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Student News



Week 6 - Michaelmas term 2016

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](#).

Student Barometer survey

University of Oxford students (with the exception of final year undergraduate students who are surveyed through the National Student Survey) have the opportunity to give feedback about life at Oxford through the Student Barometer survey. A link to the Student Barometer survey was sent to your University email address on Tuesday 15 November, if you are eligible to participate. Please note that the 'from' field will display as 'University of Oxford <oxford@euro.confirm.it.com>' as each student receives a unique URL link with some course data pre-populated. Your feedback will be used by colleges, departments, faculties and central University services to identify strengths and weaknesses and put in place changes to help improve your experience at Oxford. Visit the [Oxford Students website](#) to see how the University responded to student feedback from the 2015 Barometer or email student.information@admin.ox.ac.uk for any queries.

Academic dress for undergraduate viva examinations

The Proctors wish to draw to your attention that academic dress requirements for undergraduate viva examinations have changed. From now on, your commoners' gown should be worn for viva examinations. All other academic dress requirements remain the same and are explained on the [Oxford Students website](#) and in the [Student Handbook](#).

Intensive language courses

The Language Centre is offering intensive catch up courses in French, German, Japanese, Spanish and Arabic. Each course is 14 hours in total.

- Monday 5–Friday 9 December 2016 (Week 9), Oxford University Language Centre, 12 Woodstock Road

The courses will cover the Michaelmas term content of the Languages for Study and Research courses and are suitable for those who missed out on the Michaelmas term courses or who are looking to refresh their skills. For more information, visit the [Language Centre website](#) or email admin@lang.ox.ac.uk.

Sexual health testing

Oxford University Student Union (OUSU) are holding a sexual health testing day.

- 11:00-15:00, Wednesday 23 November 2016, Auditorium, MBI Al Jaber Building, Corpus Christi College, Merton Street

The event will be ticketed; the 12:00-13:00 slot will be prioritised for graduate students, and 14:00-15:00 will give priority to LGBTQ students. For more details and to book, visit [Eventbrite](#).

Scholarships to study in Germany

If you are a final year undergraduate or graduate student you may be eligible for a scholarship to undertake research or study for one or two years in Germany. Applications for the Hanseatic Scholarship, the Michael Foster Memorial Scholarship and the Theodor Heuss Research Fellowship close on Friday 3 February 2017. To apply, visit the [Oxford Students website](#).

Intensive academic writing course for international students

The Language Centre is running an intensive week-long course covering key issues in academic writing aimed at all international students who do not have English as their first language. Each course is 15 hours in total and can be studied as three full days or five half days.

- Monday 5–Friday 9 December 2016 (Week 9), Oxford University Language Centre, 12 Woodstock Road

The course will cover similar topics to the Michaelmas term time course Key Issues in Academic Writing. For more information and to register, visit the [Language Centre website](#) or contact admin@lang.ox.ac.uk.

IT Innovation Challenge

Do you have an idea for a small digital project that would benefit students at Oxford? Share your idea for an innovative IT project through the Student IT Innovation Challenge and you could get up to £15k to run your project. You can submit your ideas from Tuesday 10 January 2017. For more information visit the [IT Innovation Challenge website](#) or email innovation@it.ox.ac.uk. Alternatively, you can attend an information session:

- 15:30-17:30, Thursday 1 December 2016, IT Services, Banbury Road

To book your place, visit the [IT Services website](#), click 'book a course' and search for 'IT Innovation Challenge'.

FRIGHTFriday: art and science event at the Ashmolean Museum

The Oxford Research Centre in the Humanities (TORCH) and the Being Human Festival are holding an event at the Ashmolean Museum:

- 19:00-22:30, Friday 25 November 2016, FRIGHTFriday: the art and science of hope and fear, the Ashmolean Museum, Beaumont Street

There will be interactive workshops, talks, exhibitions and performances from a dance group, orchestra and choir. The event is free, but booking is essential. To book, visit [Eventbrite](#).

Romanes Lecture 2016

The 2016 Romanes Lecture, entitled 'The Commonwealth of Nations', will be delivered by Baroness Scotland of Asthal, Secretary-General of the Commonwealth of Nations. The lecture will be an examination of the Commonwealth's distinctive contribution to such pressing issues as climate change, the countering of violent extremism and the elimination of violence against women and girls.

- 17:45, Monday 5 December 2016, Sheldonian Theatre, Broad Street

The lecture is free to attend but booking is essential. To book your place, visit the [event webpage](#).

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