



**Mount Grace School**  
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3 December 2010

Dear Parent/Carer,

Please can you check the information regarding the trip to the University of Cambridge for **THE SUBJECT MATTERS on Saturday 8 January 2011** and please find below the information for this event.

This is relevant to all students, both those travelling with me via train and for those making their own way to the venue.

Can I remind all those travelling by Train from Potters Bar that the meeting time is 9am and he/she will need to bring money for transport.

### 1. TIMINGS AND ARRIVALS

Doors will be open from 11.15am. Please arrive by 11.50am to allow us to get you registered and seated.

### 2. CANCELLATIONS/OTHER DETAILS

If for any reason you are now not able to come on this date please let me know as soon as possible so I can fill this available slot with another student.

### 3. VENUE

**Bristol Squibb Myers Lecture Theatre**  
**Department of Chemistry**  
**University of Cambridge**  
**Lensfield Road**  
**Cambridge CB2 1EW**

### 4. MAPS

Here are the relevant links for you to download and print any maps you might need.

A selection of Cambridge maps: can be found at the tourist board website Visit Cambridge  
<http://www.visitcambridge.org/VisitCambridge/Maps.aspx?p=22&pid=1106&prcid=4&ppid=1106>

Department of Chemistry: visitor information and directions  
<http://www.ch.cam.ac.uk/content/directions-department-chemistry>

University Street Index: for Lensfield Road  
<http://www.cam.ac.uk/map/v4/drawmap.cgi?mp=main;xx=2116;yy=1301;mt=a;ma=330;tl=Lensfield%20Road>

The entrance to the lecture theatre is from the small car park at the side of the Scott Polar Museum.  
This is Building Number 50 on this street index map  
The entrance to this small car park is denoted on the map by a red triangle to the left of building number 50.  
We will have gold signage around the building and on the gate pillars

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## 5. REFRESHMENTS AT THE VENUE

There will be a small coffee bar open from 11am and also during the event in the entrance foyer of the lecture theatre, selling hot and cold drinks and snacks.

## 6. OUTLINE PROGRAMME

12.00-12.05pm	Welcome
12.05-1.00pm	Choosing A Level Subjects Subject Choice, Course Choice, Career Choice and their interactions
1.00-1.45pm	Q&A : questions from students
1.45-2.00pm	Short break
2.00-2.30pm	Undergraduate Degrees at the University of Cambridge Undergraduate admissions, recruitment and teaching at Cambridge
2.30-3.00pm	Q&A : questions from students
3.00pm	Close of session

## 7. PRESENTERS: 13 November 2010 Session (may be slightly different)

### Dr Geoff Parks:

<http://www-edc.eng.cam.ac.uk/people/gtp.html>

Geoff Parks is Director of Admissions for the Cambridge Colleges and the main spokesperson for the University on admissions policies and procedures. He is a Fellow, as well as a previous Admissions Tutor, of Jesus College.

### Dr Andrew Bell

<http://www.cai.cam.ac.uk/andrewbell>

Andrew Bell is a University Affiliated Lecturer in Anglo Saxon, Norse and Celtic History as well as Admissions Tutor and Fellow, Gonville and Caius College.

### Mrs Paula Stirling LLB

[http://www.christs.cam.ac.uk/college-life/people/academic-staff/fellow\\_stirlingp/](http://www.christs.cam.ac.uk/college-life/people/academic-staff/fellow_stirlingp/)

Paula is Director of Admissions, Fellow and Tutor in Law at Christ's College.

## 8. RUSSELL GROUP UNIVERSITIES

During the event you will hear reference to "research led" or "research intensive" or "Russell Group" universities. In general this phrase refers to the group of 20 universities, of which the University of Cambridge is one, who belong to the Russell Group. Your students might like to have a quick review of undergraduate course requirements in other Russell Group universities before they arrive. <http://www.russellgroup.ac.uk/our-universities.aspx>

## 9. TRAVELLING TO CAMBRIDGE

### M11 coming from London:

Turn off the M11 at Junction 11, you will pass a Park & Ride/Waitrose on your left. Keep going straight on for about two miles. You will see The Leys School (large signs at gates) on your left hand side just as you come into the city centre. Take the next turn right (small roundabout in middle of road) and you are now on Lensfield Road. The Department of Chemistry is a very large building on your right hand side about 150 yards along

### By car:

There is no car parking whatsoever on site in either the car park for Department of Chemistry staff or the small car park for Scott Polar Museum staff. Clamping is in operation if you park without a staff permit badge. Minibus parking is by prior arrangement only.

The postal code of the department for sat nav instruction is CB2 1EW but we do not recommend that you try to traverse the historic city centre by car. The central streets are ringed with rising

bollards and the one way system is incredibly frustrating. If you check out Map 2: Cambridge City on the Visit Cambridge tourist website you will notice that certain access/circular routes are coloured in dark pink, denoting roads which are two way and without rising bollard restrictions. We recommend you try to plan your travel to the venue using these routes, even if on paper it appears you are going out of your way somewhat.

If you are travelling into Cambridge by car consider the Park and Rides as well. You will avoid the heavy Saturday town traffic and car parking is much more expensive in town. It costs less than £3 to leave your car for the day and this includes a free bus in and out of the centre of Cambridge for up to 4 people.

The most convenient Park and Rides for Lensfield Road are as

**Babraham Park and Ride**

<http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/transport/around/parkandride/babrahamroad/>

You should ask to alight nearest the corner of Hills Road/Station Road and walk from there to Lensfield Rd

**Trumpington Park and Ride**

<http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/transport/around/parkandride/trumpington/> You should ask to alight at the Leys School stop just before the corner of Lensfield Road.

The nearest public car park is Queen Anne Terrace on Gonville Place, directly facing Parkers Piece <http://www.cambridge.gov.uk/ccm/navigation/transport-and-streets/car-parks/>

Finally, you may be lucky and find a parking spot on the adjacent streets. Free street parking in Cambridge on Saturdays can be a bit arbitrary so make sure you check the parking signs on each road - some are residents parking only on Saturday as well as Monday to Friday, some are not, so you need to be careful!

**By coach:**

National Express run very regular coaches to Cambridge from London, Luton and many other towns. To check out routes and times log onto [www.nationalexpress.com](http://www.nationalexpress.com) Please check the stops on the route of each coach carefully as some travel directly to Cambridge whereas others can take a much more roundabout journey route and take considerably longer. National Express Coaches arrive in Cambridge along the side of Parkers Piece outside Parkside police station and is a very short walk across Parkers Piece to the Department of Chemistry.

**By train: FROM LONDON**

The fastest trains at the weekends from London are the non-stop trains from Kings X direct to Cambridge. They run at 15 minutes and 45 minutes past each hour and take approximately 45 minutes. Trains also run from Liverpool Street but they are slower. To arrive in time to be seated at 11.50pm, you need to plan your journey to arrive at Cambridge station at around 11.00am. <http://www.nationalrail.co.uk/> This will give you plenty of time to walk to Lensfield Road without having to rush. Our current information is there will be no engineering works on the main Kings X or Liverpool Street lines on Saturdays in January but it would be no harm to check late the evening before in case of any last minute changes to this advance information.

**By train: FROM OTHER LOCATIONS**

Please check with National Rail and also the train operating company website that you will be travelling with to ensure there are no engineering works taking place on your line to Cambridge on that date.

For fares and promotions on First Capital Connect, East of England region:

[http://www.nationalrail.co.uk/times\\_fares/promotions/toc\\_fc.html](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk/times_fares/promotions/toc_fc.html).

For fares and promotions on National Express East Anglia, East of England region:

[http://www.nationalrail.co.uk/times\\_fares/promotions/toc\\_le.html](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk/times_fares/promotions/toc_le.html).

## **10. WHAT ELSE TO DO IN CAMBRIDGE**

Some useful links are:

<http://www.visitcambridge.org/VisitCambridge/Home.aspx>

<http://www.grandarcade.co.uk/>

<http://www.cambridge-art-craft.co.uk/>

<http://www.graftoncentre.co.uk/>

<http://www.cambridge.gov.uk/ccm/content/economic-development/cityc-management/market-gallery.en?page=4>

<http://www.fitzmuseum.cam.ac.uk/>

If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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