

Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge 2016 Visit: Brandon Grimbaldston

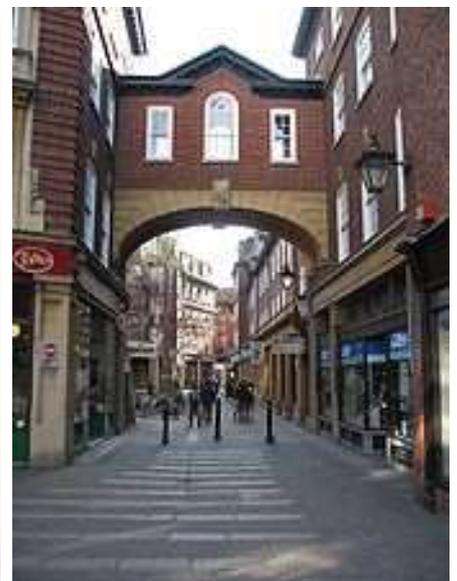
During my visit to Sidney Sussex College at Cambridge University - over the time of the 17th-18th March - the first thing I came to realise was that, despite my initial thoughts, the institution actually caters for all people who are willing and capable of achieving academic success; regardless of their social class.

As well as this however, experiencing the College and directly speaking to students who attend there has also given me a greater level of insight into university life, the education universities such as Cambridge offer and what I need to do myself to access that education (something I am striving to reach) - and, as currently my visit to Sidney Sussex has been the most informative experience for me regarding university education to date, I am convinced that the event was both highly beneficial and worthwhile.

When I first arrived at Sidney Sussex, I was immediately impressed at how ordered and tranquil the College seemed to be - and throughout my time there, I saw nothing to suggest that the College was anything otherwise.



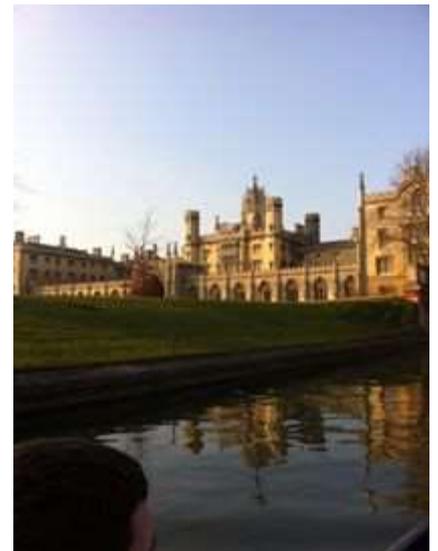
On my first day, I enjoyed hearing the stories of previous students of the University and seeing the town around the area for the first time - but I also took great interest in the talk given by Dr Kirsten Dickers the Admissions Director at Sidney Sussex and was glad to have had an opportunity to be there - as the information in the talk I believe would be considerably useful to me in the future. I also got the unique opportunity on this day to sample food provided by the College's cooking staff - which in my opinion was of the highest standard.



Then, during the second day of my visit, I was able to take part in lectures on the topics of the recent financial crisis and law - before being taken to witness the exhibits at the local Whipple Museum of the History of Science, which allowed me to enhance my current studies of history further by seeing genuine artefacts relating to the course (such as a compound microscope from 1690).



However, my personal highlight of the visit was when we were taken punting on Cambridge's River Cam. Prior to this, I knew little of the activity and so as a result, the event was a new experience for me, which I never expected I would have.



Overall, I highly enjoyed my visit to Sidney Sussex and as well as being sure that I would never turn down attending a similar visit in the future, I also feel that the visit has strongly benefited me - by providing a considerable amount of information regarding university life and education, which I would not have been able to access to such a level any other way.

