



## Potential Oxbridge applicants attend conference at Emirates Stadium

Potential Oxbridge applicants from Havering Sixth Form College joined around 3,000 other students from London and the south east at the Emirates Stadium.

The group of 24 lower sixth students travelled with tutor Marcella Breeze-Robins and careers team Nikki Phelps, Janet Chamberlain and Kathy Briaris to take part in the Oxford and Cambridge Student Conference at Arsenal Football Club's home ground in March.

The event, which was one of seven conferences held at venues up and down the country, is an established part of the calendar for sixth-formers, and provides potential applicants with up-to-date information about the two universities.

The students were able to find out more about the application and selection process, attend a range of talks on the courses available at both Oxford and Cambridge, discover what student life is really like, and find out about the cost of going to either university. They were also able to meet current Cambridge and Oxford undergraduates and talk to admissions tutors.

Careers team leader Nikki Phelps said: "Hopefully for some of our students the visit will have demystified the application process and helped them decide whether or not to apply to either institution later this year."

International Baccalaureate student Irida Gaikwad, said: "I now understand the application process better and I have gained a deeper understanding of medicine. I also learnt more about the different Colleges and found out what is expected at an interview and how to prepare for it."

Richard Meers, who is studying Biology, History, Law and Maths at AS, said: "I gained knowledge of the Oxbridge selection process, particularly interviews and more information about the history degree course and the workload involved."

And Simeon Balson-Jones, who is studying AS Double Maths, History and Physics, said the event was very helpful. "I gained an understanding of the variations between the courses taught at Oxbridge and it helped to explain the misconceptions about going to Oxbridge," he said.