Student News - Postgraduate

Student News is emailed to you fortnightly during term and contains key information, including deadlines, reminders and events from the central University. Further information is available on the Oxford Students website.

Industrial action - information for students

A webpage has been set up to provide information for students about the ongoing industrial action related to the USS pension.

While recognising our colleagues’ right to strike, the University is committed to minimising
disruption - and steps are being taken to ensure students are not disadvantaged in examinations and assessments.

The new webpage includes background information about the strike; an overview of its effects on teaching, how this is being managed; and answers to many of the questions that you may have. It also reaffirms previous advice that you should attend any scheduled examinations as usual and complete any assessments according to submission dates already published. You can find the page on the Oxford Students website.

Changes to your email - Nexus365 is coming

Undergraduate, taught postgraduate and visiting student email accounts will be moved to Nexus365 in July/August. Other college accounts will be moved to the new service from April and postgraduate research student accounts will be migrated with their departments or colleges, as appropriate.

You will receive a series of countdown emails in advance of the move, which will provide information on what to expect and where to get help. The first of these will be sent four weeks ahead of your account move. Please look out for emails from nexus365@it.ox.ac.uk. Support materials are available online.

For more information about the project, visit the IT Services projects website or email nexus365@it.ox.ac.uk.

Transgender guidance and policy updated

The University’s updated Transgender policy and guidance was relaunched this month. The original documents were revised in the light of social change, the University’s experiences of
supporting students and staff who are transitioning, and in line with new guidance from several national bodies.

Caroline Moughton from the Equality and Diversity Unit said: "We are grateful to everyone who took part in the consultation, and contributed to developing the revised policy and guidance, which will help members of the collegiate University to respond supportively to our trans students, staff and visitors".

Read the revised policy and guidance.

**We want your views on sport at Oxford**

Are you sport-obsessed, or does the idea of physical activity scare you senseless? How much sport do you do, and does it help or hinder your studies? We want to know what you think about sport participation across the University. Please share your views by completing this short five minute survey.

![Image of soccer players](image)

‘Women of Achievement’ lecture

The final lecture in the current series of ‘Women of Achievement’, will take place on Wednesday 25 April. Dame Helena Morrissey will be speaking on the topic of ‘From Patriarchy to Partnership - a new opportunity to achieve gender equality’. Dame Helena is well known in the city for her role as CEO of Newton Investment Management and has recently joined Legal and General Investment Management. Dame Helena also does a lot of work around gender equality and founded the 30% Club; a business-led campaign to improve gender balance in the boardroom.

To find out more or register, visit the University website.

**Volunteering**
Empower young people through sport

Are you interested in helping young people in Oxford access exciting sporting opportunities? A new Oxford Hub programme aims to bring together University student mentors with young people, to promote the benefits of sport and physical activity. The Hub is looking for a team of volunteers to help make this happen, either by attending fortnightly activity days or regular mentoring sessions during term time. Find out more on the Oxford Hub website.

Trials & Research

MERS Vaccine Trial – The Jenner Institute

Aged 18-50 and in good health? You could be eligible to take part in our vaccine trial testing a new vaccine against the Middle East Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus (MERS-CoV). Participants receive up to £335 reimbursement for time, travel and inconvenience. To find out more, send an email or visit the website.