Academic Life

Exams are almost over - how will you celebrate?

With just a few more examinations to go, we want to wish good luck to everyone awaiting their final exams. If this is you and you plan on celebrating afterwards, please be mindful of the environment and others. To find out more about our rules on post exam celebrations, visit the official Trashing webpage.

Trinity Term 9th Week Intensive Courses

The Language Centre is offering two intensive courses in academic writing in 9th week of Trinity term in a condensed one week format. The courses are aimed at international students in the process of researching and drafting their final written submissions for their degrees. Applicants may register with their SSO online.
Graduate Supervision Reporting (GSR) – New Long Vacation reporting window

This is to give you advance notice that a new reporting window is available to graduate students and staff to be able to submit supervision reports during Long Vacation. The Long Vacation reporting window opens on Monday 2 September and closes at midday on Friday 20 September. You will receive automated notifications when the new window has opened. For further information on using GSR in Student Service please see the Oxford Students website.

Fees & Funding
University and College Fees to be combined from next year

The way your fees are charged and presented will change from the next academic year. Until this year, all graduate students (as well as international undergraduates) have been charged separate ‘University’ and ‘College’ fees. From the 2019/20 academic year, these figures will be combined into a single figure, known as ‘Course Fees’. The total amount you pay will not change (apart from inflation), and the change will make it easier to see the overall level of fees you will be paying. You can check you course fees for 2019/20 on the course fees page on the Oxford Students website. If you have any questions, please contact your college or department (depending on who invoices you for your fees).

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Oxford Life
Leaving Oxford? Pick up your alumni card at the leavers pop-up

If you didn't make it to the alumni leavers fair at Oxford Town Hall last week to collect your Alumni Card, don't worry. The Alumni Office is holding a 'pop-up' event on Tuesday 25 June and Thursday 27 June from 9am-5pm in the Norrington Room of Blackwell’s Bookshop on Broad Street. If you’re still around in Oxford on these dates, why not come pick up your card and ask the alumni team any questions you may have. You can also find out about the many benefits you get - Blackwell’s offers a 15% discount, so you can bag that one straightaway. If you’re not free, you can still get your Alumni Card by filling in a few details online. It really is worth it. Benefits include: Discounts; Library access and JSTOR access; Exclusive events; Access to a global alumni group; and Lifelong learning.

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Take over the @OxUniStudents Instagram in Michaelmas term

Oxford Scholar launches SociAbility: Empowering social
Want to showcase your photography and Oxford experience to an audience of over 7,000 followers? Just send a paragraph detailing why you want to take the page over, alongside your personal Instagram handle to academicadmin.comms@admin.ox.ac.uk. Successful volunteers will be notified by Friday 9 August and will take over the @OxUniStudents Instagram page for one week in Michaelmas term.

inclusion through access information

On Tuesday 11 June, Oxford alumnus Matt Pierri launched SociAbility - a mobile app that makes it easy to find detailed access information for social venues and shops in Oxford. Through better access information, SociAbility empowers people with access needs to spend more time with their friends, families and loved ones.

Vice-Chancellor’s Social Impact Awards

The Vice-Chancellor’s Social Impact Awards are presented every year to Oxford students who show exceptional achievement and commitment to positive social change. This June we celebrated the 10th year of the awards at Oxford Hub. Congratulations to all of our nominees, and in particular to the following students:

- Volunteering: Winner - Albert Gifford, Highly Commended - Sofya Sudets and Amos Schonfield
- Social Enterprise: Winner - Beth Plant, Highly Commended - Paula Larsson, Olivia Durand and Maggie Chen
- Campaigns: Winner - Felix Heilmann, Highly Commended - Fraser MacDonald-Lister, Ebie Edwards Cole and Julia Alsop.

To find out more about the awards or the various student projects, read the official blog.
HackZurich 2019 – Europe’s biggest Hackathon

HackZurich is the sixth edition of Europe’s biggest hackathon. 550 top engineering students, selected from a global pool of 5,000+ student applications from more than 55 countries, are invited to Zurich to hack on web, mobile, and hardware for a 40-hour competition in teams of 2 to 4 people. International companies will provide hardware and programming frameworks to spark the creation of new applications in several categories. HackZurich represents the unique chance to touch base with new technologies, innovation opportunities and talents. Participation is free of charge and travel expenses will be refunded. In addition, all project submissions to the HackZurich Hackathon remain the intellectual property of the individuals that developed them. Apply online by Sunday 23 June.
Research highlight: Site of biggest ever meteorite collision in the UK discovered

Scientists believe they have discovered the site of the biggest meteorite impact ever to hit the British Isles. Evidence for the ancient, 1.2 billion years old, meteorite strike, was first discovered in 2008 near Ullapool, NW Scotland by scientists from Oxford and Aberdeen Universities. The thickness and extent of the debris deposit they found suggested the impact crater – made by a meteorite estimated at 1km wide – was close to the coast, but its precise location remained a mystery.

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Jenner Institute trial

Aged 18-45, in good health and never had malaria? Get in touch to receive information about our challenge study. Participants will receive up to £2,730 reimbursement for time, travel and inconvenience.

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