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Thank you for your interest in the Insight Programme! Insight is a programme for highly able students from London who are interested in finding out about university and exploring different subjects. This is done through:

- A core programme of sessions from Year 9 to Year 11 introducing university and future options.
- A range of subject taster days that participants can choose to attend. Students on the programme attend at least two of these a year.
- A residential event in Cambridge to give students the chance to explore university life for themselves.

1. Who can be involved with the programme?
   Students must be academically able (on track to achieve 7-9 at GCSE) and currently attending a state school in a London Borough to be eligible to be involved with the programme. They must also be able to independently travel to Stratford (East London) to catch the coach to Cambridge. Priority will be given to students who:
   (i) Currently receive pupil premium
   (ii) Have been in Local Authority Care
   (iii) Come from an area where few people go to university

2. How do you apply to be involved with the programme?
   Students who would like to be involved with the Insight Programme apply online via the form at www.cam.ac.uk/insight. The form should take around 10 minutes to complete. Before filling in the form, students must check that:
   (i) Their parents or guardians are happy for them to be involved with the programme.
   (ii) They know the postcode of their school.
   (iii) They have the name, school email address and phone number of a teacher who is willing to support their application.
   (iv) They know why they would like to be involved with the Insight Programme. Students are asked to write a paragraph (no more than 300 words) to explain why they would like to be involved with the programme.

The closing date for Year 9 applications is Sunday 26 March 2017.
3. What happens after the applications are in?
   (i) Once we have received the applications, they will be read by the Insight Team. Spaces on the programme are limited so priority will be given to students who meet the criteria listed above.
   (ii) We will contact the teacher whose contact details are listed on the application form to ask them to endorse the applications that we have received.
   (iii) We will contact all students who have applied for a place on the programme by early May to let them know whether they have a place on the programme.
   (iv) Students who have got a place on the programme will then be sent the registration forms which must be completed and returned to secure their space on the programme.

Those on the programme must be able to attend the two Year 9 core events in June. Information about these dates is below.

**Year 9 Insight Launch Visit: Saturday 3 June 2017**
On the 3rd of June, the new Year 9 students on the programme will come to Cambridge for their official launch event. This is always a really fun day where participants have the chance to get to know each other and to explore Cambridge with some of our Student Ambassadors. Students are invited to bring one parent or supporter with them who are encouraged Parents and carers are also invited and encouraged to attend the launch event which is based in one of the Cambridge Colleges. They will have the opportunity to meet and chat to the Insight Team, ask any questions that they have about the programme and to also find out about university and what it is like to be a student by working with our Student Ambassadors.

We will be providing transport from Stratford (East London) to Cambridge and lunch for all those who would like to attend.

**Year 9 Core Visit: Saturday 17 June 2017**
The students will come up to Cambridge for their first of a series of core events that they will have over their time on the programme. The core events are designed to develop key skills that we build up throughout the duration of the programme. The students will spend time working with our Student Ambassadors and will see a different part of Cambridge on their visit.

Transport from Stratford (East London) and lunch will be provided for the participants on the day.