



Before you Apply: Oxford and  
Cambridge

## IFSA's Partner Colleges:

- Hertford College
- Lady Margaret Hall
- Mansfield College
- St Anne's College
- St Catherine's College
- St Edmund Hall
- Worcester College

# To Which College Should I Apply?

Things to Consider:

- Location
- Traditional or Modern
- Accommodation
- Subjects
- Size

## Location

- Hertford, Teddy Hall and Mansfield are centrally located, but house their students across Oxford
- Lady Margaret Hall, St Anne's and St Catherine's are slightly further out, but house their students on-site
- Worcester is the only college that is both centrally located and houses their students on-site

# Traditional or Modern?

Hertford College



St Anne's College



## Accommodation

- Lady Margaret Hall, St Anne's & Worcester College usually house students in college and in single rooms (en-suite or shared bathrooms)
- St Catherine's house students in college, but in twin rooms (en-suite or shared bathrooms)
- St Edmund Hall house students either in college or in off-site Halls in single rooms (en-suite or shared bathrooms)
- Mansfield and Hertford house students off-site in Halls in single rooms (en-suite or shared bathrooms)

## Accommodation Cont.

- All colleges have dining halls and students are encouraged to use them
- Most accommodations have small kitchens
- All accommodation has internet access either through wifi or ethernet connection
- All have laundry facilities, for which you have to pay!

# Subjects

- All of the Oxford Colleges teach most subjects e.g. PPE, English, History, Psychology and Mathematics
- St Anne's and St Edmund are the only colleges that offer lab based courses e.g. Biochemistry
- The Tutorial System

## Size

- Hertford College – 400 undergraduates (20 - 25 Visiting Students)
- Lady Margaret Hall – 400 (25 - 30)
- Mansfield College – 220 (20)
- St Anne's College – 425 (30 – 35)
- St Catherine's College – 476 (50)
- St Edmund Hall – 400 (30 – 35)
- Worcester College – 430 (25)

# Admissions Tips

- Minimum 3.7 GPA
- Writing sample
- Recommendation

# My Role in Oxford

- Academic Support
- Social Support
- Future Focused Support

# The City of Oxford

- Population 160,000
- Student population 25,000
- 1 hr by train west of London
- One of the best cultural scenes outside of London















# Cambridge

IFSA's partner college: Pembroke College



Pembroke is a medium-sized college with 35 spaces for visiting students each semester. Located 10 minutes from lecture halls and faculties at Cambridge, and centrally located very near city center.

Pembroke's dining hall, called the Buttery, is award winning and certified food allergy aware – with separate kitchen space and color-coded utensils for allergy-friendly menu items.

# Oxford and Cambridge: more alike than different

- Admissions qualifications are the same.
- Difference: Matriculation
- Difference: Academics
  - Tripos System (Supervision – Lecture – Examination)
  - Semester-based program for visiting students with 2 Supervisions (12 US Semester Credits) per semester
  - Limited curriculum available to visiting students



Pembroke is a medium

# Building a strong application

- Writing Samples
- Sufficient Background
  - AP does not count, dual-credit does
- Choose academic references wisely
- Admissions
  - Cambridge: Admissions are rubric-based and *rolling* from 1 January until all 35 seats are filled (apply by 1 February for best chance)
  - Oxford: Admissions are subject to departmental preferences and not rolling. Decisions can take 6-12 weeks (except St. Catz).



Any questions?