



# HEANOR GATE SCIENCE COLLEGE

"Develop all learners to achieve their full potential"  
"Create a culture of aspiration"

Principal: **Mr S Huntington**



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Dear Student

A lot of work has been done in the sixth form to create links with top universities and industry leads. One strong link we have worked hard to develop in recent years is a link with Oxbridge Universities: Oxford and Cambridge. As a school we have close links with both Murray Edwards College and Peterhouse College, Cambridge, who have both been fantastic in supporting our Year 12 and Y13 students with their applications.

This year we have been informed of some exciting summer school opportunities which are open to our most gifted academic students in Year 11. The summer school will be held at Christ's, Sidney Sussex and Murray Edwards College, Cambridge and will take place from Sunday 19 – Wednesday 22 August 2018, with meals and accommodation provided for attendees. The summer school will include a series of masterclasses by Cambridge researchers in Biology/Medicine, Biology/Chemistry, Physics, Maths, English, History, Social Sciences and Law. It will also provide an opportunity to get to know Cambridge as well as admissions information and a chance to meet current students. Subsequently there will be continuing academic support from researchers provided throughout the following school year.

The summer school is open to students who will have just completed their GCSEs at a state school and will be going on to study academic qualifications in Sixth Form, either at school or college. In line with the university's aims for outreach activity, only students who live in areas of low participation in higher education will be eligible to apply. The University will be using the POLAR classification (<https://www.officeforstudents.org.uk/data-and-analysis/polar-participation-of-local-areas/>) and will only be accepting applications from students who live in Quintile 1 or 2 areas. I have personally checked some generic areas in and around Heanor and it is somewhat of a postcode lottery: some areas scored in the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> quintiles and some others do not. If students are keen to apply then I encourage you to self-select using the postcode checker tool online: <https://www.officeforstudents.org.uk/data-and-analysis/postcode-search/>.

The whole conference is free of charge (including meals and accommodation), with the exception of travel to/from Cambridge. Places are limited and so if you are interested I strongly recommend that you apply as soon as possible. If you need more information then you are more than welcome to speak to me or Miss Tyers (Achievement Leader Post 16).

Students must complete an online application form before the closing date of **Thursday 24 May at 5pm**: [https://cambridge.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_6monZWNiY5itUx](https://cambridge.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6monZWNiY5itUx). Students will be informed whether or not their application has been successful by Friday 15 June.

If you have any questions you wish to direct towards the University themselves then please get in touch on [lpsummerschool@sid.cam.ac.uk](mailto:lpsummerschool@sid.cam.ac.uk)

Yours sincerely

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