



Year 12 Opportunities for Prospective Applicants

Thanks to the outreach work of universities and colleges, professional bodies and widening participation charities, there now exist a wide range of opportunities for UK maintained-sector students to explore Higher Education in the years before they come to apply. While many providers offer opportunities for KS4 pupils, or even younger year groups, most of these initiatives are targeted at Year 12 students and are specifically intended to encourage those students to study a particular subject at university or to apply to particular institutions, or to help them to understand what they need to do at university if they wish to pursue a particular career and how they can get there. Alongside other enrichment activities, such as wider reading, these can provide a valuable way to engage in supra-curricular exploration of students' academic interests and to explore the options available to them at university.

Cambridge, like many other top universities, does not expect its applicants to have engaged in any of these programmes because it does not judge applicants on the opportunities they have had access to during their education. H/F1 11.04p g0 J(+4(44 A T(CB)-5(2 3B)-5(U))TJe(.)1v(app)5(l(o)3(the)10(r cati)3(e)13(e)



Summer Schools and Residential Programmes

Cambridge University Sutton Trust Summer School:

A programme of free, week-long, subject-specific residentials at the University of Cambridge for Year 12 students studying at a UK state school. Held annually in August, they offer over twenty hours of teaching from a world expert in one of twenty-six different subject groups. These provide a real sense of what it is like to study at Cambridge and also offer a taste of student life at the university, with activities like a chauffeured punt tour down the River Cam and a 'Formal Hall' celebratory dinner on the final night. Applications take place every year in January.

<https://www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/events/summer-schools>

Several other universities also offer Sutton Trust Summer Schools. You can find out more here:

<https://summerschools.suttontrust.com/>

Cambridge College Summer Schools and Residential:

All Cambridge Colleges host their own annual calendar of residential events and summer schools.

Most are aimed at students in Year 12, but some are for Year 11s and younger students. You can find out more on individual College websites. For example, Christ's College's events are listed here:

<https://www.christs.cam.ac.uk/outreach-and-access>

You can find listings of all events run by the University of Cambridge and its Colleges here:

<https://www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/events-listing>

UNIQ Summer Schools:

Oxford University's equivalent of the Sutton Trust residential programme, held in Oxford every year in July and August for Year 12 state school pupils. Like the Sutton Trust it is free to attend and offers a programme of subject-specific teaching from academics at the university and social activities.

Applications open every year in December.

<http://www.uniq.ox.ac.uk/>

Local Summer Schools:

There may also be options provided by



Veterinary Medicine:

British Veterinary Association guide to becoming a vet:

<https://www.bva.co.uk/professional-development/careers/becoming-a-vet/>

Royal College 'Veterinary Science

