

What's it like to study at Oxford and St Anne's as a Black student?

St Anne's College is committed to supporting students from all ethnic and cultural backgrounds. Black students at Oxford are part of a growing and vibrant community, supported by societies such as the Oxford African & Caribbean Society (ACS) and the Oxford University Africa Society. These groups provide academic, cultural, and social networks, as well as mentoring and outreach opportunities. St Anne's is an active participant in university-wide efforts to improve access, inclusion, and representation for students from underrepresented groups.

This FAQ provides a wider overview of Black student life in Oxford for prospective students. It covers community, support, safety, and resources, so you can get a realistic picture of what to expect.

1. What is daily life like as a Black student?

- The African & Caribbean Society (ACS) is highly active, hosting cultural, academic, and social events.
 - o The Oxford University Africa Society also runs lectures, conferences, and professional development opportunities.
 - o The community is diverse, with students from across the UK, Africa, the Caribbean, and beyond.
 - o ACS runs a mentoring scheme to support freshers adjusting to Oxford life.

2. Is Oxford safe and welcoming for Black students?

- Yes, Oxford is generally safe, though experiences vary.
 - o The University and colleges are committed to tackling racism and promoting inclusion.
 - o Incidents of discrimination are taken seriously and reported through formal channels.
 - o ACS provides peer support and advocacy for students.

3. How do prospective students get in touch with the Black student community?

- The best first contact is the Oxford African & Caribbean Society (ACS):
president@oxfordacs.org
- The Oxford University Africa Society is also a hub for Black students:
info@oxforduniversityafricasociety.org
- St Anne's College welfare and diversity contacts can also connect you to current students. The current Diversity Point of Contact for Black students is Dr Elsiddig Elmukashfi (elsiddig.elmukashfi@st-annes.ox.ac.uk)

4. Are there resources for Black students during exams and welfare needs?

- Yes.
 - o ACS runs welfare and social events to provide community support.
 - o Colleges and the University have welfare teams available.
 - o The Oxford University Student Union (Oxford SU) has a dedicated Black Students' Campaign that represents student voices.