



The four Elizabeth College students who have been offered places at Oxbridge colleges. Left to right: Ben Fletcher has received an offer to study Japanese at Queen's College, Cambridge; Joseph Gillson is due to study biological sciences at Magdalen College; Fraser Casbolt, economics and management at St Edmund Hall College; and Will Thompson will study mathematics at Jesus College, Oxford. (Picture by Peter Frankland, 17180776)

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FOUR Elizabeth College students have received offers from Oxbridge colleges for courses ranging from biological sciences to Japanese.

Three of the boys have offers at Oxford and one has an offer at Cambridge.

Will Thompson, 17, is set to study mathematics at Jesus College, Oxford.

He said the facilities at Oxford set the university apart from other higher education providers.

'It is a really well-regarded university with a really good tutorial system – a lot is done in small group tutorials, which there is not so much of at other universities,' he said. 'I have always enjoyed maths and it has always been what I am best at.'

Ben Fletcher, 18, has received an offer to study Japanese at Queen's College, Cambridge. He said he was particularly looking forward to the one-year placement in Japan, although he said he was 'just a beginner' at this stage.

'I am traditionally strong at languages and I am looking forward to studying it [Japanese] at degree level,' he said.

Joseph Gillson, 17, is set to study biological sciences at Magdalen College.

'I am really pleased [to get a place at Oxford], it is a subject that has interested me for a long time,' he said. 'I don't know what I want to do afterwards, but doing an academically stringent subject will prepare me for whatever I cast my mind to in the future.'

Fraser Casbolt, 18, has received an offer for economics and management at St Edmund Hall College. He was delighted to have secured a place at such a prestigious university and said his course would provide a good basis for his future career.

'It is a really nice city and a beautiful place, with good links to London and Guernsey,' he said.

A student at the Grammar School & Sixth Form Centre, who did not wish to be named, has also received an offer from Oxford.