

Oxbridge Programme



The CATS Cambridge Oxbridge Programme is a carefully designed specialist pathway delivered alongside students' academic studies. It provides the additional support, preparation, and guidance needed to help students' university applications stand out.



Higher Education Advice and Guidance

Students receive dedicated support from the Head of Higher Education throughout the application process. Guidance is tailored to each student's strengths, interests, and university ambitions.

Support includes:

- UCAS application guidance
- Personal statement support
- Degree and college selection
- Entry requirements and admissions advice
- Preparation for admissions tests
- Guidance on work experience and super-curricular activities

Students also attend specialist Higher Education sessions alongside their A Level studies. University admissions representatives regularly visit CATS Cambridge to provide additional insight into the application process.

Visits and Speakers

Students have the opportunity to take part in a range of enrichment events, including:

- Oxford and Cambridge online conferences
- Personal statement webinars
- Sessions on "Making a Competitive Application"
- Talks from CATS Cambridge alumni studying at Oxbridge

Students can also attend super-curricular lectures and subject masterclasses online and within colleges across the University of Cambridge.



Preparation for Admissions Tests

Admissions tests are an important part of the application process for many competitive university courses.

Preparation is provided for:

- Engineering and Science Admissions Test (ESAT)
- Test of Mathematics for University Admissions (TMUA)
- University Clinical Aptitude Test (UCAT)
- National Admissions Test for Law (LNAT)

Support focuses on exam technique, time management, and strategies to maximise performance.

Extracurricular Activities and Awards

Participation in extracurricular activities enables students to develop new interests, skills, and experiences beyond the classroom.

Opportunities at CATS Cambridge include:

- Robotics Club
- STEM Club
- Mathematics Club
- Debate Club
- Model United Nations
- Sports and arts clubs

Students may also participate in competitions and awards such as ISA STEAM, Model UN conferences, and the Duke of Edinburgh's Award.



Academic Challenges and Competitions

Students are encouraged to extend their learning through academic enrichment opportunities, including:

- Independent research projects
- Extended Project Qualification (EPQ)
- Chemistry, Biology, and Physics Olympiads
- Mathematics Challenges

These opportunities help students deepen subject knowledge and strengthen their university applications.

Work Experience and Volunteering

Students have access to a range of volunteering opportunities during term time and weekends with organisations such as Oxfam and British Red Cross.

Potential Medicine applicants may also undertake work experience and volunteering placements at the University of Cambridge's Addenbrooke's and Papworth hospitals. Opportunities may include:

- Insight into Medicine
- Insight into Caring in the NHS
- Cambridge Clinical Research Programme
- Healthcare Science Programme

Students are also encouraged to build further experience through voluntary work during the summer break.

Mock Interviews

Students receive interview preparation and personalised guidance from experienced teachers.

Preparation includes:

- One-to-one mock interviews
- Subject-specific interview practice
- Multiple Mini Interview (MMI) preparation for Medicine applicants

These sessions help students build confidence and prepare effectively for university interviews.

Academic Monitoring and Support

Throughout the first year of study, students' academic progress is carefully monitored.

Ongoing academic guidance is provided to help students achieve the grades required for competitive university applications.

Programme Commitment

The Oxbridge Programme is a challenging but highly rewarding pathway for students aspiring to competitive undergraduate courses.

Students are expected to engage fully with additional academic and enrichment opportunities alongside their studies. In return, the programme provides an intellectually stimulating environment that supports ambitious students in exploring their future pathways.



Dimash, Kazakhstan

Dimash from Kazakhstan completed A Levels at CATS Cambridge, achieving AAA* in Mathematics, Further Mathematics, and Physics, and A in Biology. He progressed to read Natural Sciences at the University of Cambridge.



Yuliia, Ukraine

Yuliia (Ukraine) graduated from the University of Cambridge with a BA in Mathematics.

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