

Prospectus



You feel at home
You realise your full potential
You develop life skills
You reach the right university
for you





CATS College
The best place for **you**
in every way

Our students have a long and distinguished record in achieving outstanding results and have progressed to the most prestigious universities.

UK RANKING	UNIVERSITY	STUDENTS ATTENDED
1	University of Cambridge	✓
2	University of Oxford	✓
3	London School of Economics	✓
4	University of St Andrews	✓
5	Imperial College London	✓
6	Durham University	✓
7	University of Bath	✓
8	University of Exeter	✓
9	University College London	✓
10	University of Warwick	✓
11	University of York	✓
=12	Lancaster University	✓
=12	University of Surrey	✓
14	University of Leicester	✓
15	University of Bristol	✓
16	University of Birmingham	✓
17	University of East Anglia	✓
=18	Newcastle University	✓
=18	University of Sheffield	✓
20	University of Southampton	✓



Sixty years of success

Since our foundation in 1952, we have grown into one of the most innovative and successful independent education providers in Britain.

Our philosophy is simple: we combine exceptionally high-quality teaching with an understanding of you and your personal needs. We do this in a welcoming and enriching environment, a home from home where you are free to develop your potential both academically and personally.

Our results speak for themselves. We have helped thousands of students to achieve their ambitions of gaining entry to the world's most prestigious universities.

CATS College offers high school programmes at four exceptional sites, at Cambridge, Canterbury and London in the UK and at Boston in the USA. Courses range from traditional GCSE and A levels to the International Baccalaureate and University Foundation. We now welcome students from the age of 14, providing a highly focused, four-year programme designed to lead young students through the exam system and on to university success.





JONATHAN ULLMER, PRINCIPAL CANTERBURY



MARIO DI CLEMENTE, PRINCIPAL LONDON



NICHOLAS MCKIE, VICE PRINCIPAL CANTERBURY

Our Principals. Experience and excellence in helping international students succeed.

Our students are taught by outstanding teachers, a talented team that understands the CATS College ethos and is experienced at nurturing and guiding international students so that you fulfil your potential within the British educational system.



TIM JOSEPH, PRINCIPAL CAMBRIDGE



DARREN COXON, VICE PRINCIPAL CAMBRIDGE

Tim Joseph

BA(Hons), RSA Dip, MA

Acting Principal – CATS College Cambridge

With more than thirty years in International education, Tim has assisted in the most successful period of growth and academic success in the history of CATS College Cambridge. His deep commitment to the standard of teaching and learning mean that recent cohorts of students are progressing to the country's best universities, building on successful results year on year.

“My mission has always been to raise standards in all aspects of education – academic, welfare and pastoral. Our students leave us well equipped for their future role as global citizens.”

Darren Coxon

BA(Hons), PGCE

Vice Principal – CATS College Cambridge

Darren's rigorous academic background, coupled with his experience in innovative approaches to teaching and learning, makes him the ideal person to take the academic provision at CATS College Cambridge into the future.

Jonathan Ullmer MBE

MA LRAM FRSA F.Coll.P ACP NPQH

Principal – CATS College Canterbury

Jonathan is an expert in school development in the UK and overseas, and is a team inspector with the Independent Schools Inspectorate. His leadership has helped CATS College Canterbury win a 2010 High School of the Year Award, a 2012 Award of Excellence by the Independent Schools Association and Canterbury features in the 2013 UK Parliamentary handbook as a 'Centre of Excellence'.

“I live opposite the College and my office door is always open to students and parents alike. At Canterbury we believe strongly in helping students become the leaders of tomorrow.”

Nicholas McKie

MBA MMus, BMus

Vice Principal – CATS College Canterbury

Nicholas brings a wealth of overseas experience having returned from China where he was Deputy Head of a British International School. Previous posts have included senior leadership roles in international schools in Egypt and Japan.

Mario Di Clemente

BA, PGCE

Principal – CATS College London

With over 25 years of experience in the UK education system, his global educational and marketing experience has taken him to around fifteen countries in both Asia and Europe. Mario currently serves on the Board of the UK Council for International Student Affairs.

“I am committed to internationalism in education and strongly believe that the UK, and London in particular, offers international students an exceptional range of educational, cultural and personal opportunities.”

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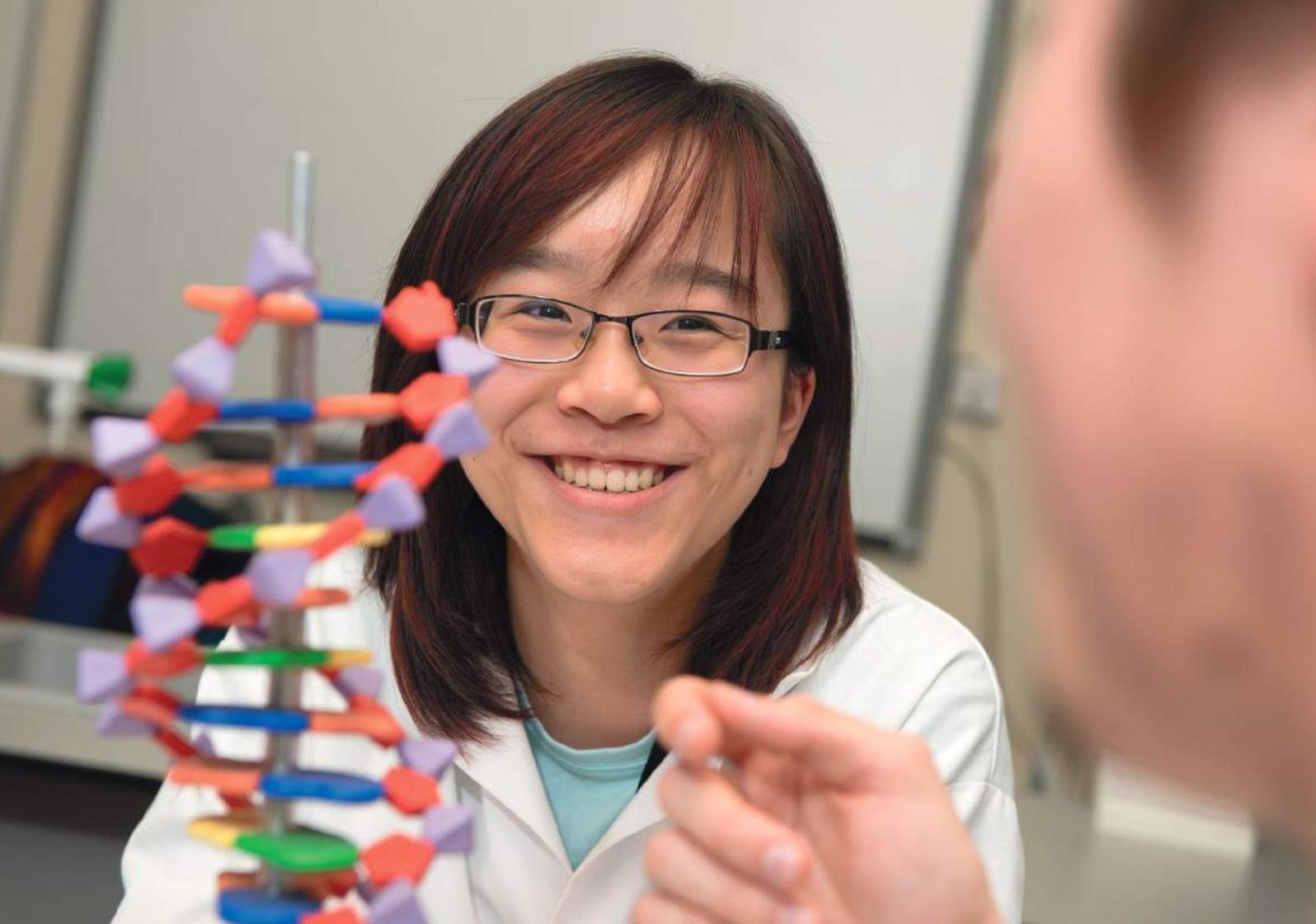
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The CATS College approach to learning

We want every student to live up to their full potential. So we invest a great deal of time and energy in your learning so that we get the very best out of you personally as well as academically.



Committed to getting the best out of you. We analyse each student so that we can work together to maximise your academic potential.

Each of our students is unique, so we know that to get the best out of you, we need to get to know you first. This begins from the moment you walk through the CATS College door. As you settle into your new academic home, we look at your individual strengths and needs and analyse how you learn best. Every student is assessed using ALIS which will predict exam grades based on past academic performance. We then design a study programme geared to helping you achieve better than your predicted grade. Together we sign a Contract of Achievement, a pledge that commits you to behaving and performing well and attending all your lessons – and commits us to delivering your success.

At a glance

- Detailed analysis of your strengths and needs
- Early prediction of exam grades using ALIS assessment
- Personalised study programmes
- Contract of Achievement between College and students





Individual tuition and learning plans. These are customised to achieve specific goals.

We know that everyone learns differently, so you will be given an individual learning plan for each of your subjects, highlighting both your ALIS and predicted grade. You will have clear targets and objectives so that you can reach your predicted grade and you will be monitored and assessed regularly so that we know you are on track for success. Our small class sizes mean you will get the maximum personal attention and be an active participant in every lesson.

At a glance

- Individual learning plans for all subjects
- Regular assessments to monitor progress
- Clear targets so that you meet your predicted grades
- Small class sizes to maximise personal attention
- Regular meetings with Personal or Senior Tutors



Supporting you. We are here to guide each of you, every step of the way.

We are dedicated to helping you achieve your best, so extra support is standard at CATS College. If you need extra assistance in a subject to help you meet your target grade, provided you have met the requirements of your Contract of Achievement, you will be offered free one-to-one tuition. In addition we offer weekly surgeries to increase knowledge, understanding and improve exam technique and confidence.

At a glance

- All the extra support you need
- Free one-to-one tuition to help keep you on track
- Weekly surgeries to boost knowledge, confidence and exam technique



“The regular testing really helps us to see which level we are at, our progress and whether we are moving in the right direction.”

“It helps to motivate us, to work harder and to get good grades. Our teachers are committed to our success; they speak to everyone individually and help us with whatever area we are struggling with. They want each student to maximise their abilities and they want to develop us as a person as well as academically.

My Personal Tutor is my Physics teacher and he is helping me a lot with my personal statement for my university application. This is really useful because I want to study the application of Mathematics to Economics, and he understands how to apply Mathematics to another subject. CATS College has done this on purpose because they know what I want to apply for at university, so they have chosen the right Personal Tutor for me.”

Yevgeniy Kolinichenko

Kazakhstan

STUDYING

A levels





“CATS College offers the very best of a British liberal education, with passionate teaching and a wonderful international atmosphere.”

Dr David Mannion PhD
Head of Science, Gifted and Talented Programme Leader





CATS College teachers. Our outstanding staff of international teachers reflect our reputation for quality and innovation.

Each of our teachers receives ongoing training in teaching methodology based on the very latest research. Many of our staff have lived and worked overseas, so have not just a grasp of different languages but also an understanding of the challenges our international students face – and how to overcome them.

At a glance

- 63% of staff are Oxbridge qualified or taught to post-graduate level
- All teachers benefit from ongoing training in modern teaching methodology
- Experience of working with international students



“I prepared my personal statement a year in advance and my teachers read and re-read it, advising me on the structure and how to improve it.”

“CATS College gave me a lot of support and preparation for my application to the University of Cambridge. Their support was really useful. I was preparing for the interview six weeks beforehand. I saw my teacher every day to talk about my application.

They set up a mock interview a week and a half before, with four teachers present. It was more challenging than the real interview and it was great preparation. What helped was that two of my teachers graduated from Jesus College, so they knew what was happening on the inside and gave me great advice on what to expect at my interview.

Through the relationships CATS College has with the University of Cambridge I met with professors. One was a History professor, which was related to the faculty I was applying to. The other spoke about interview technique; she trained the professors who interview the students.”

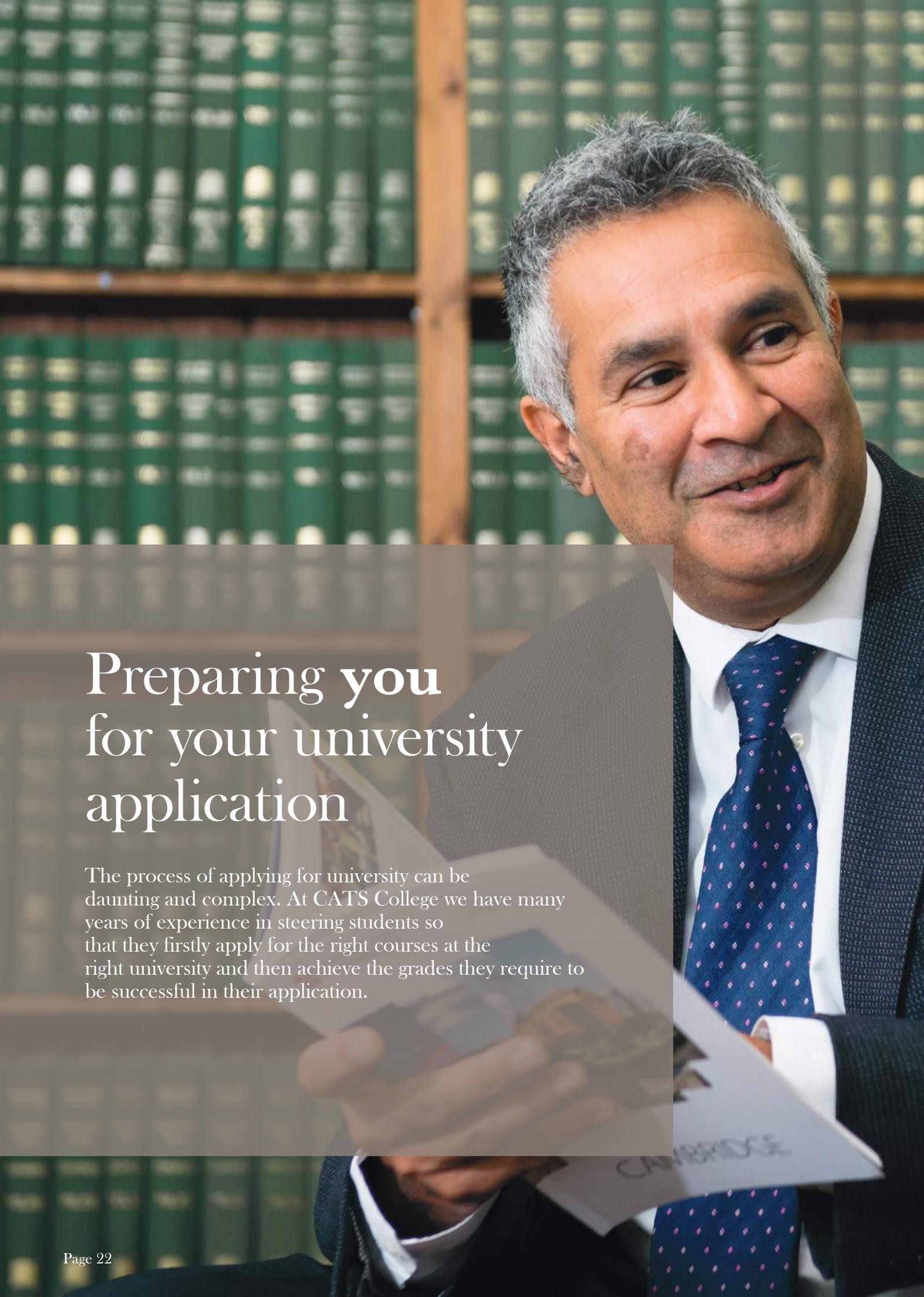
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France

University of Cambridge,
Jesus College

Modern & Medieval
Languages

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Preparing **you** for your university application

The process of applying for university can be daunting and complex. At CATS College we have many years of experience in steering students so that they firstly apply for the right courses at the right university and then achieve the grades they require to be successful in their application.





University application process

	September	October	November/December	January/February	March/April
A level year 1	<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>USA applicants identified</p> <p>Preparation for mock examinations</p>	<p>Introduction to UCAS and the application process</p> <p>Oxbridge students identified</p> <p>Medic UK work experience</p> <p>Centigrade (matches students' interests and abilities to courses available) or Stamford Test</p>	<p>Centigrade report results and interpretation</p> <p>Personal Tutors work with students on their personal statements</p> <p>Open days are arranged for students to gain a taste of university life</p>
A level year 2 or UFP (inc. 1yr A level)	<p>Induction week</p> <p>Oxbridge College advice</p> <p>Oxbridge open days, USA College day</p> <p>Oxbridge/Medicine application deadline</p> <p>Personal statements completed</p> <p>SAT and ACT Tests (USA Colleges Only)</p>	<p>Oxbridge candidate mock interviews</p> <p>UKCAT admissions tests for Medical degrees</p> <p>LNAT admissions tests for Law degrees</p> <p>USA applications completed</p>	<p>BMAT admissions test for Medical degree</p> <p>Oxbridge interviews</p> <p>UCAS workshop</p> <p>CATS College on campus university fair</p> <p>UCAS applications completed (non-Oxbridge app)</p>	<p>January start University Foundation Programme students complete UCAS applications</p> <p>Examinations</p>	<p>Students given conditional offers</p> <p>Confirm university firm/ Insurance choices</p>

Ensuring you reach the university that is right for you.

Our dedicated Higher Education Team will support you from day one of the application process.

We work together to identify the right university and the right programme for each individual student. To help you make the right choice, we hold an annual university fair exclusively for our students, where up to 75 universities attend.

At a glance

- Dedicated Higher Education Team
- Guidance on identifying the right programme at the right university
- Help with UCAS forms, interview technique and personal statements
- Exclusive university fair, attended by 75 universities including Oxford and Cambridge

May/June	July/August
Preparation for USA university applications Examinations Medic UK work experience	Medic home country work experience Oxbridge open days AS examination results published
Examinations	IB exam results published A level exam results published Confirmation of university place Clearing and adjustment





Added support to help you achieve your goal. A range of unique specialist programmes to prepare you for specific university paths.

At a glance

- Extra support for specific university paths alongside your academic programme
- Gifted and Talented Programme for our brightest and best students
- Oxbridge Programme for those with ability to excel
- Key Professions specialist programmes to prepare you for your chosen career
- Dedicated Medics Programme

Alongside your academic programme we also provide a carefully crafted selection of specialist programmes which focus on providing the extra support needed to make your university application stand out from the crowd. If you wish to pursue a medical degree or enter a key profession such as Law, Engineering, Accountancy, Architecture, Finance and Banking, our Medics and Key Professions specialist programmes are invaluable.

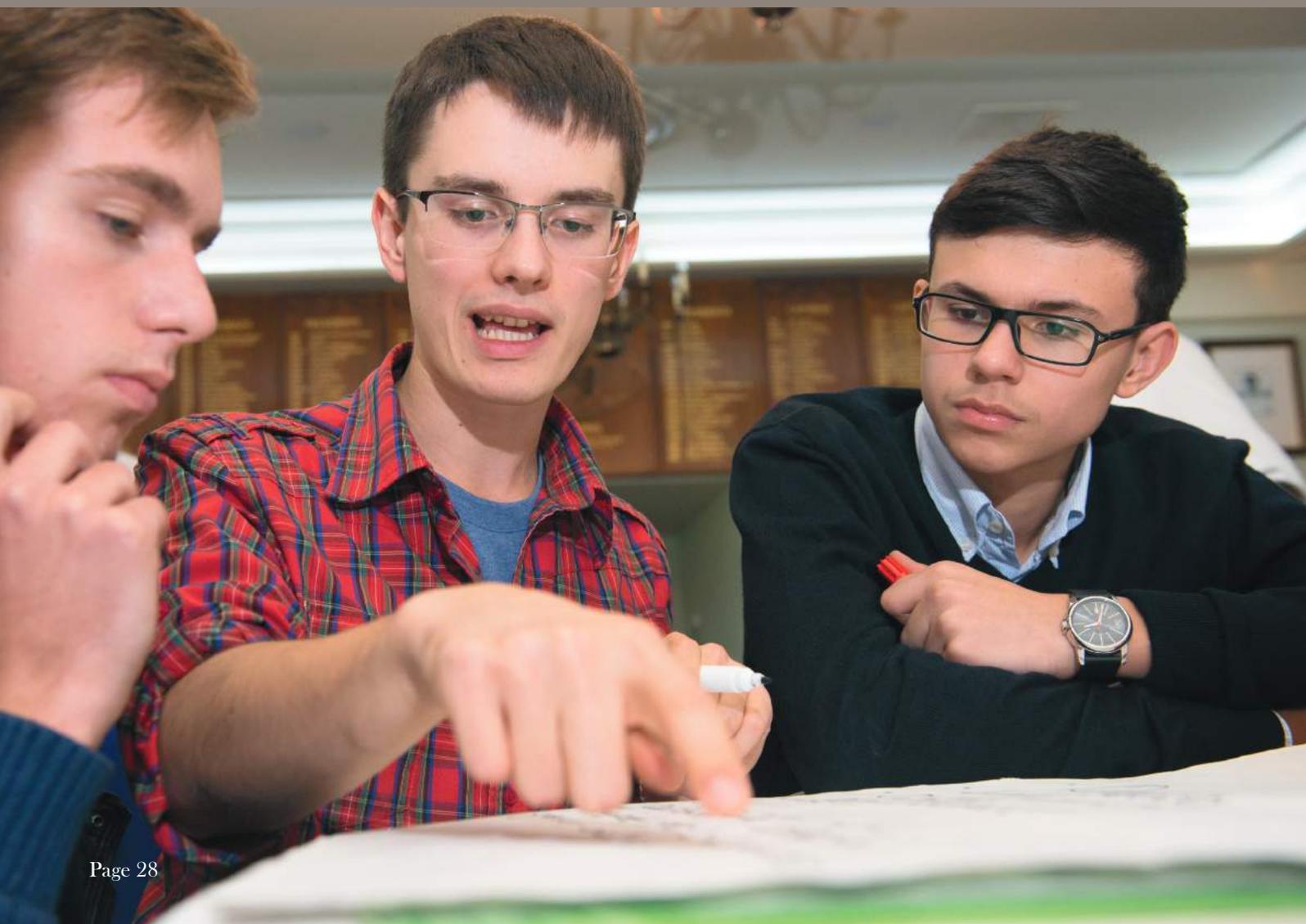


Gifted and Talented specialist programme. Enhanced study for the best and brightest.

The best and brightest of our students benefit from an enhanced study plan designed to stretch you further and to achieve additional UCAS points. This specialist programme also helps you to develop skills prized by top universities including leadership, critical thinking, motivation and management skills. Specific activities include Olympiad Challenges, STEP papers, UK Maths Challenge, Excelsis Awards, Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme and our weekly debating club.

Details

- Enhanced study to boost UCAS points
- Development of prized skills, including critical thinking and leadership
- Specific activities from Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme to Excelsis Awards



Oxbridge specialist programme.

Specialist advice and guidance for Oxbridge applicants.

If you are one of the most promising students from our Gifted and Talented group you may be selected for the Oxbridge Programme where you receive a range of extra tuition and advice. In order to prepare you for one-on-one Oxbridge interviews we offer practice with a panel of experts, help with writing personal statements, additional one-on-one tutoring and critical thinking seminars. We also organise seminars with visiting Dons and Admissions Tutors from the universities of Oxford and Cambridge.

Details

- Oxbridge-focused tuition for our most promising students
- Preparation and support for one-to-one Oxbridge interviews
- Seminars with Admission Tutors and Dons from Oxford and Cambridge



Medics specialist programme.

A highly specialised programme of study for those wishing to pursue a career in Medicine, Veterinary Science and Dentistry.

As part of our specialist Medics Programme, you will benefit from weekly two-hour seminars introducing you to the range of medical degree programmes available at university level, the requirements of becoming a doctor and current issues in the NHS. To help you prepare for medical school interviews we will offer workshops on interview techniques by top universities as well as advice on how to prepare for your one-to-one interviews. As part of this preparation, you will be expected to make presentations on medically-related subjects of your choice. You will also be given work experience and volunteering opportunities in some of the UK's most prestigious hospital and medical institutions.

Details

- Seminars to introduce range of medical programmes available
- Workshops and advice to prepare for medical interviews and applications
- Work experience and volunteering opportunities at prestigious hospitals
- Regular seminars on current medical issues in the NHS



Key Professions specialist programme.

Guiding your studies towards a professional career.

We also offer a strong support programme for those students set on entering the leading professions such as Law, Engineering, Accountancy, Architecture, Finance and Banking. As well as offering advice on the best university choices and visits to relevant faculties at key universities, we offer mock interviews, online UCAS application assistance and critical thinking workshops. In addition we offer visits to professional conferences and institutions, such as the Bank of England and the Houses of Parliament. We invite regular speakers from leading professional bodies such as the Institute of Mechanical Engineers as well as holding seminars with guest speakers from leading professions. CATS College prepares you for a wide range of extra exams and awards to enhance your university applications.

Details

- Support for professions, including Law, Engineering, Banking and Architecture
- Advice on best university choices and visits to faculties
- Visits to professional environments, including the Bank of England
- Seminars and speeches by members of leading professional bodies, including the Institute of Mechanical Engineers



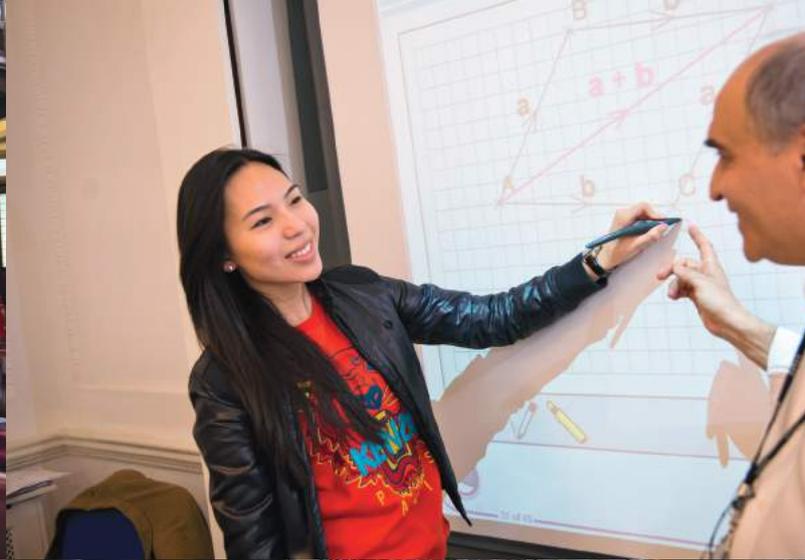
We help you to develop life skills. In today's highly competitive environment, universities are not only seeking students who are academically successful, they also want interesting, well-rounded young people.

We offer a range of enriching and interesting extra-curricular activities and experiences designed to help you to develop your life skills. Many students, for instance, participate in the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme and the Mini United Nations, which takes place in New York. A team from CATS College recently won the prestigious University of Cambridge Economics competition. Our students have also undertaken expeditions to countries such as Ecuador to work alongside local communities. In today's global society it is also important to be able to communicate confidently with people from different cultures, nationalities and social groups, so we work hard to help you in this area. Together we will help you to develop life skills that will make your university application stand out.

At a glance

- Wide range of enriching extra-curricular activities to improve life skills
- Expeditions abroad to work in local communities
- Opportunities to enhance English communication skills
- Focus on building a sense of responsibility
- Good work and social life balance





“The CATS College teachers are really helpful. Without their help and guidance I would not have made it into the University of Cambridge.”

“I received extra support in Maths during my first year. I was doing 15 hours every week and they gave me a specialised timetable to make sure I was reaching my potential. They taught me beyond the A level syllabus; this was really helpful and it got me ahead academically which helped in my university interviews.

Before I came to CATS College I knew Oxbridge candidates were interviewed, but I did not know about all the other things I needed to prepare for. The Gifted and Talented Programme really helped me to understand the process as well as giving me the opportunity to meet representatives from the University of Cambridge.

The entrance exams for the University of Cambridge tests the way you think, not just your ability to come up with the correct answer. You need teachers who really know what they are talking about to teach you this skill and the support I received helped me to achieve my place.”

Yinan He

China

University of Cambridge,
Trinity College

Mathematics

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CHAMPION
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State-of-the-art facilities to help you excel

Our outstanding facilities reflect our commitment to educational excellence and innovation. We are constantly investing in the new tools that 21st century students like you need to succeed, and use technology such as iPads to enhance our traditional teaching methods and support learning.





Purpose built to help you learn easily. We provide everything our students need to excel in the modern learning environment.

You have access to state-of-the-art equipment and learning tools. Facilities range from purpose-built science laboratories and interactive whiteboards, to photographic studios, well-stocked libraries and WiFi.

At a glance

- State-of-the-art learning facilities
- Supervised study and relaxation areas
- Open every day of the week





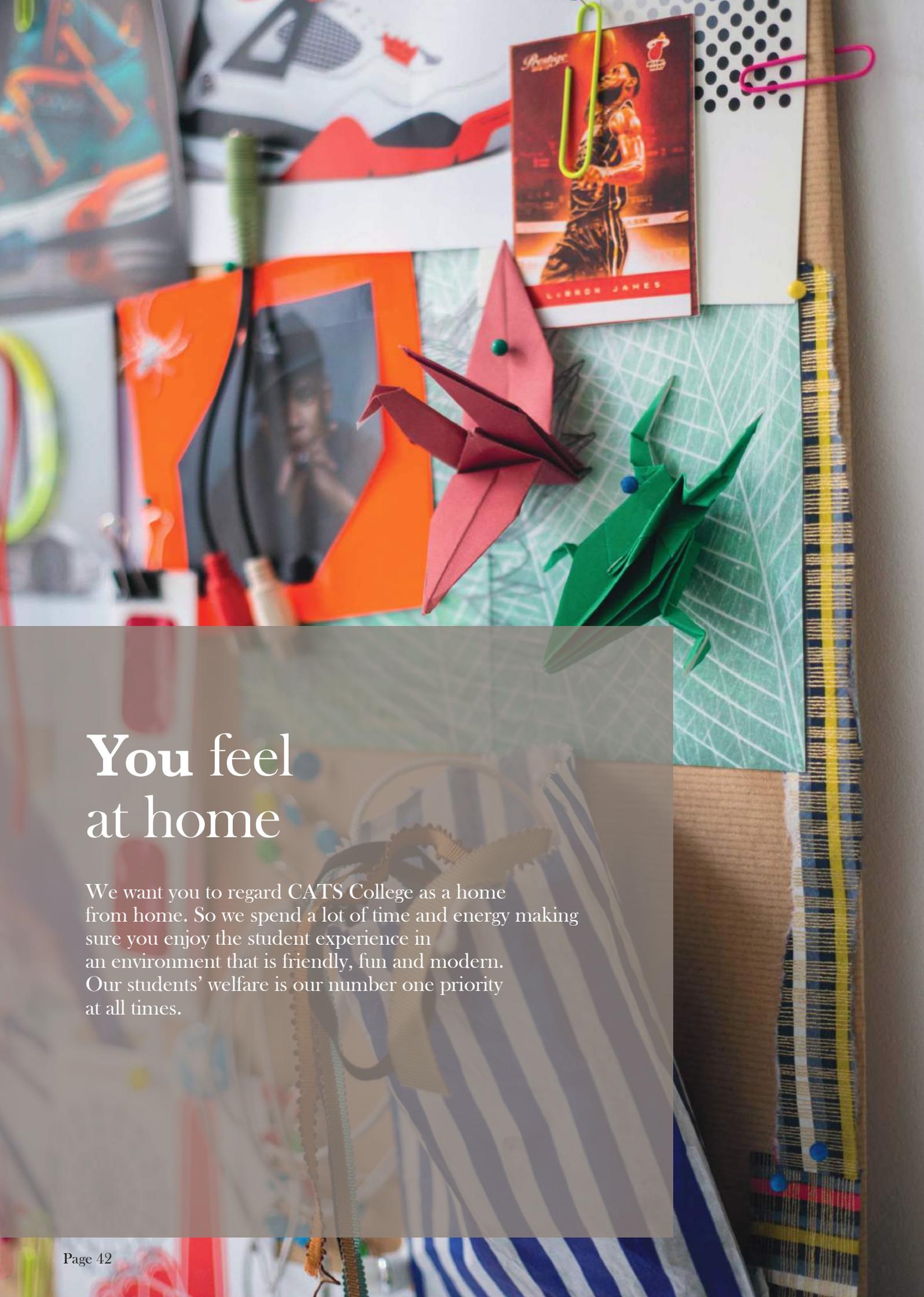


A place for you to study, relax and make friends. An environment designed for you to maximise your potential – personally and academically.

Our campuses are friendly and inclusive environments where you can interact, relax and study in the way that suits you best. On-site catering gives you the option to have three meals a day with a snack bar and deli and international menus to suit all tastes.

At a glance

- Three meals a day served on campus
- International menus
- Communal areas for meeting friends
- Quiet study areas



You feel at home

We want you to regard CATS College as a home from home. So we spend a lot of time and energy making sure you enjoy the student experience in an environment that is friendly, fun and modern. Our students' welfare is our number one priority at all times.



Home from home.

At CATS College you will find a selection of warm, welcoming homes in safe areas, with easy access to campus.

You need to live in a positive environment that helps you focus on your all-important studies. So we ensure that a comprehensive support network is in place to help you achieve your best. For younger students, Houseparents are always on hand to provide help and advice while Residential Supervisors offer support for older residents. Dedicated Activities Managers help co-ordinate after College clubs, weekend excursions and organised trips while our welfare and pastoral teams, including a nurse, are at hand to deal with any health or emotional issues. Native Language Teachers and Attendance Managers offer additional support for those who need it.

At a glance

- Warm and welcoming homes based on traditional family values
- Homes in safe areas with easy access to campus
- Experienced staff able to deal with the cultural differences of international students



Surrounded by a supporting network

Personal Tutor

- Involved in your induction and overview of your programme of study
- Regular meetings
- Monitor your progress
- Assessment feedback
- Provide personal, emotional and social support
- Link between you and your teachers, Houseparents or host family

Student Support Team

- Non-academic issues and concerns
- Settling in and happiness
- Student induction
- Visa renewals

Welfare Team

- Physical and emotional support
- College counsellor
- College nurse
- GP registration
- Designated safeguarding persons
- Sick bay staff
- Monitors attendance
- Native-speaking liaison officers

Accommodation Managers

- Round the clock supervision and support
- 24hr emergency phone support
- Laundry
- Utility servicing and maintenance
- Operations team 'on call' at all times
- Morning and evening curfew checks
- Close communication with College on student welfare





Younger students.

Ensure that you are ready for senior education by joining us at 14.

By joining CATS College at the age of 14 you will have the best possibility to excel at GCSE, A level and beyond. Beginning your studies with us at this age will allow you to assimilate to life in the UK, develop your English and learn how to get the very best out of a UK education. By going on to follow a CATS College programme, that takes you all the way to university application, you will give yourself the very best chance to achieve your goals, whatever they may be. You will also experience the unique atmosphere of the CATS College boarding environment, making friends and having fun while studying hard. Throughout you will live in a closely supervised and caring environment that is firmly based on family values. In short, we will offer you the perfect home from home.

At a glance

- Accommodation within a family atmosphere
- Breakfast, lunch and dinner provided at the College
- Round the clock supervision
- Compulsory sports every week
- Supervised prep in evenings
- Evening activities in residences
- Live-in Houseparents to look after you



Your stay with us. Surroundings and accommodation.

You will live in friendly, relaxed and well-managed accommodation where you are supervised by family-orientated staff and live within easy reach of your College. This allows you to focus on your studies but also to enjoy the experience of living abroad and making new friends. Accommodation ranges from shared twin rooms to single rooms or single rooms with either en-suite or private bathrooms. On the College campus, we provide you with three meals a day, with a range of international options to suit all tastes. Over 18s have the option to self-cater or purchase meals outside the campus.



Accommodation examples

Under 16 years College Residence

- Offering a more intimate family environment
- Closer supervision
- Strict curfews
- Regular supervised activities
- Catered only
- Houseparents
- Shared kitchen and communal area
- Short walking distance from College
- Chaperoned travel option (London only)
- Fully furnished communal areas
- Internet connection



16 - 18 years College Residence

- Catered only
- Residential Accommodation Manager plus Houseparents
- 90% single en-suite/private bathroom
- Shared kitchen and communal area
- Fully furnished
- Internet connection



Over 18 years College Residence

- Catered and self catered options
- Residential Accommodation Manager plus Houseparents
- 90% single en-suite/private bathroom
- Fully fitted kitchen on every floor or cluster
- Fully furnished
- Short walking distance from bus stop
- Communal area
- Internet connection



Over 18 years Homestay

- Living with local family
- Over 18 only
- Breakfast and weekend meals with family, weekday lunch and tea in canteen
- Single or shared private bedrooms
- Fully furnished



“I was in a new country and new culture, and living here away from your parents and friends, the staff made it very easy to settle in.”

“I was 15 when I first started at CATS College and the level of supervision was very high. I did not like this at first but then I realised why this was so important and it actually helped me to settle.

Everyone is really friendly and the location is amazing. There is a real mix of fun and academic activities. The support staff you have at CATS College, teachers and supervisors are fantastic. Everyone here is ready to give you all the support you need. You have choices, you either work hard or you don't, it is up to you, but you will not be successful if you don't. It really helps you to become independent and prepares you for university life.”

Taner Can Guven

Turkey

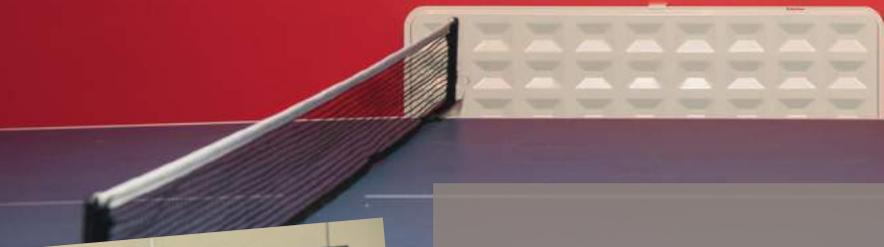
London School of Economics

International Relations

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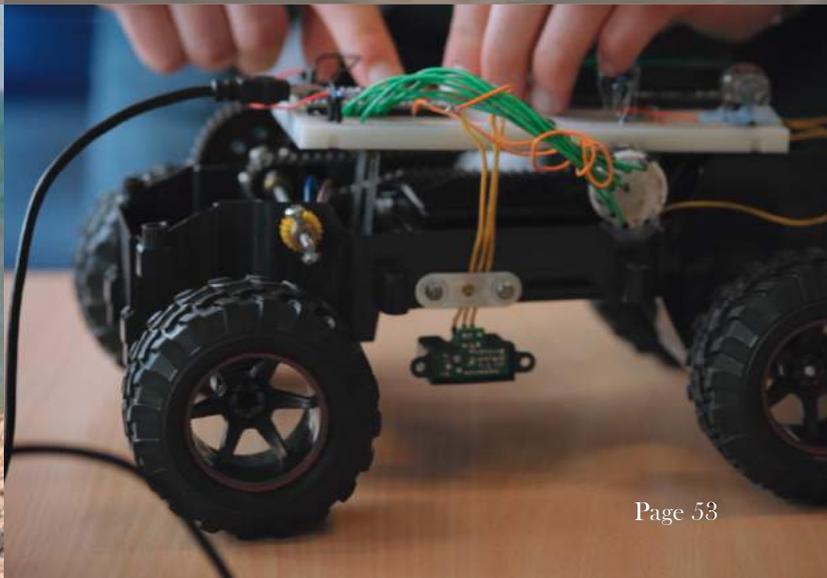






Developing a more rounded you

You will be able to participate in a wide range of activities that help you develop as an individual, as well as helping you with your university applications.



Extra-curricular activities

We have a dedicated Activities Manager who co-ordinates a wide range of College clubs and evening activities at the student accommodation or supervised off-site. These include football, basketball, volleyball, badminton and table tennis and social events such as film, dance and cooking nights. There are also regular weekend excursions and trips appealing to all our students' interests.

Selection of sports available

- Basketball
- Football
- Volleyball
- Netball
- Gym
- Table tennis
- Badminton
- Yoga

Sample list of activities and clubs

- Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme
- College magazine
- Film nights
- Drama
- Chess
- Choir
- Craft/textiles
- Photography
- Music
- Cooking nights
- Nintendo Wii™ night
- Horse riding
- Leadership Awards
- Debating societies
- Dance
- Zumba
- Young Enterprise



“The experiences
CATS College has given
me are things I will
highlight in my personal
statement for university
to help me stand out.”

“I have been given a lot of opportunities to develop my skills through extra-curricular activities. I was a UN delegate for the mini United Nations trip to New York; I was also Vice Managing Director for my Young Enterprise group, I have worked for Oxfam raising money for charity, I completed the Language Leadership Award and I also completed an internship last year for Barclays Bank.

There are also a lot of opportunities for us to take part in sports, attend cultural evenings, go horse riding and go on trips. I went on a history trip to Poland and saw the concentration camp from World War II. There are just so many interesting clubs and activities in the College.

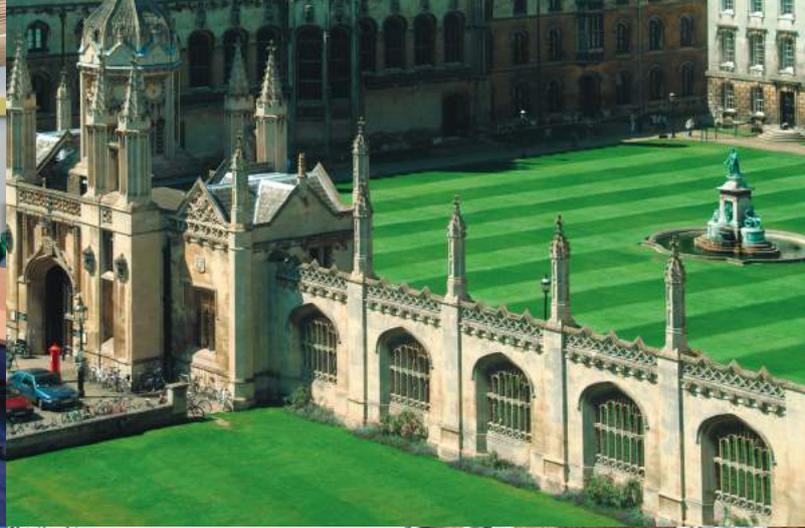
They also give us the opportunity to be independent and set up clubs that don't exist. I have learned so much. I have been able to meet a lot of new people from all over the world.”

Tallulah Igbel Senam Patricia Baer
Switzerland

STUDYING

International Baccalaureate







CATS College Cambridge. Extend your horizons in a city of academic excellence and opportunity.

CATS College Cambridge provides you with an opportunity to live and study in the world's most famous centre of learning. Cambridge is an inspirational environment and can boast more Nobel Prize winners than any other city in the world. For those pursuing a medical degree, there is access to the famous medical school at University of Cambridge Hospital, Addenbrookes. The CATS College focus on study, achievement and developing well-rounded individuals is ideal for aspiring Oxbridge candidates.

At a glance

- World-famous, inspirational centre of learning
- Home to the University of Cambridge, ideal for aspiring Oxbridge candidates
- Excellent stepping stone between secondary school and university life
- Located 45 minutes from London



CATS College Canterbury. An award-winning College in an historic city.

Set in the historic cathedral town of Canterbury and within easy reach of the Kent coast, CATS College Canterbury offers a traditional British boarding school experience within a safe and secure environment. The modern and dynamic campus with its wide range of extra-curricular activities adds to the experience of studying in this stunning location and gives each student the chance to excel. CATS College Canterbury has won many prizes, including the 2010 High School of the Year Award. The College features in the 2013 UK Government handbook as a 'Centre of Excellence'.

At a glance

- Traditional boarding school feel
- Ideal for younger students coming to England for the first time
- Accommodation on or next to campus
- Offers International Baccalaureate and extensive extra-curricular and leadership activities
- UK's safest city
- Located 55 minutes from London







CATS College London. An exciting and inspiring student experience in one of the world's great cities.

CATS College London offers a unique opportunity to experience one of the world's most exciting and distinctive cities. Our campus, in the exclusive and historic district of Bloomsbury, offers green parks, Georgian architecture and proximity to universities such as LSE, SOAS and UCL. You will also be able to access educational and cultural facilities that are second to none, from the British Library, Victoria & Albert and Science Museums, to cultural highlights such as Tate Modern, the West End and the South Bank.

At a glance

- One of the highest profile, most exciting cities in the world
- Located in Bloomsbury Square in the heart of London
- Proximity to world-leading universities, museums and libraries
- Perfect choice for highly motivated students aspiring to a successful career in a key profession



CATS Academy Boston. A traditional American boarding school experience in one of the world's greatest academic cities.

CATS Academy Boston is located in the heart of Newton, a leafy, affluent suburb just 15 minutes from central Boston. With its quiet and safe neighbourhoods, Newton offers you an excellent combination of a secure and study-friendly environment that is within easy reach not just of a great American city, but also some of the world's highest ranked universities including Harvard and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

At a glance

- Traditional boarding school
- Located on the edge of one of America's most historic cities
- Secure and study-friendly environment
- Holistic approach to your education



Our programmes

We pride ourselves on offering a large range of programmes that will provide a pathway to university success. Our courses are carefully managed to suit a range of ages and abilities with the study of English language at the heart of everything we do. Students at CATS College attend English classes every day while an English teacher will sit in all subject classes. In addition we offer extra English vocabulary tuition for subjects, from Science to Business and Economics.

GCSE

(Cambridge and Canterbury only)

GCSE (General Certificate of Secondary Education) is a two-year study plan which will give you a solid foundation for your secondary education before you decide on the right study pathway and university progression for you.

Ideal for:

Students aged 14 years+ who are wanting to study A levels, International Baccalaureate Diploma or a University Foundation Programme but are not old enough or do not have the right level of English language.

Key features:

- Full GCSE programme where you can take 5+ GCSEs
- Individual learning plans tailored for you
- Supervised study and homework will form part of your timetable
- 24-hour boarding supervision on full board basis
- Extensive range of extra-curricular activities, sports and trips
- Flexible progression onto A level, International Baccalaureate or University Foundation on successful completion

Quick facts:

Age: 14+

Entry requirements: 8 or 9 years of schooling completed with a good school report

Start Dates: September, January, April

Minimum English language level: IELTS 4.0+ (4.5+ for April start)

Course length: 6, 5 or 4 terms

Pre: Programme

Flexible programmes of study preparing students for guaranteed entry to all academic programmes.

Ideal for:

Students who require the skills for progression to A level, International Baccalaureate or University Foundation and the option of GCSE or IGCSE exams if required.

Key features:

- Guaranteed progression on successful completion
- Options to study over one, two or three terms
- Includes one-to-one coaching on future study pathways
- Includes compulsory sports and activities
- Includes supervised homework times
- Students study a minimum of seven academic subjects including Maths, English and Science

Quick facts:

Age: 15+

Entry requirements: A good school report

Start dates: September, January, April or July

Minimum English language level: IELTS 4.0+ (3 terms)

Course length: 3, 2 or 1 terms

A level

The classic route to any university, recognised around the world.

Ideal for:

Ambitious and confident individuals who want to gain entry to the most competitive degree courses at a full range of UK universities and beyond.

Key features:

- Focused study of four subjects in year one, usually reducing to three in year two
- The traditional UK qualification
- Offers access to the widest choice of universities

Quick facts:

Age: 16+

Entry requirements: A secondary or high school level of education and a good school report

Start dates: 6 term: September and January
5 term: January

Minimum English language level: IELTS 5.0+

Course length: 5 or 6 terms

Fast-track A level

Designed for students who are able to complete a two-year A level programme within a shorter period of time.

Ideal for:

Students who are highly ambitious or requiring additional revision for examination retakes.

Key features:

- Three terms
- Full-time, intensive course
- Three subjects are usually studied
- Fast-track pathways include Law, Banking, Finance and Medicine

Quick facts:

Age: 17+

Entry requirements: A good secondary or high school level of education and a good school report (For the 3-term programme previous experience in the subject and level is preferable)

Start dates: September

Minimum English language level: IELTS 5.5+

Course length: 3 terms

International Baccalaureate Diploma

(Canterbury only)

A vibrant, international qualification allowing students to achieve beyond A* grades at A level.

Ideal for:

Gifted students who show an interest across a broad range of subjects and who are culturally and socially aware OR those students who wish to keep their options open for longer.

Key features:

- Structured to award the best grade points higher than can be achieved at A level
- Six subject choices are studied covering Languages, Sciences, Maths, Social Sciences and the Arts
- Promotes critical thinking, independent research and real world comparison through the additional subjects of Theory of Knowledge and Creativity, Action and Service
- An extended essay prepares students with the study skills required for university study
- Recognised by the best universities in the UK and overseas
- Founded on the values of international mindedness

Quick facts:

Age: 16+

Entry requirements: A good secondary or high school level of education

Start dates: September

Minimum English language level: IELTS 5.5+

Course length: 6 terms

University Foundation

A one-year programme designed for international students looking for UK University entry.

Ideal for:

Motivated students looking for a supported and focused bridge programme from international high school to UK universities.

Key features:

- One year of full-time study
- Three subjects are usually studied plus English language
- Progression to university on successful completion of the programme

Quick facts:

Age: 17+

Entry requirements: A good secondary or high school level of education

Start dates: September and January

Minimum English language level: IELTS 4.5+

Course length: 3 terms (Fast-track, 2-term option available in London)

Academic English Programme

This programme will guarantee entry to all CATS College academic programmes without any comprehension difficulties. Beyond the basic grounding in grammar, this programme focuses on the common terms used regularly in academic subjects, expressions and general terms that you will be expected to understand on progression to higher academic programmes.

Ideal for:

Students who wish to succeed in any CATS College academic programme.

Key features:

- Full-time, intensive course, tailored to your needs
- Includes the study of General English and English for academic purposes
- Provides an introduction to the vocabulary required for Business, Maths, Science and Humanities
- Develops students' confidence required for further study
- Flexible study dates to fit in with proceeding academic programme

Quick facts:

Age: 15+

Entry requirements: A good school report

Start dates: Any Monday or Termly

Minimum English language level: IELTS 3.5+

Course length: 1 week - 4 terms

Oxbridge Preparation Programme

(UK summer programme)

Ideal for:

International students aged 15-17, interested in progressing to the UK's top universities, in particular the world-famous University of Oxford and the University of Cambridge, as well as London School of Economics, Imperial College London, University College London, Durham University and others.

Key features:

- Advice from Oxbridge Admission Tutors and students
- Tailored, two-year development plans and reading lists
- Tuition in critical thinking skills
- Analytical thinking skills tuition
- Speed reading and memory recall skills
- Communication skill training to develop body language, tone of voice and expressions
- Guidance on choosing the right A level and degree options
- Oxbridge interview technique preparation

Quick facts:

Age: 14-17

Minimum English level: IELTS 4.0+

Course Length: 3 weeks

Location: Cambridge

Careers in Law, Business and Finance

(UK summer programme)

Ideal for:

Students aged 14-17 who wish to learn about career options in demanding professions such as Law, Business or Finance before committing to those subjects at A level, International Baccalaureate (or equivalent).

Key features:

- Meetings with industry professionals
- Experience the work-place
- Introduction to Oxbridge and Russell Group universities
- Mock interviews
- English language
- Academic study
- Skills workshops
- Comprehensive social programme
- University Open Days and Tours

Quick facts:

Age: 14-17

Minimum English level: IELTS 4.0+

Course Length: 3 weeks

Location: Canterbury

UK Education Taster

(UK summer programme)

Ideal for:

Students aged 14-17 considering a UK education who would like to experience A level, International Baccalaureate and University Foundation programmes before committing to a programme of study.

Key features:

- Unique tailored programme designed for international students
- Typical UK-style lessons
- Meetings with past and present students
- One-to-one academic counselling
- Assessment of subject strengths
- 'Whole' person development, including 'Creativity, Action and Service' (CAS) and 'Theory of Knowledge' (ToK)
- Study tours of prestigious universities, such as Oxford and Cambridge and Russell Group universities
- Critical thinking skill tuition
- Brain training and memory recall skill training
- Interview practice

Quick facts:

Age: 14-17
Minimum English level: IELTS 4.0+
Course Length: 8 weeks
Location: Canterbury

High School Term

Designed to give international students aged 15yrs+ an insight into a British education and culture, while improving their language skills through the study of subjects that interest them the most. Students follow individualised study programmes selecting from a wide range of subject areas that offer credit for their studies in their home countries.

Ideal for:

Students looking to experience life in Britain whilst earning credits for these studies at home.

Key features:

- Improves English language skills using subjects that interest students the most
- Broadens students horizons by meeting and studying with peers from over 35 countries
- Earn credits for studies in the students home country
- Full-time, intensive course
- Individualised study programmes, tailored from the wide choice of subject options available

Quick facts:

Age: 15+
Entry requirements: A good school report
Start dates: September or January
Minimum English language level: IELTS 4.0+
Course length: 1 or 2 terms

Our USA Programmes



High School Diploma:

Students will be able to enter grades 9-11 and choose from a wide range of courses. The curriculum is comprised of core subjects as well as electives that can be chosen to suit the individual. Advanced placement (AP) courses will be encouraged in addition to the core curriculum to enhance their university application.

High School Preparation Programme:

Many students enjoy taking time to prepare for the school year to begin, so we offer an intensive 4-week preparation programme. Students will have an opportunity to develop their English language skills and to acclimatise to our school environment by attending small, focused classes and enjoying a range of activities introducing them to America and Boston, prior to beginning the High School Diploma Programme.

Pre-University Summer Programme:

Our three week programme of activities will include study tours of prestigious Ivy League and highly selective universities, SAT exam preparation, ESL classes, and College counselling. There is also a comprehensive activities programme. This course is ideal for students considering joining the full-year CATS Academy programme or interested in a taste of American education and College admissions prep. Accommodation is full board within our dormitory.

Semester Abroad:

We will give you a taste of the very best of what American education has to offer, with a full semester of academic courses, tailored to your particular needs. Based on our High School Diploma curriculum, courses will be relevant to those already studied at your home. We also offer an exciting choice of extra-curricular activities and a choice of homestay or residential accommodation with full board of three meals a day. To make your stay even more memorable, you will also go on a full series of cultural excursions.

For more information on our programmes please visit www.catscollege.com

“The teachers encourage us to set our own goals and be independent, which is great preparation for the future.”

“I came to CATS College because of the Medics specialist programme. Every week I have a special medics class, where we talk in-depth about medical ethics and news in medicine. We have been on special trips to hospices and research units and I can speak to genuine experts in their fields. All these opportunities will help me stand out from the crowd when I apply to university.

I have already started to prepare for the BMAT – I have been given past papers to practise. The Director of the Medics Programme arranged a meeting for me with a professor who spoke to us about the BMAT; he told us that different medical schools focus on different sections of the test and encouraged me to email the universities I want to apply to and ask which section they pay most attention to. This will really help me to prioritise my revision.”

Elizabeth Hui Lien Lau

Malaysia

STUDYING

Medics specialist programme



You learn
You laugh
You achieve
You excel
You surprise
You grow
You meet
You improve
You experience
You enjoy
You talk
You relax
You share
You lead
You support
You aim
You commit
You join
You win





Next steps

Specialist advice session

Call us to arrange a personalised advice session with one of our Admissions Co-ordinators so that we can discuss the study options available for you at CATS College.

Arrange an interview

Our Admissions Co-ordinators will be happy to arrange an interview for you.

Applying for a place

Please complete the online application form which can be found at www.catscollege.com/apply

Further details

If you would like any more information about any of our CATS Colleges or the study programmes within this brochure visit our website www.catscollege.com or contact one of our local offices, representatives or Admissions Co-ordinators.

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