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Student News



Week 8, 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](#).



Mumps in Oxfordshire

Public Health England has seen a recent marked increase in cases of mumps in Oxfordshire. Mumps illness, most recognisable by painful swelling at one side or both sides of the face under the ears, occurs two to three weeks after becoming infected. Other symptoms include headaches, joint pain and a high temperature, developing a few days before the swelling. If you think you have mumps, to prevent further spread, we strongly recommend that you:

- Contact your GP
- Isolate immediately until five days after the onset of the illness
- Practice good hand hygiene (washing with soap and water or hand gel) especially after coughing or sneezing or if your hands may have touched your mouth
- Use disposable tissues if coughing or sneezing

For more information about mumps and MMR vaccination please refer to the [NHS website](#).

Leaving Oxford this term?

If you are completing your studies this term there are a few things that you need to do before you leave. Remember to collect your Oxford Alumni Card to gain access to a range of discounts throughout Oxford and online. Your college or department have been in touch to tell you how to collect your card. For more information and to enter the #threelittlewords prize draw for a £100 Amazon voucher visit the [Oxford Alumni website](#).

The entitlement to your full range of IT services continues until your course completion. For details on accessing your email account and entitlement to optional email forwarding, [Student Self Service](#) and tuition or supervision reports, visit the Leaving Oxford page of the [Oxford Students website](#). Don't forget to update your contact details in Student Self Service before you leave to ensure that you continue to receive important correspondence from the University.

Communications focus group

You are invited to take part in a short focus group designed to help improve student communications across the University. The focus group will be held on the afternoon of Wednesday 21 June at the Exam Schools, High Street. It should take no more than an hour and tea and cake will be provided. The aim of the focus group is to gain a better understanding of which communications channels you use, and how you would like to interact with the University. To sign up, email academicadmin.comms@admin.ox.ac.uk. If you cannot attend the focus group, we ask that you take five minutes to fill out the [communications survey](#).

Release of examination results

Once you have finished your examinations, your assessments are marked and your results considered by the Examination Board before your results are processed and released. It is not possible to know exactly how long this will take and for this reason it is not possible to give an exact date when your results will be released. Staff at the Examination Schools cannot give out results over the telephone and cannot advise when results will be available. Once your results are released you will be sent an email informing you that your assessment results and the result for the year (if applicable) will be available to view in Student Self Service. Factors affecting performance outcomes for students who submitted an application before the examination board met will also be available to view from this screen. For further information visit the [Oxford Students website](#).

Language Centre courses

This is the last chance to apply for the Week 9 Academic Writing English course and Lunchtime Language courses:

- **Key Issues in Academic Writing**

10pm-4pm, Wednesday 21 – Friday 23 June (Week 9, Trinity term).

A three-day Academic Writing course for international students who do not have English as their first language.

- **Beginners Lunchtime French, Spanish, Italian, Portuguese and Mandarin**

12-1pm, Monday 19 – Thursday 30 June (Weeks 9 and 10, Trinity term)

- **Beginners Lunchtime German**

12-1pm, Tuesday 19 – Friday 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.

Share your Oxford experiences

Undergraduate Admissions and Outreach is looking for student feedback to use in outreach publications, such as the undergraduate prospectus, and on the undergraduate admissions website. To share your undergraduate experiences and insights with potential applicants in the short feedback survey, please visit the [Oxford website](#).

Student Self Service upgrade

On Monday 26 June 2017, Student Self Service will be upgraded. You will not need to do anything differently. In order to carry out this upgrade Student Self Service will be unavailable from 5pm on Friday 23 June until 9am on Monday 26 June. Details of student systems unavailability is always available from the [Student Systems Support Centre website](#).

Supervisor reporting open

The Graduate Supervision System (GSS) is used to review, monitor and comment on student academic progress and assess skills and training needs. Following the student reporting window, which has now closed for Trinity term, supervisor reporting is now open. You will be notified by email when your report is available to view and/or print from your GSS homepage. Visit the [GSS website](#).

Volunteer at Careers event

Volunteers are required to help at a recruitment event on Thursday 22 June. The Careers Service is looking for students in any year of study who have applied for internships or jobs or who have experience of the application process. There will be a chance for you to network with a range of recruiters and lunch will be provided. To apply, email [Claire Chesworth](mailto:Claire.Chesworth@careers.ox.ac.uk) including your year, subject of study, and any application or internship experience you have had.

The Careers Service will be open over the Long Vacation with daily appointments available – if you are not in Oxford over the summer you can email guidance@careers.ox.ac.uk with any questions. You can also download the Oxford University Careers Fair app on iTunes and [Google Play](#).

University of Oxford business card and poster printing

Are you planning to undertake an internship? Are you networking with prospective employers? On-course matriculated students (who have not yet satisfied the requirements for Leave to Supplicate for their current programme of study) can order University of Oxford department, faculty or college-branded business cards, available in a minimum quantity of 100, with alternative language options available. Non-matriculated or visiting student business card orders will be assessed on a case-by-case basis. You are also able to order a range of other printed items, including large format posters up to A0. For further information visit the [Oxford Students website](#).

Showcase your research at Curiosity Carnival

If you are a DPhil student of any discipline you can apply to be part of the Curiosity Carnival. The event is Oxford's European Researchers' Night and the biggest public engagement and research event in Oxford to date. You can apply to be a part of the street activities including presenting your research to the public, showcasing your skills and showing the city to the public. You can also apply to be a 'Carnival Maker' and volunteer your time for the day or evening at the Carnival.

Activities will take place on Friday 29 September 2017 in the University's Museums, Gardens and Libraries, Wytham Woods and on-the-street programme. For more information, visit the [Oxford website](#). Apply to be part of the [street activities](#) by Wednesday 14 June, or to be a [Carnival Maker](#) by Monday 28 August.

Environmental sustainability survey

Help future sustainability at Oxford and be in with a chance of winning up to £500 by completing an environmental survey. The survey should take no more than 10 minutes and aims to assist the Oxford University Environmental Sustainability team in better understanding and servicing your needs. As well as a £500 prize, there are also 10 runner-up prizes of £50. To access the survey, visit [Snap Surveys](#).

Safe summer travel

Students travelling abroad over the summer are advised to plan their trip carefully and consider important pre-departure factors. Whether travelling abroad for summer internships, work placements or holidays, you should think about factors including travel insurance, vaccinations, travel illnesses, and food and water quality abroad. The [NHS](#) offers valuable advice on these and other issues for those departing the UK.

The University can provide travel insurance for students travelling within the UK or worldwide on University business; for further information visit the [Travel Insurance web page](#).

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