

## What is it?

HE+ is a project run by the University of Cambridge and its Colleges together with a number of schools and colleges in your local area.

It offers a range of activities that will stretch and challenge you academically and provide you with advice and guidance about applying to higher education.

## Who is HE+ for?

HE+ is for Year 12 students who have the potential to make competitive applications to the University of Cambridge and other research-intensive universities. The project runs throughout Year 12 and we hope it will help you to feel more confident and well prepared when applying to higher education in Year 13.

## What does HE+ involve?

Throughout the year, you may have the opportunity to:

- Develop your subject knowledge through session with teachers from your local area. You will be able to engage with new arguments and ideas, as well as further your independent learning, research and communication skills.
- Explore the HE+ website ([www.myheplus.com](http://www.myheplus.com)) to support your own independent learning. The website has a range of fascinating subject resources and activities produced by Cambridge academics and postgraduate students. Use them to enhance your reading outside the curriculum.
- Talk to Cambridge Admissions Tutors and Schools Liaison Officers about your university choices, making a competitive application and preparing for interview.
- Attend masterclasses delivered by academics from the University of Cambridge. Masterclasses cover a range of topics and will often be linked to an area of current research, giving you a taste of subject areas which can be explored at university.
- Visit Cambridge and one of the Cambridge Colleges to talk to current undergraduate students and see for yourself what being a student is really like.



"HE+ set me in the right direction for wider reading and has been hugely valuable"



"HE+ helped me develop my academic skills and discover the topics I am most passionate about"

## Why should I take part?

There are lots of reasons to join the HE+ programme:

- You'll have many opportunities to develop your academic skills, confidence and understanding, and be able to demonstrate enthusiasm and interest for your subject.
- You'll get to know like-minded students from other schools and colleges in your area.
- You'll find out about the benefits of studying at a research-intensive university.
- You'll develop independent study skills which will help you as you prepare for further study.
- You'll have the chance to meet academic staff and current undergraduate students, talk to them about their experiences and find answers to your questions about higher education and student life.

**You might need to travel to other schools/colleges within your local area to get to HE+ activities. Funds are available to cover these travel costs; please speak to your HE+ coordinator.**



**Alexandra Burchill participated in HE+ when she was in Year 12. She now studies Linguistics at Cambridge. Linguistics is the study of human language and combines the arts and sciences.**

The HE+ classes were really useful – I took part in the English stream but some of the sessions were actually about the English language and I found these really interesting. Although I studied English and Modern Languages at school, what we did in HE+ made me look at language in a different way. I realised then that I really enjoyed exploring the language itself, rather than English literature. This is what led me to apply for and study Linguistics at university.

My top tip would be to go for it – there is nothing to lose from taking part in HE+ and it's good to grasp all the opportunities you get to help you when it comes to making important decisions about university. It was so useful to help me work out what I was really interested in!



"Taking part in HE+  
has broadened my  
experiences and  
boosted my confidence"

## How do I find out more about HE+?

If you have any further questions about HE+, please contact your school or college HE+ Coordinator.

## Dates to remember

- **January 2018** – Applications open for University of Cambridge 2018 Summer Schools for Year 12 students (check website for specific dates)
- **5 July and 6 July 2018** – University of Cambridge Open Days
- **15 October 2018** – Application deadline for 2019 entry to the University of Cambridge



## Information for students



An innovative  
academic  
programme for  
Year 12 students

Details are correct at the time of printing (July 2017) but should be checked against the Undergraduate Study website for up-to-date information – [www.study.cam.ac.uk](http://www.study.cam.ac.uk).

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