



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

And finally...

This is the last teachers' newsletter of this academic year, and it's full of links to more information and guidance for you and your students. We hope you will be able to come to this year's Open Days, sign up for one of our teachers' events, or that you'll make use of the huge resources available on our website.

We look forward to sending you our next newsletter in September.

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Events and resources for students



Come and visit us!

Our University-wide Open Days are one of the best ways to find out what it might be like to study here. We have three Open Days each year, and 2018's dates are:

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

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. Some [limited financial support](#) may also be available to prospective students who might not otherwise be able to attend. Please contact us by visiting ox.ac.uk/ask if you are interested in finding out more about this.

What happens on an Open Day?

As well as having the chance to look around, our Open Day visitors can:

- visit academic departments, which are not open to the public on any other day
- listen to talks on a variety of subjects ranging from different courses to application processes
- drop in to the information centre to talk to staff and students covering many topics
- attend sample lectures and demonstration interviews
- chat informally with current students and academic staff

Too much to squeeze into one day?

Our June Open Days run on consecutive days and visitors are welcome to attend one or both, depending on what suits your travel arrangements and priorities.

What can teachers and parents do during the Open Days?

We have dedicated talks and resources for teachers and for parents. You may also be able to accompany your students to their events, although sometimes we will need to prioritise spaces for prospective students.

For more information, including a preliminary schedule of activities at our June Open Days, please visit our [Open Day page](#).

Get up to speed with our new undergraduate prospectus



Our 2019 prospectus has been fully revised to include all the latest information about our courses, colleges and application procedures. New features also include a comparison of the facilities available at different colleges, an admissions timeline, and many quotations from our current students.

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

Oxpire livestream

Join Oxpire for an interactive online event for schools at 2pm on **Tuesday 15 May 2018!**

We'll be discussing the Big Question '*Could we live on another planet?*' with specialists from across the University of Oxford. Tune in for debate, competitions, fun facts and the chance to have your say.

[RSVP here](#) to receive an email with the link to watch, and extra classroom materials to help extend the session. If you have any questions, please contact oxpire@admin.ox.ac.uk.

Events and resources for teachers



Sutton Trust Teachers' Summer School - still time to book your place

Don't miss this fantastic, free two-day residential conference for 80 teachers from state-funded schools and colleges in the UK. This year's event takes place on Monday 9 and Tuesday 10 July and applications are open.

We would thoroughly recommend the event to anyone who wants to find out more about the Oxford admissions processes, interviews, tests and courses and to be in the best possible position to support students applying this year. We particularly welcome participants from schools with a limited history of sending students to selective universities generally and Oxford specifically.

Apply by [completing this online form](#).

More [details about the event can be found on our website](#) and you can watch [this video](#) giving one teacher's experience of 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** - Ininside 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.

About the Teachers' Newsletter

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