About me

• Cambridge graduate – speaking from personal experience

• Hope my experiences will encourage you to consider Cambridge

• Please see the website, or contact the University or a College to find out more!
Cambridge in Numbers

• Founded 1208 – more than 800 years old, one of the oldest universities in the world
• High global rankings
  – QS World University Rankings 2019: number 6
  – Centre for World University Rankings 2018-19: number 4
  – *Times Higher Education* World Rankings 2019: number 2
• 96 Nobel Laureates across all categories – Physics, Medicine, Chemistry, Economics, Literature and Peace
Famous Alumni
Why consider Cambridge?

- Ranked within the top six universities globally (QS, Times, CWUR)
- Students from every part of the UK and around the world
- 90% of our students are satisfied with their course (National Student Survey 2016)
- Excellent career prospects – 90% in employment or further study after six months
The Collegiate University: how does it fit together?

The University:
• determines course content
• organises lectures, seminars, practicals and projects
• sets and marks examinations
• awards degrees

The Colleges:
• admit undergraduate students
• academic and pastoral care
• accommodation, dining and recreation
• organise small-group teaching (supervisions)
• facilities for academic study
Choosing a course

• The most important decision you’ll make!

• Genuine subject interest – what interests, inspires and enthuses you?

• 32 undergraduate courses offering more than 65 subjects – be open minded

• Research course content, and teaching and assessment methods

www.cam.ac.uk/courses
Choosing a College

- 29 undergraduate Colleges – ‘open’ application if no preference
- Where would you like to live?
  - Accommodation types, number of students, appearance, facilities, instinct
- Further guidance on how (and how not) to choose online
- Research – College websites, visit a few (if possible)
- No Colleges ‘better’ for any subjects

www.cam.ac.uk/choosingacollege
What information does Cambridge use to assess applications?

Cambridge considers every application individually, taking all aspects into account:

• academic record
• personal statement
• school/college reference
• performance in any admission assessment
• any written work submitted (where required)
• contextual data
• interview (if interviewed)

No part of an application is considered in isolation – all available information is looked at together before decisions are made.
Student Finance

Home students

- **Costs**
  - Tuition fees
  - Living/‘maintenance’ costs – eg accommodation, food, additional course costs, travel, social/recreational activities

- **Possible financial support**
  - Government student loans (tuition, living costs)
  - Cambridge Bursary Scheme
  - College awards

International students

- **Costs**
  - Tuition fees
  - College fees
  - Living/‘maintenance’ costs – eg accommodation, food, additional course costs, travel, social/recreational activities

- **Possible financial support**
  - Cambridge Trust Scholarships
  - College awards
Graduate/Career Prospects

- Top five for employer reputation (QS World University Rankings 2018)
- Graduates in high demand, irrespective of discipline – 90% of students in employment or further study six months after graduating
- Graduates of all disciplines are highly sought after due to valuable transferable skills
- 200+ careers events and briefing/skills sessions typically offered each year by the University Careers Service
Finding out more

- Undergraduate Prospectus
- Undergraduate Study website
- Contact the Cambridge Admissions Office or any College admissions office

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