



Y11 Introduction to Cambridge Day Visit Programme

Summary:

This is a set programme for introductory visits to Cambridge for Y11 students, to be held either in Lent Term or immediately after GCSE examinations, but before the summer vacation. Visitors have the chance to learn more about Cambridge and Christ's College, to receive IAG on the admissions process and to speak to current undergraduates about student life. This programme is not designed to be subject-specific, but to have general applicability. However, subject-specific activities can be organised if required.

Target:

The event is targeted at Y11 students from one or more link-area schools (max 40 can be accommodated), the rationale being to start students on the process of thinking seriously about university. Schools are asked in advance to select pupils that they believe might be considering applying to Oxbridge (generally the most able). Aside from this, there is no selection process.

Aims:

The programme aims to introduce students to the university and to inform them about the admissions process and student life here. It also intends to raise aspirations regarding applying to and studying at Cambridge by emphasising the benefits of a Cambridge education, countering any misconceptions students might have about the university and leaving them with an impression of the college as diverse, accessible and highly appealing. If academic sessions are arranged, then a secondary aim is to give the attending students a taste of studying that subject at university.

Outcomes:

Attendees should feel more confident and informed about the benefits of studying at Cambridge and about the admissions process and student experience. This should be reflected in a high proportion of attendees going on to explore the university in more detail during Y12.

Evaluation:

Attendees may be surveyed after the event to ask whether and how their attitudes towards the university and its admissions process have changed. If data is collected, individuals will then be tracked via HEAT to see the proportion returning on other events during Y12, such as Open Days, and eventually to see how many apply to the university.

Timetable:

Time	Session
From 10.30	Arrival and Welcome
10.30-11.00	Introduction to University and Cambridge Explained
11.00-11.45	Introductory Admissions Talk
11.45-12.30	Student Life Talk and Q&A
12.30-13.00	Lunch/Tour of College
13.00-13.30	Tour of College/Lunch
13.30-14.30	'What should I do next?' A-Level Subject Choices Talk and Q&A
14.30-15.30	Optional afternoon activities: academic session, second college tour, etc.
15.30	Return to Christ's and Departure



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Practical Information:

For all practical information for schools visiting Christ's College, please see:

<https://www.christs.cam.ac.uk/admissions/outreach-access-and-schools-liaison/practical>

For information on how to get to Christ's, please see:

<https://www.christs.cam.ac.uk/how-get-christs>

For a map of Christ's College, please see:

https://www.christs.cam.ac.uk/sites/www.christs.cam.ac.uk/files/inline-files/01_College-map_2017_4.pdf

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