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 2016 – number 4 (5 stars)
  – Centre for World University Rankings 2016 – number 4
  – *Times Higher Education* World Rankings 2016-17 – number 4

• 96 Nobel Laureates across all categories – Physics, Medicine, Chemistry, Economics, Literature and Peace
Famous Alumni
Why consider Cambridge?

- Ranked in the top five universities globally (QS, Times, ARWU)
- Students from every part of the UK and around the world
- 90 per cent of our students are satisfied with their course (NSS 2016)
- Excellent career prospects – 91 per cent 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?
- 30 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

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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 three for employer reputation (QS World University Rankings 2016)

• Graduates in high demand, irrespective of discipline – 91 per cent 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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