This newsletter is distributed five times throughout the academic year: in September, October, January, March and June. Our aim is to keep you informed about the admissions process, including outstanding written work and preparing students for interviews.

**ADMISSIONS TESTS**

Good luck to all your students who are sitting our admissions tests. Many candidates are either sitting our admissions tests on 30th October or 2nd November, or are sitting our admissions tests on 10th November. Students should ensure that they have all the information about their admissions tests and that they are ready to sit them. For more information on how to prepare, please encourage them to have a go at some past or sample papers, ideally under timed conditions. They can find these on our admissions test website here. For more tips, see our guide.

**UNIQ APPLICATIONS**

If any of your students are considering applying to UNIQ, please encourage them to apply. You can find out more about UNIQ here and how to apply is here. UNIQ is a free residential programme, UNIQ, for UK state school students in Years 12 and 13. It is designed to support students who may not, or do not yet, have the confidence to apply to a top university. UNIQ is especially aimed at students from disadvantaged backgrounds, in particular those from low income families, or students who are the first in their family to go to university. UNIQ participants who applied to study Engineering, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Computer Science or Economics in 2019 were 5 times more likely to be offered a place at Oxford than they would have been without UNIQ. UNIQ’s aim is to help make the Oxbridge experience accessible to a wider range of students.

**OXFORD INTERVIEWS: WHAT TO EXPECT**

Oxford interview travel expenses

Some tips of information on our interview questions may also be of interest and may help your students understand what types of questions interviewers might ask. As interviewers are not told what any student was asked, it can be difficult for them to pass on advice about what students should expect. To ease this, students should talk to people they know who have had interviews and ask them about their experiences. They can also help your students to prepare for interviews by spending time discussing their subject, watching a relevant documentary. You could show them where to go. This year’s interviews will take place in December, with the last interviews being held on Tuesday 17th December. To find out more tips, see our interview guide here.

**OXFORD INTERVIEWS: WHAT TO EXPECT**

Oxford interviews are a crucial part of our admissions process. A total of 9,500 students sit our admissions tests, and 1,500 candidates are invited to attend an interview. Many of those candidates will be offered a place at Oxford. Interviewers at Oxford are expected to rate the candidates’ written work. They are interested in an applicant’s potential and their personal statement and any written work that they have submitted. They are also interested in an applicant’s ability to study, think and learn in this way. Interviews take place in November and December, and are an opportunity for candidates to experience student life at Oxford and to decide whether they would enjoy studying here.

**INTERVIEW TRAVEL EXPENSES**

We work really hard to remove any barriers that might make it difficult for candidates to take part in the admissions process. We know that travelling to Oxford is a cost for candidates, and we are committed to removing any financial barriers that might make it difficult for candidates to attend an interview. We are aware that the cost of travel, or a lack of it, is a priority for candidates. If you wish to help your students who are attending our interviews to cover the cost of travel, please encourage them to complete their interview travel expenses form here. We also offer support to students who are applying to Oxford but may not yet have the necessary financial support to cover the cost of travel. Please encourage your students to contact us here if they are interested in attending an Oxford interview but may not yet have the necessary financial support.

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Our best advice is to encourage your students to look at these individual test pages, which contain further information about these on our admissions test website here. For more tips, see our guide.

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