Guide for parents and carers
What is Insight?

Insight is a multidisciplinary programme which aims to develop and broaden students’ academic interests, and tackle barriers many students face when applying to university. It is a progressive programme that intends to help students experience what it is like to study at university and to develop the key skills and knowledge to make informed choices about their future. We do this through a combination of Core and Subject Taster Days which participants attend when they are in Year 9, Year 10 and Year 11. These give participants the chance to explore new subject areas, discuss their ideas with current university students and academics and to learn about university.

The programme is fully funded by the University of Cambridge so there is no cost to you or your child.
What will my child get out of Insight?

Students on Insight receive academically enriching opportunities and the chance to explore the reality of university life. They will work with current university students and teachers to explore their interests and will receive our support when thinking about their futures. As part of the programme, they will be asked to complete academic work after each event and will receive feedback on their work from current university students and staff.

What are we looking for?

All of our events are held outside of school time and will be on Saturdays or during the school holidays. Spaces on the programme are limited and we are looking for students who are enthusiastic and will be committed to the programme. Participants must be studying at a state school in Peterborough and priority will be given to students who meet one or more of the following criteria:

- Are academically able (on track to achieve 7-9 at GCSE)
- Have been eligible for Free School Meals in the last six years
- Have been in Local Authority Care
- Come from areas where students do not typically go to university
- Have completed the Insight Peterborough programme

Participants must all be able to travel to Cambridge on the coach that we organise.
How does Insight work?

Core Events:
During the Core Events, participants work on developing key skills. These include sessions about student life, critical thinking and about post-16 subject choices. There are usually two of these per year.

Subject Taster Days:
Participants must attend two Subject Taster Days each year and can choose from a range of different subjects, based on their interests. Recent examples include:
- Archaeology
- Medicine and Veterinary Medicine
- Education

Academic Work:
Throughout their time on the programme, participants will be asked to complete some academic work to build upon and practice the skills they are learning on the programme. They will be supported to complete this work by students and staff from Cambridge.
Transport

The University of Cambridge will provide coaches that will pick participants up from Peterborough in the morning and drop them back off again at the end of the day. The coaches will be stopping at locations close to:

- Nene Park Academy
- Queen Katherine Academy
- Sir Harry Smith Community College

We anticipate that the coaches will leave Peterborough between 8:45-9:30am and to return between 4:30-5:30, depending on the traffic. Please note that this is the first year that we are running this project in Peterborough and therefore the coach locations and times may change slightly in the future. We will be in touch before each event to confirm the arrangements and the requirements of the trip.
How does my child apply?

If your child would like to join the Insight Programme, they should apply online at www.cam.ac.uk/insight. There is a short online application form there that should take no more than around 15 minutes to complete.

The closing date for applications is listed on our website.

Questions

If you have further questions, please contact the Insight Team by emailing Insight@admin.cam.ac.uk or by phoning us on 01223 766872.
Visit the links below for more information about the university and application process, opportunities to attend other event organised by the university, or to access resources for further study.

Undergraduate Study website:  
www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk

On our undergraduate study website, you’ll find detailed information about the courses that we offer, as well as more general information about what it’s like to study here and the application process. Each course page has information about the topics covered, teaching, and assessments.