

International Guidance Counsellors' Conference
Example Conference Programme

Thursday	
Time	Session
09:00	Optional walking tour
10:00	Arrival and Registration
Welcome	
Kahoot! Ice-breaker quiz	
Introduction to the University of Oxford <i>We will begin the conference by providing an overview of all Oxford has to offer as a study destination. We will also look at the competitive nature of Oxford ahead of tomorrow's focus on admissions.</i>	
Student panel <i>An opportunity to ask current international undergraduate students about what it is really like to study and live at Oxford.</i>	
Networking Lunch	
<p>One or two of the following subject to availability:</p> <p>Observe an undergraduate tutorial <i>We are delighted to be able to offer delegates a rare opportunity to experience one of the unique features of Oxford's academic teaching at colleges across the University</i></p> <p>A tour of the Chemistry labs <i>An opportunity to have a tour of our Dyson Perrins Laboratory, which celebrated it's centenary in 2016 and was one of the first ever custom-built laboratories in the UK</i></p> <p>Free time</p>	
18:45	Drinks Reception & Formal Dinner <i>Suggested dress code:</i> <i>Ladies – dress / skirt / smart trousers</i> <i>Gentlemen – suit / smart trousers and shirt</i>

Friday	
Time	Session
09:30	Arrival <i>Refreshments available</i>
Applying to Oxford <i>We will begin today by setting the context for today's programme and looking at general information relevant to the admissions process at Oxford.</i>	
Course Choice and Supercurricular activities <i>This session will look at advising your students on course choice and will provide detailed information on what we mean when we talk about "supercurricular activities" and how to effectively sign post your students towards relevant resources.</i>	
11:00-11:15	Break
UCAS personal statements and teachers' references <i>This interactive session will give you the opportunity to reflect on a real life example of a personal statement and teacher's reference.</i>	
Admissions Tests <i>This session will provide you with information on how and why we use admissions tests, and how you can help prepare your students for sitting them.</i>	
12:30 – 13:15	Networking Lunch
<p>One of the following subject to availability:</p> <p>A tour of the Bodleian Library <i>The Bodleian Library is one of the oldest libraries in Europe, and in Britain is second in size only to the British Library with over 12 million printed items. This tour shows you the interior of the buildings that form the historic heart of the University including the 15th-century Divinity School, Convocation House, Chancellor's Court and Duke Humfrey's medieval library.</i></p> <p>A tour of the Ashmolean Museum <i>Founded in 1683, the University of Oxford's museum of art and archaeology holds world famous collections ranging from Egyptian mummies to contemporary art, telling human stories across cultures and across time.</i></p> <p>Tour of the Museum of Natural History <i>Founded in 1860, the Museum of Natural History now holds the University's internationally significant collections of geological and zoological specimens. This tour will provide you with the opportunity to see some of its most famous features such as the Oxfordshire dinosaurs, the Dodo, and the swifts in the tower.</i></p>	
15:00-15:30	Refreshments
15:45	Interviews <i>This session will cover what to expect from an Oxford interview and will include a short mock interview delivered by an experienced Oxford tutor and a current undergraduate student. There will also be an interactive session designed to help you prepare your own students for interview.</i>
Question & Answer Session	
17:00	Conference Closes