Insight
A Guide for Parents and Carers

What is Insight?
The University of Cambridge has devised a range of outreach events and activities so that students can experience what it is like to study at university, discover more about higher education and develop the skills and knowledge to make informed choices about their future.

Insight is a multidisciplinary programme which aims to develop and broaden students’ academic interests and tackle the barriers many students face when applying to university. We hope to achieve this through inspiring subject days, discussions with current university students and academics, and sessions about university.

The programme is fully funded by the University so there will be no cost to you or your child.

What will my child get out of Insight?
Participants on Insight receive academically enriching opportunities and the chance to explore the reality of Higher Education. They will have the opportunity to work with current students and university teachers to explore areas of interest and will receive support when thinking about their future options.

What we are looking for?
Spaces on the programme are limited and we are looking for students who will show enthusiasm for and commitment to Insight. The programme is for Year 9 students currently attending a state school in a London Borough.

Eligibility:
Priority will be given to students who:
• Are academically able
• Currently receive Pupil Premium
• Have been in Local Authority Care
• Come from an area where few people go to university

All participants must also be able to travel independently to Stratford (East London) to catch the coach to Cambridge.
How does Insight work?

The programme consists of a series of events in Cambridge through Years 9, 10 and 11. All our events will be held outside of school time - on Saturdays or during the holidays. Here is a brief overview of the main parts of the programme.

Core Sessions:
There are two core sessions each year that students must attend to develop key skills. These include sessions about student life and post-16 subject choices.

Subject Sessions:
Students must attend two subject days each year and can choose from a range of subjects, based on their interests. Recent examples include:
- Polar Exploration
- An Introduction to Law and Land Economy

Residential:
Students who have shown enthusiasm and commitment to the programme will be invited to attend an academic residential in Cambridge to give an insight into life as a student.

Post GCSE:
We will keep in touch with students and highlight information and opportunities that they can access, including details about open days, masterclasses, residential and competitions.

If you have further questions, please contact:
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How much does Insight cost?
Travel to and from Cambridge and meals will be provided so there will be no cost to you or your child.