

Pre-interview and interview notes for applicants

October 2022



This document contains important information about interviews and admissions assessments for each subject, information about any written work you may need to submit, and information on any reading you may need to prepare for interviews. **Please read the relevant sections of this information carefully as you will not receive a further notice of anything you are required to do.**

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General Information

1) DECEMBER INTERVIEWS

Interviews will be held in the period from **Monday 5th December 2022** to **Wednesday 14th December 2022**. If you have unavoidable engagements during this period you must let us know as soon as possible since it is very difficult to change interview arrangements once you have been notified. We are unable to arrange interviews outside our scheduled interview times unless there are exceptional circumstances, such as serious illness. For almost all subjects, we will let you know by email if you are being invited to interview in the week beginning 21st November; the exception is Medicine, in which case the invitation will come early in the following week. It is not possible to notify anyone of interview dates or times any earlier than this.

Our intention is that **interviews with UK-based students in December 2022 will be held in person, in Cambridge**. 'UK-based' here means students who ordinarily live or study in the UK, and who are not travelling to the UK for the primary purpose of attending their interview. If you are in the UK but unable to travel to Cambridge, please explain to us why. In exceptional cases, we may be willing to allow you to have an online interview even if you are based in the UK, in which case the guidelines below aimed at non-UK based students will apply. Please note that we are keeping this policy under review in light of the public health situation, and if there are significant changes over the Autumn period, we may revise this approach, and will let you know immediately if that is so.

We will be happy to provide overnight accommodation in College if travel to and from Cambridge in one day is not reasonably possible, or where interview procedures mean that you have to be here first thing in the morning or late into the afternoon. Meals and accommodation are provided free of charge. Unfortunately due to space constraints, we will not be able to accommodate those who can reasonably travel here and back in one day. For the same reason, we regret that it is not possible to provide meals or accommodation for accompanying parents or friends. If you wish to find accommodation elsewhere in Cambridge, please visit the Accommodation section of the Cambridge Visitor Information Centre website, at: <https://www.visitcambridge.org/place-categories/accommodation/>

For students who are not based in the UK, your interview will be held **on-line, via the platform Zoom** (<https://zoom.us/>). Please register an account if you do not have one already; there is no charge for this. You will need to have access to a stable internet connection, a computer and a video camera. You could join the interview from home, at your school, or in another location which will be accessible to you. If you anticipate any problems with this, please let us know, and we may be back in touch with further questions. We ask you to log in for each of your interviews 10 minutes in advance. You will be met there by some of our student helpers, who will make sure your technology is working well. When the interviewers are ready to meet you, you will be transferred into the virtual meeting room with them.

You must not share information that comes out of your interviews, nor permit others to share such information. This includes circulating to others the documents or images you receive (either in person or online) as part of your interview. Furthermore, you are strictly prohibited from recording the interviews or knowingly permitting others to record your interview. Trinity College would take any breach of this policy extremely seriously, and would ask UCAS to activate its authority to terminate your application, not only to the University of Cambridge but to all other universities to which you have applied in the UK.

The interviews themselves will be with one or more members of the teaching staff in the subject you have applied to study. All admissions interviews at Trinity are subject-specific and academically-focused. There is no dress code for interviews at Trinity - you are encouraged to wear whatever you find comfortable.

2) WRITTEN ASSESSMENTS

Some subjects have written assessments to be taken at a school or authorised test centre in mid-October. You will need to have registered by 15 September for Law, and by 30 September for Chemical Engineering &

Biotechnology, Computer Science, Economics, Engineering, Medicine and Natural Sciences. These assessments have to be taken by all applicants, and the results form an important part of our decision on whether or not to call you for interview. It is important to notify us immediately if you are unable to attend an assessment that you were scheduled to take, and to explain why.

No subject other than those listed in the previous paragraph requires you to register for a test before you receive an invitation to interview. At that stage, though, in some subjects, candidates invited to interview will be asked to take a separate test usually in the week before your interview. More details are listed below with the relevant subject. **These tests can be taken wherever you find most convenient – they do not need to be taken in a test centre or school.** You will ‘scan’ your work when it is complete – the most straightforward way to do this is by taking a photo on your phone – and then upload it using a link that will be supplied to you. In **History & Modern Languages, Linguistics and MML**, the test is taken under conditions of **remote invigilation**: that is, you will be asked to work on paper while you have a camera on. This is so that we can be confident no candidate is receiving assistance from someone else in taking the test. More details will be sent to you if you are invited for interview.

3) GRAPHICS TABLETS (and PAPER) for non-UK students

This section only applies if you are having a remote interview, which will principally be for students who are based outside the UK. You do not need to have a graphics tablet if you are being interviewed in-person, which will be the case for all UK applicants, unless you provide us with exceptional reasons why you cannot attend your interview in person.

For candidates being interviewed online in Chemical Engineering & Biotechnology, Computer Science, Engineering, Mathematics, Medicine and Natural Sciences, you will need to have access to a **graphics tablet** (or ‘drawing tablet’) to use in a remote interview. This could be an iPad or another device plugged into your computer. A typical such device is a Wacom One with a stylus (pen) which costs about £36.00 to purchase. This is so that we can see what you write during the interview, such as if we ask you to make some calculations. There is no need to buy anything other than a small sized device. If you are in a subject that requires a graphics tablet, and you have not used one before, we strongly recommend you practise with one before your interview.

For **Chemical Engineering & Biotechnology, Computer Science, Engineering, Medicine and Natural Sciences**, you will be using the interactive Zoom whiteboard feature during your interview, which enables both you and your interviewers to write on the same screen. To try this out, on Zoom, click ‘share screen’ (at the bottom, in green), then ‘whiteboard’, then ‘share’ (bottom right). For **Mathematics**, you will need to share your screen on Zoom to show your interviewers your working on your tablet. If you have an iPad you can share your screen via the ‘share screen’ button and click ‘iPhone/iPad’. If you are using a separate drawing tablet, it is worth trying out a few different solutions to see which you are most comfortable with. For example, you could use note-making software such as Xournal++ (<https://xournalpp.github.io/>) or an image editor such as Krita (<https://krita.org/>), or use an online whiteboard system (such as Whiteboard.fi, Miro, MURAL, Limnu). On Zoom, you can again make these visible to your interviewer by clicking on ‘share screen’, then the relevant window, then ‘share’. For Mathematics, the use of the Zoom inbuilt whiteboard feature is not recommended. For all these subjects, the use of the tablet or iPad is essential: please do let us know if you envision any difficulties in obtaining one.

For remote interviews in all subjects, it is useful to have some paper (for example, a notepad) and a pen to hand. In subjects that use a whiteboard, you may find it useful to write the questions down on paper before you start work on the whiteboard. For some subjects that are not using a whiteboard, you may want to write a note or two to remind yourself as your interviewers explain a problem to you.

4) DECISIONS AND THE JANUARY POOL

Our plan is to send you the decision about your application on 25th January. There is a possibility that, if your application is placed in the inter-College 'Pool', you may be invited for another interview in mid-January. It is important that we have both the address and a telephone number at which you can be contacted then. If you intend to be at the home address given on your application, no action is required; if you will be elsewhere, you must send us the details as soon as they are known. You should also let us know if you are not available for interview in mid-January.

5) WRITTEN WORK

Candidates for some subjects are required to upload scans of written work, on a link that will be provided to you. The scan of each piece submitted should be turned into a single pdf file with a cover sheet. The cover sheet and details of how to create the scan are available at: <https://www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/digital-document-upload>

For all submitted work the following information applies, unless specifically stated otherwise in the subject information:

- The deadline for written work to be submitted is **Thursday 3rd November 2022**.
- On the written work, before you scan it, please number the pages.
- Your written work may be marked or unmarked but it should be completed as part of your schoolwork unless specifically stated below. Unless stated below, it is acceptable to submit a piece of work even if it is not linked to the subject you propose to study at Cambridge. In general, we would like to see work that best reflects your interests and abilities. We are deliberately flexible about this so that you are free to select pieces you would like us to read.
- It is best to submit recent work. However, the essays you submit do not have to have been written in your final year at school. For UK candidates, essays written for subjects in Year 12 would be fine if you have not yet produced anything suitable in Year 13. We do not expect gap year students to produce new work – please send in work from your A-levels (or equivalent).
- Please include on the cover sheet any information about the context in which you wrote each essay which may be useful to the person reading it. For example, how long you were given to do it (1 hour/3 days/3 weeks, etc), whether or not you were allowed to use a dictionary (say, in the case of foreign language essays) or other resources.
- Unless specified in the subject-specific notes, essays may be either handwritten or typed. We prefer that you submit your work exactly as you produced it at school/college. Accordingly, please do not worry about such details as formatting or whether or not you have included a bibliography.
- There is no word limit. Unless otherwise specified in the subject-specific notes, most candidates submit essays that are between 1,000 and 3,000 words long. When selecting work please note that we are looking for quality rather than quantity.
- All essays must be written in English (unless we have requested them to be written in another language that you are applying to study at Cambridge). If you don't have suitable essays in English, you may translate work written in another language. We do not mind whether you translate the work yourself or have it officially translated.
- Any essays you send in should be pieces of work that you would feel happy to discuss in an interview. Your interviewers then decide whether or not to ask you about your written work. Please keep a copy of what you send as reference so that you can consult it before your interview.
- If, for any reason, you are unable to submit any written work, it is in your interests to write to us before the deadline to explain your circumstances.

Subject-specific Information

ANGLO-SAXON, NORSE AND CELTIC

- Upload two recent essays by **Thursday 3rd November 2022**.
- Please ensure that you have read about the ASNC Tripos via: <https://www.asnc.cam.ac.uk/admissions/undergraduate/index.htm> and consider having a look at a few items on the introductory reading list which you can access from that page. It would help if you have read two or three of the items on this list.
- There will be two separate interviews each of about 25 minutes with members of the ASNC Department. At least one of these, possibly both, may include reviewing and discussing a short text or image that will be shown to you during the interview.
- If your interviews are held online, there is no need for any additional technology beyond a computer, a webcam and a stable internet connection.

ARCHAEOLOGY

- Upload one recent essay by **Thursday 3rd November 2022**.
- You will have a single interview with two members of the teaching staff.
- You will be asked to take a written test prior to the interview. This will be held on **Monday 28th November 2022**. You sit this remotely in a 120-minute window for a **60-minute paper plus 30 minutes reading time** and upload your answers. You do not need to pre-register or pay any registration fee. The College will make the necessary arrangements and will let you know what they are.
- If your interview is held online, there is no need for any additional technology beyond a computer, a webcam and a stable internet connection.

ARCHITECTURE

- Please upload your sample artwork as a single 6-page PDF. Further guidance on what this artwork could include is at <https://www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/courses/architecture#entry-requirements> (in the section headed 'portfolio'). Trinity has no further requirements to those listed in that section of the page. This document should be uploaded by **Thursday 3rd November 2022**.
- You will have one interview with the Director of Studies in Architecture and another member of the teaching staff.
- All applicants invited to interview for Architecture are required to take written and practical assessments before the interview. This will be held on **Friday 25th November 2022**. You sit this remotely in a 90-minute window for a **60-minute paper** and upload your answers. It is split into two formats: 'Writing skills' (30 minutes) and 'Graphic and spatial ability' (30 minutes). A more detailed specification is on <https://www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/courses/architecture#entry-requirements>. You do not need to pre-register or pay any registration fee. The College will make the necessary arrangements and will let you know what they are.
- If your interview is held online, there is no need for any additional technology beyond a computer, a webcam and a stable internet connection.

ASIAN & MIDDLE EASTERN STUDIES

- Upload two recent, preferably marked, essays by **Thursday 3rd November 2022**.
- If you are invited to interview, you will be interviewed by the Director of Studies in Asian and Middle Eastern Studies and one other specialist in the area in which you have expressed interest. It is expected that you will have done some reading concerning the relevant culture(s).
- You will be asked to read a short text prior to interview, under invigilated conditions. If you are being interviewed in person, you will be given this to read at a specified time before your interview begins. If your interview is online, this will be sent to you by email at a set time before your interview, on the same day, and you will be reading it under invigilated conditions (that is, while on a Zoom call with your camera on). Further details will be sent to you if you are selected for interview.

- If your interview is held online, there is no need for any additional technology beyond a computer, a webcam and a stable internet connection.

CHEMICAL ENGINEERING and BIOTECHNOLOGY

- All applicants for Chemical Engineering and Biotechnology take the Natural Sciences Admissions Assessment on **19th October 2022**. Details are available at: <https://www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/courses/natural-sciences#entry-requirements>
- Candidates for interview will have two interviews with two different members of the teaching staff in each interview.
- If your interview is held online, you will need to have a graphics tablet for your interview (see p.3), as well as a computer, a webcam and a stable internet connection.
- You do not need to submit any written work for this subject.

CLASSICS

- Upload two examples of written work (such as essays, translations or compositions) by **Thursday 3rd November 2022**.
- You will have two interviews, each of about 25 minutes with different members of the teaching staff. In one of these interviews, you may be asked to discuss the work you have submitted.
- You will be asked to read a short text prior to one of the interviews, under invigilated conditions. If you are being interviewed in person, you will be given this to read at a specified time before your interview begins. If your interview is online, this will be sent to you by email at a set time before your interview, on the same day, and you will be reading it under invigilated conditions (that is, while on a Zoom call with your camera on). Further details will be sent to you if you are selected for interview.
- You may also be interviewed by a Director of Studies in Classics in another college.
- You will be asked to take a written assessment prior to your interview. For those applying for the three-year course, this will be a translation exercise. This will be held on **Tuesday 29th November 2022**. You sit this remotely in a 90-minute window for a **60-minute paper** and upload your answers. Applicants for the four-year course are given a language learning aptitude test. Further details are at: <https://www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/courses/classics#entry-requirements>. You do not need to pre-register or pay any registration fee. The College will make the necessary arrangements and will let you know what they are.
- If your interviews are held online, there is no need for any additional technology beyond a computer, a webcam and a stable internet connection.

COMPUTER SCIENCE

- All applicants are required to take the Test of Mathematics for University Admission (TMUA) on **18th October** at an authorised centre local to them (for a lot of applicants, this will be their school/college). Further details are at: <https://www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/courses/computer-science#entry-requirements>
- If you are invited to interview, you will be asked to take the Computer Science Admissions Test (CSAT). Detailed information regarding the CSAT, including advice on how to prepare and sample questions, can be found at <https://openclimb.io/>. More information will be sent to you about how you will take CSAT if you are invited to interview.
- You will have one interview with two members of the Computer Science staff. The interview will focus on scientific and mathematical topics.
- If your interview is held online, you will need to have a graphics tablet for your interview (see p.3), as well as a computer, a webcam and a stable internet connection.
- You do not need to submit any written work for this subject.

ECONOMICS

- All applicants are required to take the Test of Mathematics for University Admission (TMUA) on **18th October** at an authorised centre local to them (for a lot of applicants, this will be their school/college). Details are available at:

<https://www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/courses/economics#entry-requirements>

- Upload one recent, preferably marked, coursework essay by **Thursday 3rd November 2022**.
- If you are invited to interview, you will have one interview with two interviewers, led by a member of the teaching staff in Economics.
- You will be asked to read a short article prior to interview. If you are being interviewed in person, you will be given this to read at a specified time before your interview begins. If your interview is online, this will be sent to you by email at a set time before your interview, on the same day. Further details will be sent to you if you are selected for interview. Approximately half of your interview will be spent discussing this article, and the remainder of the time will be spent discussing various problems assigned in the interview.
- You may be required to use standard mathematical techniques during the course of the interview, but this will not require knowledge beyond that covered in the first year of the A-level mathematics course (or equivalent). If you are being interviewed online, you should have a paper and pen with you, and should expect to have to work on that, while describing to the interviewer what you are doing, and be prepared to show the paper on the video camera when requested.
- If you are being interviewed online, you do not need any additional technology beyond a computer, a webcam and a stable internet connection.

ENGINEERING

- All applicants are required to take the Engineering Admissions Assessment on **19th October** at an authorised centre local to them (for a lot of applicants, this will be their school/college). Details are available at: <https://www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/courses/engineering#entry-requirements>
- If selected for interview, candidates for Engineering at Trinity take a short (one-hour) test prior to their interview. This test comprises maths and physics questions (a sample is available on the College website at: <https://www.trin.cam.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/engineering07.pdf>). This test will be taken under conditions of invigilation, either in Trinity if you are being interviewed in-person, or remotely if not (see pp.2-3, above). In the interviews, you will not be asked to address problems that you could not tackle in this test.
- Candidates for interview will have two interviews each of about 30 minutes with different members of the teaching staff.
- If you are being interviewed online, you will need to have a graphics tablet for your interview (see p.3), as well as a computer, a webcam and a stable internet connection.
- You do not need to submit any written work for this subject.

ENGLISH

- Upload one recent essay by **Thursday 3rd November 2022**. The essay should be of no more than 2,000 words, including any footnotes (though not including a bibliography, if you have one).
- You will be asked to take a written assessment prior to your interview. This will be held on **Wednesday 23rd November 2022**. You sit this remotely in a 120-minute window for a **90-minute paper** and upload your answers. Details are available at: <https://www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/courses/english#entry-requirements>
- Those invited for interview will receive two interviews. In one of the interviews, you will be asked more general questions about your reading and thinking. You may also be asked about the personal statement and the recent essay that you submitted in advance. During the other interview, we will ask you about one or two short pieces of writing that will be shown to you in the interview itself, and which we expect you will not have previously seen. This might be poetry, or prose, or both.
- If you are being interviewed online, there is no need for any additional technology beyond a computer, a webcam and a stable internet connection.

GEOGRAPHY

- Upload two recent essays by **Thursday 3rd November 2022**. The essays should be of no more than 1,500 words, and should relate to contemporary geographical issues. If you are already studying

geography, you should submit one human geography essay and one physical geography essay if possible.

- You will have a single interview with two members of the teaching staff.
- You may be asked to look at an article that will be given to you before the interview. Further details will be provided to you if you are selected for interview.
- If you are being interviewed online, there is no need for any additional technology beyond a computer, a webcam and a stable internet connection.

HISTORY

- Upload two recent essays by **Thursday 3rd November 2022** on different historical subjects.
- There will be two separate interviews each of about 25 minutes with members of the History staff. In one interview there will be a discussion of questions arising from the two essays you have submitted and of general historical matters. This interview may also include reviewing and discussing a short text and/or historical image that will be provided to you in the interview.
- In the other interview you will be asked to review documents provided to you in advance at a certain time on the same day as your interview. If you are being interviewed online, these documents will be sent to you by email; otherwise, you will collect them in person. You will be asked to write a brief report on those documents which you will provide to the interviewer; you will further discuss the documents in the interview. Further details will be sent to you if you are selected for interview.
- If you are being interviewed online, there is no need for any additional technology beyond a computer, a webcam and a stable internet connection.

HISTORY & MODERN LANGUAGES

- Upload two recent essays by **Thursday 3rd November 2022**. One of these should be on a historical subject and one in the language you wish to study.
- If you are selected for interview, you will be asked to take a modern languages test in the week before your interview. This will be held on **Tuesday 29th November 2022**. The assessment will be invigilated via Zoom. You do not need to pre-register or pay any registration fee. The College will make the necessary arrangements and will let you know what they are.
- There will be two interviews, one in each subject. For the History interview you will be asked to review documents provided to you in advance at a certain time on the same day as your interview. If you are being interviewed online, these documents will be sent to you by email; otherwise, you will collect them in person. You will be asked to write a brief report on those documents which you will provide to the interviewer; you will further discuss the documents in the interview. You will also be asked questions arising from your submitted History essay. Further details will be sent to you if you are selected for interview.
- For the Modern Languages interview, see the description under 'Modern and Medieval Languages', below.
- If you are being interviewed online, there is no need for any additional technology beyond a computer, a webcam and a stable internet connection.

HISTORY & POLITICS

- Upload two different recent essays on historical and/or political subjects, by **Thursday 3rd November 2022**. We encourage you to submit a coursework essay or dissertation, not a text of short answers or a personal opinion piece. If your schoolwork does not include essays, it is best to ask your teacher to set you an essay to write in your own time, and to explain this on the coversheet.
- You can expect to have two interviews, each lasting between 25 and 40 minutes. The Politics interview may involve asking you to review and discuss short texts that will be provided to you during it.
- For the History interview you will be asked to review documents provided to you in advance at a certain time on the same day as your interview. If you are being interviewed online, these documents will be sent to you by email; otherwise, you will collect them in person. You will be asked to write a brief report on those documents which you will provide to the interviewer; you will further discuss

the documents in the interview. You will also be asked historical questions arising from one or both of your submitted essays. Further details will be sent to you if you are selected for interview.

- If you are being interviewed online, there is no need for any additional technology beyond a computer, a webcam and a stable internet connection.

HISTORY OF ART

- Upload by **Thursday 3rd November 2022** an essay of not more than 500 words describing a building or work of art that you have seen and admired; if you are studying neither Art nor History of Art at school you may, if you wish, choose another topic with an artistic, literary or historical theme. This piece may be written for your application. (History of Art applicants can disregard the text on the cover sheet which tells them that the work submitted must not be written specially for Cambridge; if so, just put 'not applicable' in the box about examination subject.)
- You will have one interview of about 30 minutes with the Director of Studies in History of Art and another member of the teaching staff.
- You will be asked to take a written assessment prior to your interview. This will be held on **Tuesday 29 November 2022**. You sit this remotely in a 90-minute window for a **60-minute paper** and upload your answers. You do not need to pre-register or pay any registration fee. The College will make the necessary arrangements and will let you know what they are.
- If you are being interviewed online, there is no need for any additional technology beyond a computer, a webcam and a stable internet connection.

HUMAN, SOCIAL AND POLITICAL SCIENCES

- Upload two recent essays by **Thursday 3rd November 2022**. We encourage you to submit a coursework essay or dissertation, not a text of short answers or a personal opinion piece. If your schoolwork doesn't include essays, it is best to ask a teacher to set you an essay to write, and to explain this on the coversheet.
- You should indicate at <https://www.trin.cam.ac.uk/undergraduate/applying/information-for-current-applicants/hspc-preferences/> whether you are primarily interested at the moment in Social Anthropology, Politics and International Relations, or Sociology. This is purely so that we can plan suitable questions for your interview. Please enter your choices by **Thursday 3rd November 2022**.
- You can expect to have two interviews, each lasting between 25 and 40 minutes. In one of these, you will be asked to review and discuss a short text that will be provided to you during the interview.
- If you are being interviewed online, there is no need for any additional technology beyond a computer, a webcam and a stable internet connection.

LAND ECONOMY

- You will have interviews with our Director of Studies in Land Economy and a member of the Economics teaching staff. You will be asked to look at an article that will be provided to you in advance at a certain time on the same day as your interview. If you are being interviewed online, this article will be sent to you by email; otherwise, you will collect it in person. Further details will be provided to you if you are selected for interview.
- Upload one recent essay by **Thursday 3rd November 2022**.
- If you are being interviewed online, there is no need for any additional technology beyond a computer, a webcam and a stable internet connection.

LAW

- All applicants are required to take the National Admissions test for Law (LNAT) no later than 15th October. Details are available at: <https://www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/courses/law#entry-requirements>
- If you are invited to interview, you will have one interview with two interviewers, led by a member of the teaching staff in Law. The interview will incorporate discussion of a short scenario, which will be communicated to you during the interview.

- You do not need to submit any school essays for this subject. If you are being interviewed online, there is no need for any additional technology beyond a computer, a webcam and a stable internet connection.
- Prior knowledge of, or education or training in, Law is not expected or required of candidates.

LINGUISTICS

- You will be asked to take a written assessment prior to your interview. This will be held on **Friday 25 November 2022**. The assessment will be invigilated via Zoom. You do not need to pre-register or pay any registration fee. The College will make the necessary arrangements and will let you know what they are. Further details are available at: <https://www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/courses/linguistics#entry-requirements> .
- If you are invited to interview, you will have one interview with two members of the teaching staff.
- You do not need to submit any essays for this subject.
- If you are being interviewed online, there is no need for any additional technology beyond a computer, a webcam and a stable internet connection.

MATHEMATICS

- If you are invited to interview, you will be asked to take a mathematics test during the hour before your interview time. Some of the problems should be easy and some hard, and we hope you will tackle as many as you can in the time allotted. You will be expected to work out your solutions without the aid of notes, books or calculators but conditions otherwise will be as informal as we can make them. You should try to finish questions as completely as you are able to. More information and examples of past test papers can be found on the College website at: <https://www.trin.cam.ac.uk/subjects/mathematics/>
- You will then have a single 45-minute interview with two members of the Mathematics teaching staff, based in part on what you have done in the mathematics test.
- **If you are having the interview in-person**, you will sit the test in a specified room in the College, and go over to the interview room at the appropriate time.
- **If you are having the interview online**, the test questions will be provided to you at the start of a Zoom session, and your work on them will be invigilated (that is, you must have your camera on and be visible as you work through the problems). You will then be moved from this session to your interview at the appropriate time. For these students, you will need to have a graphics tablet for your interview (see the specific advice for mathematics on p.3), as well as a computer, a webcam and a stable internet connection.
- You do not need to submit any written work for this subject.

MEDICINE

- All applicants are required to take the BioMedical Admissions Test (BMAT) on **18th October 2022**. Further details are available at: <https://www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/courses/medicine#entry-requirements>
- There will be two interviews, each with members of the teaching staff in Medicine.
- If you are being interviewed online, you will need to have a graphics tablet for your interviews (see p.3), as well as a computer, a webcam and a stable internet connection.
- You do not need to submit any written work for this subject.

MODERN AND MEDIEVAL LANGUAGES

- Upload two recent pieces of coursework from your language A levels (or equivalent qualifications) by **Thursday 3rd November 2022**. At least one should be in a foreign language. This should be standard coursework, with your teacher's comments. It helps us to find out more about you before we see you; we do not normally discuss it at interview.
- If you are selected for interview, you will be asked to take a modern languages test on **Tuesday 29th November**. The assessment will be invigilated via Zoom. You do not need to pre-register or pay any

registration fee. The College will make the necessary arrangements and will let you know what they are.

- There will be two interviews, one for each of the languages you intend to study at Cambridge. Each interview will last 30 minutes and will include the following:
 - (a) Discussion (in English) of a short text which may be literary or non-literary, prose or poetry. You will be provided with these texts at a certain time in advance of each interview, in order to read through them. For a language you are studying at A level, the text will be in the foreign language. You can expect to be asked questions about the language as well as the content; the aim is to provide you with an opportunity to show us your abilities as a language-learner and as a reader and interpreter of texts. For a language you are planning to take *ab initio*, you will be given either a simple passage in the foreign language (if you already have some knowledge of it) or one in English but related to the culture of the language in question.
 - (b) There will be a short conversation in a language you are already studying. The conversation will be geared to your current level of knowledge (e.g. A level, GCSE).
- If you are being interviewed online, there is no need for any additional technology beyond a computer, a webcam and a stable internet connection.

MUSIC

- You may, if you wish, upload **no more than two examples** of recent written work or compositions. This should be done by **Thursday 3rd November 2022**.
- If you are selected for interview, you will be asked to take an extended test prior to your interview. In one part of the test, you will be required to harmonize a Bach chorale melody. In the second part, you will take an analysis test where you will be asked to write about a short piece of music. This test will be taken under conditions of invigilation, either in person in Trinity or remotely (see pp.2-3, above). Further details will be sent to you if you are invited for interview.
- You will have two separate interviews each of about 20-30 minutes with members of the Music staff.
- If you are being interviewed online, there is no need for any additional technology beyond a computer, a webcam and a stable internet connection.

NATURAL SCIENCES

- All applicants are required to take the Natural Sciences Admissions Assessment on **19th October 2022** at an authorised centre local to them (for a lot of applicants, this will be their school/college). Details are available at: <https://www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/courses/natural-sciences#entry-requirements>
- You should visit <https://www.trin.cam.ac.uk/undergraduate/applying/information-for-current-applicants/natsci-preferences/> by **Thursday 3rd November 2022**. On this site, you should:
 - (a) list the subject which represents your main interest. You should choose just one subject out of three: Biology, Chemistry, or Physics. This is to help us select an interview format and suitable interviewers for you.
 - (b) indicate which three sciences, in addition to Mathematics, you would hope to study in the first year. This information is not binding and is to be used to assist in selecting interviewers for you.
 - (c) indicate which Part II option you ultimately might wish to take. This information is not binding and is to be used for administrative purposes only.
- If you are selected for interview, you will sit a two-part test. The first section is a test of fluency in mathematics. This is to check that you have the necessary skills to be able to cope with the compulsory mathematical part of the Tripos, and will not be discussed further in the interview. The second part is the interview preparation paper, with questions that are tailored to your subject interests. Further information and sample questions are available at: <https://www.trin.cam.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/nst-sample-combined-2022.pdf>
- **If you are having the interview in-person**, you will sit the test under invigilated conditions in a specified room in the College, and will go over to the interview room at the appropriate time.
- **If you are having the interview online**, the test questions will be provided to you at the start of a Zoom session, and your work on them will be invigilated (that is, you must have your camera on and

be visible as you work through the problems). You will then be moved from this session to your interview at the appropriate time. For these students, you will need to have a graphics tablet for your interview (see p.3), as well as a computer, a webcam and a stable internet connection.

- You do not need to submit any written work for this subject.

PHILOSOPHY

- Upload two recent essays by **Thursday 3rd November 2022**.
- You will be asked to take a written assessment on **Monday 28th November**. You sit this remotely in a 90-minute window for a **60-minute paper** and upload your answers. You do not need to pre-register or pay any registration fee. The College will make the necessary arrangements and will let you know what they are. Further details are available at:
<https://www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/courses/philosophy#entry-requirements>
- You will have a single interview with two members of the teaching staff.
- You can best prepare by reading and thinking about the books listed at <http://www.phil.cam.ac.uk/prosp-students/prosp-ugrad-readlinglist>. Professor Blackburn's book, *Think*, would be a good starting point if you have not so far read much on the subject, but you can find other suggestions for introductory reading on the Faculty of Philosophy website.
- If you are being interviewed online, there is no need for any additional technology beyond a computer, a webcam and a stable internet connection.

PSYCHOLOGICAL AND BEHAVIOURAL SCIENCES

- You will have a single interview with two members of the teaching staff.
- You do not need to submit any written work for this subject.
- If you are being interviewed online, there is no need for any additional technology beyond a computer, a webcam and a stable internet connection.

THEOLOGY, RELIGION, AND PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION

- Upload two recent essays by **Thursday 3rd November 2022**.
- Before your interview, you will be asked to take a 1-hour assessment between **Monday 28 November** and **Wednesday 30 November**. Further details are available at:
<https://www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/courses/theology#entry-requirements>. The assessment is taken remotely. You do not need to pre-register or pay any registration fee. The College will make the necessary arrangements and will let you know what they are.
- You will have a single interview with two members of the teaching staff. You may also have a separate interview with the Director of Studies in Theology at another College.
- If you are being interviewed online, there is no need for any additional technology beyond a computer, a webcam and a stable internet connection.

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