

Dear teacher,

I hope you are doing well.

It has been an exciting few months in terms of outreach! It has been wonderful meeting so many of you and your students at my roadshows across Surrey and Hampshire between February and April. I'd like to give a massive thank you to all of the hub venues who were able to host me! I wanted to get in touch to let you know about some upcoming outreach opportunities from the University of Oxford, across a variety of subject areas and age groups. Please pass these onto your students where relevant.

Best wishes,

Sophie & Suzanna

OPEN DAY ACCOMMODATION BOOKING AT ST HILDA'S COLLEGE

The University of Oxford are holding their Open Days this year on Wednesday 2nd July, Thursday 3rd July, and Friday 19th September. Find out more information on the University website: <https://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/undergraduate/open-days-and-visits>. Colleges are open and students can pop in throughout the day, meet current students, and get a tour of the campus. Booking may be required in order to visit some departments. We would love to welcome your students to St Hilda's.

We are pleased to be able to offer some accommodation during our upcoming Open Days in July and September. This overnight accommodation enables students to start their day at St Hilda's and then explore the University's Open Day for the remainder of the day.

Please be aware that we are only able to accept bookings from UK state schools who are bringing students who will be in Year 13/U6 in September 2025.

It is possible to bring a group of 11 for either of the July dates or a group of 13 in September. Please note that this group size includes both students and the teachers who are accompanying them.

Please find more information and the booking form here: https://www.st-hildas.ox.ac.uk/?page_id=18833&preview=true

Upcoming outreach opportunities from across the University:

[St Catherine's Academic Taster Days \(English, Modern Languages, Music\) – Year 12 - Oxford](#)
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[Physics: Lab to Life 2025 open evening – anyone aged 14+ - Oxford](#)

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[Historia Lectures 2024 - any age - online](#)

TASTER DAYS AND SUMMER SCHOOLS (SUBJECT SPECIFIC)

St Catherine's Academic Taster Days (English, Modern Languages, Music)

What? Our Academic Taster Days are a great opportunity for students in Year 12 to spend a day exploring a specific academic area at St Catz, meet with some current students, experience a taste of academic teaching and enjoy lunch in our temporary hall. Depending on the subject area, there may also be a mock interview or a guided workshop at one of the University's libraries.

When? **English:** Tuesday 27th May 2025

Modern Languages: Wednesday 28th May 2025

Music: Friday 30th May 2025

For who? Year 12 students (those attending state schools are prioritised)

Where? St Catherine's College, Oxford

Deadline? Allocated on a first come, first served basis

<https://www.stcatz.ox.ac.uk/prospective-students/outreach/academic-taster-days/>

Physics Masterclass

What? Considering applying to Oxford to study Physics? Join us for a day of finding out more - about Oxford, about Physics, and about what you can do to take your studies to the next level. As well as including our Physics Access Officer's guide to Oxford admissions, this day of online workshops and lectures will also feature a lecture on cutting edge physics research and interactive problem-solving workshops, plus a chance for you to put your questions to our panel of current Oxford Physics students.

When? Saturday 7th June 2025

For who? Year 12

Where? Online

Deadline? Monday 2nd June 2025

<https://app.onlinesurveys.jisc.ac.uk/s/oxford/year-12-masterclass-june-2025>

Wadham College Summer Schools - Classics, Climate Change, or Modern Languages

What? These Summer Schools are designed to give UK Year 12 students a taste of what it's like to be an undergraduate student studying at the University of Oxford. Students will take part in an academic programme, live in College, meet students studying at Oxford, and receive information, advice, and guidance on applying to university. The Summer Schools are free and we will provide financial support to students to cover their travel costs. Students can either attend a Classics, Climate Change, or Modern Languages (French, German, or Spanish) Summer School.

When? Monday 18th August- Friday 22nd August 2025

For who? Year 12 state school students

Where? Wadham College, Oxford

Deadline? Friday 2nd May 2025

<https://www.wadham.ox.ac.uk/schools-and-outreach/summer-schools>

LMH Taster Day Series - History, Maths and Computer Science, Classics & Ancient History

What? Lady Margaret Hall Taster Days are an opportunity for Year 12 students to have a taste of what it is like to study at the University of Oxford. These free events include lectures and hands-on academic sessions which have been designed and delivered by LMH's subject tutors.

Participants will receive insight into the Oxford application process. Participants will also be given a tour of the college by a current undergraduate student and lunch in our dining hall. Our Taster Days are designed to be most useful for students from state schools in the UK who have the potential to make a competitive application to the University of Oxford.

Who? Year 12 state school students

When? From 17 June -27 June

Where? Lady Margaret Hall, Norham Gardens, Oxford, OX2 6QA

Deadline? Friday 16th May (12pm)

<https://www.lmh.ox.ac.uk/study-here/working-schools/lmh-taster-day-series-2025>

Lincoln College Subject Study Days (English Literature, Physics & Engineering, Modern Languages and Literature)

What? The programme is designed to support students from non-traditional Oxbridge backgrounds who are on track to do well and potentially make an application to a selective university. Students should have an interest in a relevant subject area of the Humanities or Physics/Engineering. The programme is designed and delivered by academics and staff at Lincoln College, Oxford, with great opportunities to engage with Tutors and current students. It will give students a real flavour of life at Lincoln and what to expect from studying at Oxford University. It will also help students to develop relevant academic skills such as essay planning and critical thinking, and the admissions workshop and mock interview will help them to make a competitive application to Oxford when the time comes.

When? **English Literature:** August 10th-12th

Physics and Engineering: August 12th-14th

Modern Languages and Literature: August 14th-16th

For who? Year 12 students from state schools

Where? Lincoln College, Oxford (residential)

Deadline? Thursday 22nd May

<https://lincoln.ox.ac.uk/study-here/outreach/teachers-and-schools/lincoln-college-study-days>

The Choral Experience 2025

What? The Oxford Choral Experience is a unique access programme offered free of charge to UK state school students looking to do ambitious singing at university.

Who? Academically promising State school students

When? 12th July and 20th September

Where? Worcester College, Walton Street, Oxford, OX1 2HB

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ADMISSIONS GUIDANCE

Keble Admissions Webinars

What? Keble College runs online sessions to provide information and guidance on aspects of the Oxford admissions process during the summer term. These offer opportunities to receive up to date advice and guidance on applying to Oxford, and have questions answered by university staff. All sessions are open to Year 12 (or equivalent) currently attending a UK state school or college, and/or those supporting a prospective student in this category.

Who? Year 12 UK state school students

When? From 27th May-31st July 2025

Where? Online

Deadline? 8am the day of the webinar

For students: <https://forms.office.com/e/5TPjiuP8rB>

For parents/supporters: <https://forms.office.com/e/G0cpbV7i7v>

We will be announcing the details of our upcoming St Hilda's webinars in the next few weeks!

SUBJECT-SPECIFIC OPEN DAYS

Modern Languages Open Day

What? This event is a fantastic opportunity for students who are interested in learning more about our language courses or who are still considering their options.

Who? Year 12 students and their parents/guardians/teachers, but Year 11 students who are starting to think about university study are equally welcome to attend

When? Saturday 17th May, 10.30 am-4 pm

Where? The Examination Schools on the Oxford High Street.

Deadline? Wednesday 14th May 2025

For any further guidance or questions, contact schools.liaison@mod-langs.ox.ac.uk
<https://www.mod-langs.ox.ac.uk/schools-liaison-and-outreach/events-prospective-students>

Maths Departmental Open Days - Online

What? Mathematics Departmental Open Day in Spring 2025.

When? On 3rd May 2025 there will be an online virtual open day, with course information, Q&A, and some pre-recorded Mathematics talks.

Deadline? No booking is required for the online virtual open day.

<https://www.maths.ox.ac.uk/study-here/undergraduate-study/open-days>

Geography Open Day

What? Visit the department, meet students and discover what it is like to study Geography at Oxford at the Geography Open Day. The day includes taster lectures in both human and physical geography, lunch in a college with a tour, a chance to meet current Geography undergraduates, and an introduction to Geography at Oxford.

When? Monday 16th June 2025

Where? The School of Geography and the Environment, University of Oxford

Deadline? Friday 23rd May 2025

<https://www.geog.ox.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/open-days.html>

FOR TEACHERS

Fully funded science teacher CPD residential at the University of Oxford!

What? Trinity and Jesus College are collaborating with the Department of Physiology, Anatomy and Genetics (DPAG) to offer up to eight teachers a residential experience that increases awareness and understanding of how research is conducted at universities and give firsthand experience of science research at the University of Oxford. Funding will be made available to provide for schools' teaching cover costs associated with colleague's participation in this programme.

When? from Monday 23rd to Friday 27th June 2025

For who? State School Science Teachers

Where? 4 nights free B&B accommodation plus meals at either Trinity or Jesus College and activities in DPAG.

Deadline? Friday 23rd May 2025

<https://app.onlinesurveys.jisc.ac.uk/s/oxford/trinity-college-and-dpag-teacher-research-residential-2023>

Trinity College CPD Programme

What? Trinity College's CPD programme is made up of six sessions, between January and October each year, that each provide up to date practical information and guidance relating to the Oxford application process and the purpose of each stage, for example, the admissions tests and interviews. They also have the broader aim of providing teachers and colleagues with guidance that will help them to support their pupils in ***all*** higher education applications, as well as those who may have the potential to apply to Oxford. The programme takes place online and is made

up of six 1.5hr live sessions each taking place after the school day. Whilst we begin the programme in January each year, we encourage teachers to join at any point or just for those sessions they would find most helpful.

When? **Oxford Admissions Tests:** Monday 12th May 2025 (16:15) or Thursday 15th May (17:00)

Teacher reference writing: Monday 9th June 2025 (16:15) or Thursday 12th June (17:00)

Oxford academic interviews: Monday 16th June 2025 (16:15) or Thursday 16th (16:15)

For who? Exclusively for state school teachers and colleagues with responsibility for progression. Trinity College particularly welcome colleagues from non-selective state schools who have little or no experience of the University of Oxford, pupil progression to the Russell Group, or Higher Education in general.

Where? Online

<https://www.trinity.ox.ac.uk/online-teacher-support>

COMPETITIONS

Big Think Competition

What? Teddy Hall's Big Think Competition is back! Open to 15 to 18-year-olds in UK state schools, the Big Think invites students to answer one of our academics' 'big' tutorial-style questions for the chance to win cash prizes, boost a personal statement and meet the tutors in a visit to Oxford. To enter, simply submit a five-minute video essay!

For who? 15 to 18-year olds in UK state schools

Deadline? Monday 12th May 2025

<https://www.seh.ox.ac.uk/study/outreach/events-and-competitions/big-think-competition>

Oxplore Essay Competition – ‘Do we have enough?’

What? We are delighted to announce the launch of the 2025 Oxplore Essay Competition for students at non-selective state secondary school across the UK. We are inviting students from years 7-9 to write an 800-word response and students from years 10-13 to write a 2,000-word response to the following essay question: ‘Do we have enough?’

We encourage responses which approach these questions from a variety of perspectives – bring in History, Philosophy, Politics, Economics, Science, Law or any other subject or discipline. Just remember to answer the question!

For who? Year 7-9 (800 words) and Year 10-13 (2,000 words)

Deadline? All entries should be emailed to oxplore@admin.ox.ac.uk by 11:59 BST on 16th May 2025.

<https://outreachonlineblog.wordpress.com/2025/03/28/big-oxplore-essay-competition-2025/>

GENERAL SUPER-CURRICULARS

Insight into Science Talks

What? Balliol College is delighted to offer the Insight into Science programme, a series of online academic sessions led by Oxford University graduates. These interactive workshops explore cutting-edge topics linked to the presenters' own research,

providing a unique super-curricular learning opportunity.

When?

Microcosmos — The Microbiology of Climate Change: Monday 19th May

For who? Year 12s (or anyone who is interested in science)

Where? Online, between 16:00-17:00pm

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Trinity Beyond the Classroom

What? Our online after-school academic enrichment programme is back for 2025 and will feature a new series of mini lectures, Oxplore taster sessions, academic skills talks and advice about preparing for university study and submitting a competitive application to university and the University of Oxford.

A certificate of participation from Trinity College, Oxford, for those attending 7 or more sessions!

When? Beginning 5 March until 9 July 2025.

For who? Any state school student in Year 7 to 12 interested in exploring learning across a broad range of themes and cross subject beyond the classroom and/or applying to Oxford.

Where? Online via Teams.

Deadline? Students can sign up to Beyond the Classroom now and anytime up to 8 July by completing our [Registration Form](#).

Marie Curious, Warwick 2025

What? A free one-day science event for girls, featuring exciting hands-on workshops and activities. The event aims to build confidence in girls with an interest in science and fuel a passion for continuing to pursue STEM subjects at a higher level.

When? Saturday 10th May 2025, 10:00 AM – 5:30 PM

Where? Kings High School, Warwick

Who? Open to girls aged 11-14 (Years 7-9 of secondary school).

<https://www.physics.ox.ac.uk/events/marie-curious-warwick-2024>

Women in Film - Changemakers of Film and Screen

What? The University of Oxford's Cultural Programme is holding a 'Women in Film'. There will be an afternoon of talks and a panel conversation from world-leading practitioners and industry professionals, including film producers, casting directors, executives, and researchers, at the Changemakers of Film and Screen panel discussion event. Further details and the panellists are to be announced soon.

Who? Everyone

When? Monday 12 May 1pm (120 minutes), please arrive 15 minutes before the start time; doors open: 12.30 pm.

Where? Sheldonian Theatre, Broad Street, Oxford, OX1 3AZ

Links Tickets can be purchased free [HERE](#). Click on links for more information can be found about [Bookings](#) and [Access](#) To purchase wheelchair positions or for specific access requirements please log-in or contact the Box Office. on 01865 305 305 or via email boxoffice@oxfordplayhouse.com.

Trinity Talks: the future of the NHS: balancing competing priorities for the benefit of patients and policy

What? Even before the demands of the recent pandemic, the NHS was operating severe pressure. Can the NHS model adapt to provide fit-for-purpose? What is the future of the NHS? Join our distinguished panel including Jonathan Van-Tam, former Deputy Chief Medical Officer, Professor Kamila Hawthorne, Chair of the Royal College of General Practitioners, and leading figures from the sector in conversation with Trinity Fellow and Clinical Director of the University of Oxford Primary Care Clinical Trials Unit, Christopher Butler as they consider and discuss the future of the NHS.

Who? Whilst there is usually a small charge to attend, we are offering free tickets to teachers, students and parents of young people who register with us in advance, from state schools in our linked areas. Tickets will be offered on a first come first served basis. Students are welcome to attend independently of their school but those under the age of 16 should attend with a parent who should also have a (free) ticket.

When? Wednesday 14 May 2025 (5:30pm)

Where? Trinity College, de Jager Auditorium

Deadline? Monday 5th May

Contact julia.paolitto@trinity.ox.ac.uk directly and include your name, address of your associated school and the number of tickets required in your email.

<https://www.trinity.ox.ac.uk/public-event/future-nhs-balancing-competing-priorities-benefit-patients-and-policy>

Antibiotics: An Organic Synthesis (Outreach Workshop)

What? The workshop will introduce Year 10-13 students to the organic synthesis of potential antibiotically active compounds. students will be introduced to antibiotic resistance and take part in a practical to synthesise one of two pharmaceutically active drugs (containing hydrazones, a functional group which will be novel to them all). Thin layer chromatography will be introduced and used to confirm reaction completion and product purity. Students will prepare an agar plate and simulate culture preparation. Students will use infrared spectra for the identification of functional groups and relate their synthesised hydrazone to biological activity.

Who? This workshop is offered to students at KS4 and KS5

When? Available dates: 10th, 11th and 12th June 2025.

Where? Chemistry Teaching Laboratory, South Parks Road, Oxford, OX1 3SR

Deadline? Tuesday 27th May 2025

To request attendance on Antibiotics: An Organic Synthesis, please email outreach@chem.ox.ac.uk

Physics: Lab to Life 2025 open evening (in person)

What? Explore how our physics research can lead to a range of technologies that will affect your everyday life. Tour our state-of-the-art labs, hear from leading researchers and pick the brains of the scientists that make it all happen! This evening event includes talks, hands-on demos and lab tours.

Who? No background knowledge required. Age 14+ years only (due to safety requirements in the labs), and young people should be accompanied by an adult.

When? Tuesday 13th May 2025, (6:30 PM - 9:00 PM)

Where? Martin Wood Complex, Department of Physics, University of Oxford.

<https://www.physics.ox.ac.uk/events/physics-lab-life-2025>

St Anne's Super Curricular Club

What? St Anne's Super curricular Club is a series of online academic taster sessions aimed at Year 12 students who want to broaden their academic interests and gain insight into University-level research and undergraduate-style teaching. Each taster session will be one hour long and will introduce students to our researchers' work, and what this subject area might be like to study at Undergraduate level.

When? **Exploring Fractals:** 1st May 2025

Surgical Sciences: 8th May 2025

How to Read a Play: 15th May 2025

Maths, Psychology and Mental Health: 22nd May 2025

For who? Year 12 students

Where? Online, between 16:00-17:00pm

<https://forms.office.com/e/hgFyTv0icA>

Historia Lectures 2024

What? A series of free super-curricular lectures from the University of Oxford's Faculty of History. These lectures are designed to introduce you to new and engaging historical topics and periods. Lecture subjects are drawn from current DPhil candidate research.

When? The lectures have already occurred but are uploaded to the History Faculty website.

For who? Aimed at students currently studying for A Levels or equivalent, but open to anyone with an interest in history.

Where? <https://www.history.ox.ac.uk/historia-lectures-2024#widget-id-4742456>