



ACCESS & OUTREACH TERM CARD

Hilary Term 2025



We hope that you have enjoyed a fun and restful Christmas break!

Throughout Michaelmas term, we worked with approx. 520 pupils from across our link regions - from Year 2 all the way up to Year 13 - and we are excited for another jam-packed term.

This Term Card sets out all of our Access and Outreach events, opportunities, and resources for Hilary (Spring) Term 2025. Whilst there is something on for everyone this term, most opportunities are particularly relevant to pupils and teachers in our link regions (Southampton, East Sussex, West Sussex, Brighton & Hove, Ealing, Harrow).

As ever, please do get in touch at access@sjc.ox.ac.uk if you have any questions, and follow us on Instagram [@sjc_access](https://www.instagram.com/sjc_access) for regular updates.

We look forward to working with you this term!

With best wishes,
St John's College Access Team

STUDY DAYS

APPLICATIONS FOR OUR 2025 STUDY DAYS ARE NOW OPEN!

Our Inspire Study Days are open to Year 12 students at UK non-selective state schools. They are immersive, subject-specific events, led by tutors and current students at St John's College. Study Days enable students to experience a taste of university study.

To find out more and apply, [click here](#)



DATES FOR 2025

26 FEB	12 MAR	15 MAR	23 APR	2 MAY	14 MAY	16 MAY	21 MAY
Chemistry	History & History of Art	Medicine & Biomedical Sciences (Virtual)	Classics*	Psychology	Maths & Computer Science	English*	Politics, Philosophy & Economics (PPE)

INSPIRE CRITICAL THINKING

St John's
inspire
programme



Open to all pupils in Years 9, 10, 11, and 12 in UK non-selective state schools, Inspire Critical Thinking is back!

This free online programme includes 4 workshops which host a range of exciting new articles, lectures, and challenges developed by Oxford academics.

2025's big question is **'Why is language so powerful?'**

Late-entry sign-ups still open via [this link!](#)

[Click here](#) to find out more about the programme.

Following the online classes, all registered pupils will be invited to attend our Inspire Virtual Summer School. For pupils in Year 11, there is also a competitive application process for a free Inspire Residential Summer School at St John's College!



VOTE NOW: //
Do pets really understand our language?



INSPIRE: GET INVOLVED

TEACHERS' CPD DAY 2025



INSPIRE SCHOLARS 9, 10 AND 11 PROGRAMME

Limited spaces are still available to join our sustained contact programme for Years 9, 10, and 11. We are prioritising applications from non-selective state schools from **Southampton**. Priority for places is given to students on Free School Meals. This free programme offers schools super-curricular and aspiration-raising opportunities for students, career-development roles for teachers, and support for parents & carers. More information can be [found here](#).

INSPIRE YEAR 12 & 13 PROGRAMME

We are accepting late applications for our free programme for Year 12 and 13 students from UK non-selective state schools. Inspire 12 & 13 offers participating students two years of support with supercurricular engagement and university applications. See [our brochure](#) for more information, and [click here to apply!](#)

Participating students can apply for a place on our residential [Inspire Summer School 2025!](#)



WEDNESDAY 19TH MARCH – 9.45AM–4.30PM
@ ST JOHN'S COLLEGE

Sign-ups are open for our Inspire Teachers CPD Day! [Click here to register](#).



Featuring an exciting programme of guest speakers, CPD workshops, and networking opportunities for teachers in our link regions, the Conference is also free of charge with lunch and refreshments included.

Guest speakers include...

Professor Sandra Leaton Gray
An examination of the role of AI in reshaping education

Professor Neil Mercer
Research on educational dialogue from 'Oracy Cambridge'





UPCOMING EVENTS

Here are a selection of upcoming events hosted within the wider university:

- **BEGINNERS' LANGUAGES TASTER DAY**
(8th March)
- **ACS SHADOWING DAY**
(19th February)
- **UNIQ – SUSTAINED CONTACT PROGRAMME**
(applications close 23rd Jan)
- **UNCOVER ENGINEERING RESIDENTIALS**
(running throughout April 2025)

ALL UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD OUTREACH EVENTS

The Access and Outreach Calendar of Oxford. University or College events, which are open to everyone, listed here.

INSPIRE DIGITAL

Our online resource platform for secondary school pupils. Inspire Digital is an interactive resource, with new material, hints and solutions to the questions posted on a regular basis.

EXPLORE

Explore is an engaging digital resource from the University of Oxford. As the 'Home of Big Questions', it aims to challenge those from 11 to 18 years with debates and ideas that go beyond what is covered in the classroom. Big questions tackle complex ideas across a wide range of subjects and reflect the kind of critical thinking students undertake at university.

SPRINGBOARD VIDEOS

Discover your new favourite topic with our Springboard videos, bringing you cutting-edge research from Oxford's graduate students on topics from climate change and colonialism to microbiomes and mathematical logic. These videos are intended for school pupils in Years 11, 12 and 13. Each offers an introduction to a new topic, plus lots of activities and further resources to explore.

SUPER-CURRICULAR RESOURCES

Students are welcome to browse our extensive range of super-curricular resources and programmes.

VIRTUAL TOUR OF OXFORD

An excellent resource created by the Chemistry department where students who are unable to visit Oxford can get familiar with the ins and outs of the city and colleges.

