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Teachers' Newsletter

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

Planning your year

Despite the disruptions of the recent wintry weather, spring is not far away. We hope this issue of our newsletter will help you plan trips, events and activities for your potential Oxford applicants so they can find out more about our University and feel well-informed and confident when making their UCAS choices later in the year.

If you aren't able to bring them to visit, everything your students need to know about applying can be found on our [website](#) and in the new undergraduate prospectus, which is just out so please encourage them to explore both.

We've also just launched a new section on our website on student life at Oxford. This aims to offer your students a helpful insight into what to expect if they study here, and covers issues like bursaries, workload, and having fun. [Visit the new pages here](#).

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Events and resources for students

2019 entry undergraduate prospectus

You can view a [pdf online or order a copy of our latest undergraduate prospectus here](#).

This year's edition contains all the latest information about our courses, colleges and application procedures. It also features a new table showing college facilities and an admissions timeline so your students can see at a glance how they apply.

The prospectus also features lots of comments and quotes from our current undergraduates to help your students get a feel for what it's like to be a student here.

Oxford and Cambridge Student Conferences

A reminder that booking is now open for these nationwide events for Year 12 students. Hosted collaboratively by both Oxford and Cambridge Universities, this year's timetable takes in seven cities around the UK:

- [Glasgow](#) on 16 March.
- [Swansea](#) on 19 March.
- [Birmingham](#) on 20 March.
- [Merseyside](#) on 21 March.
- [Newcastle](#) on 22 March.
- [Lisburn, Northern Ireland](#) on 26 March.
- [Epsom on 27 and 28 March](#).

Booking is essential, so please visit the links, above, to register your attendance. More details of the conferences can be found on the [Oxford and Cambridge Collaborative Outreach Network website](#).

University open days

Our University-wide Open Days are one of the best ways to find out what it might be like to study here. As well as an extensive programme of information talks, there will be lots of opportunities to chat informally to staff and students. This makes the day a really personal experience for all those who attend. Activities include: student-led tours around colleges, "meet the tutor" sessions, sample lectures and demonstration interviews.

Many colleges offer free or subsidised accommodation for prospective applicants who are coming to the open day, and this is a great way to keep the cost of attending down as well as get a taste of college life. Please contact us by visiting [ox.ac.uk/ask](#) if you are interested in finding out more about this.

There are also a range of talks especially for teachers including a forum hosted by our Director of Undergraduate Admissions and Outreach who would love to hear your thoughts on how we can best support teachers and students.

This year's open days are on:

- Wednesday 27 June
- Thursday 28 June
- Friday 14 September

For more information visit our [Open Day page](#).

Events and resources for teachers

Sutton Trust teachers' summer school - bookings now open

Bookings are now open for our free Sutton Trust Teachers' Summer School. This two day residential conference on Monday 9 and Tuesday 10 July is 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 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.

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 year's dates and venues are:

- **Thursday 21 June** - Inside 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 by [completing this online form](#).

Inspirational teachers awards

Each year, current first-year Oxford undergraduates from UK state schools or colleges with a limited history of sending students to Oxford are asked if they would like to nominate an inspirational teacher. The Inspirational Teachers Awards are a way of recognising the importance of school or college teachers in encouraging academically-able students to realise their potential and make a successful application to Oxford.

In 2018 ten teachers will be honoured with an award. All were nominated by students currently in their first year at Oxford and will attend an awards ceremony held at the University of Oxford in May.

[A list of this year's winners can be found on our website](#).

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.

Visit the [Outreach calendar](#) for more information.

About the Teachers' Newsletter

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