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Student News



Week 6 - Trinity term 2015

Student News is emailed to you fortnightly during term from Week 0 and contains key information, including deadlines, reminders and events from the central University. Further information is available from the [Oxford Students website](#).



Sitting your examinations

If you are taking examinations during Trinity term 2015 you are reminded to bring your University Card and candidate number with you. Due to the volume of examinations taking place, all entrants are asked to enter the Examination Schools via the quad on Merton Street and respect other students by remaining silent until you have left the building. For more information about sitting your examinations, visit the [Oxford Students website](#).

Note-taking for effective revision

A strategic approach to note-taking is encouraged for effective revision. Read through information to obtain a clear overview before writing notes on a second reading and use full citation details for all sources. Using your own words rather than directly quoting information can help avoid inadvertent plagiarism; while creating visual forms of note-taking such as mind maps may prove beneficial. The [Research and library skills](#) guidance provides additional advice.

Student Barometer results published

The University's largest annual student feedback exercise, the Student Barometer 2014, shows that 93% of University of Oxford students are satisfied with their experience here overall, with 90% satisfied with their learning and living experiences. View the full results from the [Oxford Students website](#).

Lunchtime language courses

A new programme of courses is offered at lunchtimes from Monday 22 June to Friday 3 July 2015. An opportunity to learn a new language or build on existing skills for professional development, research or just a summer holiday, classes are available in Arabic, French, German, Italian and Spanish. Open to all members of the University, £75 registration fee. For more information, visit the [Language Centre website](#) or email the [Language Centre](#) to request a registration form.

Have you collected your Alumni Card?

Students leaving Oxford this summer may be eligible for an Alumni Card, which can help ensure you remain connected with your cohort and benefit from exclusive offers and discounts. To collect your Card, visit the Alumni Office stand in the Norrington Room at the Blackwell's Oxford shop from 14:00-16:45 every Wednesday until 17 June 2015. Bring your University Card to confirm your identity. For more information, including a list of those students who should collect their Alumni Card from their department, visit the [Alumni Office website](#).

Safe summer travel

Students travelling abroad over the summer are advised to plan their trip carefully and consider important pre-departure factors. Whether travelling abroad for summer internships, work placements or summer holidays, you should think about factors including travel insurance, vaccinations, travel illnesses, and food and water quality abroad. The [NHS](#) offers valuable advice on these, and other, issues for those departing the UK.

Oxford University students vote to keep sub fusc

A vote was held by the Oxford University Student Union (OUSU) on maintaining the tradition known as sub fusc. The turnout was 40%, which OUSU has said was the highest known turnout for the Union. The [referendum results](#) show that the majority of students want to continue to wear sub fusc during examinations.

OUSU International Festival

The annual Oxford University Student Union (OUSU) [International Festival](#) will be held in Bonn Square (opposite the Westgate Centre) from 11:00-17:00 on Sunday 14 June 2015. The OUSU International Students' Campaign and numerous Oxford cultural societies invite you to celebrate Oxford's diversity by bringing together authentic food, performance and exhibitions from around the world. The Festival is free and requires no registration.

Magna Carta 800 at the Weston Library

A new display at the Weston Library's Blackwell Hall marks the anniversary of the [Great Charter](#) agreed on 15 June 1215 between King John and his barons at Runnymede near Windsor. The official issues of the Charter on show, together with a variety of contemporary documents drawn from the Library's rich collections, explain the political background to the Charter and the ways in which its contents were made known to the people in the county courts. The Charter will be on display at the Weston Library until Sunday 28 June 2015. Admission is free.

Big Green Treasure Hunt

Discover historic Oxford and win a bicycle with the Big Green Treasure Hunt, as part of [Low Carbon Oxford Week](#), taking place from Saturday 13 June to Sunday 21 June 2015. Find out more on the [Big Green Treasure Hunt Facebook page](#).

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