

Oxbridge Interview Report

Please answer in as much detail as possible. Your responses will definitely help other Surbiton girls to win a place at Oxford or Cambridge.

Name: Inji Kang

University: Cambridge

Subject: Architecture

Written test sat when at Oxford or Cambridge: Of what did it comprise ?

N/A

How, out of 10, would you rate your performance in this written test ?

First Interview

College: Sidney Sussex

Subject, if applying for joint honours:

Names of Interviewer(s) and / or position within College, if known (e.g., Admissions Tutor):

Dr. Kirsten Dickers/ Admissions Tutor

Were you given anything to look at before going into the interview ? If so, please give as many details as possible (including how long you were given to prepare).

No

To what extent was the interview based around your personal statement- none / a bit / **quite a lot** (underline one) ? Please give some examples of questions asked about your personal statement.

- Quite a lot (about my PS)
 - Work experience
 - Physics project that I mentioned in SAQ
 - EPQ: talk to me about how hospital design affect human behaviour. What have you learnt? What did you find interesting about it?
- Why Cambridge?
- Why Architecture?

Were you required to send written work to the university before interview ? Yes / **No** (underline one). If "Yes", to what extent was the interview based around it- none / a bit / quite a lot (underline one) ? Please give some examples of questions asked about your written work.

Please write in the space below as many other questions as you can remember not covered above.

- Buildings you like and why?
- If you were to design a building that represents everything about you what would it be? What would it look like? Made of what materials? Why?
- How Maths and Physics are used in Architecture? Why are they important?
- Sustainability
- Using historical building: how would you transform or rebuild a very old building in modern days?
- Why is it important to use historical elements?

Which question or kind of question did you find the most difficult to answer?

Explaining my answers in depth. “**why** do you think so?”

How, out of 10, would you rate your performance in this interview ? 7~8?

How well did your mock interview(s) prepare you for this one ? (Please underline one of the following.) No use at all / A bit useful, but not much / Useful preparation / Extremely useful- it felt very similar indeed.

Lastly, how do you think that you could have been better prepared for this interview?

- Practice structuring my answers
- Visit, experience and see a lot of architecture

Interview 2

College: Sidney Sussex

Subject, if applying for joint honours:

Names of Interviewer(s) and / or position within College, if known (e.g., Admissions Tutor):

Dr Michael Ramage/ Director of Studies at Sidney Sussex

Dr Sunikka- Blank/ Director of Studies at Churchill College

And another person who was just watching the whole interview

Were you given anything to look at before going into the interview? If so, please give as many details as possible (including how long you were given to prepare).

No

To what extent was the interview based around your personal statement- none / a bit / quite a lot (underline one) ? Please give some examples of questions asked about your personal statement.

- A bit
 - Work experience: “Have you done any experience in an architectural firm?”, “How does your work experience link to architecture?” “What did you learn?”
- Talk to be about buildings you have recently visited. Who designed it? How does it affect the city? How architecture can change the town or a city?

Were you required to send written work to the university before interview ? Yes / No (underline one). If “Yes”, to what extent was the interview based around it- none / a bit / quite a lot (underline one) ? Please give some examples of questions asked about your written work.

Please write in the space below as many other questions as you can remember not covered above.

- Why not Engineering nor Maths? Why Architecture?
- What do you particularly like about Cambridge?
- I was given 2 building images and was asked to analyse them. Which period? Why? What is special about them? Why they were built in that way? For what purpose? Explain your answers.
- I had to talk through my portfolio and they asked me questions related to my work. For example: What is your favourite work and why? Why this topic? How does this work relate to your topic? The size of the work?
- Any Questions?

Which question or kind of question did you find the most difficult to answer?

Building analysis

How, out of 10, would you rate your performance in this interview? 6 overall (8 for portfolio review?)

How well did your mock interview(s) prepare you for this one ? (Please underline one of the following.) No use at all / A bit useful, but not much / Useful preparation / Extremely useful- it felt very similar indeed.

Lastly, how do you think that you could have been better prepared for this interview?

Practise analysing architectures