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Student News



Week 2 - Trinity term 2015

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](#).

Photography competition winners announced

The winners of the Undergraduate and Graduate Admissions Photography competition have been announced. Students were invited to submit photos showing academic and social life in Oxford, with a top prize of £200 worth of amazon vouchers. The winning entries for this year's competition are: Elaine Zhao's image of an encounter with ducklings on the river; Santhy Balachandran's image taken on graduation day; Amalia Bastos' image of fossils in the Museum of Natural History; Yunli Song's image of the Museum of Natural History; and Victoria Alice Ferris' image taken at a coffee plantation in Brazil. To view the winning entries, visit the [photography competition web page](#).

Careers fairs in Week 3

Two careers fairs are to be held in Week 3 of term to help you secure an internship or graduate work. The [Get a head-start](#) careers fair taking place from 15:00-18:00 on Wednesday 13 May provides the opportunity to meet employers and find out about their graduate schemes starting in 2016. You can also visit the [Summer Graduate and Internship Fair](#) from 15:00-18:00 on Thursday 14 May to find out about internships from over 30 employers during the long vacation.

No college fee for students with Islands fee status

College fees will no longer be charged to undergraduate students with Islands fee status who started their course in 2014/15 or later. Colleges are currently being notified of this change. For more information on college fees, visit the [Oxford Students website](#).

International students staying in the UK to work

A presentation for international students wishing to remain in the UK to work is taking place from 12:30-14:00 on Monday 11 May 2015 at the [Careers Service](#).

Telephone scam targeting international students

UKCISA (UK Council for International Student Affairs) has alerted the University to a telephone scam by someone pretending to be from the Home Office and asking students to make an additional payment and/or provide personal details. Students are reminded that the Home Office would never telephone to ask for a payment. If you receive a call, notify [Student Immigration](#). For more information visit the [UKCISA website](#).

Sporting Awards available

Oxford University's Alumni Association is offering Sporting Awards to both undergraduate and graduate students. The aim of the awards is to provide assistance to talented University sportspeople, helping you to excel in your chosen sport, and contribute to the success of sport at Oxford. The deadline for all [applications](#) is 16:00 on Monday 1 June 2015.

OxTALENT competition 2015: Student IT Innovation

Have you: Built a website, app, e-book or game? Used social media in an innovative way with other students? Or simply spotted a problem and used digital technology to solve it for others? The OxTALENT competition judges are looking for individuals and groups with entrepreneurial spirit who have used digital technology to make a difference to the student experience at Oxford. For further information and to enter before Friday 15 May 2015, visit the [OxTALENT website](#).

Are you leaving Oxford this summer?

Students leaving Oxford this summer may be eligible for an Alumni Card, which can help ensure you remain connected with your cohort and benefit from exclusive offers and discounts. To collect your Alumni Card, visit the Alumni Office stand in the Norrington Room at Blackwell's from 14:00-16:45 every Wednesday from 6 May to 17 June 2015. Bring your University Card to confirm your identity. For more information, including a list of those students who should collect their Alumni Card from their department, visit the [Alumni Office website](#).

Tickets for the Oxford Africa Conference

Focusing on Africa as 'A Continent on the Move: People, Politics and Business across borders', the Oxford Africa Conference is designed to provide a vibrant platform for new thinking about an international Africa across all disciplines – politics, business, arts, technology and academia – connecting inter-generational leaders from around the world to shape an integrated and innovative perspective on African issues. Taking place on Friday 22 and Saturday 23 May 2015, visit the [Oxford African Network website](#) for tickets.

Volunteers for the Ebola vaccine trial

The Jenner Institute, part of the Nuffield Department of Medicine, is looking for healthy volunteers to take part in a vaccine study testing the effectiveness of two Ebola vaccines. If you are aged 18-50 and are in good health, you may be eligible to participate. The study involves a number of visits to the Institute's outpatient clinic, over a seven month period. Volunteers are compensated for their time and travel. To find out more email the [Volunteer Co-ordinator](#), call 01865 857406 or visit the [Jenner Institute website](#).

Photography competition with Magnum photographer Martin Parr

As part of the Art Fund Prize for Museum of the Year 2015, the Museum of Natural History is taking part in a photography competition judged by Magnum photographer Martin Parr and the public. Visitors are invited to capture the many aspects of the Museum and submit their photographs to the Art Fund for a chance to win a photography holiday to Berlin. Details of other prizes and how to enter are available on the [Art Fund website](#).

Comparative European Literature Lecture Series

Award winning novelist Javier Cercas will reflect on the nature of the novel as a genre and whether it makes sense to talk about intellectuals nowadays as Weidenfeld Chair of the Comparative European Literature Lecture Series. Taking place in Trinity term 2015, from 17:30-19:00 in the Mary Ogilvie Lecture Theatre, St Anne's College, lectures will include: The Third Truth (Part 1 - Tuesday 12 May and Part 2 - Thursday 14 May), Vargas Llosa's Question (Tuesday 19 May), The Blind Spot (Thursday 21 May), The Man Who Says No (Tuesday 26 May) and In Conversation: European Literature, Politics and Historical Memory (Thursday 4 June).

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