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JAMES'S STORY

Applied for Natural Sciences (BCF0) Offers from Cambridge, Keele & Southhampton.

James was looking for a place on the Natural Sciences course at Cambridge. This is a competitive course with 4 applicants per place and only 630 places to be given. The requirements are high given the high quality of candidates (more than 70% are predicted A*A*A), James looked towards UniAdmissions to ensure he got a place.



James' personal statement was a great difficulty for him; writing about himself in depth proved hard. Kendall, our expert personal statement tutor, helped get the ball rolling by outlining the preferred structure of

the statement. Over several sessions and unlimited free re-drafts, together they crafted a strong statement that allowed James to shine.

The NSAA test is a required test Cambridge for applicants to Natural Sciences. James was unsure of how to really improve his score – he had done a mock test but found it difficult to mark and know where he went wrong without a proper worked solution. Our tutor, also called James and an Oxbridge Physical Sciences tutor, helped James by marking a mock paper with him and going through why answers are what they are. Going through these answers allowed James to see where his weaknesses were. Targeted revision on these topics allowed for the quickest improvement in the NSAA. After some sessions, James felt very confident with this section.



The interview process for Natural Sciences is similar to job interviews so James felt good about his interview skills. UniAdmissions assigned Somil to James because he is an experienced Natural Sciences student and tutor. Somil was able to pinpoint experiences which James should try work into his answers, giving specific statements about what interests him in the field and why. Examples like this actually gave James a better understanding of why he enjoyed the field so much. Somil arranged four mock interviews for James with four different Natural Sciences tutors, each on a different topic. The topics covered were Organic Chemistry, Astronomy, Newtonian Mechanics and Personal Statement – each tutor gave detailed feedback and allowed James to focus on their comments to improve his performance on the real day.

"When I got my offer from Cambridge, I knew it was all worth it! Thank you UniAdmissions."

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