



15 April 2026

Higher Education Evening – Thursday 23rd April
Applications to Competitive Universities (including Oxbridge): Mike Nicholson

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are delighted to invite you to a special session as part of our Higher Education Evening on Thursday 23rd April, focused on applications to the UK's most competitive universities, including Oxford and Cambridge.

We are delighted to welcome back Mr Mike Nicholson, Director of Recruitment, Admissions and Participation at the University of Cambridge. Mike joined Cambridge in October 2021, bringing with him extensive experience from previous roles as Director of Undergraduate Admissions and Outreach at the University of Bath (2014–2021), the University of Oxford (2006–2014), and Head of Undergraduate Admissions and Student Recruitment at the University of Essex (1998–2006).

Mike plays a key role in shaping admissions and recruitment strategy at Cambridge, with a focus on widening participation and ensuring fair access. He is Vice Chair of the UCAS Council, advising the UCAS Trustee Board on sector-wide issues, and serves as a Trustee of the Council of International Schools. He also sits on the Sutton Trust's Education Advisory Board and the Rethinking Assessment Advisory Board. A highly respected and experienced figure in higher education, Mike has worked in close partnership with Trinity for over 25 years.

Before the main evening presentations, Mike will deliver a talk specifically for students and their parents/guardians who are considering applying to the UK's most competitive universities (including Oxbridge). This smaller, focused session will begin at 5.30pm and last for approximately 45 min.

This is a rare opportunity to hear directly from a national expert in university admissions. Mike's insights will be invaluable, and we expect the session to be informative, engaging, and inspiring. Following his talk, you are warmly invited to attend the main sessions.

To guarantee your place, please register here:

[Applications to Competitive Universities \(including Oxbridge\): Mike Nicholson Talk – Fill out form](#)

We very much look forward to welcoming you.

Yours Sincerely,

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