



**January 2019**



**Please pass on huge congratulations to any of your students who received offers from us this January – and thank them for applying to Oxford!**

Over the next months we will keep in touch with them via our offer-holder newsletters which give insights into student life at Oxford and tips on how to prepare for their arrival here in October. They can also read about the [next steps](#) or explore our [Oxford Students website](#). In the meantime, we wish them the best of luck with their exams and hope the prospect of joining us soon will keep them going during their revision!

We are aware that not everyone will have received the news they were hoping for this January. In 2018, we again saw an increase in applications and places were more competitive than ever. We also know that most students who do not receive an offer from us, go on to have a wonderful time at another university. We would like to wish them every success with their studies and to thank them for considering Oxford. Perhaps we may yet be welcoming them here as a postgraduate in a few years' time.

We would also like to thank you for supporting your students through our admissions process. We know this often involves additional work, but hope you will continue to share our belief that an Oxford education offers your academic students the opportunity to explore their potential fully, whatever their background or personal circumstances. Please don't hesitate to get in touch if we can help support you with potential applicants for 2020 entry. We also put on thousands of outreach events each year to help students decide if Oxford might be for them, so please do explore these opportunities – see below for more details!



## Outreach calendar



Looking for a taster day or outreach event for your students? Have a look at our new [Increasing Access](#) pages to find out more information on upcoming events in Oxford and near you. From [Further Maths - What Next?](#) to the [Oxford and Cambridge Classics Open Day](#), you can find everything you need to know on our [Outreach Calendar](#).

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## Oxford and Cambridge Student Conferences



Applications are now open for the Oxford and Cambridge Student Conferences. Our 'travelling Open Days' bring experienced admissions staff, subject specialists and current students from the universities of Oxford and Cambridge to you and your students at venues around the UK.

Aimed at Year 12 (or equivalent) students, these full-day events are free of charge, and provide up-to-date information about our courses and admissions processes, as well as providing the opportunity to hear from current undergraduate students at both universities. The conferences will take place in March 2019, and details and booking forms can be found [here](#).



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## Explore celebrates its 50<sup>th</sup> Big Question

**Could you survive a natural disaster?**

Earthquakes, volcanoes, wild weather, and rocks from space... the Earth can be a dramatic place! But human beings are a pretty resourceful lot, and we've been surviving natural disasters for thousands of years. How have they shaped our world, and how will we cope with them in the future?

Does fake news matter? Is falling in love bad for you? Could you survive a natural disaster? Tackling all these questions and more, [Oxpire](#) is a free digital resource from the University of Oxford. Built around 'Big Questions', it uses videos, short articles, fun quizzes and more to encourage pupils aged 11-18 to think across the curriculum, take in new perspectives and think about university study. Teachers around the UK have let us know that they're using Oxpire as part of tutor time, debate and philosophy clubs and to help enrich students' subject study.

In February and March 2019, we'll be marking the launch of our **50<sup>th</sup> Big Question**. Celebrations will include a special Livestream event asking specialists from across the University 'WHAT'S YOUR BIGGEST BIG QUESTION?'. Registration is free, and class groups or individual students can log on to ask Oxford researchers their own questions, live. Visit the [Oxpire Events Page](#) to learn more about the Livestream, or sign up for the Oxpire teachers' newsletter by emailing us at [oxpire@admin.ox.ac.uk](mailto:oxpire@admin.ox.ac.uk).

## Find out more



Our **2019 Open Days** will be taking place on **3 and 4 July and 20 September**. Please encourage your students to attend for the chance to meet current students and staff and find out what it's like to study with us. In addition to taking part in our University-wide open days in June and September, some academic departments hold their own open days earlier in the year. These are ideal for students who already know what courses they are interested in, but would like to find out more.

- [Classics](#) – 15 March
- [Computer Science](#) – 11 May
- [Geography](#) – 17 June
- [Law](#) – 11, 12 and 13 March
- [Materials Science](#) – 20 February, 11 and 12 March
- [Mathematics](#) – 27 April and 4 May
- [Modern Languages](#) – 4 May
- [Oriental Studies](#) – 4 May

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