



Student News - Undergraduate

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.

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Canvas chosen as Oxford's new virtual learning platform

[Canvas](#) has been chosen as the new virtual learning environment (VLE) at Oxford; making the use of the latest technology to boost the student experience.

The implementation of Canvas is going to take place in phases, and it will eventually replace

WebLearn (subject to contract approval). Until further notice from your department and college, you should continue to use WebLearn as normal. In the meantime, the Canvas@Oxford team will be working closely and consulting with students to deliver a VLE that will help to advance education at Oxford by providing an intuitive digital platform for academics, students, and staff.

Please contact edu-it@it.ox.ac.uk if you have any questions or queries.

Save the date - 2018 Leavers' Fair

The University of Oxford Leavers' Fair is taking place on Wednesday 6 – Friday 8 June at the Oxford Town Hall. If you're an undergraduate or postgraduate who is leaving the University this year, come and collect your Oxford Alumni card, benefit from a double discount at Blackwells, have a one-to-one with an Alumni Careers Manager, collect your exclusive Leavers' T-shirt, and sign up to hear about what the University can do for you post-graduation. To find out more, [visit the New Leaver's page](#) of our alumni website.



Have your say on the future of the University

Students are being asked to [share their feedback](#) on the University's [current Strategic Plan](#), including its structure and on the issues that might be identified as priorities for the next plan period. The University aims to use this feedback to guide the development of the 2018-23 plan. A second consultation on the 2018-23 draft plan is expected in Trinity term.

Please share your feedback by the end of this term, so that we can ensure that the updated Strategic Plan is informed by the concerns and insights of the wider University community.

Academic Life

Do you know a teacher who has gone above and beyond?

Nominations are now open for the Oxford SU's Student-Led Teaching Awards. This is a chance to celebrate those teachers and support staff who have really gone the extra mile to improve

your experience at Oxford.

To submit a nomination, visit the [Oxford SU website](#), where you can also see the criteria and the nominations. Oxford SU will let all nominees know that they were nominated but all nominators will remain anonymous. The shortlisted nominees will then be invited to a ceremony in the town hall in May.



Innovation & Entrepreneurship

Santander Universities Entrepreneurship Awards

Santander's annual business pitching competition gives students the opportunity to get a financial boost to grow their business ventures. To date, Santander have given away numerous rewards, including more than £340,000 to start-ups and small businesses, mentoring, and start-up support. If you're responsible for a UK registered company or you intend on creating a UK registered company, [apply today](#). Applications close on Saturday 31 March and shortlisted applicants will pitch in front of a judging panel and audience to determine who goes through to the Santander regional heats.

Nominations are open for the #OxTALENT2018 Awards

The University's annual OxTALENT competition has launched to celebrate and reward the innovative use of digital technologies to enhance teaching, learning, research, and outreach at Oxford. If you know a student or staff member who has used technology in an exciting way, nominate them for an OxTALENT award by Friday 27 April. Awards can be given to individuals or to groups.

The awards ceremony will take place on Wednesday 13 June at a red carpet evening attended by Professor Martin Williams, Pro-VC (Education). For more information, including a list of competition categories and guidelines on how to enter, visit the [Digital Education at Oxford website](#).



Are you interested in social enterprise?

Enterprising Oxford, in collaboration with the Skoll Centre and Oxford Hub, are holding a networking event all about social enterprise on Tuesday 6 March at 6pm. The 'Social Enterprise Mix @ 6' will be a great opportunity to meet like-minded people and make connections across the social enterprise network in Oxford. Drinks and nibbles will be provided and tickets are free. Book your place on the [Eventbrite page](#) today.

Welfare & Support

New Student Resolution Service launched

The Student Resolution Service is a mediation service for students finding themselves in conflict with another student. This may be conflict linked to accommodation, noise, access to resources, or academic work. The service is completely free and provided by Student Welfare and Support Services (SWSS), who are happy to receive referrals from both students and staff. The team are also available to provide advice on an anonymous basis. Further information is available on the [SRS webpage](#). To make a referral or for advice, email mediation@admin.ox.ac.uk.

Volunteering

Brighten an older person's life with LinkAges

Did you know that in the UK, more than one million older people go for over a month without speaking to a friend, neighbour or family member?

LinkAges is a student-led volunteering project that aims to tackle social isolation among older

people in Oxford. Volunteer activities range from teaching IT skills, to performing music in local care homes, to attending group befriending coffee mornings. We rely on our fantastic student volunteers to keep the project going, so please [apply today](#) and help to brighten an older person's life.

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](#).

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