



School and College Newsletter

October

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We hope you have had a good start to the new school year! We are currently welcoming our new students to the college and looking forward to working with lots of schools again this year!

Update your school contact details

For all regional schools and colleges we like to have a named contact for both KS4 and sixth form. This helps ensure that opportunities for students reach the most appropriate person. To update our records for your school or college please email access@sjc.ox.ac.uk with the following details:

KS4 (Yr 10 & 11)	Sixth Form
Name:	Name:
Position in school:	Position in school:
Email address:	Email address:

Visiting St John's College / Visits to schools

If you are interested in organising a school visit to St John's College this year, or you would like someone to come and speak to students at your school, please email access@sjc.ox.ac.uk.

New St John's College website!

Check out our new college website which was launched on 7th September 2016—we have a section on the website for [working with schools](#).

Key admissions dates 2016

Full information can be found at www.ox.ac.uk/apply

1 October

Standard deadline for registering for BMAT.

15 October

UCAS deadline for Oxford. Deadline to register for tests administered by the Admissions Testing Service.

20 October

Last day on which the LNAT test may be taken.

2 November

All pre-interview tests administered by the Admissions Testing Service take place in school.

10 November

Deadline for submitted work (except Fine Art portfolios which should be submitted by 4 Nov)

4–16 December

Oxford interviews ([see full timetable](#))

11 January

Shortlisted candidates will be told whether or not their application has been successful.

Student Ambassador Roadshow

Every summer we run an [Ambassador Roadshow](#), where a group of current students from St John's College visit schools in our linked regions to deliver talks and workshops about their experience of Oxford. This July the undergraduates spoke to over 500 students from Year 9-13.



If you are a school in our link regions of Brighton & Hove, East or West Sussex, Harrow or Ealing and are interested in a visit from Oxford students in future roadshows, please [contact us](#). Talks can be tailored for KS3, 4 or 5.

Oxford's Admissions Tests

For many courses applicants need to take a pre-interview test as part of their application. Find out if there is a test for a course on the [Oxford website](#).

With the exception of the [LNAT](#), all our pre-interview tests are now administered by the [Admissions Testing Service](#) (ATS). Students should register for these tests via their school or college exams office.

Students can prepare for these tests by tackling sample papers under exam conditions and timing. These are freely available on the ATS and University websites, where they can also access advice on preparing for the individual tests. [Find out more.](#)



Outreach Events– Diary Listing

ox.ac.uk/outreacheventsThe University of Oxford has an online diary of outreach events for students and teachers. It includes events in Oxford, around the UK and in other parts of the world. You may like to bookmark this page and check it regularly for events of interest for you and your students.

Teachers' Enewsletter

The monthly University of Oxford [e-newsletter](#) features news about the admissions process, events that teachers and students can attend, and access and widening participation programmes including the UNIQ Summer School.

Oxford Pathways

The [Pathways Programme](#) aims to provide IAG on higher education and Oxford to academically able students, and staff members, in non-selective state schools with little history of student progression to Oxford. All events are run in Oxford and are free to attend. Teachers who want to join the Pathways mailing list should email pathways@admin.ox.ac.uk with the name of their school, their role, and contact details.

Staircase 12

(staircase12.univ.ox.ac.uk)

Staircase12 is University College Oxford's online hub of resources for students aiming high at school and thinking about applying to top universities.

There are plenty of resources to help students develop their interests, books reviews from current undergrads to help students 'read around' their subject, ideas for stretching students beyond the school syllabus, and some stuff about student life at Univ College.

The Oxford University Student Union

ALTERNATIVE PROSPECTUS

(<http://apply.ousu.org>) This website has been written and produced entirely by Oxford students to provide a student perspective on what it's like to live and study at Oxford University.