

So you've gotten a Cambridge Interview....now what?

Interview Workshop

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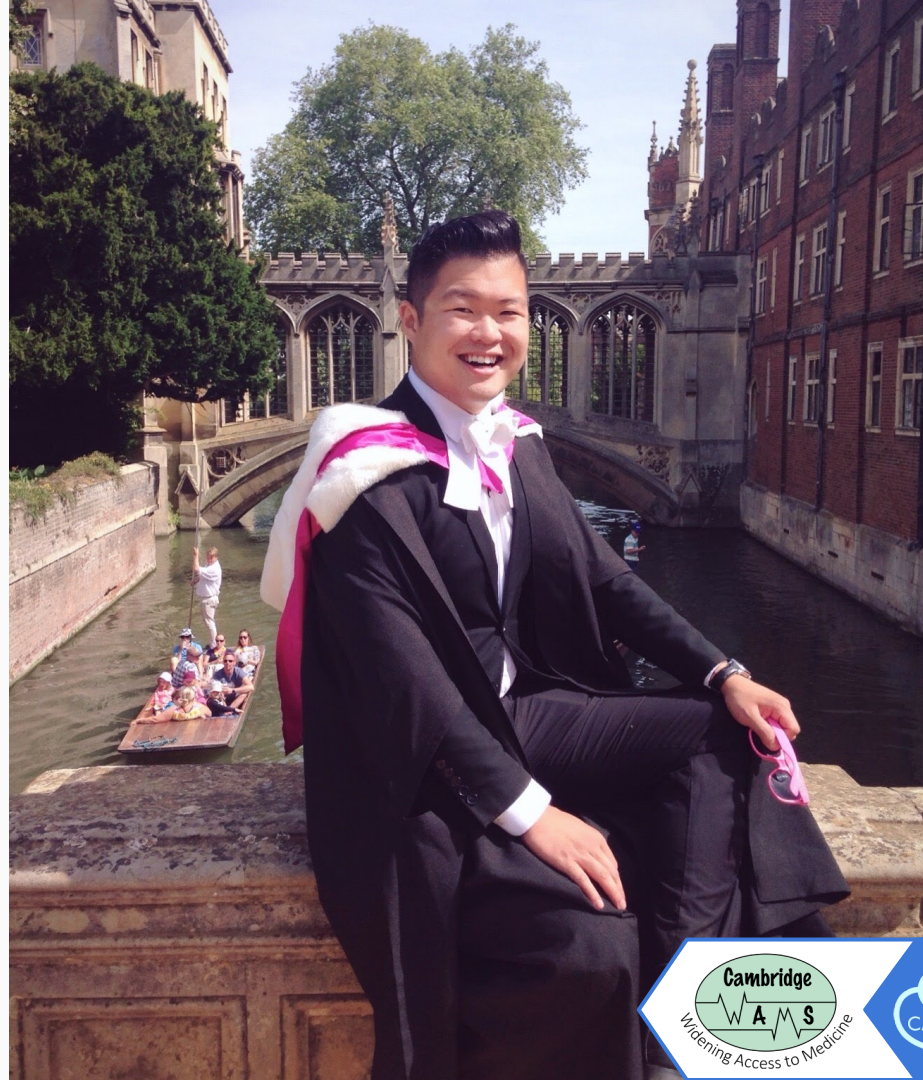
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- Graduated 2018 from St John's College, Cambridge
- Pre-clinical and Clinical Medicine
- Intercalated in History of Art



Michael Ha
16 Years Old

- Born in Hackney, East London
- Neither parents went to university
- State Comprehensive
- Free school meals
- “Has potential...”



What is a Cambridge interview?

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A-level results: straight-A* student rejected by universities

A student who achieved straight A*s in her A-levels said today she was rejected from every university she applied for, including Oxford.



Prina Shah has been rejected from all four of her University choices to study medicine. Photo: PA

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Prina Shah, from Mill Hill in north London, did not manage to secure a place being awarded the top A-level

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What ACTUALLY is a Cambridge interview?

- 2-3 interviews
- 20-30 minutes each
- 1-3 interviewers

- An opportunity



What questions could come up?

Medicine as a Profession

Science/Academia

Ethics & Public Health

What are we looking for?

Academic Ability

Academic Potential

Teachability

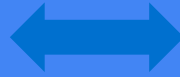
I get commonly asked...

- What is it like being a doctor?
- What is it like being a medical student?
- Do you only study at university?
- What are the different specialties you can go into?
- How much do doctors get paid?
- Did you consider any other subject when you applied?
- Why did you go into Medicine?
- What is a typical day for a doctor?
- Is there lots of homework in medical school?
- Is it better to go to an integrated or traditionally structured medical school?
- How much work experience do I need?
- Is it better to have 3 or 4 A-Levels?
- What GCSEs do you like?
- What “extra reading” should I do?
- Should I be doing volunteering as well?
- Can I get in with this UKCAT score?
- What do they ask in interview?
- What is the BMAT? And how should I prepare for it?
- What should I write in my personal statement?
- What are the lowest grades I could have and still get into Medicine?

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- Is it better to go to a traditional or a modern medical school?

What do I want to do?



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How do I get it?

And what evidence will you provide for this?

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**Proof of someone
who wants to and is
able to do what they
have applied for**

Advice from an Interviewer

Beforehand:

Do your research

Get nerdy!

Practice

Advice from an Interviewer

During:

It's okay to be nervous

We want you to succeed

Try new ideas and be open to new information

Any questions?

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