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An update of key news and events about applying to Oxford University January 2018

Starting a new year

Thank you for signing up again to receive the Teachers' Newsletter; we're delighted that you're interested in finding out more about Oxford University.

For this first issue of the new year we want to let you know about opportunities for your students and about some events for you and your colleagues which will enable you to support your students applying to Oxford later this year.

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Dates and deadlines



Outcomes

As you no doubt know, all shortlisted applicants for entry in 2018 will receive our decision on Wednesday 10 January. We hope that there will be good news for you and your students but those who are unsuccessful should know that last October we received over 22,000 applications for around 3,250 places.

Over 9,800 applicants were shortlisted for interview. Unfortunately every year there are many more brilliant applicants than places available at Oxford.

Candidates who are not offered a place may request feedback about their application - see our website for more information.

UNIQ applications are open

UNIQ is Oxford's flagship programme for raising the aspirations of students studying at UK state schools.

Students come to Oxford for a week (*UNIQ Summer*) or three days (*UNIQ Spring*), stay in a college, and attend an academic programme during the day and social activities in the evenings. They get first-hand experience of life at university, spend time with current students and gain deeper understanding of a subject that they enjoy.

Interested students should visit www.uniq.ox.ac.uk and apply before 11pm on Wednesday 31 January.

Oxford and Cambridge Student Conferences

These nationwide events for your Year 12s are an ideal way to introduce them to our University and give both you and your students the most up-to-date information about our courses, processes and procedures.

This year's conferences will take place during March at venues around the country. All the details can be found on the Oxford and Cambridge Collaborative Outreach Network website.

Department open days

In addition to taking part in our University-wide open days in June and September, some academic departments hold their own open days earlier in the year. These are ideal for students who already know what courses they are interested in.

- Classics – 16 March
- Computer Science – 12 May
- Geography – 11 June
- Law – 12, 13 and 14 March
- Materials Science – 13, 14 March and 17 April
- Mathematics – 21 and 28 April
- Modern Languages – 28 April
- Oriental Studies – 28 April

For more information about any of these events, please visit the departments' websites and www.ox.ac.uk/opendays.

Events for teachers



Regional teachers' conferences

These free conferences cover all aspects of our admissions process from identifying candidates to writing references and preparing candidates for admissions tests and interviews.

This years' dates and venues are:

- **Thursday 21 June** - Ininside Hotel, Manchester
- **Friday 22 June** - The Studio, Birmingham

- **Monday 2 July** - Hilton Templepatrick, Northern Ireland

More details are available on our website, and you can apply from 1 February 2018 by completing this online form.

Sutton Trust teachers' summer school

Our free Sutton Trust Teachers' Summer School is a two day residential conference on Monday 9 and Tuesday 10 July for 80 teachers from state-funded schools and colleges in the UK. We particularly welcome participants from schools with a limited history of sending students to selective universities generally and Oxford specifically.

Teachers will receive detailed support and guidance about the Oxford admissions process, experience taster sessions for different academic subjects - and have the opportunity to witness demonstration interviews.

Apply from 1 February 2018 by completing this online form.

More details about the event can be found on our website and you can watch one teacher's video giving feedback on last year's event.

Other resources for teachers and students



Competitions

Several colleges and departments of the University of Oxford run competitions which are open to students from schools and colleges. Please do encourage your students to enter. Preparing an entry for one of these competitions is a valuable experience for academically motivated students. Forthcoming competitions are listed on our website.

Outreach events

Looking for a taster day or outreach event for your students? Many of our colleges and departments offer free workshops and other activities. Our Outreach Calendar

lists all forthcoming events, and gives you details of the subject, targeted age group and how to book your place.

Some activities coming up include:

- Oxford Pathways Year 10 Taster Days
- Mathematical Sciences study day at University college
- Medicine Outreach Day

Visit the Outreach calendar for more information about these and other events.

About the Teachers' Newsletter

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