

GENERAL AIMS

- Organising presentations in schools across the country
- Prepare presentation material for alumni going back to their secondary schools
- Encourage the members of the society to participate in the Access activities
- Update information available on the society's web page
- Establish a comprehensive database of sample administrative documents, deadlines, guidelines for teacher references and information on colleges
- Help those who want to visit Cambridge before or during their application

Social media

- Diversify ways of communication between the society and students planning to apply – short videos about subjects and interview experiences, a comprehensive guide based on personal experiences of fellow Hungarians
- Create a Facebook group to connect applicants with each other and current students

Finance

- Collect information on financial support available across the university and in each college based on the university website and the knowledge of current Hungarian students
- Provide guidelines regarding scholarship opportunities in Hungary

As access officers, our main goal would be to establish connections and deepen cooperation between Hungarian students planning to apply to Cambridge and current members of the society. In our experience, sharing first-hand information about both the application process and different aspects of uni life helps demystifying the university and managing the difficulties of the application period. By providing accessible and comprehensive material about the process, we could extend the supportive role of the society and help give an opportunity to more Hungarian students to receive the education they deserve.

Programmes and events

- Organise the mentoring programme to connect prospective and current students
- Organise meetings with current students in the interview period - host interviewees if needed
- Regularly update applicants on our Facebook page; share events where they could familiarise themselves with different experiences of studying in the UK
- Help Events Officers with the organisation of the Freshers' Camp

Brexit

- Provide up-to-date information on tuition fees, events of the transition period and challenges that EU/Hungarian students might have to tackle during their stay in the UK
- Attract their attention to informative sources such as <https://www.gov.uk/transition> or the Home Office newsletter

I am a first-year Linguistics student at Emmanuel College. I believe that the opportunity to study at one of the best universities in the world should be made available to all talented students in Hungary who often retract from applying due to the lack of information and the daunting image Cambridge can be associated with. Being among the first students to get accepted in my school in Veszprém, I have experienced what a difference having access to more information or personal connections can make, even if students have the abilities needed for a successful application. In the past year, I have taken part in the organisation of an informative presentation at my secondary school, as well as participating in the mentoring programme led by the society. This gave me the opportunity to talk to students interested in applying, work with them on their material, and experience myself how impactful this kind of work can be. My goal as access officer is to encourage talented Hungarian students to apply to the university and show them how accessible Cambridge actually is.



I am a first-year student on 4-year Classics at Emmanuel. From district VIII of Budapest, I have a strong empathetic sense for those students who - although in possession of the abilities and aptness for such a degree - are hindered by their financial or social circumstances. I experienced how strong a dissuasive force the complexity of the application and the mythical image of the university are. As without the opportunity to participate in extracurricular preparatory education during or after high school I relied heavily on the support of my friends in Cambridge when applying to the UK. It might be the strongest reason why I think that any- and everyone showing brilliance in one field of study or another should be given a chance to develop their interest at a university like Cambridge. As Access Officer of the Society, I am planning to convey this message. Also, as a fresher, the Society was very welcoming, and my first impressions convinced me that it could be a great community to rely on in time of need.