

WHO IS IT FOR?

- **15yr–17yr old international students who have yet to start A levels (or equivalent)**, interested in progressing to Oxford, Cambridge and other leading Russell Group universities such as London School of Economics, Imperial College London, University College London, Warwick, Southampton and others.

ABOUT THE PROGRAMME:

- **3 week** academic and social programme
- **Dates** are Sun 1st July 2012 (arrival) - Sat 21st July 2012 (departure)
- **Lessons** are delivered at CATS College Cambridge, 13-15 Round Church Street, Cambridge CB5 8AD
- **Average class size** 12 - 15
- **Accommodation** is included
- **Meals** are included (breakfast, lunch and dinner)

REQUIREMENTS:

- Minimum English standard: Equivalent to IELTS 5.0+ / upper intermediate level
- Genuine motivation to succeed

PRICE:

- £3,300 for the 3 week programme (includes airport transfers, accommodation and food)

WAYS TO APPLY:

- **Face to face** via your Education Agent
- **Online** www.catscollege.com/oxbridge
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Oxbridge Preparation Programme

Cambridge | 3 weeks | Summer 2012

For those aspiring to Oxford, Cambridge
and other leading UK universities



Designed for ambitious international students aged 15yrs–17yrs old, our preparation programme lets you find out what you need to learn and the traits you should develop over the next two to three years to become the perfect Oxbridge candidate.

English language — Academic study — Skills workshops
Mock interviews — Oxbridge admission tutors — Meet Oxbridge students
Comprehensive social programme — University Open Days and Tours

This unique, tailored programme designed especially for international students includes the following areas:

✔ **Meeting Oxbridge Admission Tutors and Graduates**

Learn from and **speak with** Admission Tutors and Oxbridge students about entry requirements and what it is really like to study there.

✔ **Developing a passion for your subject**

Oxbridge Admission Tutors regard this to be **THE MOST IMPORTANT** aspect of a potential student, with intelligence and exceptional grades **no longer being enough**. Learn to demonstrate a real passion for your subject through a development plan and reading list that covers a 2 year time horizon.

✔ **Critical thinking skills**

Learn to review evidence, form a **judgment** and **present** a reasoned argument and counter-argument.

✔ **Analytical thinking skills**

Learn to use logic to **gather** and **analyse** information in order to draw trends and solve problems.

✔ **Speed reading and memory recall skills**

Use proven techniques that can help you to work smarter and learn **more effectively in the same amount of time**.

✔ **Communication skills**

Going beyond 'what you say' to '**how you say it**'. We train you on body language, tone of voice and expressions to develop effective interview techniques.

✔ **Interview question practice**

Using your newly developed critical and analytical thinking skills, you will learn how to answer **the toughest Oxbridge interview question**. Remember, there is no right or wrong answer!

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"I enjoyed the critical thinking sessions very much. I also now know I have to read more, so when I go back home, I will read the right types of books."

YULIA



"Preparing statements and interviews help a lot. I will now know the requirements universities are looking for. A really useful course for students who are applying for top British universities."

Programme outcomes:

1. You will be able to answer tough interview questions such as the following:

- How many grains of sand are there in the world? (Physics, Oxford)
- Would you rather be a novel or a poem? (English, Oxford)
- How would you poison someone without the police finding out? (Medicine, Cambridge)
- If a wife had expressed distaste for it previously, would her husband's habit of putting marmalade in his egg at breakfast be grounds for divorce? (Law, Cambridge)

2. You will have improved **voice control**, **eye contact** and **body language** to perform at your best in interview.

3. You will know what you need to do in the next 2 years to demonstrate **passion** for your subject.

4. You will have a better idea of what **degree** you wish to **pursue**.

5. You will know what **A level** subjects to take in order to be **considered** by Oxbridge for your preferred degree.

WEEK 1									
DAY	8:30–9:30	9:30–11:00	11:30–1:00	1:00–2:00	2:00–3:30	4:00–5:30	5:30–6:30	SOCIAL ACTIVITIES	
SUNDAY	BREAKFAST			LUNCH			DINNER	Welcome Meal	
MONDAY		Induction			Cultural Activities Orientation tour of Cambridge	ICT		Welcome party/disco	
TUESDAY		Intensive Academic English for Oxbridge (Describing achievements) MATHS TEST	Getting into Oxbridge Master class An introduction to Cambridge University and what the University looks for in its students		Oxbridge subject preparation Physics	ICT Personal statements		Evening entertainment	
WEDNESDAY		Intensive Academic English for Oxbridge (British education system)	Getting into Oxbridge Master class UCAS - writing your personal statement		Oxbridge subject preparation Economics	ICT Personal statements		Evening entertainment	
THURSDAY		OXFORD UNIVERSITY OPEN DAY			OXFORD UNIVERSITY OPEN DAY			Evening entertainment	
FRIDAY		Intensive Academic English for Oxbridge Feedback on English in personal statements Maths test results	Getting through the Oxbridge Interview		CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY OPEN DAY including tour of King's College			Evening entertainment	
SATURDAY		London excursion including trips to Russell Group university campuses including LSE, Imperial College London and University College London							
SUNDAY	Free time								

WEEK 2								
DAY	8:30–9:30	9:30–11:00	11:30–1:00	1:00–2:00	2:00–3:30	4:00–5:30	5:30–6:30	SOCIAL ACTIVITIES
MONDAY	BREAKFAST	Intensive Academic English for Oxbridge Shakespeare vocabulary input	Getting into Oxbridge Master class Q and A session with Oxbridge admissions tutor. Applications and interviews; Personal Statements and why they matter	LUNCH	Getting into Oxbridge Master class Sydney Sussex college tour (by student)	ICT	DINNER	Evening performance @ St John's College
TUESDAY		Intensive Academic English for Oxbridge Line graphs (IELTS task 1)	Getting into Oxbridge Master class Brain training and memory techniques		Oxbridge subject preparation Chemistry	ICT Business Leadership team project		Evening entertainment
WEDNESDAY		Intensive Academic English for Oxbridge Vocabulary review	Getting into Oxbridge Master class The ideal Oxbridge candidate		Cultural Activities Grantchester including The Orchard			Evening entertainment
THURSDAY		Intensive Academic English for Oxbridge Academic culture in the UK	Getting into Oxbridge Master class Mock interviews		Debating	ICT Business Leadership team project		Evening entertainment
FRIDAY		Intensive Academic English for Oxbridge Current affairs	Critical thinking		Oxbridge subject preparation Law	ICT Business Leadership team project		Evening entertainment
SATURDAY	London excursion eg. Thames river trip or Windsor Castle							
SUNDAY	Free time							

WEEK 3								
DAY	8:30–9:30	9:30–11:00	11:30–1:00	1:00–2:00	2:00–3:30	4:00–5:30	5:30–6:30	SOCIAL ACTIVITIES
MONDAY	BREAKFAST	Intensive Academic English for Oxbridge Island changes (task 1 IELTS) passive voice input.	Getting into Oxbridge Master class Mock interviews	LUNCH	Oxbridge subject preparation Maths	Cultural Activities Punting at Quayside	DINNER	Evening entertainment
TUESDAY		Intensive Academic English for Oxbridge Language for presentations	Cultural Activities Fitzwilliam Museum		Voice Coach	Presentations (3-4 a day)		Evening performance at King's College
WEDNESDAY		Intensive Academic English for Oxbridge Writing an argumentative essay (task 2 IELTS)	Critical thinking and debating		ICT Writing argumentative essay	Presentations		Evening entertainment
THURSDAY		Intensive Academic English for Oxbridge Current affairs	Team building		ICT Writing argumentative essay	Presentations		Evening entertainment
FRIDAY		Intensive Academic English for Oxbridge Review of the course — quiz and vocabulary. Remaining 50 questions of English test. Students' feedback. Argumentative essay feedback.				Goodbye drinks and certificates		Free time

This sample timetable is illustrative and is subject to change. We reserve the right to amend this three week schedule without prior notice.