

Information for Teachers/Careers Advisors

Important notes re the Cambridge Veterinary medicine course:

- It is six years in length – one year longer than most other vet schools. The additional year is the third year Cambridge BA science degree – a qualification which many of our graduates find invaluable to their future career progression.
- Applicants must be studying Chemistry at A-level, and two or more science subjects – usually Maths, Physics, Biology or Further Maths (Psychology is not normally counted).
- Admission is based largely on science/maths aptitude, so applicants excelling in these subjects may find that Cambridge is the *easiest* veterinary school at which to gain a place.
- Applicants do not need to have completed a large amount of work experience – at least two weeks shadowing one or more veterinary surgeons is often sufficient to give them an idea of the life of a vet, and provide sufficient experience for discussion at interview. Prolonged, varied, or ‘impressive’ work experience is not an advantage.
- In the early years of the course, our vet students are immersed in the unique scientific environment which Cambridge has to offer – often taught alongside Medicine and Natural Science students.
- The course doesn’t cost as much as some applicants might think – costs at Cambridge can be surprisingly low, and there is a wealth of financial support available here – see the link below
- Students will graduate with a VetMB degree after their final year, which enables them to style themselves as a veterinary surgeon and be admitted to the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons

Useful websites/links:

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l1ZeAek0ob4> - a short film about the veterinary course at Cambridge; students and staff talk about the course
- <http://www.target.cusu.co.uk> - the Students’ Union can help you with arranging a visit to your school by current students
- <https://www.applytocambridge.com/shadowing/apply/> - the Students’ Union arrange a shadowing scheme for school pupils to spend some time here in the company of a current student
- <http://www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/find-out-more/teachers-and-parents> - you can subscribe to the University’s Teachers’ and Advisers’ Newsletter at this link
- <http://www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/find-out-more/teachers-and-parents/helping-students-prepare>
- <http://www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/finance> - University information on finance and fees
- <http://www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/finance/financial-support/cambridge-financial-support>