

Hi there!

My name is Orock Nsoatabe and I am the mature outreach ambassador at the University of Cambridge. I wanted to take this opportunity to tell you a bit about Cambridge and hopefully dispel any myths or misconceptions you might have about what it is like to apply and study here!

The University of Cambridge is split into 29 undergraduate colleges, of which four exclusively accept applications from students aged 21+. These colleges are Hughes Hall, Lucy Cavendish (women only), St. Edmund's and Wolfson. Colleges are mini-communities or campuses that operate within the wider university. They provide facilities such as libraries, common rooms, bars, gyms, and dining halls and are where students ordinarily live, eat, study and socialise on a day-to-day basis.

The mature colleges provide a unique environment for students who have more life experience and responsibilities than the average school leaver. They are used to dealing with a wide variety of non-traditional qualifications and can provide accommodation for families. Furthermore, if you apply to a mature college for any subject apart from Medicine, Veterinary Medicine, Music, Philosophy, History of Art and Architecture, you are able to apply in the March round. This is a second application round for which the deadline is 1st March. The later deadline can be of great benefit to Access students who are on one-year courses and need more time to be able to build up evidence of their achievement. It also allows advisers to write specific, personalised references and tends to produce more confident interview performances.

Regardless of the college you attend, be it mature or standard-



