



UNIVERSITY OF  
CAMBRIDGE

# HE Advisers' Conference 2011

12-13 September, Fitzwilliam College

## DRAFT PROGRAMME

### Day 1

10.30am – 11.00am	Registration / Tea and coffee
11.00am – 11.15am	Welcome and introduction
11.15am – 12.15pm	<b>Analysis of the Cambridge admissions process</b> In this session we will consider the Cambridge admissions criteria and process, including the role of the Colleges in admitting students. We will also examine the question "Is the Cambridge Admissions system fair?" using evidence from our admissions research.
12.15pm – 1.00pm	<b>Exploding the myths: 'The so called secret admissions requirements and rules'</b> This session will clarify the misconceptions surrounding the Cambridge admissions process by clearly identifying what Admissions Tutors are looking for and the relative weightings given to the different elements of an application.
1.00pm – 2.00pm	Lunch
2.00pm – 3.00pm	<b>"The 'perfect' applicant"</b> Here we will provide guidance on what students should include in their personal statement and what we are looking for in school/college references. The session will also provide guidance on subject combinations and grade profiles. Delegates will then have the opportunity to see how difficult it can be choosing between applicants.
3.00pm – 3.15pm	Tea and coffee
3.15pm – 4.15pm	<b>Getting the message across</b> Identifying the messages we want potential students to be aware of and some myths that we don't! This session will provide information on the resources and communication channels provided by the University of Cambridge. Current undergraduates will also identify what they found useful when applying, what they wish they had known but didn't and their advice for potential applicants.

<b>4.45pm – 6.00pm</b>	<b>A walking tour of student life at Cambridge (optional)</b> The opportunity to walk in to town and visit another College, to learn more from a Cambridge student about what a typical week looks like and the opportunities available to them at and after Cambridge.
<b>7.00pm – 7.30pm</b>	<b>Pre-dinner drinks for residential guests</b>
<b>7.30pm</b>	<b>Conference dinner for residential guests</b>

## Day 2

<b>8.00am – 9.00am</b>	<b>Breakfast</b>
<b>9.00am – 9.30am</b>	<b>Free time / Registration</b>
<b>9.30am – 10.45am</b>	<b>Investing in the future</b> An update on recent changes to the student finance system and the support package offered by the University. This session will then explore the opportunities for graduates and the benefits of choosing to invest in Higher Education.
<b>10.45am – 11.15am</b>	<b>Tea and Coffee</b>
<b>11.15am – 12.30pm</b>	<b>Subject session</b> Discussion with subject specialists covering course content, structure and essential requirements.
<b>12.30pm – 1.15pm</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>1.15pm – 2.00pm</b>	<b>Subject Session</b> Discussion with subject specialists covering course content, structure and essential requirements.
<b>2.00pm – 3.00pm</b>	<b>The interview experience</b> A chance for delegates to witness mock admissions interviews in both the arts and the sciences. Admissions Tutors will interview existing University of Cambridge students, and discuss what is learnt from the interview process.
<b>3.00pm – 3.30pm</b>	<b>Tea and coffee / Close</b>

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