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Student News



Week 2, Trinity term 2017

Dear student,

We hope you enjoyed the first couple of weeks of term. As well as the Freshers' Fair, various welcome events and orientation programmes took place across Oxford. We're pleased that so many of you used the #WelcomeToOxford hashtag to share your experiences, and a stream of these can be found on [Storify](#).



Missed University registration?

University registration for Michaelmas term closed on Friday 13 October. If you have not registered online using Student Self Service, you must contact your college (or department if you do not have a college) urgently to be enrolled for the 2017/18 academic year. Failure to enrol and verify your details means you will not be able to access important academic information throughout the year, student loans may not be released (where applicable) and your name may not appear on the council tax exemption list. In order to complete registration, ensure that you log in to [Student Self Service](#) to verify your personal details and complete all the screens once you have been enrolled by your college or department.

Innovation

The Oxford Foundry: a new entrepreneurial hub

The Oxford Foundry is a new entrepreneurial hub for students which was opened last week by Apple CEO, Tim Cook. It provides a co-working space with a focus on idea development, experiential learning and development of an entrepreneurial mindset.

Students of all disciplines can use the space between the opening hours of 8am to 10pm, seven days a week. The Foundry is located at 3-5 Hythe Bridge Street and more information can be found on the [Oxford Foundry website](#).

#StartedinOxford campaign: showcase your startup

Next month there will be a festival celebrating companies and projects that started in Oxford. The campaign will culminate in the #StartedinOxford Festival, a week of events to highlight and showcase the startups, spinouts and social enterprises we have in the Oxford area and to promote entrepreneurship in general. If you are involved in an Oxford-linked startup yourself, you can showcase it at the #StartedinOxford Demo Night:

- Wednesday 15 November, 6-8pm, Blackwell Hall at the Weston Library.

Please apply to demo your project by Friday 27 October on the [signup form](#). All students are welcome to attend as visitors to the event, which is free; registration will open on Wednesday 18 October. For more information on the campaign, visit the [Enterprising Oxford website](#). To see last year's highlights, visit [Storify](#).

Entrepreneurship and startup event

Do you want to learn more about entrepreneurship, or are you interested in getting involved in the startup scene? If so, you can attend to the following event:

- Oxford Student Entrepreneurship and Startup Networking, Monday 16 October, 6pm-8pm, Maths Institute, Woodstock Road

This is an opportunity to meet other like-minded students over drinks and nibbles and get involved with student societies and groups. To sign up, visit [Eventbrite](#).

Careers

Upcoming Careers fairs

Although it is early in the year, it's not too soon to start thinking about what's after university. You can attend one of the careers fairs this term which provide an opportunity to explore all major career sectors and network with employers.

- Finance Fair: Tuesday 17 October
- Management Consultancy Fair: Wednesday 18 October
- Careers in Computing Fair: Tuesday 24 October
- Arts, Media & Marketing Fair: Thursday 26 October
- Science, Engineering and Technology Fair: Saturday 28 October

These events will all be held at Oxford Town Hall. For more details, visit the [Careers Service website](#).

Careers events for disabled students

If you identify as having a disability, the Careers Service is running sessions to assist you prior to many of this term's careers fairs. The sessions will cover how to assess whether an organisation is disability-friendly and discover the impact of telling (or not telling) organisations about your specific circumstances. There will be opportunity to ask questions in a confidential setting. Sessions are open to all students, and you will be able to access the fair before it gets busy. For more information, log on to [CareerConnect](#) or contact anne.dutton@careers.ox.ac.uk (Careers Adviser).

Activities

Late Language Centre course registration

Language learning is a great way to enhance your study skills and add to your CV. Although registration for the Languages for Study and Research and Oxford Programme in Languages courses at the Language Centre has now closed, late applications will be accepted for courses that have not yet been filled. These courses are a valuable opportunity to pursue foreign language learning for research, study and personal interest. For more information, visit [the Language Centre](#) website or email admin@lang.ox.ac.uk.

University sport and the Rugby Varsity match

If you didn't sign up at the Fresher's Fair, it's not too late to get involved with one of the University's many [sports clubs](#). There are 80 clubs in total, many of which are currently running beginner sessions for the start of term.

The Rugby Varsity matches are a great opportunity to support your fellow students and will take place at Twickenham Stadium on Thursday 7 December. For more information and to buy tickets, visit the [OURFC website](#). You can also watch men's and women's teams play on Monday and Tuesday evenings at the Iffley Road Sports Complex as they prepare for the big match.

Grants and scholarships

Scholarships and fellowships at the University of Hong Kong

If you are a PhD student, there are eight universities in Hong Kong that offer Hong Kong PhD Fellowships (HKPF) of £23,000 per year plus a conference and research-related travel allowance.

The University of Hong Kong also offers various fellowships and scholarships for outstanding students who would like to pursue full-time PhD studies in Hong Kong. These include:

- University Postgraduate Fellowships of £20,000.
- Postgraduate scholarships of at least £18,000 per year for most full-time MPhil and PhD students who hold a first degree with a 2.1 or above.

For more information, visit the University of [Hong Kong Graduate School website](#).

Research grants at the Université Libre de Bruxelles

The Philippe Wiener-Maurice Anspach Foundation is offering research grants to DPhil students from all academic disciplines to conduct research at the Université Libre de Bruxelles (ULB) during 2018/19. Awards are available to cover a minimum of six months and maximum of one year, and applicants must be in at least their second year of study. A grant of €1,800 per month will be provided and the Foundation will cover the University visiting student registration fees. The deadline for applications is Friday 1 December. For more information, visit the [Foundation Wiener-Maurice Anspach website](#).

International

Staying in the UK to work - which visa?

This following session for international students will provide information on visa routes to remain in the UK to work after completing your studies:

- 12.30–2pm, Wednesday 1 November, Careers Service, 56 Banbury Road

Presentation topics will include the provision for students under Tier 2 of the Points-based System. For more information visit the [Oxford Students website](#). Registration is not required.

Orientation Programme presentations available

We hope everyone who visited the Graduate, Undergraduate and Visiting Orientation Programmes on 28 and 29 September and 2 October found them informative and useful in adapting to life at Oxford. The presentations from the events can be found on the [Student Information Weblearn](#) page should you wish to access them. Please note that there are a few presentations which are unavailable.

Technology

Looking for a new virtual learning environment (VLE) supplier to replace WebLearn

Following consultation with students and staff in 2016-17, the university is looking for a new virtual learning environment (VLE) supplier to replace WebLearn. The [VLE Review](#) project is now in talks with VLE suppliers to see how they might meet Oxford's requirements. A thorough selection process has been put in place, and is outlined on the [supplier selection web page](#). Any questions can be sent to VLEreview@it.ox.ac.uk.

Dates for your diary

Examination Schools - Michaelmas term closure dates

The Examination Schools, High Street will be closed from 5pm on Thursday 21 December until 8.30am on Wednesday 3 January. If you are intending to submit work during this period, the building will be closed for submissions delivered in person, by post or by courier. Submissions made via the Examination Schools post box will not obtain proof of submission.

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