



Realise is a project established by the University of Cambridge. It is designed to support young people in care, aged 11-18, to access Higher Education through a series of day events over the course of the academic year. Each day event takes place at the University of Cambridge and introduces varied areas of study; young people are given the opportunity to explore the University, and are provided with information about routes to Higher Education, finance, and choosing a course. Care-experienced student ambassadors are also on hand throughout the day to discuss student life.

The events are FREE, and the University covers all transport costs for participants and accompanying adults/ 'buddies', if applicable. Lunch will also be provided. To sign up to our mailing list, contact Khatija Hafesji at care@cao.cam.ac.uk. To book a place, go to the following website:

www.cam.ac.uk/admissions/undergraduate/care/

I would encourage anyone to visit Cambridge University. It made me realise that there is a real opportunity for me to go there in the future – Reuben, 16, Lancashire.

I realised that Cambridge is very welcoming to care leavers. I think this is because no matter who you are or whatever your background, you should always have a chance at university and never forget that you are just the same as anyone else – Vicky, 13, Lincolnshire.

The aspects of the University of Cambridge events I most enjoyed were the scenery, the talks, and the tours. The Fitzwilliam museum was an amazing part of the University.... the helpful, friendly, and approachable Cambassadors (student ambassadors) were very passionate in everything they shared with us! – Sharmin, 14, Luton.

I wish all of my lessons were like this! – Lydia, 11, Suffolk

2011/12 Spring Term Programme (Years 7 – 13)

February 2012

Wednesday 1 February

Learn more about the mysteries of the universe in a talk by an astronomer at the University of Cambridge. Then take a look at the night sky through the telescopes at the Institute of Astronomy (weather permitting). Go on a tour of a Cambridge College and learn more about student life! Dinner will be provided.

2.30 – 9pm.

Places are limited, book early.

Stargazing Evening, Year 10-13



Monday 13 February



You-niversity Day, Year 7-9

Would you like to dress up as a polar explorer and learn about one of the greatest expeditions to the South Pole? Would you like to take the St. John's Challenge and explore the biggest of the University Colleges (pictured left)? Then come along to the

You-niversity day where you can do all these things and learn what it is like to be a student at University!

10 - 3pm

Places are limited, book early.

Tuesday 14 February (10 – 4pm)

Science Day, Year 10-13



Do you like fun experiments, mini-explosions, or 3D films? Come along to the University of Cambridge Science Day and see science in a way you never have before:

- *Take part in psychological experiments to learn more about how your brain works!*
- *Play with a 3D Projector and see for yourself how they created Avatar*
- *Build electrical circuits with apples and Buddhist singing bowls and watch sparks fly!*

Friday 17 February

Arts and Humanities Day, Year 10-13

- *What does a seventeenth-century painting have to say about a modern day advertising campaign? Explore the world of visual art at the Fitzwilliam Museum.*
- *Be a student for a day and have lunch at Trinity College, University of Cambridge*
- *How have people understood and described each other throughout history? Find out by examining and discussing historical sources with a University academic.*



10 – 4pm

March 2012

Saturday 10 March

CSI Cambridge Day, Year 10-13



A terrible crime has been committed! You must use all of your wits, scientific skills, and the clues you discover to find out who did it! The murder took place on a dark winter night in the creaky halls of Clare College, University of Cambridge. You have arrived, as forensics experts, to solve the mystery...

10 – 4.30pm

Saturday 17 March

Creative Day Year 7-9

*Visit the Fitzwilliam Museum, taking a tour through its collection of art work, and then spend some time creating your own art in a studio workshop! Go on a treasure hunt around a Cambridge College with Cambridge University students and learn what being at University is **really** like!*



10 – 3pm

April 2012

Tuesday 10 April (10 – 4pm)

Science Day, Year 9-11



Biology, chemistry, and physics – the University of Cambridge has it covered!

- *Solve a murder by examining pollen grains through a microscope, take a tour of the botanical garden glasshouses and find out where cocoa, coffee, and rubber come from.*
- *Take part in messy Chemistry experiments,*
- *Build bridges at the department of engineering! A day for the indelibly curious and science enthusiasts!*

Places are limited, book early.

The events are also open to accompanying adults, including foster carers, keyworkers, personal advisors, teachers, mentors, amongst others.

Bring a buddy!

As of 2011/12, all Looked After Children Events are open to a young person's peers. This includes:

- An accompanying friend of the same age who is aware of and comfortable with the young person's care-status.
- Other young people of a similar age sharing the same foster home. They can either be in care themselves, or the birth children of foster families.

Booking for events is via the website:

<http://www.cam.ac.uk/admissions/undergraduate/care/>

For enquiries, to join our mailing list, or if you would prefer a paper-booking form please contact Khatija Hafesji on 01223766872 or email care@cao.cam.ac.uk.

Other Opportunities

Thursday 7 June (11 – 3pm)

You-niversity Day, year 5 & 6

The executioner's tale: Dr Ulinka Rublack and David Harrap

Look at a gruesome sixteenth century German executioner's sword stored in the Fitzwilliam museum and the extraordinary diary of renowned Nuremberg hangman Franz Schmidt, to discover more about the history of capital punishment. Court books from the time reveal who was imprisoned and punished, and for what crime. The session will involve studying pictures and court cases, reading aloud in small groups, and will use the help of an actor to bring these grisly tales to life. It will also discuss the role of the executioner in history. He was a figure of highly ambivalent status in the community, as he was considered both a hangman and a healer. Today, there are still many more examples of people who are both insiders and outsiders in society. The discussion will also address the usefulness of sources – what questions can we ask about using diaries and court books as evidence? How accurate are they? What else can we learn from them?

Key Stage 2 (ages 9 to 11 only)

Fitzwilliam Museum, Work Experience Taster Day

Thursday 12th April 2012

Age 13+

Bi-annual work experience Taster Day held at the Fitzwilliam Museum, University of Cambridge:

Explore career options, join in hands-on activities, meet the experts, visit two collections, and go behind the scenes!

This is a fantastic CV boosting opportunity, all travel costs are covered and lunch is also provided. There are a number of places reserved on the Taster Day for young people in care, available on a first-come first-served basis. If you would like further information or would like to apply for a place, please contact Khatija Hafesji at care@cao.cam.ac.uk

Year 12 Sutton Trust Summer Schools

University of Cambridge

The University of Cambridge runs a number of Sutton Trust Summer Schools from 22nd July – 26th August 2012. All costs for the summer school are covered, including transport to and from the event, meals, accommodation and all activities. For further information visit the Sutton Trust website:

www.suttontrust.com/summer-schools/how-to-apply/