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Student News



Week 10, 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](#).



Leaving Oxford this term?

If you are completing your studies this term there are a few things to take care of before you leave. Remember to collect your Oxford Alumni Card to gain access to a range of discounts throughout Oxford and online. For details on accessing your email account and 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.

Preparing for your degree ceremony

If you have booked to attend a graduation ceremony in the coming weeks, your college will communicate with you regarding arrival, gowning, catering arrangements and charges. The Oxford Students website includes guidance about [academic dress](#) requirements and answers to other frequently asked questions relating to [degree ceremonies](#). The University of Oxford shop has a presence at graduation ceremonies, located outside the Sheldonian Theatre, selling University and college branded items with a 10% discount for Oxford students.

Academic transcripts

If you are a taught student, you can expect to automatically receive one paper copy of your final transcript upon completing your degree. This will be sent to your 'home address' as listed in [Student Self Service](#) at the time of processing, so please ensure that this is up to date.

Visa advice on staying to work in the UK

Visa Advisers will provide information for international students on routes to remain in the UK to work after study, including the provision for students under Tier 2 of the Points Based System. The event will take place from 12:30 -2pm on Tuesday 11 July 2017 at the Careers Service, 56 Banbury Road. There is no need to book a place.

Counselling via Skype

The Counselling Service offers online counselling using Skype if you are not able to access the service in person because you have suspended your studies or are studying or doing research as part of your course away from Oxford. For further information view the [Online Counselling Information \(PDF\)](#). The Counselling Service will remain open during the Long Vacation.

Potential traffic disruption

The next [University of Oxford Open Days](#) will take place on Wednesday 28 and Thursday 29 June, during which the traffic is likely to be heavy. Up to 10,000 prospective students and their families are expected, so you may want to allow extra time to get around. Additional buses will be made available for the Park & Ride services. If you would like to find out more about any potential disruptions, please see Oxfordshire County Council's [live travel information](#). If you have any queries, please contact opendays@admin.ox.ac.uk or call 01865 288000.

Student Parental Leave Policy

To support students who are about to have or adopt a child, the University has a Policy on Student Maternity, Extended Paternity, Adoption and Shared Parental Leave. This policy has been recently updated, and sets out students' entitlement to parental leave, funded leave, arrangements for return to study, and access to University graduate accommodation and childcare services. The policy can be found on the [Student Parents webpage](#).

The Oxford Foundry: A new entrepreneurship centre

Are you interested in innovation and entrepreneurship? This October a new entrepreneurship facility will open for all students, faculty and staff. The Oxford Foundry will become a place for co-working spaces and dedicated areas for idea generation, workshops and mentorship from local and global entrepreneurs, and business skills training in a high-energy environment.

To keep updated or become involved, [sign up on the website](#).

Green students awarded at Sustainability Showcase

On 12 June, the Sustainability Showcase presented awards to recognise the work done over the last year by staff and students under various schemes to reduce the University's environmental impact.

The event celebrated the participation of over 3,000 students in the Student Switch-Off competition, with prizes given to top performing colleges, including the winner, Lady Margaret Hall. Accolades were also awarded to several students for their exceptional innovation and efforts, as well as other staff and departments. For further details and photos, visit the [Sustainability Showcase website](#).

Clinical trials

The Jenner Institute, part of the Nuffield Department of Medicine, is looking for healthy volunteers to take part in a malaria challenge study testing the effectiveness of new malaria vaccines. If you are aged 18-45, are in good health and have never had malaria, you may be eligible to participate. Volunteers are compensated up to £2,600 for their time, inconvenience and travel during the study period of 3 to 6 months. To find out more, visit www.jenner.ac.uk/malaria-challenge-trials.

Looking for a new virtual learning environment for Oxford

Earlier this year, we asked if WebLearn, Oxford's online learning and teaching tool, still meets your needs. Based on review findings, including surveys completed by over 1,000 students and staff, the University is looking for a new virtual learning environment (VLE). Potential suppliers will undergo a selection process in Michaelmas 2017, after which further updates can be expected. More information is available on the [VLE Review](#) web pages, and questions can be sent to VLEreview@it.ox.ac.uk.

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