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Student News



Week 6, Trinity term 2017

Student News is emailed to you fortnightly during term from Week 0 and contains key information, including deadlines, reminders and events from the central University. Further information is available from the [Oxford Students website](#).



Communications survey

You are invited to take part in a short survey which designed to help improve student communications across the University. This series of quick questions will help us to get a better understanding of which communications channels you use, and how you would like to interact with the University. It should take you no longer than 10 minutes to complete and can be found [here](#).

In addition, if you would like to be part of a short student communications focus group, you can email academicadmin.comms@admin.ox.ac.uk.

Manchester attacks: Oxford vigil and security advice

Students took part in a [vigil held by OUSU](#) on Tuesday 23 May as a mark of solidarity for those affected by the Manchester attacks. Taking place at Radcliffe Square, it provided an opportunity to leave messages of support and listen to the perspectives of speakers.

No Oxford staff or students are known to have been involved in the Monday 22 May attack in Manchester. However, if you have family and friends who were involved in the events then you should get in touch with welfare staff within your college or department or contact the [Counselling Service](#).

As you may be aware, the threat level to the UK was raised to critical by the Prime Minister last week. There is no known threat specific to Oxford. However, you may notice an additional police presence. The advice remains that you should go about your business as normal, but stay vigilant and ensure you do not leave your personal belongings unattended in public spaces. Any suspicious activity can be reported to the police or to the anti-terrorist hotline on 0800 789 321.

Examination resources available

Students taking examinations can listen to three examination-specific [podcasts](#) or visit [Take 5](#), a free online resource to help with panic or anxiety related to examinations. Students experiencing difficulties during their studies in Oxford can also visit the [Bodleian Libraries](#) website to access self-help e-books approved by the Counselling Service.

To prepare for your examinations using past exam papers, you can use the Oxford Examination Papers Online (OXAM) service. For more information and to access these papers, visit [WebLearn](#). For further advice and information on revision and examination preparation, visit the [Oxford Students website](#).

Language Centre courses

The Language Centre is running the following courses in the upcoming weeks:

- Academic Writing: 10.00-16.00, Wednesday 21 – Friday 23 June (Week 9, Trinity term). A three-day course for international students who do not have English as their first language.
- Beginners Lunchtime French, Spanish, Italian, Portuguese and Mandarin: 12.00-13.00, Monday – Thursday, 19–30 June (Weeks 9 and 10, Trinity term)
- Beginners Lunchtime German: Tuesday – Friday, 19–30 June (Weeks 9 and 10, Trinity term)

Academic Writing courses last 15 hours in total, and Lunchtime Language courses last 12 hours.

An intermediate French course will also run. For more information, visit the [Language Centre website](#) or email admin@lang.ox.ac.uk.

Summer Graduate and Internship Fair

The Summer Graduate and Internship Fair is designed to help you find valuable placements to boost your CV. Over 35 employers with unfilled places for their 2017 schemes will attend from a wide range of sectors such as engineering and computing.

- 14.30-17.30, Tuesday 6 June, Oxford Town Hall

For more information, visit the [Careers Service website](#). Student helpers are also required for the event and will be paid £8.25 per hour. The work will involve helping fair attendees and Careers Service staff. For more information, email [Keren Iven](#).

New Science Transit Shuttle Service

The popular Science Transit Shuttle network has expanded. From Monday 15 May a new route – the STR3 – will connect the John Krebs field station at Wytham Woods with the Science Area and the JR Hospital. The service is only open to University students and access will be permitted with your University ID Card (your Bodleian card). To use the new ST3 service, please register your University Card at www.ox.ac.uk/SciShuttleRegister, select 'journeys charged to a cost centre' and enter 'Tinbergen' when prompted. The service will initially be free of charge. For more information, visit the [Estates Services webpage](#).

Get your Oxford Alumni Card and win prizes

If you're leaving Oxford soon, there are three jackpots of £100 worth of Amazon vouchers for future alumni. To win, describe your Oxford experience in three little words (these can be anything!) and enter them on the [Alumni website](#).

Your new Oxford Alumni Card is now waiting for you at your college or department. You can use your card for discounts and free access to all colleges and the Bodleian. Visit the [Alumni website](#) for details on all the benefits.

GSS student reporting opens in Week 6

Student reporting for Trinity term will be open in the [Graduate Supervision System](#) (GSS) from Monday 29 May to Friday 9 June. This is your opportunity to contribute to your termly supervision reports by reviewing and commenting on your own academic progress.

You should also check that the details displayed are correct and inform your college (for college advisor amendments) or the relevant [Graduate Studies Assistant](#) with any changes. Supervisor reporting will open from Monday 12 June and you will be notified by email when your report is ready to view.

University Continuation Charge (UCC)

Students studying for a DPhil, MLitt or MSc by Research who have reached the end of their standard period of fee liability will become liable for the University Continuation Charge (UCC) if they are still enrolled on course. Most DPhil students will become liable on the tenth term after starting their course. MLitt or MSc by Research students, as well as some DPhil students who undertook previous graduate study at Oxford, may become liable sooner. Some Divisions waive the UCC for students in certain years of their graduate research course.

The UCC is payable via the online shop on a termly basis. Liable students will be notified directly by the Student Fees team. The UCC per term in 2017/18 is £455. More information on the UCC is available on the [Oxford Students website](#).

Students who have been enrolled for 12 terms in a full-time DPhil course (pro rata for part-time students) or nine terms in a full-time MLitt or MSc by Research course must also apply for an extension of time by filling out the GSO 15 form in order to maintain their student status.

Adjustments to assessments for Post Graduate Research (PGR) students

Research degree students who have a disability may request adjustments to arrangements for their Transfer and Confirmation of Status assessments or final viva. Applications should be made using form [GSO.19](#). Adjustments may be requested at any point from offer of a place to submission – including when applying for Transfer of Status, Confirmation of Status, or for final viva/appointment of examiners. Please contact your [Graduate Studies Assistant](#) or departmental graduate administrator if you require more information.

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