

Ysgol Dyffryn Conwy Year 12 Students receive an invite from Cambridge University

During the last three years we at Ysgol Dyffryn Conwy have strengthened our link with Cambridge University, particularly Magdalene College. This has enabled us to fully support applicants such as Haydn Jenkins (2013/14) gain entry to the University. This year we were invited to the University's open day and Magdalene College kindly provided us with free accommodation. This enabled us to take seven students to visit Cambridge, giving them an opportunity to visit some of the remarkable colleges and more importantly, gain an insight into the University's rigorous admission process. Here is a report by Natasha Bell about the visit.

I couldn't possibly put into words how inspiring visiting Cambridge University was, not only for me but for the other six students who attended. We were in absolute awe of the college buildings and surrounding city, and the atmosphere of dedication and intense focus each college provided. On arrival we split up into two groups of arts and sciences. The arts group looked into subjects including English, Languages, Law and Archaeology and the Sciences group enjoyed attending Engineering presentations and looking at more Science based courses. This gave us the ability to look around the colleges such as Kings, Clare's, Trinity, Queen's, Magdalene and St John just to name a few out of the 31 colleges, and be able to focus on our own specific fields of interest. We were also able to have a tour of the Cambridge University Library which is host to over 8 million books! As our connections from Dyffryn Conwy are with Magdalene College (pronounced Maud Lin) we were provided with accommodation at the college and had the fantastic opportunity to go punting along the river Cam. We had a guided tour via boat of some of the most spectacular views available in Cambridge and I can assure you that steering the boat was not as easy as our guide or Tolly made it look! After discussing with the rest of the group we couldn't be more thankful to Mrs Kelly Morgan for organising and giving us such a wondrous opportunity to be inspired and motivated! We also wish to advise prospective sixth form students who wish to aim high; please go to the university, be amazed and focused to work hard and see what you can achieve and be capable of! Most, if not all of us who visited are so willing to focus and buckle down for our last year in Dyffryn Conwy to achieve the high grades which are required and in the next year proudly be able to say we are students of Cambridge University! Once again I cannot thank Mrs Kelly Morgan and Mrs Janet Pierce enough, and also a big thank you to Magdalene College for being an excellent host college.

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