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

September 2017

### Welcome back

We hope you had a relaxing summer break. It is that time of year again and our 15 October application deadline is approaching fast. Read on for some reminders and key advice about our application process.

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Got more questions about Oxford University? **Our final Open Day this year is taking place on Friday 15 September** - find out more from our website or watch this short video for an insight into the day.

**Applying to Oxford: what you need to know**



### UCAS deadline

**15 October 2017, 6pm (UK time)**

At this time of year, many of your students will be thinking about working on their UCAS applications.

**If they want to apply to Oxford, then please remind them that our UCAS deadline is much earlier than for many other universities.**

We can't accept late applications, and everything (including references and predicted grades) needs to be completed and submitted to UCAS by this deadline.

### Admissions Tests

One of the differences between applying to Oxford and applying to other universities is the need for many students to take an admissions test.

We've listed all the subjects that require tests on our tests page. Read this webpage for everything you need to know to guide your students through the whole process.

### Test registration deadline

Possibly the most important question for your students (after 'do I need to take an admissions test') is 'when is the deadline for registering?'

**Registering to take the test is not automatic**, and not part of the UCAS process so students and teachers need to take extra steps to do this.

All your Oxford applicants should speak directly with your supervising member of staff to make arrangements for the tests as soon as they can, and preferably well in advance of our registration deadline of



### Advice about the UCAS form

We appreciate that completing the UCAS form can cause students a lot of anxiety.

**Many candidates worry that there is a 'secret ingredient' that Oxford looks for in each application - this just isn't true!**

We've rewritten our website to try and help answer any questions that you or your students might have about writing a personal statement, predicting grades, the teachers' reference, or about explaining extenuating circumstances.

Visit our suite of pages at [ox.ac.uk/apply](http://ox.ac.uk/apply) for the most up-to-date guidance.

### Other resources for teachers

We've just launched a new set of pages on our website specifically for teachers: these bring together information about events, resources, and advice.

**6pm UK time on 15 October 2017** (or 5 October for the LNAT for Law).

Check our website for guidance, deadlines, FAQs about registering for tests, plus links to past papers.

**Please make sure your students and colleagues realise that an administrative error made by their school or college will not be considered grounds for applicants being allowed to register late.**

### Registering as a test centre

Your school or college may intend to register as a test centre to allow your students to take their admissions tests with you.

Find out more about registering as a test centre.

**The deadline for applying to become a registered test centre is 30 September.**

Registering as a test centre is easy but can take a while so it's best to start the process as soon as you can.

### Practising for admissions tests

Do encourage your Oxford applicants to have a go at past or sample papers for our tests. This should not only help with their confidence, by giving them a clear idea of what to expect, but importantly also allows them to work out how to manage their time during tests. We know that this can be an important factor in test performance.

Visit our tests page for links to past or sample papers.

Thinking of bringing your students to Oxford for a visit? Contact your link college to see how they can help.

## Other news from Oxford University



### **OXPLORE: Kick off the new school year with an interactive live stream**

To celebrate the launch of Oxplore, Oxford's digital outreach portal, we'll be hosting an interactive online event on Monday 18 September 2017.

Join us to discuss the 'Big Question', 'Would you want to live forever?' with specialists from across the University of Oxford. Tune in for debate, competitions, fun facts and the chance to have your say. This is designed for able groups or individuals from Years 7-13 and is ideal for the classroom. The only requirements are audio and an internet connection and materials will be available to support the session.

Find out more and RSVP today



### **Prepare to get curious**

The Curiosity Carnival on Friday 29 September 2017 is a chance to find out what research is all about, meet researchers, ask questions and discover how research affects and changes all our lives.

It is an evening of fun and entertainment for all ages and interests, with Oxford's museums, gardens and libraries getting curious about something different. Don't miss out on this fascinating night of discovery. Visit [www.curiositycarnival.org](http://www.curiositycarnival.org) to book your ticket.



# Teachers' Workshop

## Effective use of data in EPQs

- how to support students to use data effectively in their Extended Project Qualifications
- lectures, data lab sessions and Q&A on how to work with and present data
- Saturday 4 November 2017, 10am – 4pm, [Oxford Q-Step Centre](#), Department of Politics & International Relations, Manor Road, Oxford OX1 3UQ
- open to teachers from state schools who supervise Social Sciences EPQs

For further details and how to apply please visit

[www.oqc.ox.ac.uk/teacherworkshop](http://www.oqc.ox.ac.uk/teacherworkshop)

Deadline for applications is 30 September 2017



Q-Step



### DPIR Newsletter for Politics Teachers and Students

A newsletter highlighting research and debate from Oxford University's Department of Politics and International Relations (DPIR) in ways that connect with the study of Politics at A Level.

[Read the newsletter here.](#)

### About the Teachers' Newsletter

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