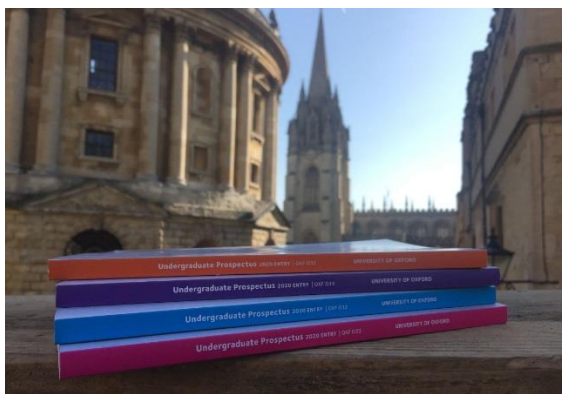




## March 2019

We are excited to announce that the new undergraduate prospectus for 2020-entry is now available. You can either [read it online](#), [download a PDF](#) version via our website or [order a copy here](#). You and your students will also be able to pick up a copy at the upcoming [Oxford and Cambridge student conferences](#) or at one of our [2019 Open Days](#).



As ever, the prospectus contains all the latest information about our courses, colleges and admissions requirements, as well as giving applicants a taste of what it's like to be a student at Oxford. We have also tried to address known concerns of those who haven't had a chance to find out much about university life yet – such as how to make friends, where to find help when things go wrong, where students live, how much it all costs and what funding support is available. Around one in four UK and EU Oxford students currently receive a bursary and we typically spend around £8 million a year supporting our students. We want students thinking of coming here to know this and to have the other information they need to make really confident and informed choices when they are applying to university.

We have also updated [our website](#) for 2020 applications, including refreshing our [course pages](#) and [link college](#) sections to make them more accessible and helpful. We always recommend checking our website for the most up-to-date information on admissions requirements.

**TELL US WHAT YOU THINK:**

We'd love to hear your thoughts on the content and format of the prospectus - so please do let us know via our [feedback form](#), where you can also enter a raffle for the chance to win a £100 Amazon voucher!

## News

### Increased financial support for UK students who need it the most

For those who begin their undergraduate study at Oxford in 2020, [we will increase our levels of support\\*](#) with:

**1. More students funded by our most generous scholarship scheme than ever before:** If you're a first-degree, UK-resident undergraduate and your household income is £27,500 or less, you will be eligible for a Moritz-Heyman Scholarship.



**2. More support for UK students with a household income of up to £42,875:** If you're a first-degree, UK undergraduate and your household income is £42,875 or less, you will be eligible for a non-repayable Oxford Bursary to help you cover the cost of studying and living in Oxford.

**3. More support for UK care leavers and estranged students:** If you've been in care for more than [three](#) months, you will receive a non-repayable support package up to a maximum of £7,200 per year to help with costs during your time at Oxford.

\*Final confirmation of Oxford's financial support package by the Office for Students (OfS) is expected in summer 2019.

### UNIQ applications



Please pass on our thanks to any of your students who applied to take part in the 2019 UNIQ Spring and Summer Schools in January. We had well over 6,000 applications this year and are in the process of writing and sending decision letters to applicants.

To read more about our flagship outreach programme, have a look at the [UNIQ website](#), or [visit our website](#) to find out more about our other access and outreach work.

## Oxpire's 50<sup>th</sup> Question

Home of Big Questions

# OXPIRE

## launches its 50th Big Question

To celebrate the launch of their 50<sup>th</sup> Big Question, the team at Oxpire embarked on their biggest collaboration yet, working with a student drama production, a college (Lady Margaret Hall) and the University's Oxford for Oxford programme to create their 50<sup>th</sup> Big Question, [Would you pay everyone the same?](#) On 14 February, 70 local state school pupils were invited to join in the celebrations with academic workshops, college tours and a special performance of the student musical "Made in Dagenham", all tied into the issues of gender inequality and equal pay.

The 50<sup>th</sup> Big Question festivities continue with an online Oxpire Live Event on **29 March at 2pm**. Schools are invited to tune in and participate from their classrooms. [See here for event details and to register.](#)

## Inspirational Teachers Award

The winners of this year's Inspirational Teachers Award have been announced and will be honoured at an award ceremony held in Oxford in May. Each year current first year Oxford undergraduates from 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 award scheme recognises the crucial role teachers play in encouraging talented students to realise their potential and make a successful application to Oxford. [You can find out more here.](#)



## Upcoming events

### Oxford and Cambridge Student Conferences



A reminder that applications are now open for the Oxford and Cambridge Student Conferences. Aimed at Year 12 (or equivalent) students, these '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.

- [Edinburgh - 15 March](#)
- [Swansea - 18 March](#)
- [Birmingham - 19 March](#)
- [Aintree - 20 March](#)
- [Newcastle - 21 March](#)
- [Lisburn, NI - 26 March](#)
- [Epsom - 27 March](#)
- [Epsom - 28 March](#)

Please note that while the conferences are free of charge, booking is essential; just click the relevant link above to register your attendance. You can also [find out more information here.](#)

### Teachers' Summer School 2019



Applications are now open for our 2019 [Teachers' Summer School](#) taking place on **Thursday 11 and Friday 12 July**. The summer school is a CPD-accredited two-day residential for teachers from state-funded schools and colleges in the UK. Aiming to support teachers to stretch and challenge their most able students, the summer school will equip you with the best possible advice and guidance on selective university admissions. You will receive detailed support and guidance about the Oxford admissions process, listen to taster sessions for different academic subjects, and experience a mock interview.

Participation in the summer school is free and includes two nights' accommodation in an Oxford college and meals. We can also offer a contribution towards the travel and associated costs. You can [apply here](#) until 18 May.



### Choosing a university course



Lots of students ask us for advice when choosing a course so we have put together our top tips here to help encourage your students to think broadly about all the options available. This may be particularly helpful for younger students who are choosing A-level subjects.

### School competitions

Several colleges and departments of the University of Oxford run competitions which are open to students from schools and colleges. Preparing an entry for one of these competitions is a valuable experience for academically-motivated students so please do encourage your students to enter. There are also some exciting prizes to be won. To find out which competitions are currently open for submissions [visit our website](#).



### Outreach events for students and schools



Each year we run over 2,000 outreach activities and events with teachers and students from over 30 countries. So if your school would like to arrange a visit why not get in contact with your [link college](#)? Alternatively you can find out whether there are any taster days or outreach events coming up, in Oxford or near you, via our [Outreach Calendar](#).

**This newsletter** is distributed five times throughout the academic year. Please feel free to circulate this newsletter to any colleagues who might be interested or they can sign up via our [online form](#). If you have any feedback or suggestions for future content, we'd love to hear from you, just send an email to [study@ox.ac.uk](mailto:study@ox.ac.uk).



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