

Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge Visit 17-18 March 2016: Sachin Mistry



My trip to Cambridge was one of my favourite trips with the School. I thoroughly enjoyed the content of both days and the area and in addition to this the accommodation was very nice, as were the guides who spoke to us about what it was like to study at the University of Cambridge.

On the first day we travelled to Cambridge and took a tour of the area after we had received the keys for our rooms; we learnt about various facts of Cambridge and the history of it which was extraordinary. Then we had a talk lasting one hour about what life was like at Cambridge and what courses were available and what they involved. This was extremely helpful and interesting to me because it would help me finalise my decision as to which university I would like to study at and which one would suit me and the course I decide to study.

After this we had a tour of Sidney Sussex College and a tour guide (who was a first year at the University) told us all about how the students were and what facilities were available, again this was extremely useful. I thought that Sidney Sussex College was a great place to study, the area is peaceful and the town is very interesting.



I especially enjoyed roaming around the town because of the tranquillity of it. Next we went punting which was extremely pleasant and enjoyable, where we sat on a boat and learnt about the history of the town whilst gliding on the River Cam. This was one of my particular highlights of the trip. This lasted for an hour and then we went back to our room to freshen up and headed to dinner where we dined in a large dining hall. Later in the evening we did a quiz in the Knox Shaw Room with two other schools and then watched the Book Thief before playing cards and then going to bed.



The next day we arrived for breakfast at 8.00 and had a scheduled academic lecture about the Global Financial Crisis, which was very educational. This lasted for one and a half hours. Next we went for a lecture about Law in the Lecture Theatre of the Law Faculty and learnt about what is studied on this course at Cambridge.

After this we went back to Sidney Sussex College to have our lunch. Finally we visited the Whipple Museum of the History of Science and answered a few questions that were scattered in the different rooms of the museum. This again was very educational. We then had free time to explore Cambridge for the final time and then depart from there.



Overall my trip to Cambridge was extremely enjoyable and educational and has taught me a lot about studying at Cambridge. I know a lot about Cambridge, for example the way they teach lectures and how they tutor traditional courses (the supervision system) including the sciences, because they are amongst the world leaders in those subjects. My impressions have changed because I now know how sophisticated the University is and how it really functions.

