



## **Resources & Links for Year 10-11 Students**

It is never too early to start thinking about university and set yourself on the right track. As well as doing as well as you can in your GCSEs – they are looked at by universities when you apply! – it is important to start doing some research about the different options available to you. You will want to check that the A-Levels or equivalent qualifications you choose to study will allow you to apply for the course(s) and universities you want to in the future.

We hope you will find the below links helpful in your journey! Christ's College, which is part of the University of Cambridge, is the Cambridge College with responsibility for students and schools in **Lincolnshire, North Lincolnshire and North East Lincolnshire**. If you have questions about university, A-Level choices or Cambridge, you are most welcome to get in touch with the Admissions Team (Kristy, Ellie and Jan) at [admissions@christs.cam.ac.uk](mailto:admissions@christs.cam.ac.uk).

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### How do subjects relate to jobs and careers?

Two great places to start to better understand where different subjects and courses could take you in the future, are the **UCAS** subject search and **CareerPilot**.

**UCAS** is the system everyone uses to apply to university in the UK. They have a great webpage to explore the different subjects you could study at university and what they involve:

<https://www.ucas.com/explore/subjects>

**CareerPilot** lets you either pick a subject to see jobs related to it, or to pick a career/job sector and see what qualifications and subjects could get you there. Head over to:

<https://careerpilot.org.uk/job-sectors>

### Universities & Qualifications

*We run regular Subject Matters webinars on the importance of your post-16 choices. [Click here](#) to sign up for our next one at the end of July.*

You should note that you may be required to have certain qualifications and/or subjects at A-Level or equivalent in order to study a course at university. If you don't have the right ones, you might not be able to study your desired course.

When thinking about what to study at sixth form or college, it is really important that you make an **informed decision** and make sure that you have **done your research** properly, so that in one or two years' time, you haven't unwittingly chosen subjects and qualifications that don't actually allow you to study a particular course or subject, or at a particular university.



At Cambridge and Oxford, we *wouldn't* accept a BTEC as a suitable qualification for study on our courses. However, **other universities and courses may accept BTECs** but you should research this carefully. One example is Law: UCL would not accept a BTEC for their Law degree, but the University of Durham will. You should also be careful with **Applied A-Levels**, which sit in-between A-Levels and BTECs – again, they're not really suitable for our courses but ask other universities about them if they aren't clear.

You will have to double check with each individual university and course's entry requirements to know what will be open to you in the future, and this is something you can do now to help make your decisions as to which subjects and qualifications to study in sixth form.

### Researching Courses

There are many different places to look if you want to research courses. This might be to find out what it is you're taught and learn about, or the entry requirements. It's a good idea to research subjects that are related to your interests as well as more obvious courses. Example: if you are interested in History, obviously look at the History course, but make sure you've also considered related subjects such as Archaeology, Anglo-Saxon, Norse and Celtic, History & Politics, Classics etc.

<b>UCAS Course Search</b>	<p>You can search all of the courses available at university from every university and higher education institution in the UK.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It will bring up <b>every course and related course</b> to the subject or area you search. You can also search <b>Apprenticeships</b> and <b>Degree Apprenticeships</b> (we do not offer these at Cambridge)</li> <li>• You can follow the links to find out what each university requires for that course, as well as finding out more about the content of the course itself.</li> <li>• There are over 50,000 different courses on offer!</li> <li>• See <a href="https://digitalucas.com/search">https://digitalucas.com/search</a>. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ It can also tell you how far away universities are from you</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Cambridge Admissions website (the green one)</b>	<p>Click on the link for your subject on this page:  <a href="https://www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/courses">https://www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/courses</a>  You'll find a course film and look at the tabs for Overview, Course Outline and Entry requirements in particular.</p>
<b>Specialist Arts Colleges</b>	<p>There are a number of specialist institutions for the arts, including everything from film and drama, to fine art and music. Some examples (and there are more!) are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Conservatoires</a> (11 in the UK) – performance-based higher education, including music, drama, film and screen production</li> <li>• <a href="#">Courtauld Institute of Art</a> – History of Art only</li> <li>• <a href="#">Royal School of Needlework</a> – Hand Embroidery Degree</li> </ul>

### Finding out more about Cambridge

The University website has tons of information on every aspect of studying at Cambridge if you'd like to find out more. The individual colleges also have their own websites each, if you'd like to read



more about them (but, this isn't something you need to worry about at this stage if you're thinking about Cambridge). Christ's is just one of 31 colleges that form the University of Cambridge – [click here to see more](#) about us including videos of the campus!

<b>Colleges at Cambridge</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">What is a college?</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">There's a film and page about Choosing Colleges here</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">All College email addresses, phone numbers and websites</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">The Cambridge University Virtual Tour</a></li> </ul>
<b>Student Life at Cambridge</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Find out more here</a></li> </ul>
<b>Student accounts</b>	<p>These are most often on the College websites, though you may sometimes find them on Faculty sections too.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Example: The Christ's College student accounts are at <a href="https://www.christs.cam.ac.uk/undergraduate-admissions-0/students">https://www.christs.cam.ac.uk/undergraduate-admissions-0/students</a> There is also a student Q&amp;A film at <a href="https://youtu.be/EnLQeD1Zdxc">https://youtu.be/EnLQeD1Zdxc</a></li> </ul>

## Events & Programmes

If you will be in Year 11 in September 2021...

- **LPN Summer School** – for academically able students who live in areas of low participation in higher education. Summer school in August of Year 11, ongoing support and another summer school in Year 12. Eligibility criteria apply (please check you are eligible). Applications tend to open around February/March of Year 11. [Go to the event page](#) to register your interest so we email you when applications open.
- **Women in Science Year 11 Residential** – organised by Pembroke College, Cambridge, for Year 11 girls interested in STEM. Typically takes place in March/April of Year 11. Please [visit the website](#) for further information.

If you will be in Year 12 in September 2021...

- [Christ's College Open Days](#) – October 2021 & February 2022
- [Women in Maths](#) – register interest now if you are a women who will be studying Maths & Further Maths at A-Level! March 2022.
- Subject Taster Days in: History, English & Theology, Biological Sciences, and Economics. You can register interest now in these events. [Click here for the webpage](#). February/March 2022
- [Sutton Trust Summer Schools](#) – summer 2022, all subjects. Applications open around January.

These lists are not exhaustive; other colleges at Cambridge may run more events, and other universities will all run their own events too! You may need to do some research to see what sorts of things are available – you can usually find it under 'access and outreach' or 'prospective students>events'.