Applying to MML and History/ML at Cambridge

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Who should apply to Cambridge?

Our key criteria are:

- Academic ability
- Potential to benefit from the course

Applicants must:
- Enjoy a challenge

Have real enthusiasm for their chosen course
UCAS Application

- Personal details
- College and Course choice
- Education
- Employment details
- Personal Statement
- Reference and Predicted Grades
Personal statement: academic content

- Why you have chosen the course: passion, motivation
- What aspects of languages interest you: supra-curricular explorations
- Trips abroad?
Supra curricular resources

http://www.multikultura.org.uk/

http://www.myheplus.com/subjects/modern-languages
Extra Curricular Activities?

- Demonstrate “spare capacity”

- Evidence of time management skills

- We do **not** value some activities above others

- Excellence in an extra curricular activity will not compensate for lower academic potential
Written work

Submitted schoolwork

At-interview written assessment
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*New course for 2017 entry

**New course for 2017 entry; applicants for History and Modern Languages will take both the History pre-interview and the MML at-interview assessment.
MML Written Assessment: Rubric

Please read the following passage carefully and then answer the questions following it.

Your response to Section A **MUST** be in ONE of the languages that you are applying to study here. If you are studying at A-level (A2) or equivalent both of the languages you wish to study here, you are free to write in either language. Please write APPROXIMATELY 250 WORDS in your answer.

Your response to Section B **MUST** be in English. Please note that you will not be penalised if you don’t know the correct terminology to describe the use of English in the passage.
Applying to MML

http://www.mml.cam.ac.uk/applying/how
The interview process

- The majority of applicants are called for interview

- Applicants have 1, 2 or 3 interviews, each lasting 20-45 minutes

- Interviews are a discussion in which we hope to see:
  - a secure level of language for post-A-level entry
  - a genuine interest in any *ab initio* language
  - candidates thinking for themselves
How we decide

- GCSE
- AS level results (if available)
- Predicted grades
- Reference
- Personal statement
- Further information on SAQ (Cambridge’s supplementary questionnaire)
- Interviews
- Assessments and submitted schoolwork, where appropriate