

Lucy Cavendish College welcomes the Global China Academy delegation



Lucy Cavendish College
University of Cambridge



Our History: honouring the past to build the future

Chapter One:

- Established 1965 for women wanting professional advancement through postgraduate study - but denied entry to men's colleges.
- 1972 provided access to Cambridge for mature-age women as undergraduates.



Chapter Two:

- 2018 opened the Cambridge door to all under-served groups regardless of age and gender to become broadly representative of society
- 2018-present. Growth in international student numbers to create a global, immersive, learning and living community



Lucy Cavendish: Our Mission

Seeks...

students with outstanding academic potential from diverse backgrounds around the world.

Selects...

students with enterprising mindsets

Unlocks...

students' full potential to create future global leaders and innovators.

Attracts students and researchers ...

from across the world committed to making a 'positive impact' on humankind and the planet. UN Sustainable Development Goals.



Lucy Cavendish: Our Students



1000 students
50:50 men vs. women
55% postgraduates; 45% undergraduates
One in four win academic prizes
The most diverse college in Cambridge

Highest grades for entry to Cambridge University
Students in all subjects. Majority in STEMM



60% from under-represented and low-income groups.
One in four first in family to go to university

85 different countries represented in the College

We develop an enterprising mindset in all our students from Week One

Lucy Enterprise Programme

- Team challenges linked to UN SDGs & social impact
- Mentoring by leading companies
- Talks, visits and internships
- Pitch competitions with prizes every March
- Early-stage investors involved
- Pathways into Cambridge enterprise and social innovation ecosystems



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Cambridge Enterprise Eco-System



- The 3rd most successful university-innovation ecosystem in the world and best in Europe.
- 2,300+ researchers supported by Cambridge Enterprise
- £1.8bn+ follow-on funding raised by University spin-outs since 1995. 98% five-year survival rate
- 5,200+ knowledge-intensive firms with total turnover of £18bn
- 316 patent applications published per 100,000 residents
- 21 'unicorns' created

Our Future Plans: a Global College

1. Increase international numbers including China
2. Introduce Global Leaders Programme in 2024 with mentoring from global companies
 - Emerging technologies
 - AI and implications for new fields
 - Future global world order
 - Ethical leadership
 - Climate change: Law & Finance
3. Exploit advances in digital technology to enable international education and research projects
4. Form new international partnerships for scholar and visiting faculty programmes



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Our Future Plans: a Digital Innovation College

1. 5G capability as platform for trials of new learning and wellbeing apps
2. Develop further our experimental Meta Lab for scenario and immersive skills training
3. Platform to take teaching programmes international
4. Collaborative software for shared research projects with partners



Our Library

1. Began in 1972 with 1,500 books. Students could not borrow them!
2. 1974-1994 moved twice on site. Became full academic library. 12,000 books, periodicals & journals, special collections, rare books, archive. Professional Librarians appointed.
3. 1996 decision to build new Library. Opened 1999
4. Growth supported by benefactors, trusts, bequests, donations of books



Our Library: Photos by Sarah Rawlinson



Our Library: Future Plans

1. Extend its footprint to create more study and group learning spaces
2. Insert mezzanine floor as originally planned
3. Create hub for global connectivity to support student projects and research with international partners
4. Space for experimenting with immersive digital learning technologies



Thank you for your attention

