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Personality Type

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Which personality types do Oxford University and Cambridge University fit, respectively?

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Jason Whyte, studied at University of Oxford

Answered Apr 28, 2016 · Upvoted by John Gordon, BA Modern Languages, University of Oxford (1967)



There are around 11-15,000 students at each university. There's a huge mix of races, creeds, sexes, sexualities, socioeconomic backgrounds, interests, personality types, sports played and supported, musical talent, literary and cinematic taste, disabilities and motivations. The only common factor is a high level of academic ability.

As to which would suit you, unless you have a compelling reason to choose one over the other for a non-academic reason, such as wanting to get into Footlights, choose based on course. Decide what you want to study, and then see which curriculum and academic st...(more)


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The only thing Oxbridge students have in common is that they're intelligent and (usually) eager to learn. You get the whole spectrum of personality types, from people who dominate discussions to the more reserved. From party animals to those who live in the library. Pretty much everyone is represented.


As to how to choose where to apply, I visited both and simply found that I liked Cambridge more. Oxford is a larger town, busier, with a commercial centre. Cambridge is quieter, more rural... and I liked that. So I picked Cambridge.

The other thing you should consider is the type of degree....(more)


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They don't really differ. There's a huge variety of people in both universities.

Choose between the universities in terms of which offers the course you want to study. Even courses with the same name can differ in contents and focus.

And if you can't find any difference then, pick on silly factors like which is easier for you to travel to, or you think is prettier, etc. Because even picking on those measures makes more sense than trying to work out which your personality type suits.

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Answered Mar 30, 2018



Using the MBTI, mostly INTJ and INTP (introverted thinking). The population is most biased to these. These types are particularly interested in deep analysis in their areas of expertise. These were the personality types of Newton, Einstein, Darwin, Decartes.

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Cambridge left; Oxford: right, but pretends too be left. Cambridge = BBC and MI5; Oxford = nothing with initials. Cambridge = melancholy (the intellectual disease); Oxford = depression (the excessively ambitious condition).

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