



International boarding education for students aged 14+

# Shaping Global Leaders

GCSE • A Level • International Baccalaureate • University Foundation Programme • High School Diploma • Summer Programmes

Over  
**60**  
years of  
success

**80%**  
UFP students  
progressing to Times  
top 50 universities

IB Diploma  
**33**  
point average in 2015  
(World average:  
30 points)

**92%**  
A level students  
progressing to Times  
top 50 universities

**70**  
nations  
represented  
at CATS

**100%**  
of campuses have  
new boarding  
facilities

# Welcome to CATS

We offer a truly world-class education, attracting students from across the globe. In this diverse and exciting international community our students regularly achieve more than they ever thought possible – and gain places at the world’s best universities.

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Meet...

Lewis Hamilton  
Formula One World Champion  
and CATS Cambridge Alumnus

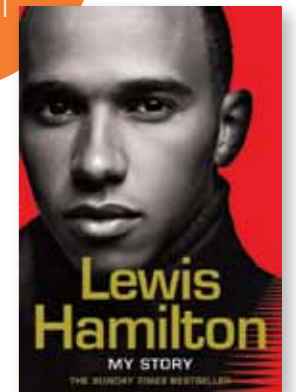
**Lewis Hamilton writes about  
his time at CATS Cambridge in  
his autobiography:**

“CATS was a fantastic place...  
it was a pleasurable experience  
for me. The staff were really nice:  
they spoke to you on the level and  
not as if they were above you. I also  
felt more fulfilled and began to value  
myself differently. I was happier...”

I felt like I really wanted to do well.  
Something clicked for me. It was  
a much smaller class and I got on  
well with my teachers...”

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My Story’. Reprinted by permission  
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“It was the  
first time in my  
life in my academic  
work that I actually  
thought to myself,  
I can do this and  
I can do well  
in exams.”



Four campuses with one vision

# Shaping Global Leaders

## The new 21st century world

As the new global economy expands it will draw us closer together. We are becoming more interconnected. Success will depend on understanding one another and recognising our common challenges and opportunities.

# How do we help students navigate the new 21st century world?

At CATS our educational philosophy is based on a vision:  
**Shaping. Global. Leaders.**

This ground-breaking approach to education is drawn from the latest research available. It is designed to ensure that students are capable of achieving the best that they can, not just now, but at university and in their future lives in the new global, technological, change-rich environment of the mid-21st century.

60

years' experience shaping our student destinies

70

nationalities represented across our locations

80

top universities attend our CATS university fairs

## Shaping

Creating the conditions for academic success.

**We are SHAPING the way that students interact with the world from before they arrive to long after they have left. We change attitudes to learning so that our students develop the growth mind-set that leads to success. We know the latest research about teaching and our students experience it every day in the classroom and beyond.**

- ✓ Over the past 60 years thousands of CATS students have entered the world's most prestigious universities.
- ✓ Small class sizes encourage individual interaction.
- ✓ Expert teachers use innovative methods to help both native and non-native English speakers attain subject mastery.
- ✓ Each student has a personal study plan with clear grade predictions, based on Durham University's ALIS system.
- ✓ Our enhanced study programme stretches abilities and develops skills prized by the top universities and critical to future career success: leadership, critical thinking, motivation and management skills.

## Global

The world is in our classrooms – embrace it!

**Our students develop as GLOBAL natives. Their perspective comes from being part of a community drawn from many different countries around the world. True globalism goes beyond merely speaking other languages. Global students have a natural affinity with the way the world works.**

- ✓ With over 70 different nationalities, students develop strong intercultural awareness.
- ✓ Academic research shows that global interconnectedness brings individual benefits: it enhances creativity and problem solving abilities; it creates more flexible and complex thinkers.
- ✓ Over 90% of our students board with us, so we know how to take care of them and nurture their different cultural needs.
- ✓ We constantly upgrade our living spaces to help our community grow.
- ✓ The majority of our student bedrooms are either new or have been improved over the past two years.

## Leaders

It's a question of attitude – lead the way.

**The very best LEADERS are in control of their own destiny. Before you can lead others you must first lead yourself. We develop independence and judgement, giving students the opportunity to try, to make mistakes, to learn and to try again. Great leaders are made not born; they are shaped at CATS.**

- ✓ Choosing the right university is a key step in the life of a student. Every CATS student has the support of a dedicated Higher Education Team from day one from identifying the right degree and throughout the application process.
- ✓ We offer a unique range of specialist CATS Plus programmes to prepare students for their chosen university and career path – for example in Law, Business, Medicine, Finance, or to enter Oxbridge.
- ✓ Our students learn to take the lead at school through: Student Council, leadership clubs, business challenges, enterprise days and mentorship schemes.



# Destination Cambridge

Welcome to CATS Cambridge, where inspirational tradition meets global innovation in one of the UK's most beautiful cities.



**Stuart White** MA (Cantab), PGCE, Dip Mgt, CPhys MInstP  
Principal – CATS Cambridge

"It is a privilege to be a part of the life-changing journey students at CATS Cambridge make, and with a brand new purpose-built state-of-the-art school, we are delighted to offer you some of the best learning facilities in the UK, with first-class welfare support and the highest academic standards.

Our College will help you focus on success and seize opportunities. We encourage ambition, recognise potential and give you the opportunity to stretch your abilities in an atmosphere that is safe and supportive.

Whatever your intended career is, we will provide a unique level of support, including unlimited additional tuition when needed, as well as professional expertise in university placement and careers guidance.



Cambridge is a beautiful, friendly city steeped in history, renowned as a centre of learning for over 800 years. We look forward to welcoming you to CATS Cambridge."

### About Stuart

Stuart is a scholar of Cambridge University. He has held middle and senior leadership positions for over 20 years in four prestigious boarding schools, in the UK, China and Switzerland. Stuart combines his passion for school improvement with a drive to make sure that every student has the opportunity and encouragement to develop.

NEW campus opened September 2015



**City centre**  
location close to the prestigious Cambridge University

**New**  
state-of-the-art campus

**Over 230**  
new en-suite rooms on campus

# New single-site campus

Our new, purpose-built CATS campus has been designed to give students the best environment for studying and living in the city of Cambridge.

This forward-looking campus is located in the city centre, close to the beautiful riverside and shopping areas of Cambridge.

We have created flexible learning spaces to encourage collaboration and academic excellence. Brand new shared social areas ensure our students are made to feel at home from day one. We want to grow an exciting and happy international community – our live-in house parents provide the highest standard of safety and pastoral care.

## Study at CATS Cambridge:

We offer the following range of programmes that will provide a pathway to university success.

More details visit page:

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  - Medicine 51 ▶
  - Law 52 ▶
  - Key Professions (Business, Finance, Engineering) 53 ▶



CATS Cambridge new campus



Reading room



Dedicated spaces designed for small group work



Lecture theatre



Science laboratory

# Beyond the classroom

We offer a wide range of engaging and exciting extra-curricular activities to enable our students to develop interests beyond the classroom.

CATS Clubs are run with students' needs and aspirations in mind, and vary from leadership awards to Olympiad challenges, from the debating society to special cultural evenings from around the globe. Our sports programme keeps students active and healthy, whilst enhancing their social and team building skills, leading to recognition and awards.

The Student Council is chosen by our students, encouraging everyone to have a voice. Suggestion boxes encourage new ideas for future events. Our Activities Team works to develop and run events throughout the year.

Activities and clubs are a fundamental part of the CATS

experience. Dedicated staff encourage all our students to explore their abilities and gain vital communication and presentation skills – learning the value of team work, community and commitment. The range of events and activities on offer enables students to discover their talents, ignite new passions and enhance skills.

At CATS we offer opportunities of a lifetime – from Maths Challenges held at the University of Cambridge to Duke of Edinburgh's Awards.

Universities today are looking for well-rounded individuals with a passion for their subject alongside a wide range of social interests. CATS Clubs build on existing skills as well as nurturing new interests.

## Sports include:

- Basketball
- Football
- Volleyball
- Netball
- Gym
- Table tennis
- Badminton
- Yoga

## Activities and clubs include:

- Chess
- Choir
- College magazine
- Cookery
- Craft/textiles
- Dance
- Debating societies
- Drama
- Duke of Edinburgh's Awards
- Horse riding
- Leadership awards
- Music
- Photography
- Young Enterprise

Our city-centre location also opens up opportunities for our students to join local clubs and societies during their time at CATS.



Meet... **Tsz Fung Chak**  
Studying: A levels at CATS Cambridge

Awarded a Roentgenium award in the Cambridge University Chemistry Competition. Tsz Fung was in the top 0.7% of over 8,481 students who entered the competition. He was invited to a residential summer Chemistry camp at St Catharine's College, Cambridge.

- GOLD award in the Senior Maths Challenge Competition
- GOLD award in the Biology Olympiad
- GOLD award in the AS Physics Challenge
- GOLD award in the Chemistry Olympiad



Our activities team takes time to understand each students' interests

Find out more online  
[www.catseducation.com/cambridge](http://www.catseducation.com/cambridge)

# Boarding

At CATS Cambridge, we have over 230 single en-suite rooms for students to live on campus.

Whether students choose to live on campus or in our other residence, a short walk away, they will experience a friendly, relaxed and well-managed environment, where our family-orientated staff provide support 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

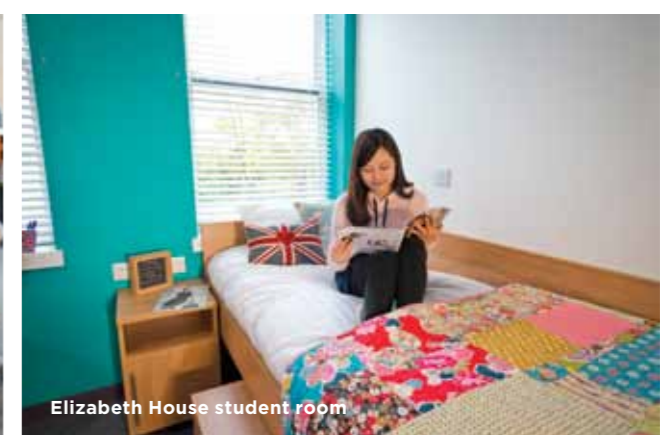
- Access to student common room and kitchen facilities where snacks can be made
- All meals served on campus for catered students
- 2.5-acre landscaped single-campus site
- Short 15 minute walk to the heart of the historic City
- Each student room has high-standard furniture and bedding for a home-from-home, boarding experience.
- WiFi
- Laundry facilities
- Medical provision on campus

We also offer catered and self-catered accommodation, a short walk from campus for students who are over 18.

Find out more online  
[www.catseducation.com/cambridge](http://www.catseducation.com/cambridge)



Student common room



Elizabeth House student room

## CATS Advantage

**NEW** Campus – opened in September 2015

**90%** of students choose to board with us

**24/7** support for students

**100%** en-suite rooms

**100%** of residences have been upgraded in the last four years

**64%** entirely **NEW** for September 2015



# Destination Canterbury

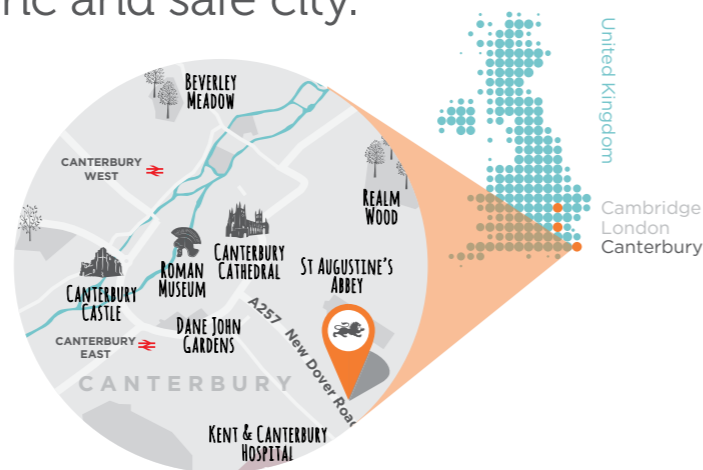


Watch our Canterbury story  
[www.catseducation.com/canterbury](http://www.catseducation.com/canterbury)

Welcome to CATS Canterbury – an award winning school in an historic and safe city.



**Jonathan Ullmer** MBE MA FRSA F.Coll.P LRAM NPQH  
Principal – CATS Canterbury



“CATS Canterbury is a friendly, lively and exciting international College where students develop into the leaders of tomorrow. CATS College was established here 60 years ago and the first ever UK University Foundation course began here too. Last year there were over 160 university visits at the college – an amazing record which includes almost all the Times Top 20 and key universities our students want to attend. We are also a SAT Testing Centre for entry to American universities. We are proud of the high levels of achievement and destinations of all our students.

Students are heavily involved in running a range of activities and we offer a wide range of leadership training to prepare for university life and beyond. There is a close family atmosphere here in what is the UK's safest university city. The high level of pastoral and academic support is designed to help our students adapt quickly, comfortably and successfully to life and study in a new country. Our students, whether British or International, leave with friends and contacts from all over the world.

Canterbury is well located, close to beaches and beautiful countryside, while being only 50 minutes by train into London. It is a World Heritage Site with thousands of years of history and is home to three universities.

I look forward to meeting you in person and sharing the challenges and fun of living in a caring and supportive international community.”

### About Jonathan

A graduate of the Universities of Oxford and Durham in the UK and Victoria in Canada, Jonathan is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts and the College of Preceptors. He regularly inspects UK boarding schools. He has been involved in UK Government projects and has been passionate about education and helping young people succeed for over 30 years. In 2014 Jonathan was awarded an MBE by the Queen.



Our students' names are written on the fastest car in the world following  
**1st Prize**  
in national engineering contest

Extensive  
**Global Leadership**  
programmes, activities and awards

Host of annual CATS University Fair.  
**Over 80 Top Universities**  
attend each year

Boarding rated as  
**Excellent**  
by UK Inspectors

NEW boarding facilities opened Sept 2015



[www.catseducation.com](http://www.catseducation.com)



# Boarding

In Canterbury we offer a range of superb on-campus residences including new Chaucer and Marlowe Houses.

Two new residence blocks are a welcome extension to our fast expanding Canterbury campus. Located right in the heart of the existing campus on New Dover Road, they provide a safe and secure, home-from-home environment for our students. Additional facilities include a new common room, shared social spaces and a new cafe for students, complementing the full dining service for our International boarding students.

All our residential accommodation is of the highest specification and is:

- Recognised as excellent by UK Inspectors
- Situated within secure blocks with no unauthorised access
- Fully furnished - single en-suite rooms throughout with laundry facilities
- Evening study and activities and Saturday morning study available
- Facilities for making snacks and hot drinks in the evenings and full student kitchen available for cooking national dishes
- Matron on campus and hospital only five minutes away
- Short 10 minute walk to World Heritage site of City of Canterbury

## CATS Advantage



Award-winning feedback-capturing initiative

90%

of students choose to board with us

65%

of accommodation has been upgraded or built new in last two years

93%

en-suite rooms

24/7

support for students



Find out more online  
[www.catseducation.com/canterbury](http://www.catseducation.com/canterbury)



Our boarding and welfare desk is manned all day to support students



New bedrooms in Chaucer and Marlowe House

# Award-winning standard

CATS Canterbury has recently won various awards, including the British Council International School Award and the Independent Schools Association Boarding Initiative of the Year.

Our Principal Jonathan Ullmer was awarded an MBE (Member of the Order of the British Empire) by Her Majesty the Queen for 'Services to Education'. CATS Canterbury offers an amazing range of study options including the International Baccalaureate (IB), A level, GCSE and Foundation programmes. The IB, ideal for motivated and capable students, is the fastest growing, most respected qualification in the world. Our A level and Foundation extra academic and leadership activities act as a passport to the best universities and challenge, encourage and inspire internationally minded students to become caring, critical thinkers, ready for university study and a global career.

## Study at CATS Canterbury:

- ✓ GCSE and Pre-programme 28 ▶
- ✓ A level 30 ▶
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- ✓ Academic English 42 ▶
- ✓ High School Term 43 ▶
- ✓ Summer Programmes 44 ▶
- ✓ CATS Plus, including preparation for:
  - High performing student programmes
  - Oxbridge 50 ▶
  - Medicine 51 ▶
  - Law 52 ▶
  - Key Professions (Business, Accounting, Finance, Law, Engineering, Architecture, Banking) 53 ▶
  - Critical thinking seminars and research projects
  - Online courses from top world universities

More details visit page:

## CATS Advantage

Over **160** universities visit each year

- Meet Business Leaders
- Global Leadership programmes
- Students from our Foundation, the first in the UK, progress to top universities every year



'Outstanding' international school



Awards of Excellence



Member of the Order of the British Empire



Boarding Initiative of the Year



Principal Jonathan Ullmer was awarded an MBE at Buckingham Palace

# Beyond the classroom

We offer a wide range of engaging and exciting extra-curricular and leadership activities to enable our students to develop interests beyond the classroom.

CATS Canterbury has won a national award for the 'Tell Us' button which encourages students to share feedback.



Canterbury offers over 100 different activities run with students' needs and aspirations in mind and are co-ordinated with student leaders from each House. We encourage the sharing of new ideas for activities and events. Our dedicated Activities Coordinators encourage student to explore their abilities and interests, to gain vital communication and presentation skills and to learn the value of team work, community and commitment.

At CATS Canterbury we offer a vast number of opportunities for students to develop and be recognised for leadership. Three leadership training days over the year launch our Student Council and Leadership Awards and are attended by top specialists and UK leaders. Leadership is a strong feature of CATS Canterbury life. Student Ambassadors are engaged in all aspects of College life from creating yearbooks to participating in school, national and international conferences. Universities today are looking for well-rounded individuals with a passion for their subject alongside a wide range of social interests.



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Meet...

**Tallulah Igbel Senam Patricia Baer**  
Swiss

"The experiences CATS College has given me are things I will highlight in my personal statement for university to help me stand out."

Vice Managing Director for Young Enterprise

UN delegate for UN trip to New York

Internship at Barclays Bank

Language Leadership Award



- Sports activities and clubs**
- NEW** Elite sports coaching
  - Badminton
  - Basketball
  - Football
  - Gym
  - Martial arts
  - Meditation
  - Netball
  - Squash
  - Table tennis
  - Tennis
  - Yoga

- Activities and clubs**
- Art portfolio
  - Chess
  - Choir
  - College magazine and yearbook
  - Cookery
  - Craft/textiles
  - Dance/drama
  - Debating societies
  - Horse riding
  - Leadership awards
  - Maths
  - Music
  - Photography
  - Psychology
  - Spanish
  - Young Dragons Business Club
  - Young Enterprise



We are proud of our football team who won the local league



Cafe and common room

- Leadership activities and awards**
- United Nations delegation in New York
  - Student ambassadors
  - Excelsis Award
  - Language Leadership Awards
  - Sports Leadership Awards
  - Maths Leadership Awards
  - The Duke of Edinburgh's Award
  - CATS Canterbury Global Leaders Award (worth 70 UCAS points)
  - Boarding Schools Award
  - Heads of houses/student council

# Destination London

Welcome to CATS London – an exciting and inspiring experience in one of the world’s greatest cities.



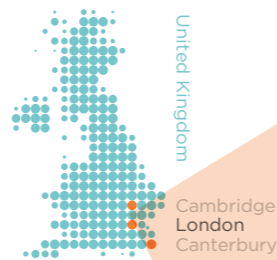
**Mario Di Clemente** BA, PGCE  
Principal - CATS London

“CATS College London offers a unique opportunity to experience one of the world’s most exciting cities. Our international community helps our students realise their goal of achieving a place at one of the UK’s leading universities, and the chance to pursue their career of choice. Our students enjoy the rich academic experience, and also the unique cultural and social opportunity on offer at CATS – one of London’s leading international colleges.

We look forward to welcoming you to CATS London, where you will begin your journey to becoming a true global citizen.”



Watch our London story  
[www.catseducation.com/locations/london](http://www.catseducation.com/locations/london)



## About Mario

Mario has rich experience in UK secondary education and has served as Vice Principal and Principal in two UK high schools before his appointment at CATS College London. His global educational and marketing experience has taken him to around fifteen countries in both Asia and Europe and he currently serves on the Board of the UK Council for International Student Affairs (UKCISA).



- +** Study in the heart of academic London
- Fast track A level and University Foundation
- New Boarding - 3 minutes walk from College

**Distances:**

- Kings Cross** 0.9 miles 19 mins walk
- St Pancras** 0.9 miles 19 mins walk
- Oxford Street** 1.0 miles 21 mins walk
- London Eye** 1.8 miles 18 mins by underground

**Key:**

- Student Accommodation
- Railway Station
- Underground Station
- Railway Line

# A great global city

CATS London is located in exclusive Bloomsbury, the heart of academic London, close to prestigious University of London colleges – LSE, UCL and SOAS.

Our students benefit from a central location, close to many cultural institutions such as the British Museum, the British Library and Tate Modern. Our new residence is just three minutes' walk from the College.

CATS London embraces its location within one of the greatest capitals of the world. Students have the opportunity to explore future career opportunities through access to great institutions in finance, business, law, medicine and academia.

In London we offer fast-track A levels (1 year) and fast-track University Foundation (2 terms) for those students wanting to accelerate their journey to world-class universities.

The perfect destination for students interested in a key profession

## Study at CATS London

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  - ✓ University Foundation – including two term fast-track 38 ▶
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    - Law 52 ▶
    - Key Professions 53 ▶



Meet...

**Ilya Kokotkin**, Russian  
**Studied:** A level at CATS London  
**Destination:** Medicine at St George's, University of London

"I have worked very closely with the Higher Education team to choose the right course for my future. The combination of subject support and extra activities helps you develop as a person for your university future."

# Beyond the classroom

We offer a wide range of engaging and exciting extra-curricular activities.

There has never been a more exciting time to join CATS London when it comes to options for spending your time outside of the classroom. With over 40 activities or clubs to choose from, there really is something for everybody: from London culture to the CATS London magazine; from world music to global perspectives; and from the history of art to the history and philosophy of science. There are language clubs – including Chinese, Greek and Italian – and for those keen to take up a sport we have basketball and football leading the way.

CATS Clubs are run with students' needs and aspirations in mind – a Student Council is nominated from the start – encouraging everyone to have a voice and we actively encourage new ideas for future events. Our dedicated Activities Coordinator works closely with staff and students to develop and run events across College.

Activities and clubs are a fundamental part of the CATS London experience. Dedicated staff will encourage students to explore their abilities and gain vital communication and presentation skills – learning the value of team work, community and commitment. The range of events and activities on offer allows them to discover their talents, ignite their passions and enhance their skills.

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## Sports include:

- Badminton
- Basketball
- Football
- Gym
- Table tennis
- Volleyball
- Yoga

## Activities and clubs include:

- Biology
- Book club
- Film clubs
- CATS magazine
- Chess
- Chinese/Greek/Italian language
- Computer club
- Culture in London – opera/ballet/theatre
- Current affairs debate
- Economics for university
- Embroidery
- English and MFL drama
- Global perspectives
- History of art
- Image manipulation
- Knitting
- Maths for university
- Meditation
- Mindfulness
- Model UN
- Music
- Philosophy and history of science
- Photography
- Real life economics
- Sculpture
- World music
- Young Enterprise

If our students have specific extra-curricular interests or talents, we work with them to provide opportunities to participate in these activities during their time at CATS.

# Boarding

We know how important it is for our students to have safe, secure and comfortable accommodation, which is why we offer the highest level of quality and security possible.

All our residential accommodation is of the highest specification and is:

- Managed by us
- Situated within a secure block with no unauthorised access
- Offered with 24-hour residential supervisors for under-18s
- Fully furnished – single en-suite rooms throughout (bathroom facilities)
- Enhanced care and guidance for our under-16 students

Our students can choose from two main residences:

- **NEW** in 2015 Premier House (formerly Southampton Court) – only 3 minutes walk from the College on Bloomsbury Square
- Piccadilly Court – located only three underground stops from College, less than a 15-minute journey



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Premier House single en-suite bedroom



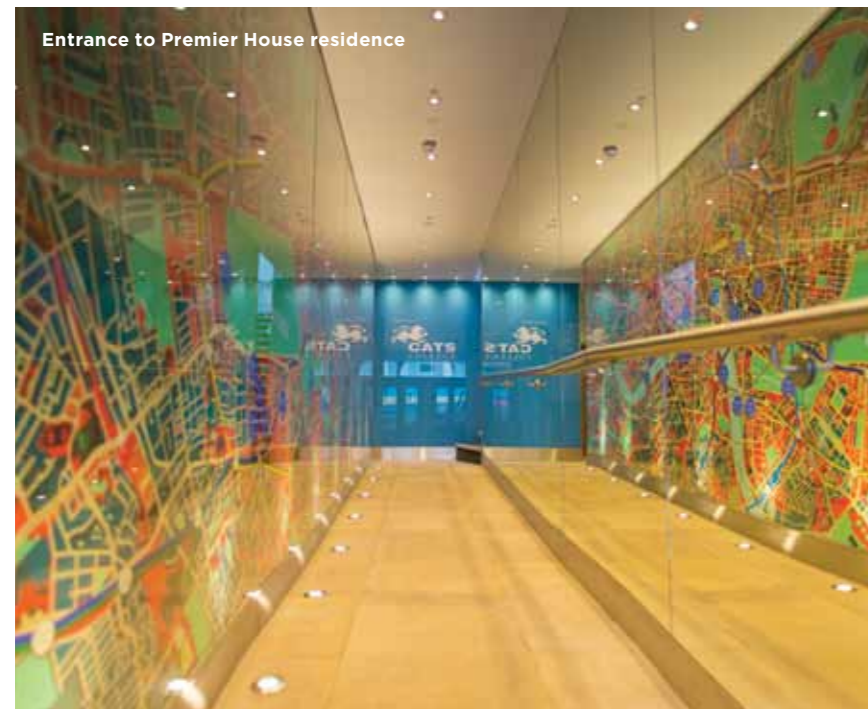
NEW boarding facilities opened Sept 2015



Premier House kitchen and dining



Premier House student common room



Entrance to Premier House residence

## CATS Advantage

- 1st** choice location in Central London
- 24/7** support for students
- 83%** of our accommodation is new from January 2015
- 90%** of students choose to board with us



Dining room

# Studying at CATS

We offer a large range of study programmes – a pathway to university success.

Our courses are carefully managed to suit a range of ages and abilities with the study of English language at the heart of everything we do.

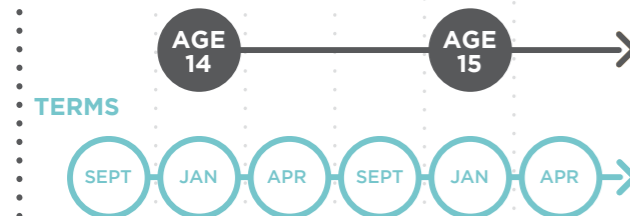
Students at CATS attend English classes as a core part of the curriculum. Our expert subject teachers help non-native speakers forge ahead with their learning and we also offer additional subject specific vocabulary tuition.

## Your education journey

### SECONDARY EDUCATION →

CATS welcomes students from the age of 14 and depending on their academic background, age, and future ambitions, we will tailor a specific study plan to prepare them for sixth form/pre-university education.

### STUDENT AGE [APPROXIMATE]



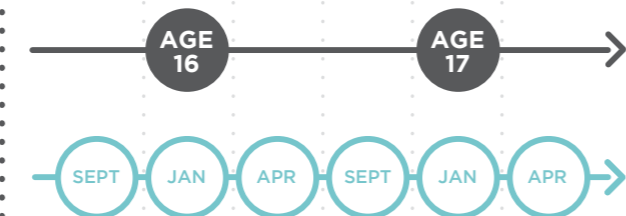
### COURSE OPTIONS



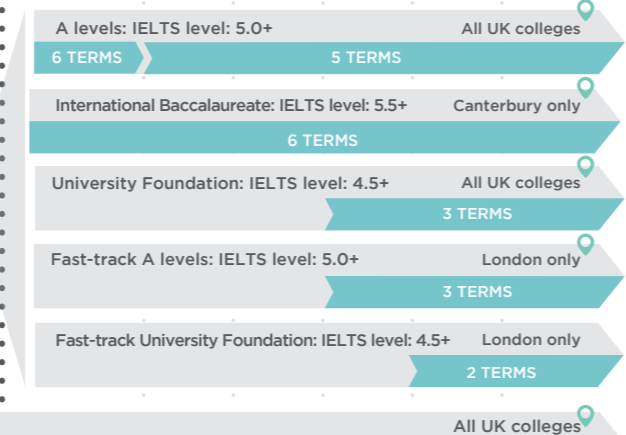
It is possible to progress from GCSE or Pre-programme to any sixth form/pre-university qualifications at CATS.

### SIXTH FORM/PRE-UNIVERSITY EDUCATION →

On completion of secondary education, students can choose from a range of programme and subjects. These will inform an individual study plan which will combine the right subjects to secure a place at university.



### COURSE OPTIONS



AGE 18  
UNIVERSITY



## CATS Advantage

- Studying with 70 different nationalities will enhance your skill set
- On average CATS students outperform their ALIS\* predictions by at least one grade
- Our approach to small classes and individual learning plans ensures our students stay on track for success
- Every student meets their personal tutor weekly
- We support every aspect of the decision-making and application process for progression to university
- CATS Plus helps our students to establish their chosen career and university goals

\* Developed by Durham University to measure student predicted grades.

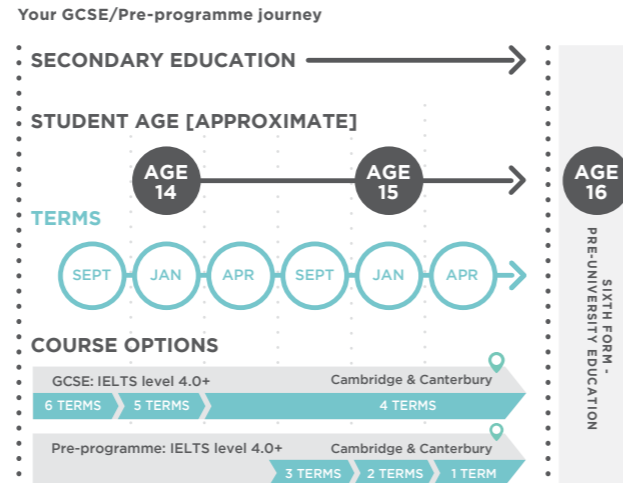
“Our philosophy is simple: we combine exceptionally high-quality teaching with an understanding of our students and their individual needs.”



Find out more online  
[www.catseducation.com/courses](http://www.catseducation.com/courses)

# GCSE/Pre-programme

By choosing to study GCSE level education at CATS, our students allow themselves time to develop a solid foundation in English language and culture, to give them a distinct advantage as they progress through their education in the UK. Our younger students are cared for in our family-oriented campuses.



## GCSE

General Certificate of Secondary Education is a two-year study plan which provides a solid secondary education foundation before choosing the right study pathway on to university.

### Key features:

- Individual learning plans tailored to meet each student's needs
- Supervised study and homework form part of the timetable
- Extensive range of extra-curricular activities, sports and trips
- Progress to A level, International Baccalaureate or University Foundation on successful completion

### Quick facts:

**Age:** 14+  
**Entry requirements:** 8 or 9 years of schooling completed with a good school report  
**English language level:** IELTS 4.0+ (4.5+ for April start)  
**Start dates:** September, January, April  
**Course length:** 6, 5 or 4 terms  
**Average class size:** 10  
**Hours per week:** 30+

## Pre-programme

A flexible programme of study designed to prepare students to study A level, International Baccalaureate or University Foundation, with the option of GCSE or IGCSE if required.

### Key features:

- Progress to A level, International Baccalaureate or University Foundation on successful completion
- Options to study over one, two or three terms
- Includes one-to-one coaching on future study pathways
- Includes compulsory sports and activities
- Includes supervised homework times
- Students study a minimum of seven academic subjects including Maths, English and Science

### Quick facts:

**Age:** 15+  
**Entry requirements:** 8 or 9 years of schooling completed with a good school report  
**English language level:** IELTS 4.0+ (3 terms)  
**Start dates:** September, January, April or July  
**Course length:** 3, 2 or 1 term(s)  
**Average class size:** 10  
**Hours per week:** 30+

Meet... **Taner Can Guven, Turkish**

"I was 15 when I first started at CATS and the level of supervision was very high. I did not like this at first but then I realised why this was so important and it actually helped me to settle.

Everyone is really friendly and the location is amazing. There is a real mix of fun and academic activities.

The support staff you have at CATS are fantastic. Everyone here is ready to give you all the support you need. You have choices, you either work hard or you don't, it is up to you, but you will not be successful if you don't. It really helps you to become independent and prepares you for university life."

"I was in a new country and new culture, and living here away from your parents and friends, the staff made it very easy to settle in."



	Cambridge		Canterbury	
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 1	Year 2
Maths	C	C	C	C
English Language/Literature	C	C	C	C
Biology, Chemistry, Physics	C C C *	C C C *	C C C *	C C C *
Extra Science	✓	✓		
Art & Design	✓	✓	C	
Business Studies	✓	✓		
Computing			C	
Drama			C	
Geography	✓	✓	C	✓
History	✓	✓	C	✓
Latin			C	
Media Studies	✓	✓		
Modern Foreign Languages	✓	✓		✓

C = Compulsory subjects    ✓ = Optional subjects    \* = Equivalent to two GCSEs

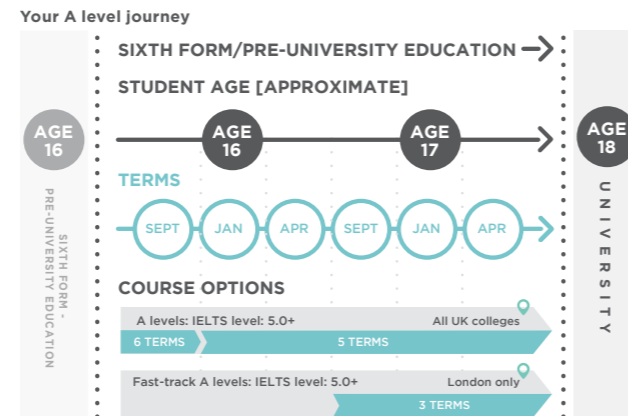
Extra Science may be taken as an option resulting in three Science GCSEs.

In Canterbury, students follow the UK government English Baccalaureate curriculum which includes all the compulsory subjects students need for future study, listed above.

Subjects may change, and are not guaranteed. Please visit our website for the latest course availability information.

# A level

The classic route to university in the UK, and recognised by many of the best universities around the world. It is designed for confident students who aspire to the most competitive degree courses at UK universities and beyond.



## A level

Usually studied over two years in the UK. We teach A level at all of our UK campuses, offering students the opportunity to choose from a wide range of subjects.

### Key features:

- Focused study of three or four subjects in year one, and three in year two
- The traditional UK qualification offering access to the widest choice of universities

### Quick facts:

**Age:** 15+

**Entry requirements:** A secondary or high school level of education and a good school report

**English language level:** IELTS 5.0+

**Start dates:** 6 term: September and January  
5 term: January

**Average class size:** 7

**Hours per week:** 25+

## Fast-track A level

Designed for students who are able to complete a two-year A level programme within a shorter period of time – students who are highly ambitious or requiring additional revision for examination retakes.

### Key features:

- Three-term, full-time, intensive course
- Three subjects are usually studied
- Many of our fast-track students progress to study Law, Banking, Finance and Medicine

### Quick facts:

**Age:** 17+

**Entry requirements:** A good secondary or high school level of education and good school report (previous experience in the subject and level is preferable)

**English language level:** IELTS 5.5+

**Start dates:** September

**Course length:** 3 terms

**Average class size:** 6

**Hours per week:** 30+

## Subjects

Depending on university and career aspirations, we work with all of our students to help them choose the most suitable combination of subjects to study at A level.

**6 terms:** students choose three or four subjects for the first year, and three will usually be continued in the second year.

**5 and 3 terms:** students choose three subjects to study for the full duration of their A level study.

English for Academic Purposes is compulsory on all pathways for non-native speakers. Subjects may change, and are not guaranteed. Students should visit our website for the latest course availability information and use this table as a guide to indicate their subject preferences.

	Cambridge		Canterbury		London		
	6 term (Sept start)	5 term (Jan start)	6 term (Sept start)	6 term (Jan start)	6 term (Sept start)	5 term (Jan start)	3 term (Sept start)
Accounting	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Biology	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Business Studies	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Chemistry	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Computing			✓				
Economics	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
English Literature	✓						
Fine Art	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓
Further Maths	✓		✓		✓		
Geography	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
History	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓
History of Art	✓						
Law			✓	✓			
Maths	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Media	✓		✓				
Photography	✓				✓	✓	✓
Physics	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Politics	✓				✓		✓
Psychology	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Sociology	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Languages	Languages available: ○ Chinese ○ Russian ○ German ○ French ○ Spanish	N/A	Languages available: ○ Cantonese ○ French ○ German ○ Mandarin ○ Russian ○ Spanish ○ Others on request	Languages available: ○ Chinese* ○ French ○ German* ○ Italian ○ Japanese* ○ Russian* ○ Spanish	Languages available: ○ Chinese* ○ French ○ German* ○ Italian ○ Japanese* ○ Russian* ○ Spanish	Languages available: ○ Chinese* ○ French ○ German* ○ Italian ○ Japanese* ○ Russian* ○ Spanish	Languages available: ○ Chinese* ○ French ○ German* ○ Italian ○ Japanese* ○ Russian* ○ Spanish
Students are encouraged to study their native language at A level.							



# A level student success

In 2015, we continued our track record of outstanding results and university destinations, with exciting news of progressions from A level to many of the best universities in the UK.

In 2015, CATS students achieved results significantly higher than the national average:

A\*-A:  
**43.4%**  
(National UK average: 25.9%)

A\*-B:  
**69.8%**  
(National UK average: 52.8%)

**92%**  
A level students progressing to Times top 50 universities



**Yan Faan Infa Hou**  
Hong Kong Chinese  
A level A\* A\* A A  
LSE  
Environmental Policy with Economics



**Kostiantyn Bichai**  
Ukrainian  
A level A\* A\* A\* A\*  
University of Cambridge  
Natural Sciences



**Shazwan Adrin Bin Syahrudin**  
Malaysian  
A level A\* A\* A\* A\*  
University College London  
Economics

## 2015 A level destinations include:

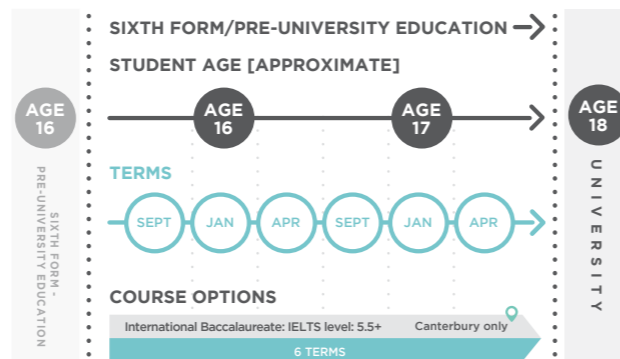
Student	Nationality	Programme	Results	University destinations	Subject	Times 2015 Ranking
Kostiantyn Bichai	Ukrainian	A level	A* A* A* A*	Cambridge	Natural Science	1
Ye Hong	Chinese	A level	A* A* A*	Imperial College London	Mathematics	4
Yan Faan Infa Hou	Hong Kong Chinese	A level	A* A* A A	LSE	Environmental Policy with Economics	5
Zirou Zhang	Chinese	A level	A* A* A A	LSE	Mathematics and Economics	5
Krokhina Anastasia	Russian	FT A level	A A A	LSE	Government and Economics	5
Elena Rubtcova	Russian	A level	A B C	Exeter	Economics and Finance	7
Tamari Koniashvili	Georgian	A level	A* A A	Warwick	International Business	8
Quynh Anh Thi LE	Vietnamese	A level	A B C	Warwick	Law	8
Shazwan Adrin Bin Syahrudin	Malaysian	A level	A* A* A* A*	UCL	Economics	9
Yuan Zhou	Chinese	A level	A* A* A	UCL	Urban Planning	9
Tatiana Krasnoshtanova	Russian	A level	A* A A	UCL	Economics and Business	9
Daria Eremenko	Russian	A level	A A A	UCL	Scandinavian Studies	9
Liza Zhun Ying Liew	Malaysian	A level	A* A A	Bath	Psychology	10
Xie Churu	Chinese	A level	A B A	Surrey	Economics and Finance	11
Isabella Di Caro	French	A level	A* A B	UEA	American Literature	14
Zhang Zhengyang	Chinese	FT A level	A* A E	Birmingham	Mathematics and Business Management	15
Kuribayashi Ryo	Japanese	FT A level	A* B C C	York	Biology	16
Tatiana Palenzona	Italian	A level	B B B	York	Philosophy	16
Mpagaswa Seabe	Motswana	A level	A* A B B	Leeds	Accounting and Finance	17
Chan Weng U	Australian	A level	A* B B	Southampton	Electronic Engineering with Nanotechnology	18
Valeriy Novikov	Russian	A level	A* A A A	Bristol	Electrical Engineering	19
Ruslana Tymchyk	Ukrainian	A level	A* B B	Bristol	Psychology	19
Luthfi Nur Hanfan	Indonesian	A level	A B C	Sheffield	Physics	21
Ahmed Mohamed Torshani	Libyan	A level	B B B	Sheffield	Biomedical Science	21
Mori Hirokazu	Japanese	FT A level	A* A A	Edinburgh	Astrophysics	22
Katarina Bicanin	Serbian	A level	A* A A	Edinburgh	Veterinary Medicine	22
Maria Lvova	Russian	A level	A A C	Edinburgh	Accounting and Finance	22
Chi Ho Tang	Hong Kong Chinese	A level	A* B E	Edinburgh	Biomedical Science	22
Anastasiia Sergeeva	Russian	A level	B B B	Edinburgh	Chinese	22
Anastasia Kozlovsteva	Belarusian	A level	B B B	Nottingham	Industrial Economics	22
Phazha Letlhogonolo Kevaun Bothongo	South African	A level	B B C	University of Sussex	Neuroscience	25
Rossini Gioia	Italian	FT A level	B C D	Sussex	Biosciences	25
Xiya Lin	Chinese	A level	A* B B	Glasgow	Psychology	26
Li Zhouzhou	Chinese	FT A level	A A C C	Manchester	Civil Engineering	28
Akvardar Melissa	Russian	FT A level	A* A A C	King's College London	Liberal Arts	29
Lilla Kovacs	Hungarian	A level	A* A B	King's College London	Psychology	29
Lucia Lara	South African	A level	A A B	King's College London	Biomedical Sciences	29
Safina Taliia	Russian	A level	A* B B	King's College London	Mathematics	29
Martin Muradyan	Russian	A level	A B C	King's College London	Film Studies	29
Ang Stephanie Hui Sian	Singaporean	FT A level	A A B	SOAS	Economics & South Eastern Studies	31
Makushin Artem	Russian	FT A level	B B C	University of Essex	Economics	32
Kronsbein Dustin Dean	British	FT A level	B B D	Royal Holloway	Management with Entrepreneurship	34

\* FT A level = Fast-track A level (3 terms)

# International Baccalaureate

A two-year programme, designed for motivated, capable students who show an interest across a broad range of subjects.

The IB is the fastest-growing, most respected qualification in the world, and a passport to the best universities. It is a qualification which challenges, encourages and inspires internationally minded students to become caring, critical thinkers, ready for university study and a global career.



## Key features:

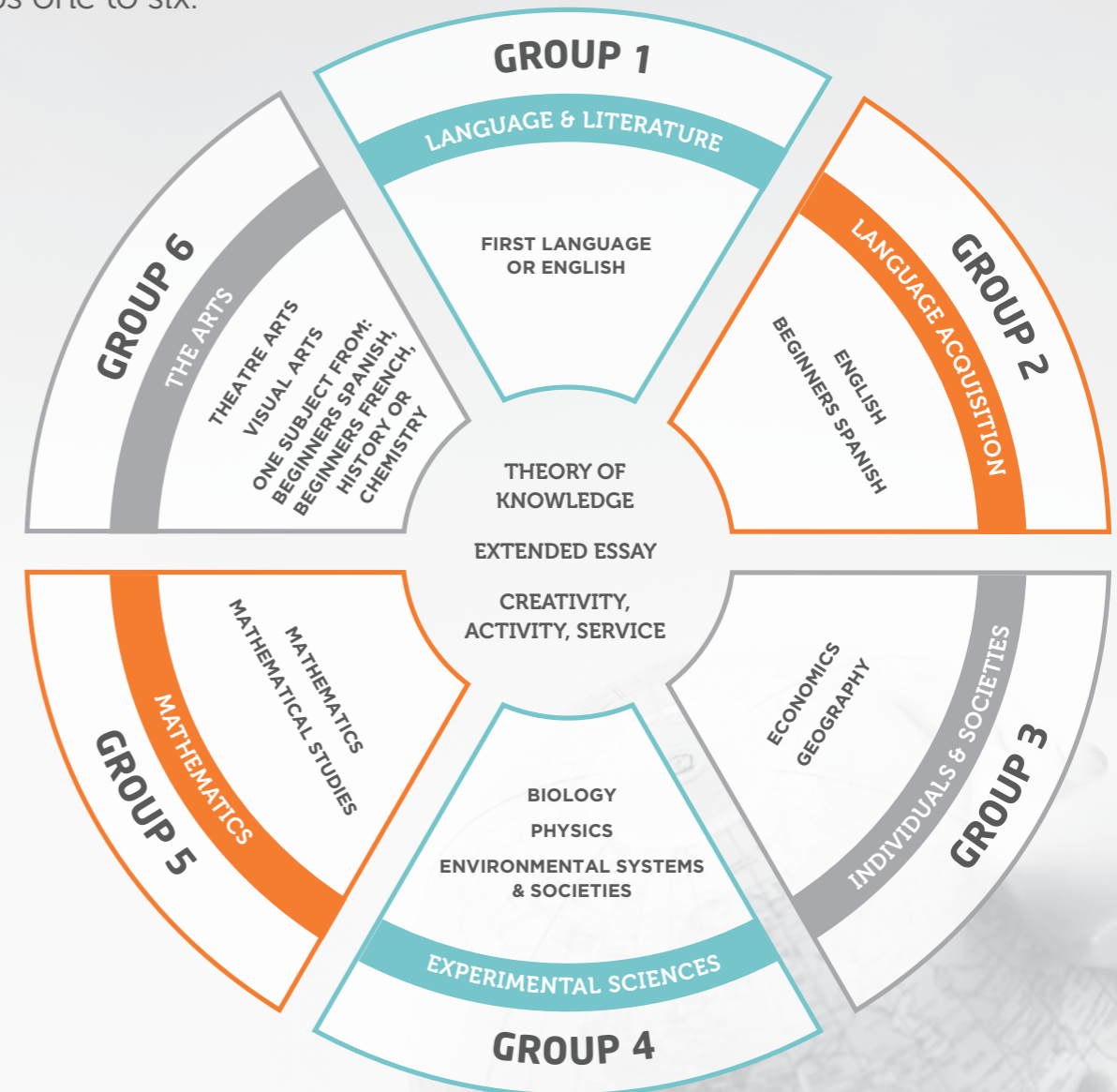
- Six subject choices are studied – Language & Literature, Language Acquisition, Sciences, Maths, Social Sciences and the Arts
- Promotes critical thinking, independent research and real-world comparison through the additional subjects of Theory of Knowledge and Creativity, Activity, Service
- An extended essay prepares students with the study skills required for university study
- Recognised by the best universities in the UK and overseas
- Founded on the value of international mindedness
- Native language tuition in up to 26 languages

## Quick facts:

- Age:** 15+
- Entry requirements:** A good secondary or high school level of education
- English language level:** IELTS 5.5+
- Start dates:** September
- Course length:** 6 terms
- Average class size:** 8
- Hours per week:** 32+



All students study core subjects and choose one subject from each of the groups one to six.



# International Baccalaureate student success

“IB is well known to us as excellent preparation. Success in an IB programme correlates well with success at Harvard. We are pleased to see the credential of the IB Diploma Programme on the transcript.”

MarlynMcGrath Lewis, Assistant Dean of Admissions, Harvard University, USA

100%

of our students achieved IB grades equivalent to A\*–B at A level

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IB Diploma point average in 2015 (World average: 30 points)



**Karima Karagussova**  
Kazakh  
Results 36  
University College London  
Biomedical Sciences



**Endi Skenderi**  
Albanian  
Results 41  
Oxford University  
Experimental Psychology



**Iago Moreno Alvarez**  
Spanish  
Results 39  
University of Cambridge  
Human, Social & Political Sciences

## 2015 International Baccalaureate destinations include:

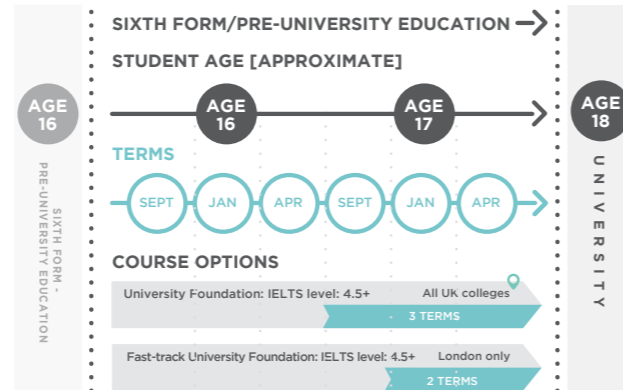
Student	Nationality	Results	University destination	Subject	Times 2015 Ranking
Iago Moreno Alvarez	Spanish	39	Cambridge	Human, Social & Political Sciences	1
Endi Skenderi	Albanian	41	Oxford	Experimental Psychology	1
Karima Karagussova	Kazakh	36	UCL	Biomedical Sciences	9
Hoi Lun Helen Ng	Hong Kong Chinese	36	UCL	Urban Planning, Design & Management	9
Aziz Yuldashev	Uzbek	34	University of British Columbia	Finance	34*
Jung Mee Park	South Korean	37	Surrey	Business Management	11
Artyom Shaimagambetov	Kazakh	32	Leicester	Accounting & Finance	20
Soni Yzeiri	Albanian	35	Nottingham	Accounting & Finance	22
Mirsardin Ibragimov	Kazakh	30	Nottingham	Economics and International Economics	22
Niccolo Fanti	Italian	27	Kent	European Studies	30
Chia Xin Tan	Malaysian	33	SOAS	Law	31
Phuc Nguyen Nguyen	Vietnamese	31	Aston	Psychology	34
Leonardo Becagli	Italian	34	Royal Holloway	Management with Marketing	34
Kostiantyn Beilis	Ukrainian	35	Queen Mary	Economics & Finance	37
Klea Rozani	Albanian	38	Queen Mary	Law	37
Maria Bakhutashvili	Russian	27	Queen Mary	Law	37
Temirlan Mukhambetov	Kazakh	23	Keele	Economics	40
Zulkiflu Musa Sarkin Adar	Nigerian	26	Swansea	Electronic and Electrical Engineering	43
Nacer Hafdi	French	30	City	Management	46
Mariya Karchagina	Russian	33	City	Economics with Accounting	46
Roberto Alessandro Bernasconi	Italian	35	City	Management	46
Tetyana Schyslonek	Ukrainian	30	Ulster	Management with International Business	69
Aziz Yuldashev	Uzbek	34	Ulster	Finance with Business Placement	69
Alisher Yusupov	Uzbek	33	Ulster	Mechanical Engineering	69
Marialaura Brancato	Italian	33	Westminster	European Legal Studies	112
Anastasija Lubaseva	Latvian	40	St George's	Physiotherapy	N/A
Veronika Jechova	Czech	38	UAL	Fashion Management	N/A
Claudia Banci	Italian	35	UAL	Fashion Marketing	N/A
Olga Burygina	Russian	27	UAL	Journalism	N/A

\* 34 in the THES World University rankings

# University Foundation Programme

A one-year programme designed for international students looking for UK university entry. Designed for motivated students looking for a supported and focused bridge programme from international high school to UK universities.

Depending on university and career aspirations, we work with all of our students to help them choose the most suitable combination of subjects to study for University Foundation.



**Key features:**

- One year of full-time study
- Three subjects are usually studied plus English language
- Progression to university on successful completion of the programme

**Quick facts:**

**Age:** 16½

**Entry requirements:** A good secondary or high school level of education

**English language level:** IELTS 4.5+

**Start dates:** September and January

**Course length:** 3 terms (Fast-track, 2-term option available in London)

**Average class size:** 10

**Hours per week:** 20+



## Subjects

Students choose three subjects to study for the full one year programme. Academic English is compulsory for all non-native speakers.

We guide students to the best combination of subjects depending on the subject they wish to study at university.

	Cambridge		Canterbury		London	
	3 term (Sept start)	3 term (Sept start)	3 term (Jan start)	3 term (Sept start)	2 term (Jan start)	
Accounting	✓			✓	✓	
Biology	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Business Studies	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Chemistry	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Computing		✓				
Economics	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Fine Art		✓			✓	
Geography		✓		✓		
Government and Politics				✓	✓	
History		✓		✓	✓	
International Relations		✓	✓			
Law		✓	✓			
Mathematics	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Media Studies	✓	✓				
Physics		✓	✓	✓	✓	
Psychology		✓	✓	✓		
Sociology	✓	✓	✓	✓		

Students should use this table as a guide to indicate their subject preferences.

**Example subject combinations, in preparation for some of the key professions:**

Law	Engineering	Business	Media	Sciences
○ Maths	○ Maths	○ Business	○ Media Studies	○ Biology
○ Sociology	○ Physics	○ Geography	○ Psychology	○ Chemistry
○ Law/History	○ Chemistry	○ Economics	○ Business Studies	○ Maths

Subjects may change, and are not guaranteed. Students should visit our website for the latest course availability information.

# University Foundation student success

94%

of Times top 50 universities accept CATS students

80%

University Foundation students progressing to Times top 50 universities



**Aisha Ummi Jibrin Isah**  
Nigerian  
University Foundation  
King's College London  
Chemistry with Biomedicine



**Chowdhury Kadir**  
Bangladeshi  
University Foundation  
Queen Mary University of London  
Law



**Andrea Paola Boquin Flores**  
Honduran  
University Foundation  
Queen Mary University of London  
Genetics

## Students from CATS University Foundation Programme have progressed to the following universities:

University	Times 2015 Ranking	University	Times 2015 Ranking	University	Times 2015 Ranking
University of St Andrews	4	Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh	38	Sheffield Hallam University	77
Durham University	6	University of Essex	39	University of the Arts London	77
University of Bath	7	University of Aberdeen	40	Roehampton University	80
University of Exeter	8	University of Buckingham	41	Glasgow Caledonian University	81
University College London	9	University of Strathclyde	42	Liverpool John Moores University	83
University of Warwick	10	City University	43	University of Bradford	84
The University of York	11	Keele University	44	Cardiff Metropolitan University (UWIC)	87
Lancaster University	12	Coventry University	45	University of Central Lancashire	88
University of Surrey	12	Brunel University	46	Manchester Metropolitan University	89
University of Leicester	14	Swansea University	47	Birmingham City University	91
University of Bristol	15	Goldsmiths, University of London	48	Middlesex University	94
The University of Birmingham	16	St George's University	48	Staffordshire University	95
University of East Anglia	17	University of Dundee	49	University of Hertfordshire	96
Newcastle University	18	Oxford Brookes University	50	University of Sunderland	96
University of Sheffield	18	Robert Gordon University	52	University for the Creative Arts	99
University of Southampton	20	The Arts University Bournemouth	52	Edinburgh Napier University	100
Loughborough University	21	University of Chester	52	University of Greenwich	106
University of Edinburgh	22	University of Portsmouth	55	University of Lincoln	109
University of Nottingham	23	Bangor Glyndwr University	56	University of Winchester	110
School of Oriental and African Studies	24	University of Lincoln	57	University of Bedfordshire	110
University of Glasgow	25	University of Winchester	57	University of Westminster	115
University of Manchester	26	University of the West of England	60	Southampton Solent	115
King's College London	27	Nottingham Trent University	61	London South Bank University	120
Royal Holloway, University of London	28	University of Hull	63	University of Law	N/A
Aston University	29	University of Huddersfield	66	Birkbeck	N/A
Queen's University Belfast	29	Bournemouth University	67	Richmond, The American International University	N/A
University of Leeds	29	University of Chichester	68	Royal Agricultural College	N/A
University of Sussex	32	Bath Spa University	70	Regents University	N/A
Cardiff University	33	Plymouth University	71		
University of Kent	33	Queen Margaret University, Edinburgh	71		
University of Reading	35	University of West of England	73		
University of Liverpool	36	University of Brighton	76		
Queen Mary, University of London	37				

# Academic English

This programme guarantees entry to all CATS academic programmes and teaches grammar, common terms and expressions regularly used in academic subjects.

Meet...

**Zhuoni Xiao**, Chinese  
**Studied:** Academic English and University Foundation  
**Result:** AAB  
**Destination:** University of York - Psychology in Education



## Academic English

This flexible programme is designed for students who need to improve their English before they embark on an academic programme in the UK.

### Key features:

- Full-time, intensive course, tailored to students' needs
- Includes the study of General English and English for Academic Purposes
- Provides an introduction to the vocabulary required for Business, Maths, Science and Humanities
- Develops students' confidence in English language
- Flexible study dates to fit in with academic programmes

### Quick facts:

**Age:** 14+  
**Entry requirements:** A good school report  
**English language level:** IELTS 3.5+  
**Start dates:** Any Monday or termly  
**Course length:** 1 week to 4 terms  
**Average class size:** 7  
**Hours per week:** 25+

# High School Term

Designed to give international students an insight into British education and culture. Students follow individualised study programmes to improve their language and follow a range of subjects which offer credit for their studies in their home country.

Meet...

**Arvo Munoz Moran**, Mexican  
**Studied:** High School Term

"The greatest thing about CATS is the teachers and the friends I have made here. The teachers have a great love of education and they are interested in your learning and your progress here, particularly your career goals and progression. They make you feel very important and that is great for your confidence while learning."

"My circle of friends has been truly international - Mauritius, Malaysia, British. I have also made friends beyond CATS students, Cambridge is a really friendly place and it is truly international so it is easy to make lots of new friends here."

### Key features:

- Improves English language skills
- Broadens students' horizons by studying with peers from over 70 countries
- Earns study credits in students' home country
- Full-time intensive course
- Individualised study programmes tailored from a wide range of subject options

### Quick facts:

**Age:** 15+  
**Entry requirements:** A good school report  
**English language level:** IELTS 4.0+  
**Start dates:** September, January  
**Course length:** 1, 2 or 3 term(s)



# Summer Programmes

Our academic summer programmes provide short courses for students with interests in specific universities, careers or gaining an understanding of UK education.

## Oxbridge Preparation

Designed for students aged 15–17, interested in progressing to the UK's top universities, in particular the world-famous University of Oxford and the University of Cambridge, as well as London School of Economics, Imperial College London, University College London, Durham University and others.

### Key features:

- Advice from Oxbridge admission tutors and students
- Tailored, two-year development plans and reading lists
- Tuition in critical thinking skills
- Analytical thinking skills tuition
- Speed reading and memory recall skills
- Communication skills training to develop body language, tone of voice and expressions
- Guidance on choosing the right A level and degree options
- Oxbridge interview technique preparation

### Quick facts:

**Age:** 15+  
**Minimum English level:** IELTS 4.0+  
**Course length:** 3 weeks  
**Location:** Cambridge

## Medics Preparation

Designed for students who are interested in a career in Medicine, Dentistry or Veterinary Medicine and Veterinary Science, who wish to study these specialisms at university. This two-week course will give you a head start in preparing your application for UCAS, and the opportunity to visit top UK Medical Schools.

### Key features:

- Visits to local medical facilities and understanding how the NHS works
- Support on medics applications and the key things you need to do
- UKCAT and BMAT preparation
- Lectures on medical ethics with the opportunity to reflect on real situations with health care practitioners
- Engagement with patient groups to engage with "patient voice"
- Advice from University and Higher Education Advisors
- Visits to top medical schools
- Critical thinking skills
- Creation of a personal statement

### Quick facts:

**Age:** 15+  
**Minimum English level:** IELTS 5.0+  
**Course length:** 2 weeks  
**Location:** London



## Careers in Law, Business and Finance

Designed for students aged 14–17 who wish to learn about career options in demanding professions such as Law, Business or Finance before committing to those subjects at A level, International Baccalaureate (or equivalent).

### Key features:

- Meetings with industry professionals
- Experience the workplace
- Introduction to Oxbridge and Russell Group universities
- Mock interviews
- English language
- Academic study
- Skills workshops
- Comprehensive social programme
- University open days and tours

### Quick facts:

**Age:** 14+  
**Minimum English level:** IELTS 4.0+  
**Course length:** 3 weeks  
**Location:** Canterbury



## UK education taster programme

Designed for students aged 14–17 considering a UK education who would like to experience A level, International Baccalaureate and University Foundation programmes before committing to a programme of study.

### Key features:

- Typical UK-style lessons
- Meetings with past and present students
- One-to-one academic counselling
- Assessment of subject strengths
- 'Whole' person development, including 'Creativity, Activity and Service' (CAS) and 'Theory of Knowledge' (ToK)
- Study tours of prestigious universities, such as Oxford and Cambridge and Russell Group universities
- Critical thinking skill tuition
- Brain training and memory recall skill training
- Interview practice

### Quick facts:

**Age:** 14+  
**Minimum English level:** IELTS 4.0+  
**Course length:** 3 weeks  
**Location:** Canterbury

# Destination University

The process of applying for university can be daunting and complex. At CATS we have many years of experience in guiding students so that they apply for the right courses at the right university and then achieve the grades they require to be successful in their application.

Our dedicated Higher Education Teams offer tailored advice from day one at CATS, helping with every aspect of choosing the right university and degree course and throughout the university application process:

- Guidance on identifying the right degree programme at the right university for each student
- Personal statement preparation and workshops
- University (UCAS) application completion
- Mock interviews
- Additional subject-specific reading
- University visits
- Seminars by visiting experts
- Exclusive on-campus university fairs (two per year) attended by over 80 universities including Oxford, Cambridge, as well as US and world-leading Canadian universities

- Regular visits from over 160 universities, including prestigious universities such as Oxford and Cambridge
- Specialist CATS Plus support to help our students' university application stand out from the crowd:
  - Oxbridge
  - Medics
  - Law
  - Other Key Professions
- Specific help and testing for students interested in North American universities
  - SAT Tests for USA colleges (Canterbury)
  - Bespoke one-to-one support for American university application
  - IB can represent up to a year's credit at an American university
  - Students from CATS Canterbury progress to Canada's prestigious University of British Columbia, a frequent attendee of the CATS Canterbury University Fair



## CATS University Fair

CATS University Fair is an exclusive event open only to CATS students and is one of the largest held in the UK. Over 80 universities attend and have included the University of Cambridge, London School of Economics and Imperial College London. The fair provides an excellent and valuable opportunity to talk directly to university admissions teams about their degree programmes, locations and specific entry criteria.



Watch university fair video  
[www.catseducation.com](http://www.catseducation.com)

## What universities say about CATS University Fair



"I was very pleased to attend the recent HE fair at CATS Canterbury. I found students exceptionally well prepared and familiar with both universities and specific courses they wished to apply for. The quality of students is of very high calibre and we very much look forward to welcoming more CATS graduates."

"I was impressed with the quality of the students, both in terms of the focus on their studies and in terms of the fact that they seemed confident of achieving our entry requirements."



"Students from CATS are well prepared for university study and the Higher Education Fair held here is a great opportunity for them to find a course and institution that matches."

"The exhibition was a great success; I met many gifted and talented students on the day. The quality of the students was extremely high and they had obviously undertaken research on universities and courses prior to attending. I'm confident a number of students will continue their studies at Lancaster University and hope I have the opportunity to participate again next year."



"This was an excellent event where the students were well prepared with good questions about studying at a UK university. We have several CATS graduates already studying at Aston and we look forward to receiving applications from the students I met at the recent events."



# Defining the future

We support students as they explore their interest in top university destinations and future career choices.

For our aspiring Oxbridge students, additional support includes: one-to-one tutoring, entrance exam preparation, additional field trips and visits from masters, dons and Oxbridge alumni and their admissions coordinators.

For students aspiring to enter top careers such as Medicine and Law, we offer specialist advice including: support to find suitable work-experience placements, entrance exam preparation, extra-curricular activities to develop the attributes required for each professional career, visits to relevant institutions, talks from university admissions tutors and mock interview preparation.

**CATS Plus** offers students with a specific career or prestigious university destination in mind a wide range of extra opportunities to improve their chances of success.



University of Cambridge

# Oxbridge Preparation

Support for outstanding students who are applying to the top UK universities.

Every year approximately 33,000 students apply to Cambridge or Oxford University for only 6,500 places. On average each university receives five applications for one place, so it is important that students are well prepared and that their university application stands out. The CATS Oxbridge Preparation Programme is designed to stretch our students further and offers additional support and advice.

In today's highly competitive environment, universities are not only seeking students who are academically successful, they also want interesting, well-rounded young people. A commitment to the subject and a passion for it is one of the most important qualities that differentiates students at interview for these top UK institutions.

In order to prepare our students for the highly demanding Oxbridge application process and to make them stand out from all the other applicants, CATS offers a range of activities across our three UK campuses.

## CATS Oxbridge Preparation Programme provides:

- One-to-one preparation and support for university interviews including intensive admissions mock interviews
- An enhanced skill set designed specifically for the Oxbridge application process – leadership skills, critical thinking, motivational skills and management skills
- Preparation for university entrance exams including TSA, BMAT, UKCAT, LNAT, etc
- Oxbridge-focused tuition to ensure offers are achieved
- Assistance with writing personal statements tailored for Oxbridge
- Seminars and workshops with admissions tutors, masters and dons from Oxford and Cambridge on what they are looking for in a student's application, how to prepare for the interview and example interview questions
- Stretch activities ranging from Duke of Edinburgh's Award, Olympiad challenges, Excelsis Awards, Leadership awards and challenges, CREST Awards and weekly debating clubs all designed to make our students stand out
- Oxbridge University open days and tour
- An experienced group of teachers, many of whom are Oxbridge qualified

The range of activities available on our Oxbridge Preparation Programme may vary across our three campuses.

## Oxbridge student success includes:

Name	Programme	Grade	University destination	Subject
Kostiantyn Bichai	A level	A* A* A* A*	Cambridge	Natural Science
Iago Moreno Alvarez	IB	39 points	Cambridge	Human, Social and Political Sciences
Ka Man Lok	A level	A* A* A* A*	Cambridge	Natural Science
Qianli Xia	A level	A A A B	Cambridge	Mathematics
Reimi Konda	A level	A* A* A* A*	Cambridge	Veterinary Medicine
Endi Skenderi	IB	41 points	Oxford	Experimental Psychology

# Medics Preparation

Additional support for students seeking successful careers in Medicine, Dentistry, Veterinary Medicine and Pharmacy.

The CATS Medics Preparation Programme is designed to give our students the right preparation for the highly demanding university application process. The programme encourages our students to engage in extra-curricular activities which will help them stand out from all the other applicants.



## CATS Medics Preparation Programme provides:

- One-to-one counselling and support to research and prepare for UCAS from day one
- Preparation for university entrance exams including UKCAT, BMAT, TSA and SAT
- Support to find suitable work experience and volunteer placements which are critical for students wishing to study Medicine in the UK
- Extensive mock interviews in preparation for university applications throughout their studies. These include: in-house interviews with a panel of academic tutors, external interview with a panel of experts, group presentations
- Regular seminars from external specialists. These include topics such as: research on the genetic link in cardiovascular disease, schizophrenia, information about medicine degrees, the requirements for becoming a doctor, and the NHS, as well as science master classes at Oxford or Cambridge universities

## Medics student success at A level includes:

Name	Grade	University destination	Subject
Ho Cheuk Ying Karen	A* A* A* A	Liverpool	Medicine
Kokotkin Ilya	A A B	St George's	Medicine
Katarina Bicanin	A* A A	Edinburgh	Veterinary Medicine
Go Ito	A A	Liverpool	Medicine
Jurgena Lukani	A* A* A A	Cardiff	Medicine
Ki Chan Yuen	A A B C	Nottingham	Pharmacy
Arinzechukwu Kenneth Okonkwo	B B B	Nottingham	Pharmacy
Cho Kiu Bar	A* A* A A	King's College London	Pharmacy
Kostiantyn Bichai	A* A* A* A*	Cambridge	Natural Science

# Law Preparation

Additional support for students interested in developing a successful career in Law.

The CATS Law Preparation Programme is designed to give our students the right preparation for the demanding university application process. The programme encourages our students to engage in extra-curricular activities which will help them stand out from all the other applicants.

#### CATS Law Preparation Programme provides:

- One-to-one UCAS support
- Mock interviews
- Advice regarding personal statements and any additional work/information requested for by universities
- Talks from university admissions tutors



- Opportunities to participate in activities ranging from Duke of Edinburgh's Award, Olympiad challenges, Excelsis Awards, Leadership awards and challenges, and weekly debating clubs—all designed to help our students' application stand out
- Visiting speakers and visits to magistrates' courts
- The opportunity to apply for work placements
- Regular mentoring by UKC Law Dept, Critical Lawyers Group (Canterbury)
- Annual visit to UN for debates in New York (Canterbury)

#### Law student success includes:

Name	Programme	Grade	University destination
Quynh Anh Thi LE	A level	A B C	University of Warwick
Fatima Zara Tahir	A level	B C D	The University of Law
Polina Klinova	Foundation	A B B	City University
Karina Chelokian	Foundation	A* A B	City University
Gioutzien Pekos	Foundation	A* A* A	University of Kent
Jialin Li	Foundation	A* A B	Newcastle University
Dhaniah Hanis Binti Mohd Ridzal	Foundation	A* A B	University of Exeter
Chowdhury Albab Kadir	Foundation	A* A* A*	Queen Mary University of London
Oluwatobiloba Odubela	Foundation	A A B	University of Leeds
Belle Sagawa Robert	Foundation	A A C	University of Leicester
Klea Rozani	IB	38 points	Queen Mary University of London

# Key Professions Programme

CATS Key Professions Programme is a carefully crafted support programme for students aspiring to enter leading professions, such as:

-  Accountancy
-  Architecture
-  Banking
-  Engineering
-  Finance
-  Law
-  Medicine

#### CATS Key Professions Programme provides:

- Assistance with the personal statement and any additional information/work requested by universities
  - Mock interview practice
  - Preparation for university entrance exams including TSA, BMAT, UKCAT, LNAT etc
  - Talks from university admissions tutors and visits to universities (including visiting faculties specific to target degree course)
  - Attendance at relevant profession conferences
  - Competitions and challenges e.g. Institute of Financial Services Student Investor Challenge
  - Stretch activities ranging from Olympiad challenges, STEP/MAT/PAT
  - Visiting speakers – lawyers, practising architects, from banking, finance and accounting sectors, doctors, researchers and PhD students from policy groups e.g. Institute of Economic Affairs
  - Visits to financial institutions e.g. Bank of England, H.M. Treasury; political institutions e.g. Foreign Office, Houses of Parliament; professional bodies e.g. Institute of Mechanical Engineers; landmarks e.g. The Gherkin, The Shard; legal institutions e.g. Old Bailey, Crown Court, Supreme Court
  - Career Research Placements in holiday periods
- The range of activities available on our Key Professions Programme may vary across our three campuses.

# Destination Boston

CATS Academy Boston is a pioneering private boarding school for grades 9-12.



CATS Academy Boston is a one-of-a-kind school where we provide 21st-century learning opportunities to a global community of students in a quintessential American boarding school setting

We create an educational environment which inspires students across a myriad of backgrounds to reach their highest academic and personal potential through:

- Individualized learning plans and flexible study pathways
- Focused and unparalleled college counselling
- Extensive Advanced Placement (AP) course availability
- Complete ACT/SAT preparation
- For international students: comprehensive ESL support and TOEFL guidance

Our extra-curricular program is student-driven and is designed to promote leadership and develop the talents, skills, and passions of our students. The program offers a wide selection of athletic, arts, academic, and community-focused clubs and activities.

From September 2015 we have introduced a groundbreaking and innovative program, CATS Institute

of Global Business/Global Business Program, which provides our students with truly unique and comprehensive opportunities for accelerated learning and hands-on experiences in the areas of business, entrepreneurship, finance, economics, technology, innovation, social engagement, and globalism. This program gives our students a powerful competitive advantage as they look to their higher education and future career in the global workplace.

## CATS Advantage

- **NEW** in 2015: CATS Institute of Global Business/Global Business Program
- **NEW** breath-taking, state-of-the art campus in 2016
- Extensive Advanced Placement (AP) course availability
- 100% university acceptance rate for 2015 graduates. Over 78% of university acceptances in 2015 included generous scholarships
- Enriching student life & cultural experience in metropolitan Boston area

## New campus

Opening in September 2016

The location of our beautiful new campus strikes the perfect balance between the convenience and excitement of downtown Boston, and the safe, idyllic, pastoral environment typical of the best boarding schools in the USA. Our proximity to the metropolitan area of Boston provides an extension to our campus. Our students take part in a wide range of academic, athletic, and social experiences across the city and at many of the top universities.

We are thrilled to welcome students to our new, purpose-built campus. The new school site, following an investment of \$45 million, offers a state-of-the-art, expansive learning and living space for our students. It spreads over more than 19 acres and features 400 single en-suite bedrooms, 36 classrooms, 4 language labs, 9 wet and 3 dry science labs, 4 music rooms as well as fitness areas, art studios, a theatre room, yoga/dance studios and further learning and social areas.

### Learning and living

Students will be inspired in our flexible learning areas and classrooms, designed to encourage interactive learning and group discussions. Their latest science experiments can be tested in one of the several wet or dry science labs. They can test their sporting or artistic abilities in our outdoors sports facilities or indoors in the gym or in the music, fitness, art or dance studios.

### And at the end of the day...

Students cross the courtyard to study or socialize in one of our brand new dormitories, where all students have their own bedroom and bathroom in our WiFi-enabled dorms. All residences have a student lounge so that students can chat and relax together.



Ask for a copy of our **CATS Boston prospectus for more details.**

Meet...

Inqilab Shahbazov, Azerbaijan

## CATS Cambridge Alumnus



"I am currently a Master's student at LSE, enrolled on a criminal justice system course. My book (Sociological theories: E.Durkheim, K.Marx and M.Weber), is the first of its kind in Azerbaijan and it has already been included in the curriculum at one of the major universities of the country."

"Without any doubt, I would have been unable to earn achievements I had so far, had I not studied at CATS. Its fantastic teaching staff and the overall structure of the A levels course made me unlock my potential and gain skills necessary for success in the future. My biggest gain was the increased analytical skills that laid my foundation for university life. Following two productive and wonderful years at CATS, I started my Bachelor degree at the University of Sheffield (BA Sociology). I soon realised how crucial A levels were as I quickly adapted to the university life and obtained high grades, largely thanks to my years at CATS. After obtaining an upper-second class degree, I was admitted to LSE, where I am confident that I will be successful.

My book is a summary (introductory book) of the main ideas of sociology's founders. What motivated me to write this book was my desire to contribute to the development being recorded in Azerbaijan in the sociological field. By doing so, I am extremely happy that there is now a book in my native language which will be used by many students, as well as members of the public.

My ambition is to work in the area of the criminal justice system or social policy either in the UK or my homeland. I am also planning to write another book in my native language on the issue of social research methods."

# Scholarships

CATS offers a limited number of scholarships for bright students of exceptional academic merit. Our scholarships are for 20% of tuition and there is also an opportunity for a very small number of 40% scholarships for truly outstanding candidates.

## Award eligibility & application requirements

Scholarships are assessed individually, but applicants should expect to have:

- ✓ English proficiency (to course entry requirements)
- ✓ Excellent school reports with a track record of academic success
- ✓ Strong aptitude and interest in their chosen academic field
- ✓ A successful interview with senior school staff based on the student's chosen area of interest, for those candidates applying for a 40% scholarship



# Applying to CATS

Candidates can apply to CATS in two different ways:



Apply online  
[www.catseducation.com/apply](http://www.catseducation.com/apply)

Applying online provides instant confirmation that we have received the application, instant upload of documents and a response from our Admissions Team within two working days. We recommend this option for the fastest application turnaround.



or apply via our  
coursefinder application form



# Supporting United World Schools

We are the major corporate partner of United World Schools, a charitable organisation that creates educational opportunities for children living in the world's poorest regions.

As global education specialists, we support UWS both financially – through staff and student fund-raising activities in our Colleges, and educationally – through support and advice from our leading specialists, as UWS continues their journey to give thousands of the poorest children in the world the opportunity to go to school.

The first school funded by Cambridge Education Group will open in Sa Mor Krau in Cambodia in October 2015.



## Channa's story

Channa led a tough life. With no opportunity to go to school, her mother married at 14 and now looks after the children, farm, pigs and chickens. Channa and her sisters now attend a UWS community school built in 2014, and hopes one day to be a teacher herself.



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# Get in touch, we would love to hear from you

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