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Schools and Colleges

International Prospectus 2019/2020

London Birmingham Cambridge

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About MPW

Founded in 1973 by three University of Cambridge graduates, MPW is one of the best-known and well-respected independent college groups in the UK. MPW comprises three colleges in the heart of London, Birmingham and Cambridge.



A levels, GCSE, University Foundation, Easter Revision



Maximum nine students in A level classes



Top grades in government inspection reports



70% UK and 30% international students



Supervised accommodation within walking distance of each college



Personal tutor system, supervising welfare and academic progress

Specialist preparation for:



Law



Medicine



Oxbridge



Economics



Art



Architecture



Engineering

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MPW London

MPW London is located in South Kensington (Zone 1), one of the most exclusive and affluent parts of the capital.

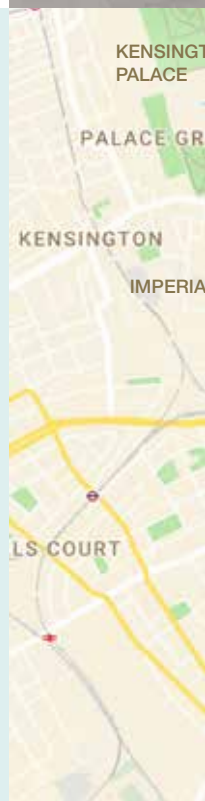
MPW London is just a few minutes' walk from Hyde Park, Imperial College and many world-famous museums, including the Science Museum, the Natural History Museum and the Victoria & Albert Museum.

- 600 students
- GCSE
- A level
- University of London International Foundation Year
- Easter Revision



The Principal

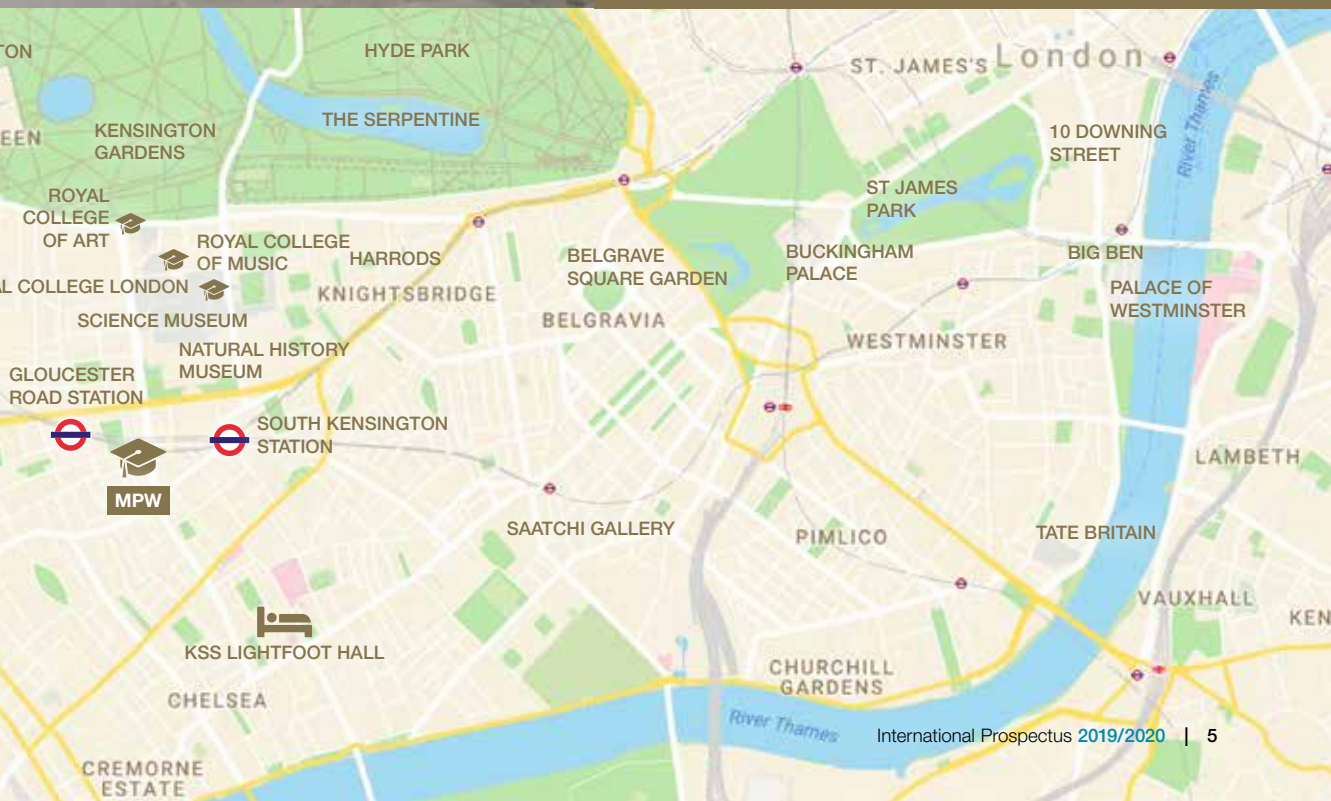
John Southworth read Engineering at the University of Leicester and subsequently gained an MSc in Defence Technology from the Cranfield Institute of Technology. Prior to taking up his current position he was Director of Co-curriculum at The Perse School, Principal of Lansdowne College and then Vice Principal of MPW London. John is a member of the Independent Schools Association Executive Council.





“ *Small classes made the lessons more interactive and interesting. I got offers from all of the universities that I applied to.* ”

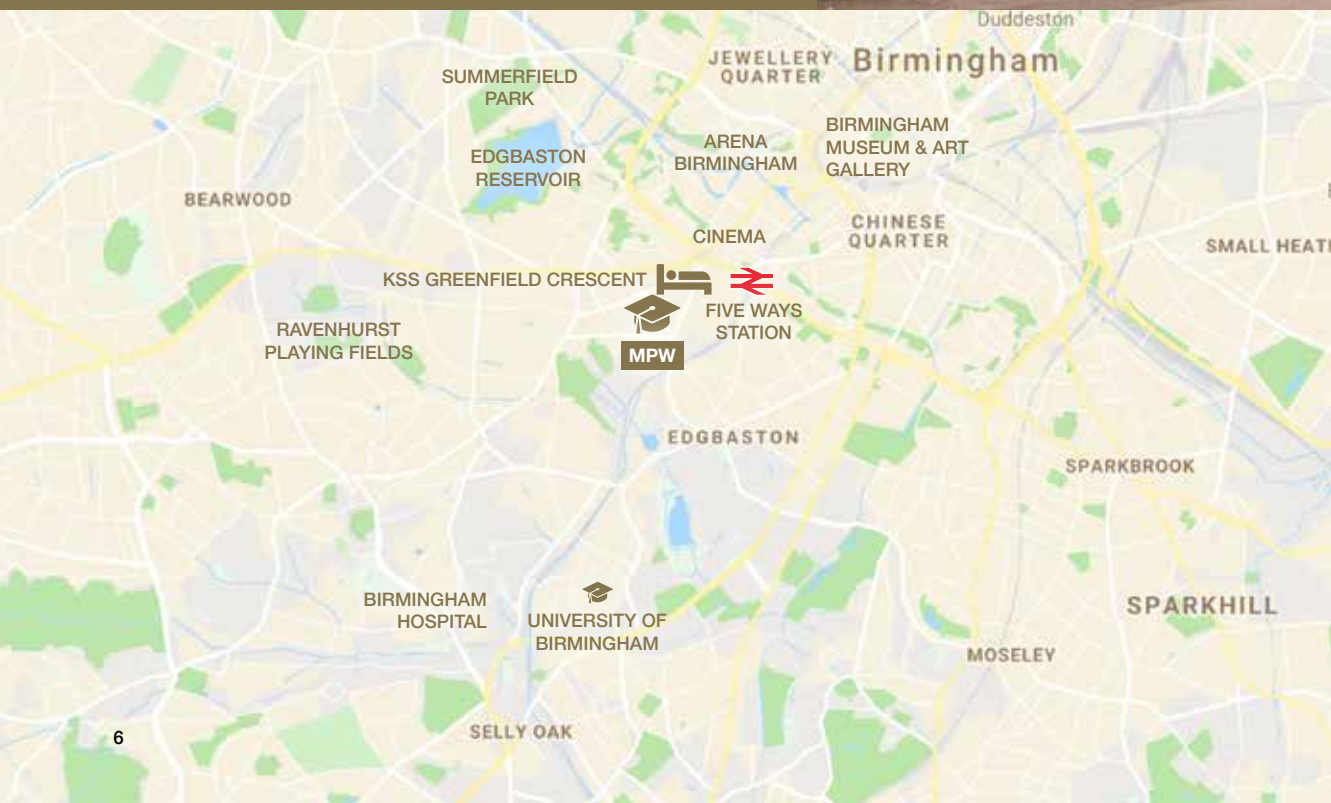
Dmitrii, from Russia. Now studying Accounting and Finance, LSE.





“ *Having a personal tutor is like having another parent in the college, always very supportive.* ”

Yeonje, from South Korea. Now studying Computer Science at the University of Oxford.



MPW Birmingham

Home to five universities and two university colleges, Birmingham is the UK's second largest student city.

With a mixture of new architecture and historic Victorian buildings, Birmingham is an energetic and evolving city, with nearly 40% of the population under 25.

MPW Birmingham is situated on Greenfield Crescent, in the leafy suburb of Edgbaston. The college is a short walk from Five Ways train station and is close to the city centre and the University of Birmingham campus. MPW students have easy access to the full range of world class facilities that Birmingham has to offer.

- 250 students
- GCSE
- A level
- NCUK International Foundation Year
- Easter Revision



The Principal

Mark Shingleton read International Business and French at the University of Westminster before obtaining a PGCE at the Institute of Education and an MA in Educational Leadership. He was Pastoral Director at Saint Charles Sixth Form College in London and Head of Sixth Form at Cokethorpe School in Oxfordshire before taking over as Principal of MPW Birmingham in 2009.

MPW Cambridge

Cambridge is steeped in history – home to many beautiful museums and art galleries as well as the world-famous University of Cambridge (founded in 1209).

MPW Cambridge is located in the heart of the city, next door to the University of Cambridge Botanic Gardens as well as the University's Engineering and Chemistry faculties. MPW is within a few minutes' walk of many world famous university buildings, including Kings College and The Fitzwilliam Museum.



- 220 students
- GCSE
- A level
- University of London International Foundation Year
- Easter Revision



The Principal

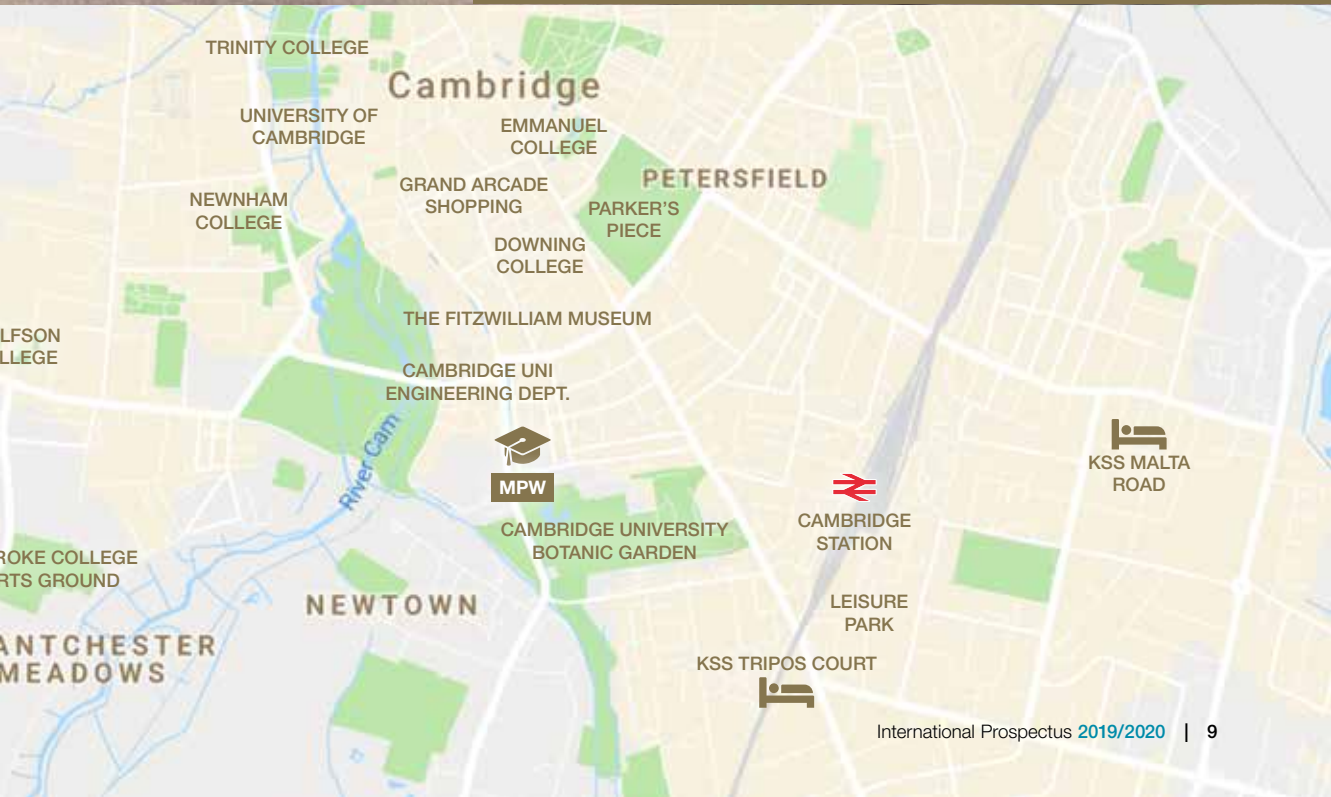
Markus Bernhardt read Physics and completed his Masters and PhD at the University of Bonn. He first joined MPW in 2009 and prior to his most recent appointment was Headmaster at Sherradswood School in Hertfordshire.





“ I really enjoyed my two-year experience at MPW and appreciate my academic results that I wouldn't have obtained if I had gone anywhere else. ”

Pannita, from Thailand. Now studying Aeronautical Engineering, Imperial College London.



Inspection Reports

MPW is one of the only education groups in England where all the colleges have achieved the highest rating in all the areas of their respective inspection reports.

Inspection reports are independent assessments that provide essential detail on the overall effectiveness of a school or college. The inspectors look at a number of areas, including the quality of teaching, student behaviour and welfare, as well leadership and management.

100% *MPW Birmingham, Outstanding*

February 2018 (OFSTED)

"Pupils have extremely positive attitudes to learning due to the high quality of teaching and individual support they receive. They work hard and are determined to succeed. Behaviour in lessons and around the school is exemplary."

100% *MPW Cambridge, Outstanding*

November 2016 (OFSTED)

"The college provides an outstanding quality of education. An outstanding curriculum supported by very well informed teaching enables students to reach standards of work that are well above average."

100% *MPW London, Excellent*

November 2013 (ISI)

"The quality of the students' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development is excellent. In line with the aims of the college, students are encouraged to develop confidence, self-belief and self-discipline."

Full reports available from www.mpw.ac.uk



A level Destinations 2017/2018

MPW has a highly consistent record of exam results over many years and across all three of our colleges. This year, once again the most commonly achieved A level result across the whole of MPW is A*/A.

Since 2014, over 90 students have either gained places at Oxbridge or gone on to study medical degree programmes.

Top-20 Destinations

Rank*	University	Subjects MPW students now studying include:
1	University of Oxford	Mathematics; Philosophy; French
2	University of Cambridge	History; Law; Mathematics
3	Imperial College	Mathematics; Medicine
4	University College London	Architecture; Chemistry; Natural Sciences; Urban Planning
5	London School of Economics and Political Science	Economics; International Relations; Law; Politics and Philosophy
6	University of Edinburgh	Economics with Finance; Philosophy and Politics
7	King's College London	Biochemistry; Dentistry; Geography; Molecular Genetics
8	University of Manchester	Aerospace Engineering; Mechanical Engineering; Pharmacy; Physics with Philosophy; Urban and Regional Planning
9	University of Bristol	Ancient History; Biology; English; Law and French; Music; Psychology; Sociology; Spanish; Veterinary Science
10	University of Glasgow	Molecular and Cellular Biology
11	University of Warwick	Accounting and Finance; Civil Engineering; History of Art
12	Durham University	Anthropology and Sociology; Biosciences; Music
13	University of Sheffield	History and Politics; Law; Physics; Psychology
14	Queen Mary, University of London	Drama; Economics and Politics; Mathematics with Finance and Accounting; Pharmacology and Innovative Therapeutics
15	University of Southampton	Business Innovation; Economics and Philosophy; Film
16	University of Exeter	Economics with European Study; Engineering and Management
17	University of York	Business Management; Computer Science; Politics
18	University of Leeds	Dental Surgery; History and Theology; Physics with Astrophysics
19	University of Birmingham	Civil and Railway Engineering; Sport and Exercise Sciences
20	University of St Andrews	French and Spanish

*2018 Times Higher Education UK University Rankings

A Levels

MPW offers the most comprehensive choice of A level options of any academic institution in the UK.

Subjects are offered with no restrictions on combination or course length. Students normally take three subjects to A level, with the option of also taking the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ).

- Two-year A level (September start)
- 18-month A level (January start)
- One-year A level courses (September)

A level subjects

Ancient History	French	Media Studies
Art	Further Mathematics	Music
Biology	Geography	Philosophy
Business	Geology	Photography
Ceramics	German	Physics
Chemistry	Graphic Design	Politics
Classical Civilisation	Greek	Psychology
Computer Science	History	Religious Studies
Economics	History of Art	Russian
English Language	Italian	Sociology
English Language and Literature	Latin	Spanish
	Law	Statistics
English Literature	Mandarin	Textiles
Film Studies	Mathematics	Theatre Studies

Please check website for full listings.



Quick facts



Age: 15+



Maximum
class size: 9



Start dates:

September (two years) – 5.5. IELTS

January (18 months) – 5.5 / 6.0 IELTS

September (one year) – 6.0 IELTS

GCSE

GCSE students at MPW may, depending upon their age and circumstances, choose either two-year courses or a one-year course.

Students come to MPW for GCSE courses primarily because of our average of six students per class and absolute guaranteed maximum of nine. Combined with an outstanding programme of pastoral support, we ensure students receive that extra level of personal attention they require for success.

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GCSE Subjects

Art	French	Music
Biology	Geography	Photography
Business Studies	German	Physics
Chemistry	Greek	Psychology
Classical Civilisation	History	Religious Studies
Computer Science	Italian	Russian
Drama	Latin	Sociology
Economics	Mandarin	Spanish
English Language	Mathematics	Textiles
English Literature	Modern Greek	

Other subjects may be available from time to time.

Easter Revision 2019

“ I really believe that my Easter Revision course is the reason I have ended up at my first choice university. ”

Marcus, Economics student, Easter Revision MPW Cambridge

MPW offers a broad range of courses and intensive, exam-oriented tuition. It is this expertise which forms the basis of our Easter revision courses.

Our tutors are all highly qualified graduates with considerable teaching experience. Many are GCSE or A level examiners and are therefore attuned to the requirements and approaches demanded by the various examining boards.

Small classes are essential in order to provide the close attention which each student requires. There is an absolute maximum of nine students in a group, although the average is usually five or six.

We focus on the following aspects which, in our experience, are central to students' confidence and academic performance:



Courses are board- and syllabus-specific



Intensive revision of core topics



Emphasis on understanding rather than learning



Development of appropriate question-answering techniques



Improvement of study and revision skills



Dates for London and Cambridge:

Week 1: 1 - 5 April

Week 2: 8 - 12 April

Week 3: 15 - 19 April



Dates for Birmingham:

Week 1: 8 - 12 April

Week 2: 15 - 19 April

Week 3: 22 - 26 April

University of London International Foundation Programme

The International Foundation Programme provides an ideal route to studying degree programmes at leading universities in London, or those offered by other universities, both in the UK and elsewhere.

By successfully completing the programme you will meet the academic standard equivalent to UK A levels and therefore have access to a wide range of degree courses. The prestigious nature and academic rigour of this course allows much greater opportunity to secure places at high ranking institutions and is more flexible than a pathway foundation linked to just one university.

Quick facts



Age: 17+



Maximum
class size: 14



Start dates:
September



Programme
length: 2 semesters
(Sep-Apr)



Course hours:
30 hours
per week

Academic entry requirements

Four GCSEs grade C or above or international equivalent (12 years of schooling completed with good grades and strong school report)

English Language level: IELTS 6.0 (minimum 6.0 in writing, with no other elements less than 5.5)

Awarding Body



**UNIVERSITY
OF LONDON**

13 Distinctions

7 Merits

Sample destinations from 2018 include:

Name	Grade	Nationality	University	Subjects
Max	Distinction	British	King's College London	Economics and Management
Giorgi	Distinction	Georgian	Warwick University	Economics and Industrial Organisation
Chak Chi	Distinction	Hong Kong Chinese	University of Manchester	Philosophy, Politics and Economics
Anna Maria	Distinction	German	University of Mannheim	Business Management
Juliet	Distinction	Nigerian	Queen Mary University	Law
Chuxian	Distinction	Chinese	University of Manchester	Sociology
Anders	Distinction	Swedish	Exeter University	Accounts and Finance
Chen Yu	Distinction	Taiwanese	Queen Mary University	Business Management
Alya	Distinction	Saudi Arabian	Warwick University	Economics, Politics and International Relations
Fahmi	Distinction	Azerbaijani	King's College London	Economics and Management

“I have found the teaching very strong, the IFP course is very intensive but I would recommend MPW and the IFP because my teachers have been so amazing.”

Paulo from Ukraine. Achieved a Merit, now studying Economics and Finance at Southampton University.



NCUK International Foundation year

The NCUK International Foundation Year is a modular programme that will prepare you for first-year entry to undergraduate degree courses.

NCUK is a consortium of leading UK universities dedicated to help international students achieve a place on a UK degree programme. With the NCUK guarantee, you will get at least two conditional offers and – on successful completion of the programme – will be guaranteed a place at university.

Quick facts



Age: 17+



Maximum
class size: 14



Start date:
September



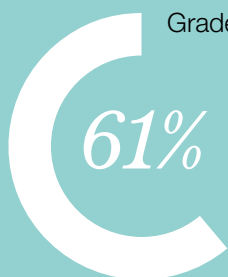
Programme
length:
3 terms



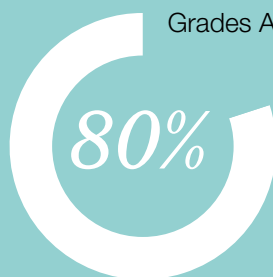
Course hours:
21 hours
per week

Partner Universities

- Aston University, Birmingham
- University of Birmingham
- University of Bradford
- University of Bristol
- University of Huddersfield
- Leeds Beckett University
- Liverpool John Moores University
- University of Manchester
- Manchester Metropolitan University
- Queen Mary, University of London
- University of Salford, Manchester
- University of Sheffield
- Sheffield Hallam University
- University of Kent
- Kingston University London
- University of Leeds



Grades A*-A



Grades A*-B

Sample destinations from 2018 include:

Name	Grade	Nationality	University	Subjects
Niki	BAA-A	Georgian	University of Birmingham	Business Management
Tomoka	A*AA-A	Japanese	University of Bristol	International Relations
Zainab	AA*A*-A	Malaysian	University of Manchester	Astrophysics
Huanhuan	AAA*-A	Chinese	King's College London	Biomedical Science
Garvin	BAA-A	Nigerian	Aston University	Business Management

“If you know what you want to do at university, NCUK at MPW is the best decision you’ll ever make.”

Iretidayo, from Nigeria. Iretidayo won the NCUK IFY Top Performing Student Award for her outstanding results (visit the NCUK website for more details)



Academic Entry Requirements

Completion of 12 years of schooling (or local equivalent to meet the same standard) with good grades

English Language Requirement

IELTS 5.5 or equivalent (with no less than 5.0 in any single band)

Validating Body: Northern Consortium of UK Universities (NCUK)

NCUK
THE UNIVERSITY CONSORTIUM

Oxbridge Programme

Oxford and Cambridge are two of the best universities in the world, with an international reputation for academic excellence. Winning a place to study there is a comprehensive and competitive process.

Around 6,600 undergraduates start their first years at Oxford or Cambridge every year and with a lot of hard work and preparation you can give yourself the best chance of being one of them.

At MPW, in addition to our world-class tuition and personal tutor system, we offer help to prospective Oxbridge candidates in three main areas:

- Details of what studying at an Oxbridge college is really like
- How to write an effective UCAS application, including sample personal statements
- Advice on how to prepare for and make a great impression at interview
- Case studies from students who have been through the Oxbridge application process



Medicine

Becoming a doctor is an incredibly popular career choice and with around ten applications made for every university place, competition is tougher than ever. It's not enough to have top A level grades and evidence of work experience – to be in with a chance you need a sound knowledge of current medical issues and be able to demonstrate true commitment to a career in medicine.

Aspiring medical students are provided with additional support in a number covers four main areas:



Personal statement review



Interview practice



Expert tuition to prepare for specialist tests



Additional lecture series to cover topical issues

Aspiring medics at MPW are automatically enrolled onto our preparation programme free of charge.

“ *If you are prepared to show commitment, MPW will support you all the way. Attention to the individual, rigorous teaching and genuinely good pastoral care.* **”**

Rebecca, from Australia. Now studying Medicine at the University of Leicester.

Every year, **James Barton** (MPW London Director of Admissions) and **Simon Horner** (MPW London Head of Science) publish “Getting into Medical School”. This guide is packed with essential advice and useful tips to help land a place at the medical school of your choice, giving you everything you need to embark on your dream career.



Enrichment and Extra-Curricular

MPW students are diverse and friendly, and most take full advantage of the wide range of extra-curricular activities and projects on offer.

These activities help to develop students' intellectual, sporting and cultural interests – and to make new friends outside the classroom.

All three colleges offer a range of different activities. Students can take part in social events ranging from raising awareness through a charity campaign, joining a debating session, playing football and netball to joining Maths Olympiads.

Accommodation

MPW students stay in a range of accommodation options. Most popular are the fully-supervised student residences, provided by Kensington Student Services (KSS).

Within walking distance of the colleges, students have the choice of single studio rooms, single en-suite or rooms with shared bathrooms. Some students choose to live with local families or in privately rented apartments or shared houses.

Live-in resident assistants and houseparents provide 24 hour support and supervision throughout term time (and ensure residents observe house rules and curfews).

All our accommodation has breakfast served daily and is part of the room package. To encourage independent living, guidance on cooking and healthy eating is provided. Our optional evening meal plan is served daily and prepared and served by our caterers or on site chefs.



How to Apply

The Admissions Procedure

1. Complete application form and return with supporting documentation, below:
 - Copy of passport and previous UK visa(s)
 - Copy of any English language qualifications
 - Copies of previous school qualifications/reports/transcripts
2. Attend an interview with a senior member of MPW staff and sit an entrance test if required. During the interview we will offer expert and honest advice on programme/subject selection and making a competitive university application. A student may be required to sit an English or Maths test depending on their qualifications and the course they are applying for. An interview may take place at MPW, in-country when we are visiting your region or via Skype.
3. Receive a decision on the application (usually within one week).

If a place has been offered:

4. Complete and return registration form, consent form and registration fee (£350) to guarantee place.
5. Pay a deposit (to be refunded in the last term of study).

6. If the student requires a Tier 4 visa, a CAS will be issued once the deposit has been received (we are not able to issue a CAS more than three months before the course start date).

Please send all applications to your interviewer or international@mpw.ac.uk

Visas and Immigration

MPW London, Birmingham and Cambridge are Tier 4 Sponsors able to issue Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies (CAS) for both Tier 4 Child and General visas.

If you require a visa to study in the UK, please ensure you provide all of the requested documents with your application so they can be assessed by the International Admissions Officer. If anything is missing, we will contact you to request the information.

In order to ensure you have the best support in your home country when it comes to completing a visa application, we strongly recommend that you have an agent, consultant or solicitor that can help you. If you don't have someone to help you through the process and check you have the correct documents, please speak to your interviewer.

If you have any questions, please ask your interviewer to direct you to the International Admissions Officer who can give you advice on student immigration to the UK. For the most up to date information, please visit the UK Visas and Immigration website.

“A highly significant factor in the students’ progress is their excellent attitude to work, to their tutors and to the college.”

ISI Inspection Report

Fees

	MPW London	MPW Cambridge	MPW Birmingham
<i>Tuition Fees (per year)</i>			
A levels (2 year course)	£31,080	£25,200	£22,260
A levels (1 year course)	£32,400	£28,890	£24,000
GCSE (2 year course)	£31,080	£25,200	£22,260
GCSE (1 year course)	£32,400	£25,200	£22,260
Foundation Programme	£21,750	£21,750	£18,580
Pre-Foundation in Art	£25,515	–	–

<i>Additional Fees (per term)</i>			
Additional IELTS	£1,950	£1,950	£1,680
18 month A level	£10,360	£8,400	£7,420
Registration fee	£350	£350	£350
Deposit*	£10,000	£9,000	£8,000

<i>Accommodation Fees (per year)</i>			
KSS Supervised Student Residence [◊] (including breakfast, linen, 24/7 supervision) [†]	£13,400 to £19,880	£12,000 to £13,500	£11,400 to £14,700
Home stay	Home stay is available upon request		

* Deposits are used for the final fee instalment and the balance refunded. EU nationals will pay 50% of the deposit fee stated. IFP students will pay £3,000 deposit.

◊ If KSS Accommodation is no longer available, information on suitable alternatives will be provided.

† KSS is a wholly owned subsidiary of MPW Ltd. Accommodation figures correct at time of print, please contact the college for a specific quote.

Testimonials

“I received university offers from Cambridge, Bristol and Durham which was great news and MPW has really given me back the belief that I can achieve top grades and succeed.”

Tallulah, from the UK. Now studying History at the University of Cambridge.



“The best thing about studying at MPW is the pastoral care given by the staff as the teachers helped me realise my maximum potential and how to achieve it while studying here.”

Wakil, from Nigeria. Now studying Medical Engineering at Aston University.



“I found MPW to be a busy, intellectually fulfilling place. Everyone is very focused towards helping students achieve their goals.”

Ellie, from Hong Kong. Now studying English at UCL.



“My most memorable experience at MPW was settling in and learning more about the British culture – most people at MPW are British which made it easier to learn and adapt very quickly.”



Ardy, from Iran. Achieved seven A*/A grades at GCSE, now studying A levels at MPW London.

“MPW provided me with everything I needed to have a successful university application, and it is clear that the staff really care about each individual student.”



Sadia, from the UK. Now studying Neuroscience at King's College, London.

“I have gained amazing experience and learnt about various opportunities open to me. I am really thankful that I was able to spend these two stunning years within this college.”



Severins, from Latvia. Now studying Marketing and Management at Sussex University.



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