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Dear student,

We are looking forward to welcoming you to Oxford in October.

It may seem odd to write to you about what you may do AFTER you leave Oxford, but we do know that some students are already exploring their options, some are focused on exactly what they want to do, and the rest still have an open mind (or perhaps are postponing the whole idea). Whichever group you are in, the June newsletter gives you information on careers and other opportunities available to you during and after your degree.

If you do want to start exploring ideas for your career, the Careers Service has plenty on offer. Read on to find out about careers and employability skills, as well as other useful information regarding your time at Oxford.

Best wishes.

Jonathan Black
Director, Oxford University Careers Service

Careers Service

The University’s Careers Service helps undergraduate students, postgraduate students and research staff in developing their careers. The Service is free, impartial, and confidential, and offers you lifelong access. The twelve expert Careers Advisers have worked in a wide range of industry sectors including teaching and education,
public sector, academia, international development, law, consulting, and banking, and can provide you with industry and sector specific advice as well as reviewing CVs and applications, and answering the, ‘What am I going to do with my subject?’ question.

There are a huge variety of opportunities and schemes on offer to help shape your future after Oxford, including:

- Almost 5,000 individual 20-minute 1:1 advice appointments each year; these run every weekday and are booked online
- 15 annual themed Careers Fairs attended by over 500 employers – open to all
- More than 500 workshops and skills sessions
- Over 7,000 opportunities advertised on the vacancies pages of the Careers Service website
- Internship and work experience programmes that source hundreds of global and local placements exclusively for Oxford students
- Business Mentoring sessions to encourage and support entrepreneurs
- The Oxford Guide to Careers publication
- The Oxford Careers Network: a career profile network of hundreds of volunteer alumni who you can contact to gain advice.

If you want to start planning your career or find out what’s on offer, visit the Careers Service website. From time to time, Careers Advisers will come into your college and faculty to give talks, run workshops and offer confidential 1:1 sessions. You can find the offices at 56 Banbury Road.

### Paid work guidelines

Studying at Oxford is an exciting experience with plenty of opportunities and a high number of contact hours. For this reason, paid term-time employment is not permitted except under exceptional circumstances and in consultation with your Tutor and the Senior Tutor. Academic work is something that will be completed in your vacations and should take priority over other commitments. However, the Careers Service can help you to find work experience and internship placements during the vacations. For more information visit the Oxford Students website.

If you are an international student with a UK visa, you should also check your visa to make sure you understand the limitations on paid work. More information for international students can be found on the Oxford Students website.

### Work and study abroad

As a truly global institution, the University of Oxford understands the importance of international experiences to your academic, career and personal development. There are opportunities to study, work, or undertake research in dozens of countries across the globe and a number of grants are available to help you fund trips overseas. To find out more, including what you should consider if you are planning to travel abroad.
as part of your studies, visit the International opportunities web page of the Oxford Students website.

Arriving as an international student

The International students web page of the Oxford Students website contains the information you require prior to arriving in the UK, including essential information about applying for your student visa and your visa conditions. You can only apply for your visa three months before the course start date and you will receive detailed further information by email from Student Immigration at the end of June about how to make your visa application. The web page also contains a guide on how to get to Oxford from the major airports and Eurostar terminals. Before you make your travel arrangements, find out from your college (or department if you do not have a college) when you should be in residence.

To help international students settle into Oxford life, the University offers a free Orientation Programme. As well as providing practical details for living and studying in the UK and Oxford, the Programme provides a fantastic opportunity to meet students from more than 80 countries before starting your studies.

The Orientation Programme will be held on Monday 2 October 2017 for undergraduate students and visiting students. Your college will send you information about how to register for the Programme over the summer so please wait for this first before registering. It will also explain when you can arrive in your accommodation.

Reminder - UK government funding

If you have not already applied for any government funding that you might be eligible for, make sure you do so as soon as possible, or your full funding entitlement might not be in place for the start of the academic year. Find details of your funding agency on the government support web pages.

Contents insurance

If you have a college, you should check whether you need to arrange contents insurance before your arrival at your accommodation. Some colleges have insurance policies that cover their students' belongings. If you require your own insurance, Endsleigh is the official insurance service of the National Union of Students and offers a student policy protecting you against theft, loss and accidental damage on items including laptops and mobile phones. An international student policy is also offered by Endsleigh for those coming from overseas.

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