

Cambridge in the summer is typically packed with people of all ages: tourists visiting from London for the day, students participating in summer programs, and university students from elsewhere who stop by to soak up the ambiance of this quintessential university town.

The past few days have seen another influx of students: prospective applicants to Cambridge who are visiting as part of the Open Days. On these days, Colleges and departments alike open their doors to prospective students and their families.



Senate House, on King's Parade

Prospective students, many of them with parents in tow (or is it the other way around?) explored both the historic Colleges of Cambridge University as well as the departments in which they might hope to study in the not-so-distant future. Reach Cambridge students took full advantage of this opportunity. Reach supervisors, many of whom are Cambridge students or alumni, took interested students on a tour of the town, allowing them to explore some of the most well known colleges, including the stunning King's College, Gonville and Caius College, famous for its association with Medicine, and Trinity College, once home to Sir Isaac Newton. Supervisors also led students to look around various departments, many opting to explore the renowned Engineering department. Wondering around the various sites makes us feel very lucky to be spending the summer in a place with such a rich academic history!

The previous night, Reach Cambridge students had an additional opportunity to consider the United Kingdom as a university destination, as all students attended a lecture led by

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the Reach Cambridge supervisor team about the university application process in the UK, providing useful information and sharing personal experiences of writing personal statements, attending interviews, and day to day life as a UK student. For the group of Reach students who had selected the University Advance extra, this complemented their inspiring visit to some of the London universities on Wednesday – the London School of Economics and University College London.

Wherever in the world our students are thinking about applying to university, we hope they have enjoyed this insight into what it could be like to study in the UK



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