Programme before you go to university.

Pre-programme

Pre-programme is a course following a GCSE approach, but for **one year or less**. Students can take GCSE exams in some subjects depending on the progress they make. The focus of the programme is **preparation for A level**.

Why you should study GCSE/Pre-programme

These programmes let you study a **range of subjects** that give you a **good base knowledge** before you go on to study in more detail. GCSEs are the standard route to further study, and ultimately to university, in the UK. All the **top universities** recognise the programme, and they are even widely **recognised internationally** by some of the best institutions across the world.

Who GCSE/Pre-programme is for

GCSEs are ideal for all **students aged 14+**. The programme allows you to study a range of subjects, and gives you the right preparation for your further study. Pre-programme is for **students aged 15+**.

Where GCSE/Pre-programme fits into the overall UK education system

The GCSE programme is one of the ways that you can **further your study** in the UK and eventually enter university and study for an undergraduate degree. After you have finished GCSE/Pre-programme you will normally have two years of high school left.

Number of subjects

Usually, CATS GCSE/Pre-programme students will study from **seven to nine different subjects** – with Mathematics, English and Biology, Chemistry and Physics being compulsory. This will give you a good grounding in a **range of subjects** before you go on to specialise and learn in more depth.

How GCSE/Pre-programme helps you to be successful

GCSEs are widely recognised by employers across the world. High grades are a great way for you to show that you can **perform consistently** and **meet high academic standards**. You'll also learn how to study, ready to go on to A level.

How you are assessed

You will take a mixture of **internal and external examinations**. The main external exams take place in the summer term at the end of your GCSE/Pre-Programme course. To ensure that you are well prepared you will also take **CATS mock exams** so that you can practise and your teachers can help with anything you are finding difficult. **English is also examined** and awarded through Cambridge exams with a Cambridge English: Preliminary (PET), IGCSE First Language English, English as a Second Language (ESL) or Cambridge English: First (FCE) examination. Some subjects (such as the sciences) have an element of coursework, which is written or practical work completed throughout the year and counts towards your overall grade.

When the results are published

GCSE/Pre-programme results are published in **June and August**. Grades range from 9 (the highest possible grade, equivalent to A*) down to grade 1 and then finally to U (the lowest grade), although a 'good pass' is considered anything from 9 to 4.

What you can study at CATS Cambridge

Pre-programme and GCSEs are offered at Cambridge. Key details of the programmes, including the subjects available and start dates, are available on our website www.catseducation.com

* If you do not meet the required English level for this programme, turn to page 60.

GCSE Pre-programme



Subjects studied

Hours of study per week

Average class size

Subjects include:

Art and Design, Biology, Business, Chemistry, English Language/Literature, Geography, History, Mathematics, Media Studies, Modern Foreign Languages (French, Spanish, German), Photography and Physics.

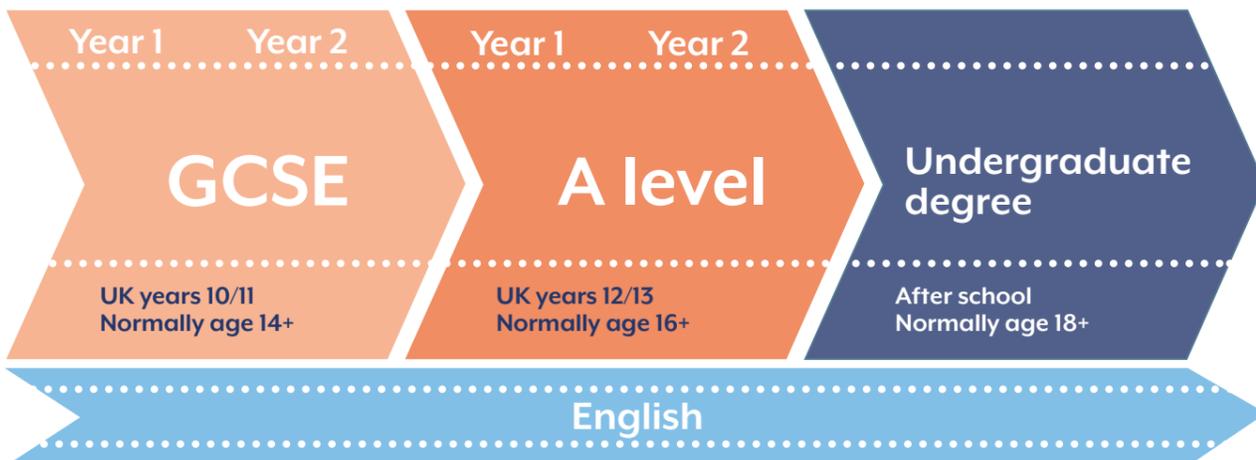
Subject to availability. For more information visit our website at: www.catseducation.com/courses/gcse

Programme key facts

Pre-programme (1 year, or 2 terms)	Cambridge
Course length	3 terms (Sep start), 2 terms (Jan start), 1 term (Apr start)
Age	15+
English level	Equivalent IELTS 4.0+* (3 term) or intermediate
Entry requirements	Normally 8 or 9 years of schooling completed with a good school report

GCSE (2 years)	Cambridge
Course length	6 terms (Sep start), 5 terms (Jan start) or 4 terms (Apr start)
Age	14+
English level	Equivalent IELTS 3.5+ (Sep and Jan start), 4.5+ (Apr start), or intermediate
Entry requirements	Normally 8 or 9 years of schooling completed with a good school report

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A level

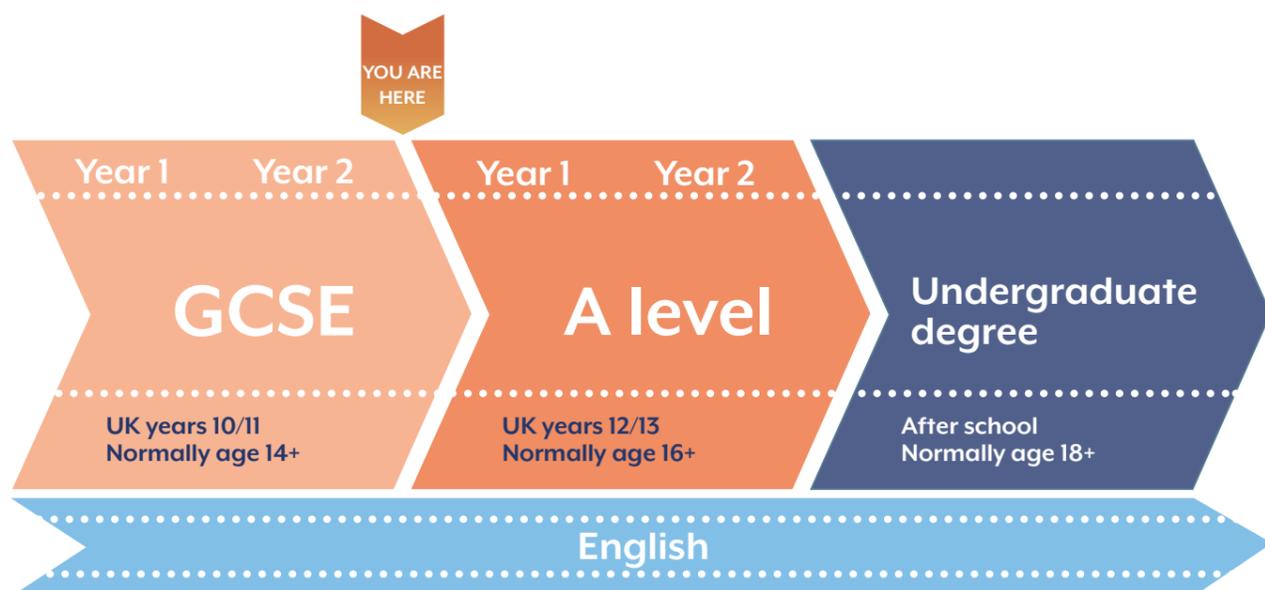
A level is the classic route to university in the UK, and is **highly regarded** by the best universities around the world. It is designed for confident students who **aspire to the most competitive degree courses** at UK universities and beyond.

A level

A level (Advanced level) qualifications are usually obtained after **two years of studying**. The first year used to be called AS level and the second year used to be called A2, so you might recognise those names. You will expect to study A levels in **three different subjects**, although occasionally we advise students to study four subjects for specialist courses.

A levels are ideal for **focused and hard-working students** in their last two years of high school. If you excel in a particular area you will like A levels as the courses allow you to explore a **small number of subjects in a lot of depth**, providing specialised preparation towards further study.

A levels are the most common route for entry to Higher Education in the UK, so you can be sure your hard work will be **recognised by all the top universities** in the UK and around the world.



Number of subjects

You will expect to **study three different subjects** for the two-year course. For some specialist course combinations, such as Further Maths, you might study four subjects, and we will advise you on the best option for you. You will also study English alongside your A levels.

Subjects

You must choose subjects that are **right for the degree you want to study** for at university. As well as this, you need to **enjoy studying** the subjects you choose. You will only get high grades in your A levels if you are really interested in the work you are doing. We can advise you to make sure you are following the right courses at A level.

How A level prepares you for further study before university

The course will prepare you to be **highly successful in a British university**. You will learn how to analyse information, think creatively, solve problems and work with other people. You will be used to studying at a high academic level in English. Employers across the world like students with good A levels. High grades are a great way for you to stand out from the crowd, showing that you have **performed consistently** and set yourself **high academic standards**.

How you are assessed

In some subjects, there is a small amount of assessment during the course, but mainly you will take **formal exams at the end of the course**. These exams are set by government-approved examination boards across the whole of the UK, so the grades you get are highly valuable formal external qualifications.

A level results are published nationally in **August** each year. Grades range from A* (pronounced A-star) down to E, although we expect most of our students to gain grades A* to B.

Studying at CATS Cambridge

The full A level programme is offered at CATS Cambridge. Key details of the programmes, such as the subjects available or start dates, are available on our website www.catseducation.com

* If you do not meet the required age for this programme, turn to page 60.

6 term

5 term

Subjects studied	3* subjects	3 subjects
Hours of study per week in and out of class	27 hours – years 1 and 2	35 hours – year 1 27 hours – year 2

*Sometimes 4 subjects for particular courses by agreement with the school.

Subjects include:

Accounting, Biology, Business, Chemistry, Economics, English Literature, Fine Art, Further Mathematics, Geography, History, History of Art, Mathematics, Media, Modern Foreign Languages (French, Chinese, German, Russian, Spanish), Photography, Physics, Politics, Psychology and Sociology.

Subject to availability. For more information visit our website at: www.catseducation.com/courses/a-levels

Programme key facts

A level	Cambridge
Course length	6 terms (Sep start), 5 terms (Jan start)
Age	15 1/2+*
English level	Equivalent IELTS 5.0+, or intermediate
Entry requirements	A secondary or high school level of education and a good school report

CATS University Foundation Programme (UFP)

A one-year programme designed for international students looking for entry to UK higher education. Designed for **motivated students** looking for a **supported** and **focused bridge programme** from international high school to a range of extremely good universities.

University Foundation Programme (UFP)

You study for **one year** to gain the UFP. The programme provides you with an important base, ready to **build on at university**, and allows you to learn at a **detailed and challenging** level.

Fast-Track University Foundation Programme

At CATS we offer both the traditional UFP as well as a **Fast-Track 2-term version**. The Fast-Track UFP is designed for students who are able to complete the full-year

programme within a shorter period of time, and is ideal for **highly ambitious students** or those requiring additional revision for examination retakes. You will receive **extra teaching hours** each week to ensure you are well prepared for your exams.

Why you should study UFP

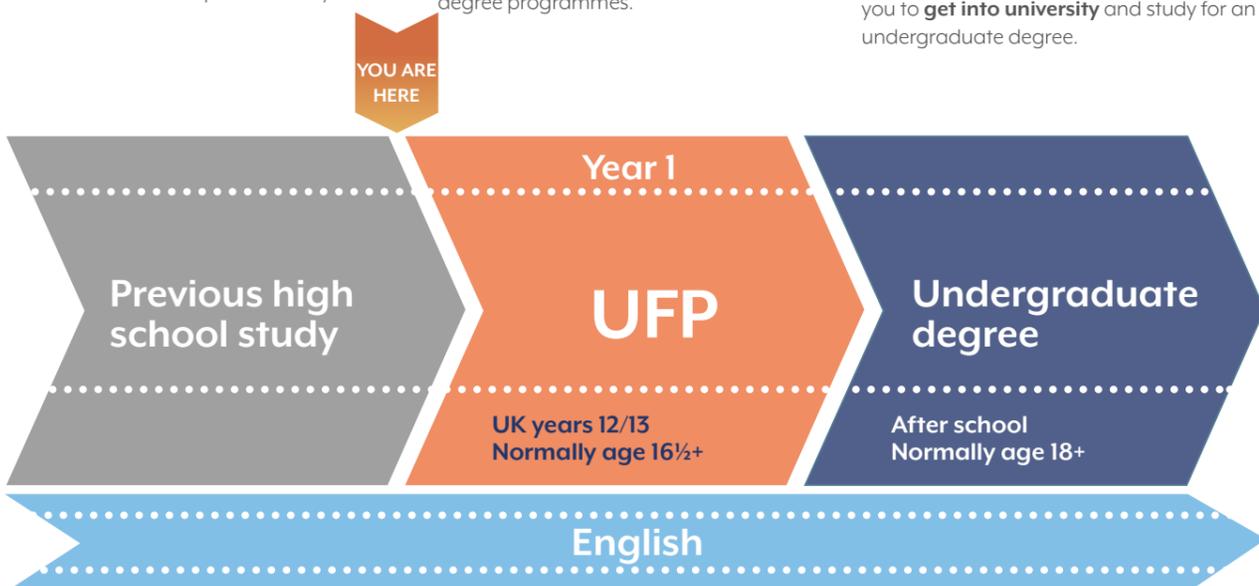
The UFP is specially **designed for international students** and helps bridge the gap from your high school at home, allowing you to **enter a top UK university**. With **national recognition** from a huge range of top UK universities, it provides progression opportunities to almost all UK degree programmes.

Who should study UFP

The UFP is ideal for **focused students, aged 16½+**. If you want to study a particular degree course or aspire to a certain career you may like the UFP as it allows you to explore a **small range of subjects in depth**, providing specialised preparation for further study.

Where UFP fits into the overall UK education system

The UFP provides a bridge between international high schools and UK universities. It can be a very good way for you to **get into university** and study for an undergraduate degree.



Number of subjects

At CATS you will choose **three academic subjects** to study for the full one-year programme. As a non-native speaker, you also study an **intensive compulsory English** course, preparing for IELTS examinations.

Subjects studied

We help guide you to the **best combination of subjects** for the degree you wish to study at university. It is important that you select a pathway that is relevant to the degree programme you wish to apply for as some courses may require a certain combination of subjects in order to apply.

How the UFP prepares you for further study before university

The programme will **prepare you for university success** by giving you a good grounding in your chosen subjects, as well as teaching you important research methods and the study skills needed for university.

How the UFP prepares you for a successful career

Strong performance in the UFP is a great way for you to **stand out from the crowd**, showing potential employers that you have performed consistently and have the ability to meet **high academic standards**.

How you are assessed

You take **examinations in each subject at the end of the year**. To ensure that you are well prepared you will also take part in mock exams so that your teachers can help with anything you are finding difficult. **English is tested through an IELTS examination**. Most subjects have 30% coursework, which is written or practical work completed throughout the year and counts towards your overall grade.

When you find out your result

UFP results are published **soon after you take the exams** each year. Grades range from A* (the highest possible grade) to U (the lowest grade).

What you can study at CATS Cambridge

The full UFP is offered at CATS Cambridge. Key details of the programmes, such as the subjects available and start dates, are available on our website www.catseducation.com

	UFP	Fast-Track UFP
Subjects studied	3 subjects	3 subjects
Hours of study per week	22 hours	31 hours

Subjects include:

Accounting, Biology, Business, Chemistry, Economics, Mathematics, Physics and Sociology.

Subject to availability. For more information visit our website at: www.catseducation.com/courses/uni-foundation

Programme key facts

University Foundation Programme	Cambridge
Course length	3 terms (Sep start)
Age	16½+
English level	IELTS 4.5+, or intermediate
Entry requirements	A secondary or high school level of education

Fast-Track University Foundation Programme	Cambridge
Course length	2 terms (Jan start)
Age	16½+
English level	IELTS 5.0+, or upper intermediate
Entry requirements	A good secondary or high school level of education



Academic English Programme (AEM)

The CATS Academic English Programme is a **full-time intensive course**, designed for students who do not yet meet the **English Language entry requirements** to progress directly into our other programmes.

Academic English Programme

The AEM (Academic English Programme) is a **flexible programme** designed for you if you need to **improve your English** before you embark on one of our academic programmes.

Why you should study AEM

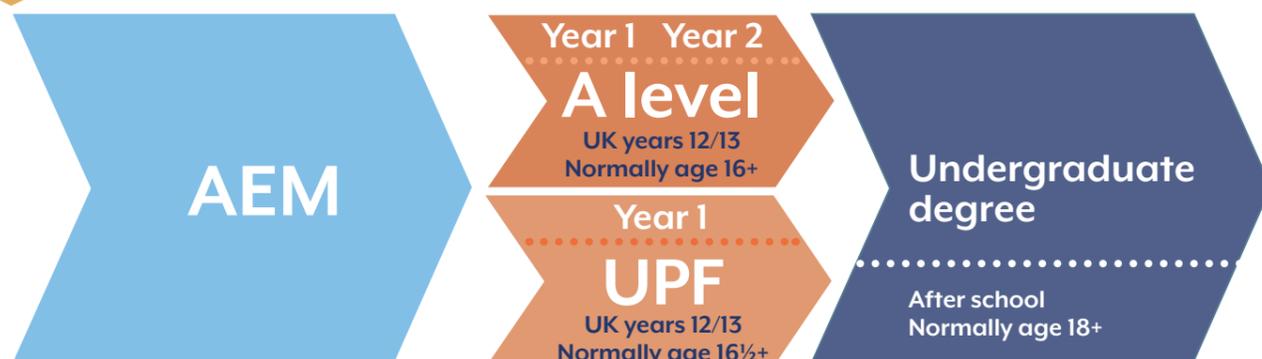
You will develop your **writing, listening, reading and spoken English skills**. You will learn new vocabulary, a basic understanding of grammar and how to use new words in both academic and everyday situations. This programme also provides an introduction to the common terms used regularly in **academic subjects** covering, for example: English for Business, English for Maths, English for Science and English for Humanities. You will also be exposed to **English in everyday life**, becoming familiar with it as a day-to-day communication and socialising tool.

Who AEM is for

AEM is ideal for **students aged 16+**. If you wish to study in the UK but do not yet have strong English, this programme will develop your **skills and confidence in the language**.

Success guarantees you entrance to one of the CATS further study options.

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How AEM prepares you for further study before university

This programme teaches the **grammar, terms and expressions** used in academic subjects, and **success guarantees you entry to CATS academic programmes** that will allow you to progress to a UK university.

How AEM prepares you for a successful career

As English is used in international business all over the world, **employers like and value your language skills** greatly. By mastering the English language, you make yourself more attractive to big organisations and **stand out from the crowd**. Accurate English is the key to success.

How you are assessed

You will be examined through Cambridge English: Preliminary (PET) and International English Language Testing System (IELTS) exams.

What you can study at CATS Cambridge

Our full AEM programme is offered at CATS Cambridge. Full details of the programmes are available on our website www.catseducation.com

Areas of study:

- **Academic English language** – study skills and vocabulary, grammar, essay construction, research and note taking
- **Communication skills** – interaction with classmates, discussion and conversation techniques
- **Cultural familiarisation** – living and studying in the UK
- **Projects and assignments** – you will complete a number of projects and assignments in pairs or groups during the programme
- **Confidence building required for further study**
- **Working towards the Academic IELTS exam, including strategies for sample papers and exam practice**

Subject to availability; for more information visit our website at: www.catseducation.com/courses/academic-english

Programme key facts

Academic English	Cambridge
Course length	1 to 4 terms (termly starts)
Age	16+*
English level	IELTS 3.5+, or beginner
Entry requirements	A good school report
Teaching hours	25 hours of direct English teaching + extra-curricular activities

* If you are interested in AEM but are under 16, turn to page 60.

High School Term (HST)

This programme is designed to give you an **insight into a British education and culture**, while **improving your language skills** through the study of subjects that really interest you.

High School Term

You follow an **individual study programme** to improve your English language and your understanding of British culture. You will follow a timetable similar to one of our other courses, alongside other students taking the full course. If you enjoy it then you can always extend your stay and study the full course.

Who HST is for

HST is ideal for **students aged 14+**. If you are looking for an insight into British education this programme will be great, and will also **complement your studies** back home, so you can pick up where you left off.

How HST prepares you for further study before university

Upon completion of this programme, you are given a **comprehensive report** to help you go back to your home education system.

What you can study at CATS Cambridge

The HST is offered at CATS Cambridge. Key details of the programmes, such as the subjects available or start dates, are available on our website www.catseducation.com

Programme key facts

High School Term	Cambridge
Course length	1, 2 or 3 terms (Sep start, Jan start)
Age	14+
English level	IELTS 4.0+, or beginner
Entry requirements	A good school report



Summer Programmes

Develop your **knowledge of specific subjects**, universities or careers, and gain an understanding of the **UK education system**.

Oxbridge Preparation

Designed for students interested in **progressing to the UK's top universities** – particularly the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge, London School of Economics, Imperial College London, University College London and Durham University.

Key features

- Advice from Oxbridge Admissions Tutors and students
- Tailored, two-year development plans and reading lists
- Tuition in critical thinking, analytical thinking, speed reading, communication and memory recall skills
- Guidance on choosing the right A level and degree options
- Oxbridge interview technique preparation

Programme key facts

Oxbridge Preparation	Cambridge
Course length	2–3 weeks
Age	15+
English level	IELTS 4.0+

STEM Taster Programme

Take part in **hands-on science** and see how **mathematics can be applied** to real engineering and technology problems. This programme also allows you to extend your coding knowledge.

Key features

- Learn how science can work in the real world
- Build teamwork skills
- Learn or improve coding skills
- Take part in a team competition

Programme key facts

STEM Taster Programme	Cambridge
Course length	1–2 weeks
Age	14+
English level	IELTS 4.0+



For more information visit our website at: www.catseducation.com/courses/summer-programmes

English at CATS Cambridge

Forward-thinking English provision

We choose between Cambridge English and IELTS based on the individual language needs of every student, allowing us to offer **appropriate English teaching** to you no matter what your English level.

Tailored English programmes

We ensure that the English programmes we teach are the **most beneficial to you** – teaching you about the right things at an appropriate level, while continuing to **stretch your knowledge**. We realise the importance of you studying with students your own age, in a structured programme, so that you can concentrate on achieving your best.

High-level English qualification

We offer our students the opportunity to complete the **Cambridge English: Proficiency (CPE) qualification**. This is a lifelong qualification which proves that you are a highly competent speaker of English, and is above the requirements of UK universities – allowing you to **excel in your university application** and impress employers on your CV.

Highly qualified team of English teachers

Our teachers are at the **forefront of English teaching** and have been invited to speak at international language conferences, as well as completing pioneering English teaching research and training alongside the University of Cambridge – meaning that you can **learn from the best**.

Teaching excellence

English teaching is **included in your tuition fees**. Your language level will be tested when you arrive so that we can assess your individual needs. You will receive an average of **five hours of English tuition per week**, so you can feel confident that you will receive all the support you need to perfect the language.

English is taught throughout the school

At CATS, English language development is embraced across the whole school – English is taught **in dedicated English classes** and **supported in subject classes and extra-curricular activities**. Our teachers also use methodologies that help you develop English in all your classes, not just your English classes.

English Development Pathway (ED)

If you are aged 16 and under or do not meet the IELTS requirements of the GCSE programme (IELTS 4.0), you can study with CATS Cambridge on the English Development Pathway.

On this pathway you will study English for 25 hours per week, with 15 of those hours being focused on preparing you to study your chosen subjects in the following year. After completing this programme you will be ready to progress to GCSE/

Pre-programme and then to A level or UFP. ED follows a similar structure to the Pre-programme and we ensure that you are well integrated with other GCSE students.

The pathway includes:

- Maths (5 hours per week) mixed with other GCSE students
- General and examination-focused English (10 hours per week), some classes with other GCSE students
- English for Business (5 hours per week)

- Personal Tutor time (1½ hours per week), in a group mixed with other GCSE students

- English for Science (5 hours per week) preparing you to be able to study Pre-programme Science

- English for Humanities (History/ Geography, 5 hours per week)

- Physical Education (2 hours per week) mixed with other GCSE students.



Academic results

A level results

CATS Cambridge 2016 students achieved

29% A* grades at A level –

over **three times** the national average of 8%

A*–A 56%

(national average 26%)

A*–B 75%

(national average 53%)

A*–C 89%

(national average 78%)

Student destinations

65% placed at **Russell Group universities**

(Russell Group is made up of 24 research-intensive, world-class universities)

1 in 3 placed at Times top 10-ranking universities including:

Cambridge, Imperial, Durham, Warwick, LSE, UCL

10% placed on medicine programmes

UFP results

Over 75% of CATS Cambridge 2016 UFP students progressed to the **UK's top 50 universities**, including top-ranked universities such as **Durham University, University of Leeds, University of Surrey** and **King's College London**

Student destinations

1 in 2 students placed at **Russell Group universities**

1 in 3 placed at Times top 20-ranking universities including: **Durham, Surrey, Leeds, Southampton, Sussex**

Our students achieved **record-breaking results** in 2016. At CATS Cambridge you can feel confident that you will receive **outstanding teaching** and have the best chance of **achieving the grades needed for university**.

GCSE results

A*–A 1.5x
national average

30% compared to 21% national average

A*–B 1.2x
national average

51% compared to 42% national average

A*–C 1.1x
national average

73% compared to 67% national average

We are very proud that CATS Cambridge has been ranked in the **top 20 UK Independent Co-educational Boarding Schools for A levels in 2016** by **best-schools.co.uk**. The award recognises excellence in academic achievement in **A level results, A* and A grades**, and that a number of our students have achieved exam success. This means you can feel **confident in the teaching and support** you will receive at our award-winning school.

Best-schools.co.uk

Ranked 7th in the **UK Top Sixth Form Colleges**

CATS Cambridge is proud of its award-winning status. You can feel confident studying at one of the **best schools in the country with great opportunities**.



Ranked 18th in the **UK Independent Co-educational Boarding Schools**

Learning at CATS Cambridge

Studying in the UK might be different from studying in other countries, so we make sure that you are **well prepared to achieve your best.**



Personalised learning support

We focus on **tailoring the best programme of study for you.** This is achieved through academic counselling, subject surgeries, additional learning support tutorials and our Key Professions support. If you have any difficulties, you can discuss these with your subject teacher or Personal Tutor to ensure that you do not fall behind in your work.

Learning surgeries

Surgeries are **timetabled one-to-one, or small group sessions** led by a subject teacher to help support your work and progress in your usual lessons.

Personal development

Each half-term you will have Personal Development sessions. There will be the opportunity to discuss issues concerning your personal welfare and safety. Being in the UK is not just about studying, but also about dealing with the pressures around you and **understanding cultures and approaches to life** which may be very different from your own.

Additional support

If you need extra help with a certain aspect of learning or topic, we can also arrange **additional teacher support.** If you have difficulties learning, Additional Learning Support (ALS) can be arranged through the ALS coordinator.



Sample timetable

This timetable is representative of a first year A level student and is subject to change as their programmes progress through the year.

Attendance is monitored and recorded for every class.

Lunch is available between 11.30 and 14.00 every weekday, and 11.30 and 13.00 on weekends. You are given an hour for lunch in between lessons.

Lessons take place every day from Monday to Friday. This sample timetable will give you a feel for what **a week at CATS Cambridge** might look like.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Breakfast 7.30 - 8.30						Breakfast 9.00 - 11.30	
Period 1: 9.00 - 9.55	Maths	Physics	English as a Second Language	History	Chemistry	Supervised study	Private study
Period 2: 9.55 - 10.50							
Break 10.50 - 11.05						Tennis courts available	Yoga
Period 3: 11.05 - 12.00	History	Maths	Chemistry	Meet Higher Education Advisor	Break / private study		
Period 4: 12.00 - 12.55	Break / private study	English as a Second Language	Break / private study		English as a Second Language		
Lunch 11.30 - 14.00						Lunch 11.30 - 13.00	
Tutor time: 12.55 - 13.05	Meet Personal Tutor	Meet Personal Tutor	History	Meet Personal Tutor	Meet Personal Tutor	Punting on the River Cam	Duke of Edinburgh's Award training day
Period 5: 13.05 - 14.00	Chemistry	Break / private study		Break / private study	Maths		
Period 6: 14.00 - 14.45	Break / private study			Break / Private Study	English as a Second Language		
Break 14.45 - 15.10						Sports on the campus grounds	
Period 7: 15.10 - 16.05	English as a Second Language	Chemistry	Physics	Talk from visiting speaker	Physics		
Period 8: 16.05 - 16.50	Break / private study	Break / private study				Meet Personal Tutor	Break / private study
Tutor time: 16.50 - 17.30							
Dinner 17.00 - 19.30						Dinner 16.30 - 18.00	
Study time	Preparation for classes					Movie night	Spanish club
Evening activities	Football	Student Council	Basketball	Robotics club	Craft club		

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Visit www.catseducation.com and follow the application instructions on the online form. Applying online provides instant confirmation that we have received your application, instant upload of documents and a response from our Admissions Team within two working days – we recommend this option for the fastest application turnaround.

Application form

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