



The Super Curricular Handbook

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Outreach Programmes

The Aspiring Professionals Program - Social Mobility Foundation:

What do they do? Mentoring, career workshops, university application support and internships.

Career Sectors: Accountancy, Architecture, Banking & Finance, Biology & Chemistry, Business, Digital, Engineering & Physics, Law, Media & Communications, Medicine and Politics.

This programme is split into 3 separate ones but only requires one application. They are:

APP City: <https://www.socialmobility.org.uk/programmes/app-city/>

APP Residential: <https://www.socialmobility.org.uk/programmes/app-residential/>

APP Reach: <https://www.socialmobility.org.uk/programmes/app-reach/>

Deadline: 16th December 2020

Pathway's Program - The Sutton Trust:

What do they do? Mentoring, meeting professionals, networking events, summer schools, work experience and university events.

Career Sectors:

Engineering - <https://www.suttontrust.com/our-programmes/pathways-to-engineering/> [3.11.20]

Medicine - <https://www.suttontrust.com/our-programmes/pathways-to-medicine/> [1.1.21]

Law - <https://www.suttontrust.com/our-programmes/pathways-to-law/> [27.11.20]

Banking/Finance - <https://www.suttontrust.com/our-programmes/pathways-to-banking-and-finance/> [16.10.20]

CUSU - Shadowing Scheme:

What do they do? Year 12 students will receive mentoring from a current Cambridge undergraduate, studying a subject that they are interested in virtually. As well as other online events over several weeks at the start of 2021 giving you the opportunity to hear more about different aspects of Cambridge.

<https://www.applytocambridge.com/shadowing/apply/>

Deadline: 15th November 2021

Clifford Chance ACCESS Work Experience:

What do they do? 4 day classroom based placement at their London Office, mentoring, a 5 day 5 day programme by the Social Mobility Partnership, A-level tutoring, the chance to work with a domestic abuse charity, receive skills coaching and network with a variety of people.

Career Sectors: Law

When?

Scheme 1: 12th-15th April 2021 [Deadline for application - 21.02.21]

Scheme 2: 16th-19th August 2021 [Deadline for application - 30.6.21]

<https://careers.cliffordchance.com/london/what-we-offer/access.html>

Target Oxbridge:

What do they do? It's a free programme that aims to help black African and Caribbean students increase their chances of getting into the Universities of Oxford or Cambridge. This programme includes: regular contact with a black or minority ethnic Oxbridge graduate, a series of seminars and Oxbridge-style tutorials, visits to both universities, university advice, interview/admissions test preparation and one-on-one mentoring.

https://www.targetoxbridge.co.uk/the_programme.html

Deadline: 1st November 2020

Course of the Week



Law is the endeavour of human beings to govern our personal, social, economic and political relationships through the use of rules. To study law is to study the nature of those relationships.

Websites:

- McBridesGuides - <https://mcbridesguides.com/>
- BBC Law in Action - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b006tgy1>
- The Secret Barrister - <https://thesecretbarrister.com/>

Books/Podcasts:

- The Secret Barrister - Pan Macmillan
- Letters to a Law Student - Nicholas McBride
- What About Law? Studying at University - Bernard, Virgo and O'Sullivan
- About Law - Tony Honoré
- Law in Action Podcast

Online Courses:

- Open Learn - Starting with Law: An Overview of the Law
- Open Learn - Judges and the Law
- Open Learn - Human Rights and Law

News:

- The Guardian
- Counsel Magazine

Create a LinkedIn account to stay up to date with the news in Law! You also may find many other amazing opportunities and people to connect with to get advice from!

Opportunities:

- Pathways to Law
- Aspiring Professionals Programme
- PRIME - Work Experience
- Speakers for School - Work Experience
- Uptree - Work Experience
- Sutton Trust Summer School
- CUSU Shadowing Schema

Lectures:

- Harvard University Lectures - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kBdfcR-8hEY&list=PL30C13C91CFFEFEA6>
- Cambridge Law Faculty - https://youtu.be/QyESoA_IJVo
- Cambridge Law Faculty - <https://youtu.be/60a1piYVPYs>

Meet the Students



Name: Eva Simpson

University: University of Cambridge

Course: Law

Why did you choose Cambridge?

I chose Cambridge because I thought it was worth a shot. I knew it was well known, globally, for its academic prowess and first in many league tables for my chosen subject, law. But this is not what pushed me - it was not always my dream to study there, it was actually very last minute. It took a surge of confidence in myself and my abilities, prayer and, also, a relaxed 'worth a shot' attitude for me to apply, and look where I am now.

What is the best thing about studying Law?

I love studying law. I find it so compelling. Not just the classic criminal cases, that people are so drawn to, but also the significance of morals and theory when striving for justice. The law is not perfect and there are continuing debates about many aspects of it, but, it is always changing and this, for me, is the best part about studying law. There is change to be made and I can be a part of that.

What is the best thing about being at Cambridge, in your opinion?

The best thing about being in Cambridge is definitely the academics. I am at Trinity College and I am supervised by some of the best scholars in the field. This also applies to the lecturers and lots of them have written the textbooks and materials that we use and study. Studying at Cambridge is not just 'scraping the surface' of the law, it's digging deeper than some may say is necessary, but this is something that I love.

What do you think would be useful to include in a personal statement if you would like to study Law?

Concerning personal statements, the piece of advice I would give is: talk about law. You know that the statement is personal, it is about you, but the universities want to see your passion for the law and why you want to study it. What do you find interesting or concerning about the law; what have you read that has developed this interest; are there any cases that surprised you? My personal statement was about how the law is not necessarily justice, something I am very passionate about. You don't need to have any legal knowledge before you begin the course, but, you do have to show desire to study that subject and a statement about your experiences and skills alone will not demonstrate this. Instead, link these life skills and educational skills and experiences to the study of law.

The advice you think is the most useful for admissions interviews?

The advice I would give for the interview is, firstly, try to be as calm as possible! I know it is easier said than done but they are really nice people and they are not there to make you cry or give you such a bad interview that you feel like a failure (as my school told me). Actually, they just want to have a conversation about something that you are interested in: the law (or whatever subject you are applying for). Furthermore, my key piece of advice is talk through your thought processes, even if they seem 'stupid' or irrelevant to you. Saying everything you think and developing your answers (including correcting your previous thoughts) is impressive and something that they want to see. I enjoyed my interview because I liked talking about the law and the problems that occur within it, and, chances are, if you do not then Cambridge is not the right university for you; the supervisions at Cambridge are essentially like the interview process but with two other students in the room! Just try to be calm and have a fun, interesting conversation, talking through (almost) every thought!!

What is the student life like at Cambridge?

The student life at Cambridge is always something I get asked about as there are a lot of myths concerning it. Concerning the amount of time you will have, it really does depend on your degree. Law is a very heavy subject and there is a lot of reading to do. Like a lot, a lot. However, this does not mean you do not have time for anything else; if you timetable well and stick to it, you should have some time on your hands.

Personally, I try to work 9-6 ish on weekdays and give myself the weekend off - this worked for first year and I was able to do boxing,

continue with my art and attend church on Sundays (as well as just having some chill time). As for nightlife, there are several clubs, not the best if I'm honest, but they are okay, certain nights being better than others and depending on the type of music you like. I like my rap, hip-hop etc so Friday night Cindies is the one to be at for me. I do not drink and I have several friends who are the same and this is not an issue here. Although I will say, if you do law, do not be shocked when they give you a massive reading list in freshers week because that's what they did to us at Trinity!

What is your favourite memory from your time at university?

My favourite memory from my first year at Cambridge was definitely the Freshers Formal. Coming from a very underprivileged area, going to Cambridge was a massive culture shock and I was fascinated by the massive halls and fancy meals. Freshers formal was one of these meals, a five-course one to be precise, and was one of the craziest experiences of my life and definitely a moment to remember. The Latin prayers and the gong at the start of the meal will never stop making me laugh.

Any general tips for students wanting to apply to university?

My general tips are just to go for it but do not let yourself feel that your whole life depends on Cambridge. This attitude will only stress you out and restrict your ability to perform in the interviews and tests. Also, your life does not depend on it and it is not the end of the world if you do not get in; it might just be that the Cambridge format of teaching would not have worked for you, and they knew that. A final word from me: believe in yourself!! Do not let anyone tell you, you cannot make it - including you!

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