

Education, excellence and innovation in the heart of Cambridge



Wisdom

By advocating the enthusiastic pursuit of knowledge and nurturing the ability to learn, our students develop the wisdom to navigate life with confidence.



Innovation

We look to our history as we innovate our approach to educate the world shapers of tomorrow.



Responsibility

With a focus on personal responsibility and global citizenship, we prepare our students to become effective decision-makers able to thrive at university and beyond.



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Head Teacher's Welcome



At CATS Cambridge, we are unashamedly ambitious. The school is a launch pad to greatness. We enable our students to understand how they can become their preferred version of themselves. Our focus is on providing an education that promotes the pursuit of knowledge, encourages innovation, and develops a desire to make a positive contribution. All so that our students leave us well placed to succeed at university and beyond.

As an international school, we believe that there is much benefit to be drawn from different perspectives, traditions, and cultures; such an appreciation facilitates deeper awareness and learning. We place great emphasis on personal responsibility, so that our students embrace the idea of global citizenship and the need for ethical empathy in their decision making.

It is the energy, enthusiasm and richness in diversity that makes this an exciting school of which I am proud to be Head Teacher.

At CATS Cambridge we aspire to thought leadership in international education. We are innovators, always seeking out ways to help our students learn faster, better and deeper. We aim to provide the best of conditions in which all our students are able develop as highly effective and enthusiastic life-long learners, who know themselves and who are prepared to work hard to become their preferred versions of themselves.

CATS Cambridge is for the best who want to be their very best. It is our mission to deliver an innovative and excellent education. We set our students on a path to realise their aspirations and prepare them for the future so they can navigate all the opportunities and challenges that life casts their way.

Dr Hugh Mc Cornick

Dr Hugh McCormick, Head Teacher



Why CATS Cambridge?

Where Tradition Meets Innovation

INTERNATIONAL BOARDING IN THE HEART OF CAMBRIDGE

We take great pride in being part of the Cambridge community and have developed our state-of-the-art campus to allow students to surround themselves with academic innovation and inspiration. Cambridge attracts the best thinkers and creators from around the world. The city encourages students to learn from the past, whilst building the future.

Unlocking Academic Potential

INNOVATING AND IMPROVING STUDENT SUCCESS

The CATS Cambridge approach is designed to provide the best environment in which young people can learn and develop, allowing them to achieve the best academic outcomes. Through using recognised assessment tools and working with leading educational thought leaders, we are constantly refining our education offering and nurturing students to achieve the best grades they can.

Enhanced Higher Education Support

ACHIEVING THE BEST ACADEMIC OUTCOMES

We understand that attending a top UK university is a dream for many young people. To give our students the best advantage when applying to university, we have developed an enhanced package of application support through our Key Professions Programme (KPP). The KPP ensures students are fully prepared for admissions interviews, including producing the best personal statement and helping them feel confident in their application.







The City of Cambridge

Cambridge is home to one of the world's greatest universities, few other destinations can boast such a rich history of innovation and achievement. The city is a thriving metropolitan hub and is home to many pioneering organisations at the forefront of science, engineering and technology sectors. Cambridge is the ideal destination for dedicated students who want to push themselves to the greatest heights of success.

HOME TO THE UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

The University of Cambridge has hosted more international students who have gone on to win a Nobel Prize than any other UK university paving the way for international students studying in the UK.

WHERE THE GREATS BEGAN

Studying in Cambridge sees students learning and discovering in the same environment as the likes of Stephen Hawking, Charles Darwin, Isaac Newton, and Sylvia Plath amongst others.

EASY TO GET AROUND

Cambridge is a well-connected city with regular bus routes to and from the local area and most of the city being in walking distance of the school. What's more, trains from Cambridge Station take only 45 minutes to London and 30 minutes to Stansted Airport.

SILICON FEN

Over the past 50 years, Cambridge has become a hub of modern technology with many of the worldleading companies setting up offices in the city including Amazon, Apple and Samsung.









Best in the world

Home to the University of Cambridge, a top 5 world university



Excellent links

Cambridge is only 45 minutes by train to London



Innovation City

Cambridge is a life science and technology cluster with multiple 'knowledge intensive' businesses operating here



Academically Inspiring

Cambridge is associated with more Nobel Prize winners than any other city

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Student Experience

At CATS Cambridge we are committed to creating a safe, inclusive and supportive education environment. We understand that studying in the UK may be a very different experience for international students and over our 35-year history have created a school that makes sure all students are prepared to achieve their best.

What Students can expect at CATS Cambridge

IMMERSIVE ENGLISH

All school life is conducted in English, giving every student the opportunity to master the language in both academic and social settings. Our immersive education style nurtures every student to build knowledge, become resilient and achieve the best outcomes in life.

SUPPORTIVE STAFF

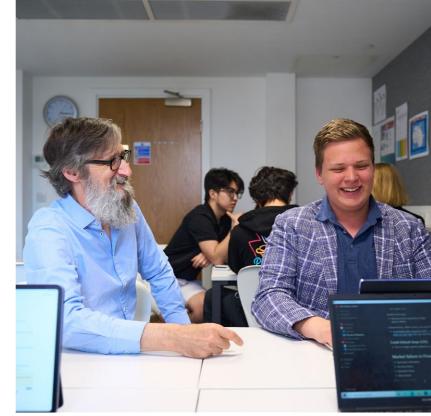
Our academic staff team and live-in House Parents are always on hand to provide the highest standard of safety and pastoral care and help students settle into the school by creating a caring and comfortable home.

SUBJECT SUPPORT

Students regularly engage with their teachers to assess their progress. If extra subject specific support is identified, additional sessions outside of usual lesson can be made available.

ADDITIONAL LEARNING SUPPORT

Students are encouraged to highlight any additional learning challenges they may have. Our teachers also monitor for indicators of any challenges a student may have in their own learning.









Every student at CATS Cambridge becomes a member of a House. Throughout the year we hold exciting Inter-House competitions where students compete against other Houses to win House Points.

Some of our competitions include:









Spelling Bee



Chariots of Fire

University Success

Enhanced University Support

We understand that the wish to attend a top UK university is a dream of many young people. To give our students the best advantage when applying to university, we have developed an enhanced package of application support that ensures students are fully prepared for admissions interviews, produce the best personal statement and importantly feel confident in their application.

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out of 24 Russell Group Universities have accepted CATS Cambridge students 40+

conditional progression agreements with UK universities





Search CATS Cambridge University
Success to discover more

Enhanced Oxbridge Candidate Support

We offer targeted support for students applying to the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge in the form of extra Higher Education sessions and mock interviews designed to give our candidates an advantage when sitting their selection interview.





University fairs and events

CATS Cambridge students have access to our exclusive University Fair which is attended by universities including the University of Cambridge, the London School of Economics, Imperial College of London, as well as world-leading US and Canadian universities. This event gives students a valuable opportunity to talk directly to university admissions teams about their degree programmes, campuses and specific entry criteria.

Enhanced Application Support

CATS Cambridge students are offered thorough guidance on the university admissions process along with specialist support for applicants to the most competitive elite universities and courses such as Oxford and Cambridge. Through Year 12 and 13, we offer university application workshops, classes and mock interviews, allowing students to feel confident that they are submitting the best application they can. Beginning at GCSE, all students are encouraged to explore where their talents and interests lie, so that they can make an informed decision about their future study.

HIGHER EDUCATION OFFICER (HEO)

Our HEO is dedicated full-time members of staff who offer unlimited university application support from a student's first day at CATS Cambridge. All students have time-tabled Higher Education lessons along with one-to-one meetings.

PERSONAL STATEMENT

Personal Tutors (PTs) have extensive experience of university admissions and know what will make a student's application stand out. PTs dedicate time to getting to know each student and their interests to ensure their personal statement is the best reflection of them as an individual.

UNIVERSITY VISITS

Universities from around the world visit CATS Cambridge throughout the year to present their course offerings and give students the chance to ask any questions they might have.

OPEN DAYS

It is important that students know as much as possible about the universities to which they are applying. We support students to attend open days so they can get the best insight into their chosen university and decide if they feel that it is the right destination for them.

Key Professions Programme

For students wishing to pursue a degree in a competitive field such as Law, Finance, Medicine, Science, Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence, Engineering, Arts and Maths (STEAM), or apply to Oxbridge or other elite universities, we offer additional tailored support through our Key Professions Programme (KPP).

The Key Professions programme

- University level presentations
- The Extended Project
- Work Experience and Volunteering
- Admissions Test Preparation

- Practice Interviews
- Key Professions Programme Tutors
- UCAT support
- Oxbridge Interview Practice and Coaching

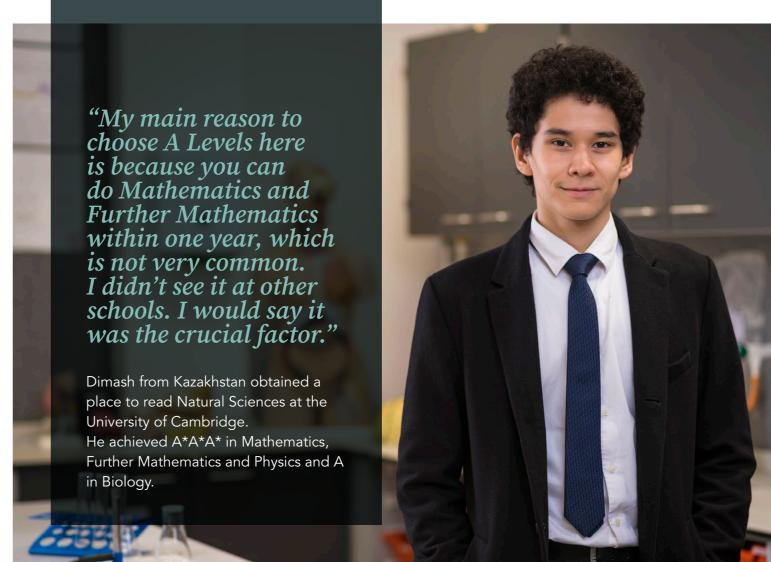




- Making a Case Writing Strong Applications







Extra-curricular activities

We offer a range of different extra-curricular opportunities designed to stretch student knowledge and enhance their personal statement when applying to highly competitive courses.

September 2025 guarantees to include:



Science Olympiads



Mathematics Challenge



Business Days



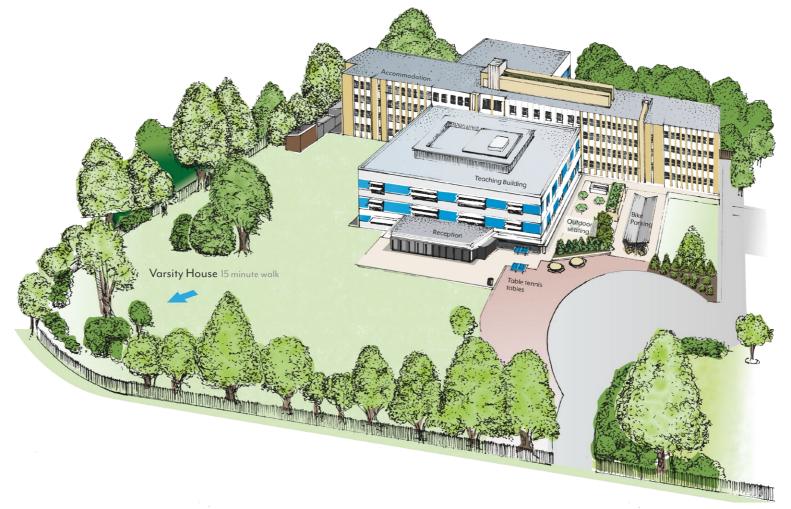
Cambridge Chemistry Challenge



Our Campus

A CAMPUS DESIGNED FOR SUCCESS

The CATS Cambridge campus is located near the city centre, close to the prestigious University of Cambridge. We have over 220 rooms in our on-campus boarding accommodation for younger students, with a further 180 rooms a short walk from campus. The close proximity of our boarding accommodation gives students the best environment for both studying and living.







Cambridge.

En-suite boarding

Our boarding facilities provide you with a home-from-home, with 400 single en-suite rooms ensuring that you are comfortable, safe and secure.

Safe campus

Our campus buildings are located in a quiet part of the city, allowing you to settle in quickly and get used to exploring the local area.



All boarding accommodation has 24hr supervision.









Boarding

We offer two accommodation options to cater for whatever students need from their boarding experience. Elizabeth House is attached to the school building offering single ensuite rooms for ages 14-17. Varsity House is just a short walk from the school and offers single ensuite rooms for ages 16+. Both boarding houses are supervised 24 hours a day.

Accommodation

Our boarding houses offers everything a student needs.

- Single rooms with private ensuite bathroom
- Shared social spaces
- House parents and supervision 24 hours a day
- We also offer catered or self-catered accommodation for over-18s, a short walk from campus.

CATS Cambridge is regularly inspected by the UK Independent Schools Inspectorate, and achieves outstanding results.

Premium accommodation

You can take advantage of more space to study, relax and socialise with our premium accommodation option. You will benefit from a larger area to live and work; with additional storage space, as well as your own personal welcome pack to make you more comfortable during the first few weeks.

Our Premium Rooms come complete with towels, bath robe, bed linen, storage solutions, laundry bag, power adaptors, extension cables, water bottle and other amenities to help students feel at home.

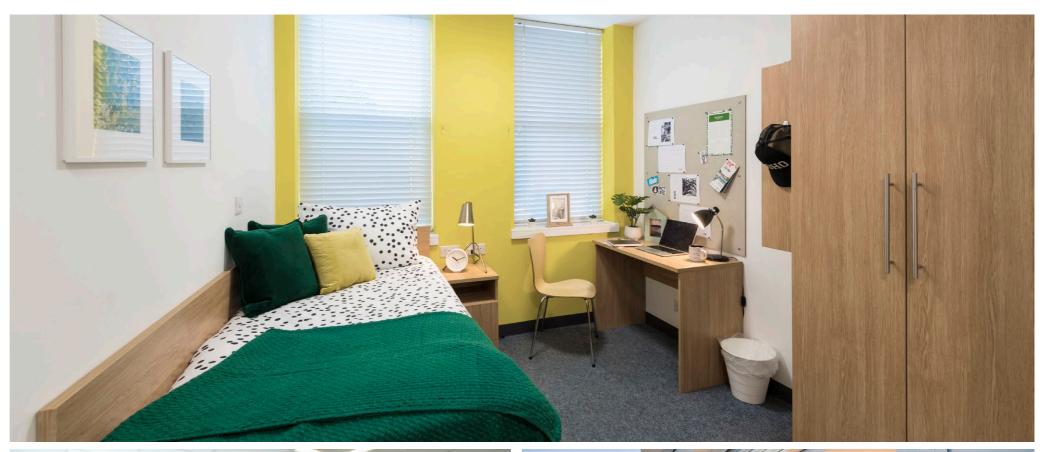
Dining

All meals are served on campus for catered students, cooked by our chefs. Recent menus include: traditional roast beef with Yorkshire pudding, steamed cod, stir-fried noodles and borsch.





Search CATS Cambridge Boarding to discover more









Supportive House Parents

community. Our team of live-in House Parents are always on hand to provide the highest standard of safety and pastoral care and help students settle into their residences by creating a home away from home. House Parents also make teachers aware of issues that happen outside of the classroom, such as homesickness or trouble with homework so every student is fully supported.

Elizabeth House

Elizabeth House is purpose-built for CATS students and is attached to the main building.

All rooms are single en-suite and offer shared social and common room spaces to make you feel at home. House Parents offer the highest standard of care, welfare and supervision for all of our students. House Parents are available 24 hours a day to provide help whenever needed, which is particularly helpful for our younger students.



Varsity House is a fully supervised residence with single en-suite rooms.

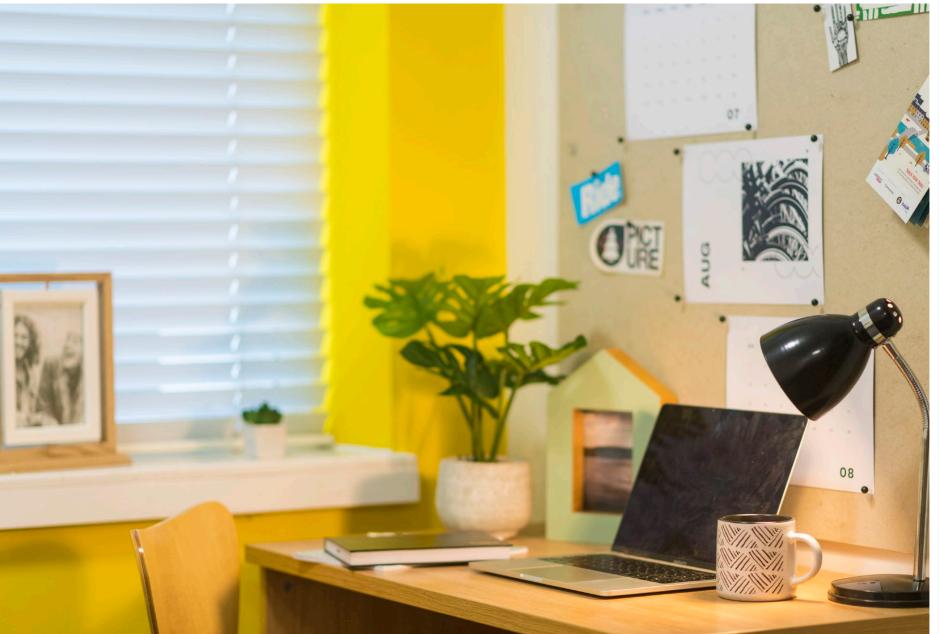
Students are split into eight different Halls of Residence and rooms are designed in small clusters of six rooms – each cluster has its own communal kitchen and lounge/dining area where you can make snacks.

The courtyard offers seating and outdoor table tennis, and there is a common room on site.

The residence is close to local cafes and convenience shops, as well as being only a 5 minute bicycle ride or 15 minute walk to the teaching building.









Single rooms with private en-suite bathroom



Within walking distance of the city



Full catering for students aged 14+



Monitored Wireless internet access



Shared Social Spaces



Laundry facilities available on-site



House Parents and 24 hour supervision



Cleaning service provided

Activities

We run over 20 different activities each week – from sports clubs to academic and self-development activities, all of which look great on a university application. Every student has different goals and we work with each individual to help them find activities they enjoy. We can also help students access additional clubs in the local area or offer support to start their own club or society at the school.

As Cambridge is a university town, there is always a lot to do – particularly popular with our students are the Cambridge Science Festival and the Cambridge Festival of Ideas which are run annually by the University of Cambridge.

Activities vary each academic year. Some activities may incur an additional cost. We work hard to meet student proposals, if we are unable to run the activity we would facilitate access to a local club. Activities may include:

Art Dance Language Learning Softball **Artificial Intelligence** Debate Club **Student Council Badminton Duke of Edinburgh** Maths Swimming **Model United Nations Basketball Economics Table Tennis Book Club** Photography Tag Rugby **Fashion Hacking Tennis Business Incubator** Football for All **Robotics** Challenge **Football Team** Rowing Volleyball Cricket **Horse Riding** Running Yoga **Critical Thinking Jewelry Making** Science



Trips and Visits

We encourage our students to take part in a range of trips in the UK and abroad, allowing them to explore new locations and embrace another country's history and culture. Previous trips have included:

Abroad:

- Pari
- Madrio
- *I*'
- Berlin Christmas Markets

UK:

- Harry Potter Tour of Oxford
- Winter Wonderland
- CIFE Football Champions 2025
- Theatre Wicked The Musical
- Madame Tussauds







Activities and trips offered may change as we try to accommodate student requests

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An Innovative Education

We empower every student to achieve their best academic outcome. Our range of internationally recognised qualifications has been developed to give students opportunities that suit their individual needs and aspirations and reach their university goals.

UK SCHOOL YEAR

US GRADE EQUIVALENT

QUALIFICATION

YEAR 10

9th Grade

10th Grade

Pre-A Level (1 year)

YEAR 11

GCSE (2 years)

GCSE is a qualification that enables progression to a preuniversity programme such as A Level or UFP. Students will need 8+ years of schooling.

Ages 14+

Language and subject preparation for a preuniversity programme – A Level or University Foundation Programme.

Ages 15+





YEAR 12

11th Grade

A Level (2 years)

A higher level qualification recognised by universities around the world. Choose 3+ subjects to focus on over the two-year programme.

Ages 15.5+

YEAR 13

12th Grade

University Foundation Programme (1 year)

A programme designed for international students to bridge high school in their own country to university in the UK. Choose 3 subjects to focus on plus English.

Ages 16.5+

Higher Education

Progress to top universities

CATS Cambridge students receive one-to-one impartial guidance on applying to the best university for them. We also have guaranteed offer agreements with over 40 UK universities to give students the confidence that they can progress to a leading institution upon successfully meeting the entry requirements. Students applying to CATS Cambridge receive conditional offers from:

















UK High School Term (1,2 or 3 term)

UK High School Term allows students to take classes in the British education system before returning to their studies at home or continuing to study in the UK.

Ages 15+

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A Levels

Key Facts

Age

15.5+

Entry requirements

At least 10 years of schooling and a good school record

Language requirements

IELTS 4.5+ (or equivalent)

Other requirements:

CAT4 assessment and interview

Average class size

10

Hours per week

22+

Course duration

6 terms (September Start) 5 terms (January Start)

Rolling intake*
Students meeting the entry
criteria will be accepted between
September and January into A

September and January into A Level Year 1. After this point, students will be considered and admitted on a case by case basis. A Levels are the classic British path into higher education and offer an excellent route to study at high ranking UK universities. A Levels are a highly regarded qualification, and can open the widest choice of UK universities. At CATS Cambridge students can join Year 12 in both September and January to study for the A Level qualification.

OVERVIEW

A Levels are a focused qualification of three subjects and English studied over two years, with examinations in the second year.

At CATS Cambridge our A Level delivery is specifically designed for motivated international students, with additional English language support to help them excel in their studies. We offer a wide range of subjects we work with each student to choose the best combination to achieve their university goals.

CATS Cambridge is an academically focused school with high expectations. Students will need to have demonstrated that they are meeting these expectations before progression to A Level Year 2 is confirmed.

Why study A Levels at CATS Cambridge?

83%

of grades awarded were A*-B in 2024

88%

of all offers were to a top 50 UK University in 2024 23

out of 24 Russell Group universities have accepted a CATS Cambridge A Level student





Search CATS Cambridge A Level

to discover more about the course, subject choices and student experience.

*Students joining after September of A Level Year 1 will receive intensive support to catch up and obtain the qualification





A Level qualification in a wide choice of subjects, including Sciences, Humanities, and the Arts



Develop desirable study skills, such as critical thinking, essay/report writing and solution-based thinking



Unlock progression to a UK or international university



Get exposure to the style of assessment and teaching in the UK



Complete challenging research and homework tasks



Prepare for an English qualification recognised by international universities

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Unlock progression to a UK university



Develop skills needed to succeed at university with a focus on improved capability to learn with confidence and independence



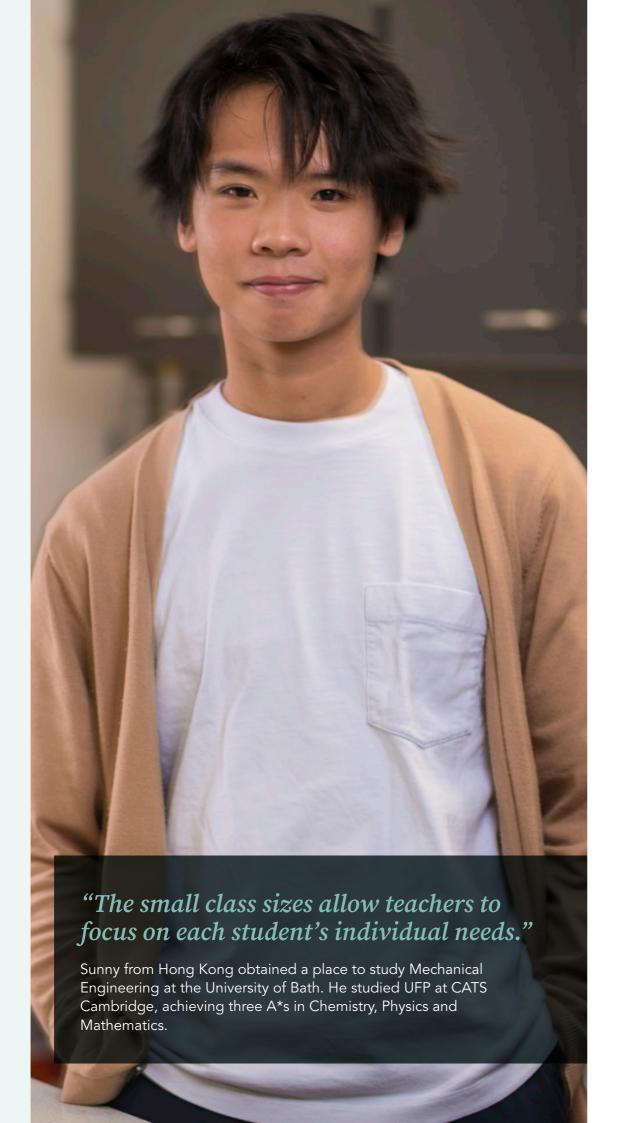
Improve English language fluency and proficiency



Develop the foundation knowledge needed to study a specific subject at undergraduate level



Experience life at an international school and prepare for life at a UK university



University Foundation Programme

Key Facts

Age

September start: 16.5+ years January start: 17+ years

Entry requirements

At least 11 years of schooling and a good school record

Language requirements

September: IETLS 4.5+ minimum January: IELTS 5.0+

Average class size

11

Hours per week

20+

Course duration

3 terms (September Start) 2 terms (January Start)

Rolling intake between September and January.*

Designed specifically for high achieving international students, the CATS University Foundation Programme (UFP) acts as a bridge from students' high school education in their own country to university in the UK. At CATS Cambridge we offer a UFP programme starting in both September and January.

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The UFP recognises the specific academic challenges that international students face and uses assessment strategies that offer the best opportunities to demonstrate a student's academic level and potential. Students each choose three academic subjects with exams at the end of the qualification. In addition, all students attend academic English classes designed to develop their English skills for university.

Final UFP grades are determined by exams as well as a significant amount of coursework which simulates the structure of most UK university courses.

Choosing a subject combination is important as universities look for students that have good grades in the right subjects. We work intensively with each student to choose the best combination to help achieve their university and career aspirations.

Why study University Foundation Programme at CATS Cambridge?

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CATS Global Schools are the original pioneers of the University Foundation programme, developing the qualification in 1985 95

Our UFP is accepted by 95 of the 100 top UK universities 19

out of 24 Russell Group Universities have accepted CATS Cambridge UFP students





Search CATS Cambridge UFP to discover more about the course, subject choices and student experience.

*Students joining after September will receive intensive support to catch up and obtain the qualification.

Pre-A Level

Key Facts

Age

15+ years

Entry requirements

At least 9 years of schooling with a good school record

Language requirements

IELTS 4.0+ (or equivalent)

Average class size

11

Hours per week

30+

Course duration

3 terms (September start) 2 terms (January start) Pre-A Level is designed as an introduction to the UK Further Education system and follows a similar approach to GCSE, but with a duration of one year or less. Students experience a wide range of subjects which prepares them to progress to study A Level, although this programme is also suitable for students wishing to progress to study UFP if they are of the appropriate age.

Pre-A Level offers students the opportunity to improve their English prior to moving to more advanced study and students should expect to take external exams in English and Maths. At CATS Cambridge, we offer both September and January starting points for Pre-A Level.



Introduces a student to UK teaching and prepares them for further study



Improved subject knowledge for university preparation programmes



English fluency and proficiency ready for university preparation programmes



Enhanced study skills required to excel in a chosen university preparation programme



Build personal confidence and independence

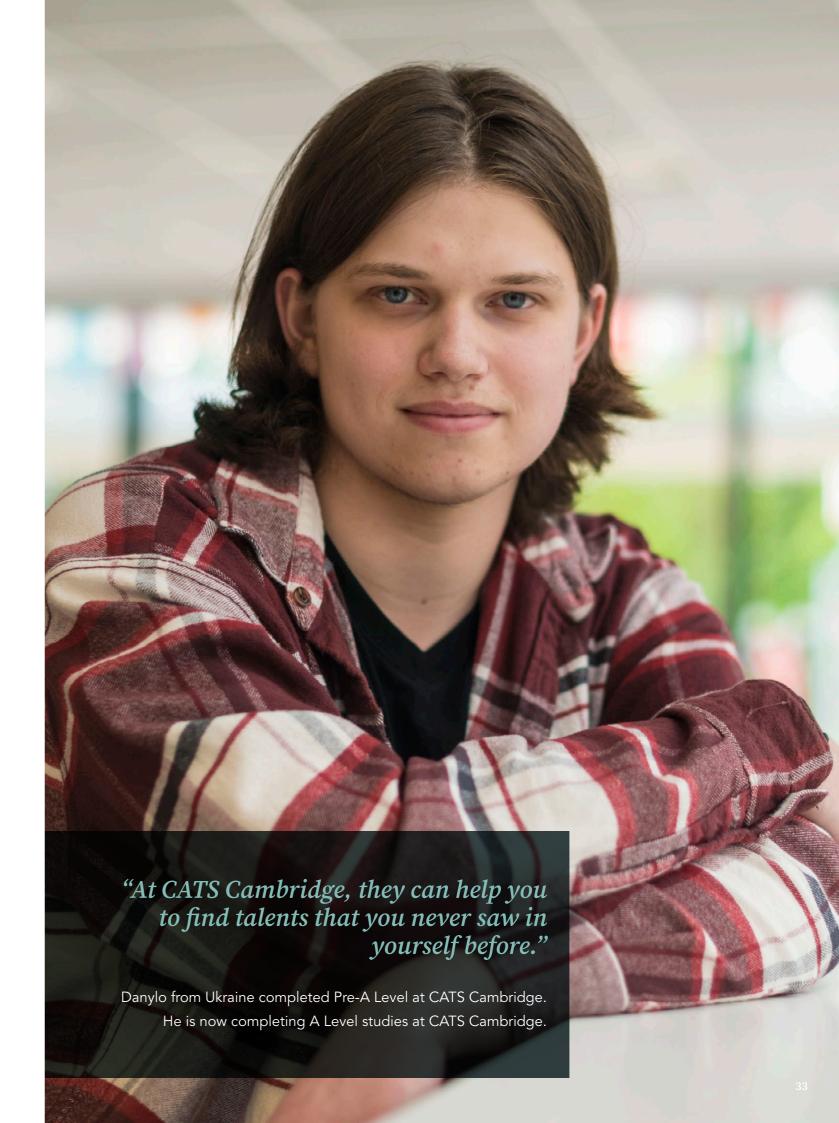


Improved collaborative skills





Search CATS Cambridge Pre-A Level to discover more



GCSE

Key Fact

Age

14+ years

Entry requirements

At least 8 years of schooling with a good school record

Language requirements

IELTS 3.5+ (or equivalent)

Average class size

11

Hours per week

30+

Course duration

GCSE (two year programme)

The General Certificate of Secondary Education (GCSE) provides students with a high-quality secondary education foundation, which offers progression to A Level or UFP. Students receive a strong foundation in their chosen subjects and are encouraged to explore where their academic interests lie. Classes are taught by subject specialists who are trained in how to teach students who have English as a second language.

CATS Cambridge offers one GCSE programme - the traditional two year GCSE programme.

GCSE

In the two year programme, students receive a comprehensive foundation in their chosen subjects. They develop a strong understanding of key topics and concepts and learn how to apply their knowledge and skills effectively. For the two year programme, students can join Year 10 in both September and January to start their studies.



GCSE qualifications in a wide choice of subjects



Improved subject knowledge for university preparation programmes



English fluency and proficiency ready for university preparation programmes



Enhanced study skills required to excel in a chosen university preparation programme



Build personal confidence and independence

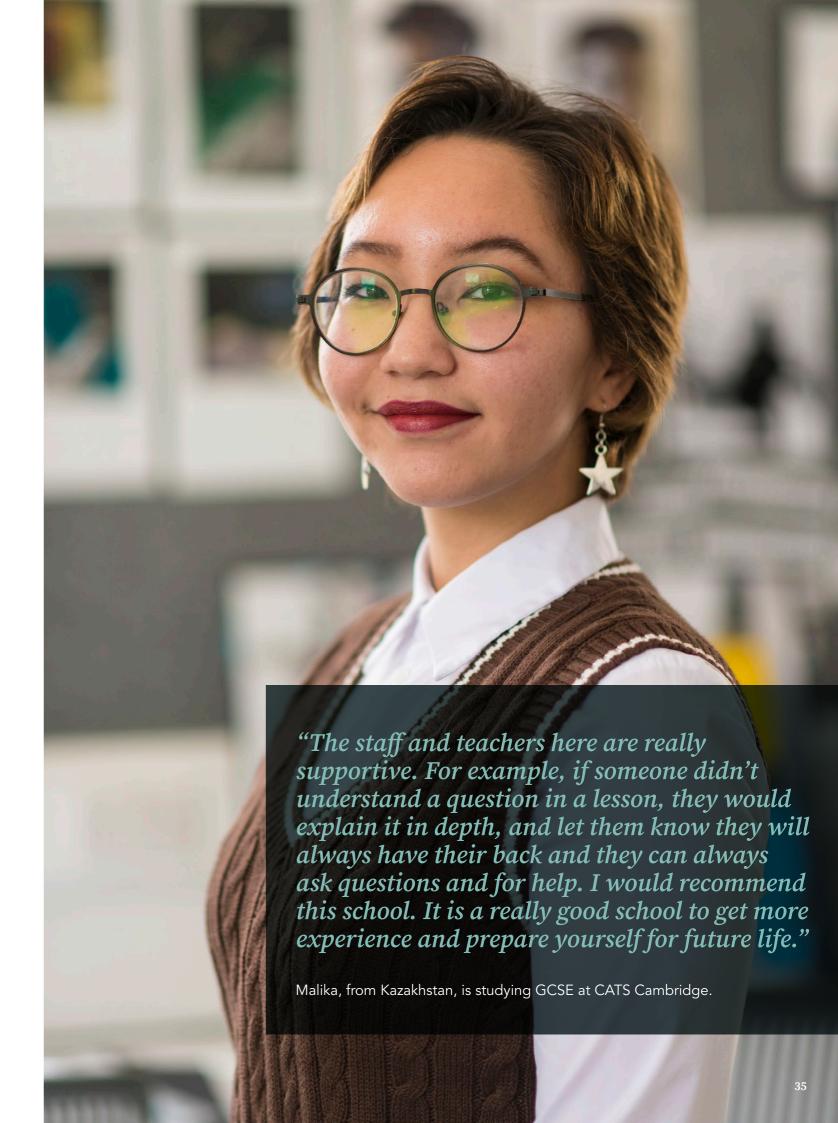


Improved collaborative skills





Search CATS Cambridge GCSE to discover more



UK High School Term

Key Facts

Age

September start: 15+

Entry requirements

A good school report

Language requirements

4.0+ for Pre-A Level

4.5+ for UFP

5.0+ for A Level

(or equivalent)

Course duration

1, 2 or 3 terms

The UK High School Term gives students an insight into British education and culture. Students are enrolled in classes depending on their schooling level in their home country and English level. Our aim is to ensure that students are placed in a suitably challenging education environment where they will soon reach the level of their peers and be able to flourish.

This programme is ideal for students looking for an international experience without disrupting their academic studies at home. Classes are designed to complement a student's current studies and a notarised report can be produced showing the individual progress and achievements of the student.



Experience studying in a British education system



Earn study credentials in your home country



Enjoy a range of activities and trips around the UK



Build personal confidence and independence



Study with peers from over 70 countries and gain a global perspective

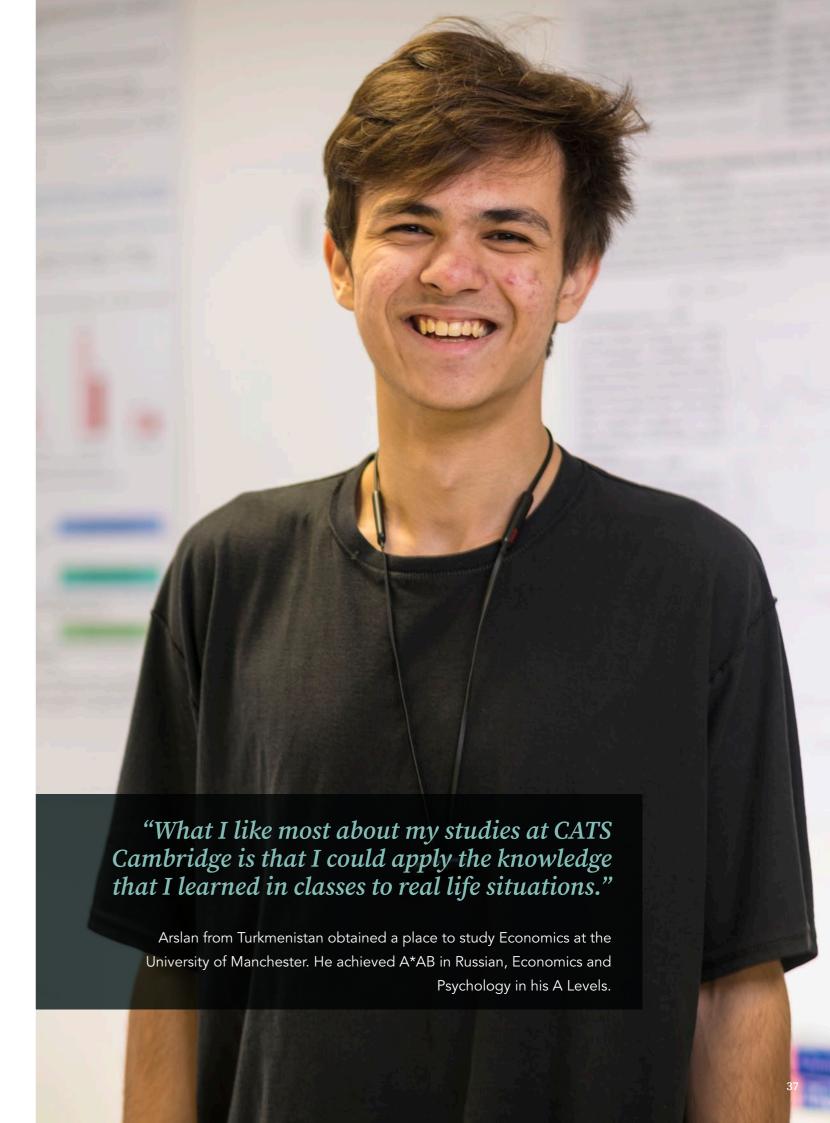


Improve your English language skills





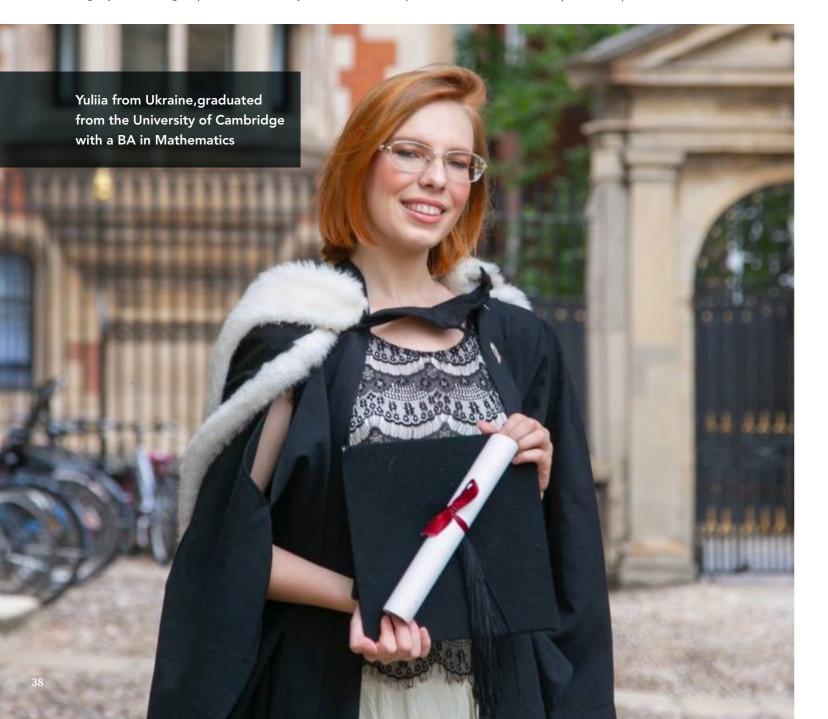
Search CATS Cambridge High School Term to discover more



CATS Cambridge Alumni

Our door is always open to our esteemed alumni who will always be part of the CATS Cambridge community. We are always thrilled to reconnect with our alumni to celebrate the incredible journeys they have embarked upon since their time here at CATS Cambridge.

Their achievements and stories are a source of pride for us as a school. Sharing their experiences with the current generation of students is truly empowering as they look up to our alumni as role models. Our alumni legacy is an integral part of our history, and their accomplishments continue to inspire and uplift.





Elif Duru from Turkey, graduated from the University of Manchester with a MEng in Mechanical Engineering



Harold from China (Shanghai), graduated from the University of Manchester with a BSc and MSc in Accounting and Finance



Deinso from Nigeria, graduated from Lancaster University with a MEng in Mechanical Engineering



Megan from Malaysia, graduated from King's College London with a LLB in Law.

Admissions

Please visit our online application to make an application to CATS Cambridge for your student. Applying online is quick and easy and is the fastest way for our admissions team to process your application.

All current fees and dates are available on our website



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