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Thank you for registering to attend an Open Day on **Wednesday 3 July**. In this newsletter, we are focusing on choosing a course and visiting subject departments, so read on for hints and tips to make the most of your time in Oxford.

CHOOSING A COURSE

Choosing **the right course** is crucial to enjoying your time at university so make sure you really explore your options, even if you think you know what you want to study. We recommend that you read about lots of courses including some you might not have considered before. At our Open Days, you will have the chance to listen to sample lectures, watch demonstration interviews, take part in practical taster sessions and get advice on admissions tests. Check the subject **department timetables** and choose the events that most interest you. The events in red require advance booking, so make sure to do so!

TOP TIP

We recommend that the first thing you plan to do at the Open Day is visit the relevant subject departments for the course(s) you're most interested in. It's also a good idea to do your research in advance, so why not watch the course choice video below, and read through our list of things to consider when deciding.



HOW DO I CHOOSE?



Having a clear favourite might make this decision seem easy, but you should check out the structure and content of the course and consider how it might differ from other universities you are applying to. Studying a subject at university can be different from school.



Don't forget to check out our courses not normally available at school, such as **Archaeology and Anthropology**, **Human Sciences** and **Materials Science**. For many, they are the perfect opportunity to explore aspects of favourite subjects in an exciting and new way.



We offer a wide range of joint courses (like **History and Politics**, or **Classics and Oriental Studies**) which give students the chance to explore different subjects and examine the connections between them. This can reveal insights not necessarily found by studying them individually.



Are you interested in a course that includes a year abroad? Would you like the opportunity to carry out research? Do you prefer spending time conducting experiments in the lab or reading in the library? Remember to consider the practical elements of a course when choosing what to study.



Whatever degree course you choose here, you will have a very wide choice of careers. At Oxford, we have a dedicated Careers Service to help guide and support you to achieve your career ambitions, whether you have no idea what to do after university, are beginning to have some ideas or know exactly what you want to do once you've finished.

The Careers Service help students and research staff to develop their careers. They offer a wide range of support including: one-to-one advice sessions, **careers fairs**, employer events and **internship and work experience** programmes that source hundreds of global and UK placements exclusively for Oxford students. The service is free and accessible for life; it provides impartial and confidential support that focuses on your career goals, whether you want to work, go into further study or do something completely different.

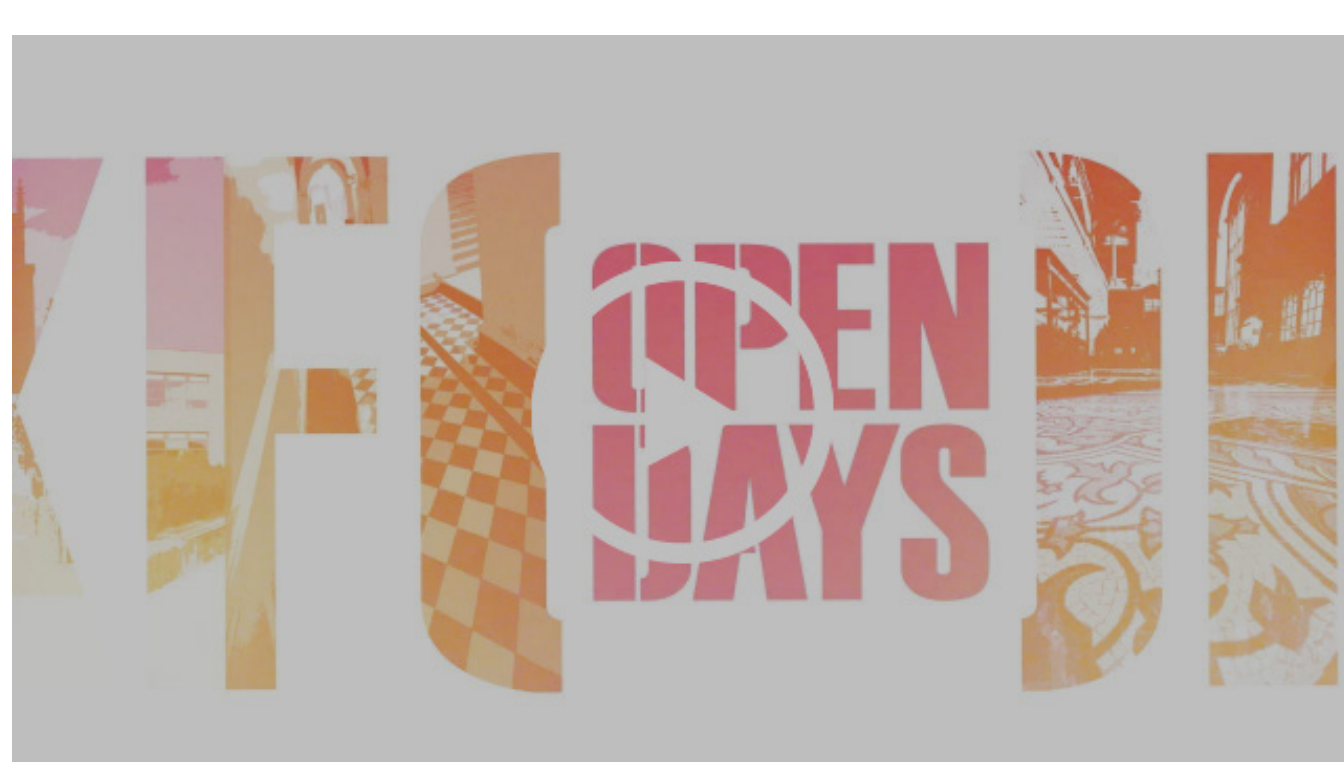
ACCOMMODATION



If you are travelling from a distance and it will be difficult for you to make a return journey in one day, there are opportunities to stay the night at one of the colleges in Oxford. This is often free of charge. Each Oxford college is linked to a region of the UK, and some colleges prioritise places for students from their link area. **Find out more about what accommodation is available.**

Unfortunately colleges are usually unable to accommodate parents, however, the **Conference Oxford** or **Experience Oxfordshire** websites may help you find somewhere else to stay.

WHAT NEXT?



Why not download the **college** and **department** timetables for the Open Day and find the events that interest you the most? You might like use our **sample itineraries** as a guide to give you an idea of how to structure your day.

As part of the Open Day, 33 of our colleges will be opening their doors to visitors. In our next newsletter, we will be focusing on how to decide which colleges to visit, but if you want some information beforehand, we've got a **dedicated page to help you choose**, plus a table of **which colleges offers your course**.

