



St Anne's College
University of Oxford

Outreach and access workshops

A guide for schools and teachers to
booking sessions, taster days, and
other outreach opportunities with St
Anne's College.

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Find a session

KS2-3 Year 6-8

SESSION	FORMAT	DURATION
Higher Education Explained	Online or In School	Up to 1 hour
Visit to Oxford	Oxford	c. 4 hours

KS3-4 - Year 9-11

SESSION	FORMAT	DURATION
University and Future Choices	Online or In School	Up to 1 hour
Oxplore Critical Thinking	Online or In School	1 hour
Debating Workshop	Online or in School	1 hour
Oracy Workshops	In School	2 hours
Discovery Day	In Oxford	c. 5 hours

KS4-5 - Year 11-13

SESSION	FORMAT	DURATION
Making a competitive application	Online or In School	Up to 1 hour
Supercurriculars workshop	Online or In School	1 hour
Personal Statements Workshop	Online or in School	1 hour
Interview Skills Workshop	In School	1 hour
Academic Taster Sessions	Online or In School	1 hour
Taster Day	In Oxford	c.5 hours

97%

of students agreed or strongly agreed that now know more about what it would be like to be a student at the University of Oxford

95%

of students agreed or strongly agreed that they understand the Oxford application process more clearly

100%

of school staff strongly agreed that they would like to bring their students on a trip to St Anne's College again.

Higher Education Explained

Y6-8

1hr

Online
/School

In this session:

- Understand the difference between school and university.
- Find out what studying at University is like.
- Understand why someone might go to university.
- Learn about what studying at Oxford is like.
- Discover some of the courses on offer at University.

"See you again in 7 years!"

Year 6 Student Ark Globe Academy



Visit to Oxford

Y6-8

4hr

Oxford

- Welcome and Higher Education Explained Talk
- Tours of the college from Student Ambassadors
- Q&A with Student Ambassadors
- Carousel of short academic taster sessions **OR**
- Guided museum visit and activity
- Free refreshments and a sandwich lunch in college
- Evaluation activity



"Session was fantastic my lecturer was very friendly and answered all answers that were asked."

We can also offer more bespoke visit days for primary groups in partnership with the University's Departments, or specific topics e.g. storytelling workshop

University and Future Choices

Y9-10

1hr

Online
/School

In this session:

- Find out more about different universities, including the Russell Group
- Find out why someone might apply to university
- Learn more about studying at Oxford University
- Understand the costs associated with university
- Discover some of the courses on offer at university
- Think about ways of preparing for university study



"My psychology masterclass and my visit to the NH museum, very insightful! Wicked day, thank you so much <3"

Y11 Student

Visit to Oxford

Y9-11

4hr

Oxford

- Welcome and Oxford Explained Talk from the Outreach Officer
- Tours of the college from Student Ambassadors
- Q&A with Student Ambassadors
- Guided museum visit and activity
- Refreshments and lunch in college Dining Hall
- Evaluation activity

"The day was highly organised, very informative, thank you so much for your support."



We are happy to develop visit days to focus on specific subject areas (involving visits to departments) or on particular skills (such as making presentations or debating). We can also work with students in school ahead of the visit to develop key skills.

Explore Critical Thinking

Y9-13

1hr

School

This super-curricular workshop introduces a question from the [Explore website](#) and provides resources for students to debate a topic from several different points of view.

Skills include: exploring a new topic critically, creating an evidence-based argument, developing verbal confidence, making links with curriculum subjects, and thinking outside of the classroom.



Debate Workshop

Y10-11

1hr

Oxford

More suitable for older year groups, this workshop covers how and why debate is used, different debating structures, interactive activities to build arguments and confidence and ends with a structured group debate. Follow-up activities for schools to continue the session with selected groups can also be provided.

Skills include: exploring a new topic critically, creating an evidence-based argument, developing verbal confidence, making links with curriculum subjects, and thinking outside of the classroom.



"I enjoyed the taster sessions and St Anne's tour. I thought they seemed really well planned and provided lots of opportunities for discussion."

Year 12 Student

Oracy Project: School Sessions

Y9-10

3hrs

School

Working with students across 3-4 months the Outreach team will deliver two to three sessions in your school. The first two sessions will introduce your students to Oracy skills:

- Introduction to the Oracy Project (what is Oracy? Where can these skills be used?)
- Practical Presentation Skills

The final session involves your students delivering their presentations with the Outreach Team:

- Student Presentations

"Listening to others presentations and seeing their point of view. For example, the 'Living on a boat is better' project, I enjoyed having his point of view and emphasizing with him, which I really never thought of before."

Y9 Student

Oracy Visit to Oxford

Y9-10

4hrs

Oxford

- Welcome and Oxford Explained Talk from the Outreach Officer
- Tours of the college from Student Ambassadors
- Q&A with Student Ambassadors
- Refreshments and lunch in college Dining Hall
- Evaluation activity
- Structured time during the day to deliver their presentations to an audience of peers.

80%
of students felt
more confident
sharing their
thoughts after
participating in our
Oracy programme

Competitive Applications

Y12

1hr

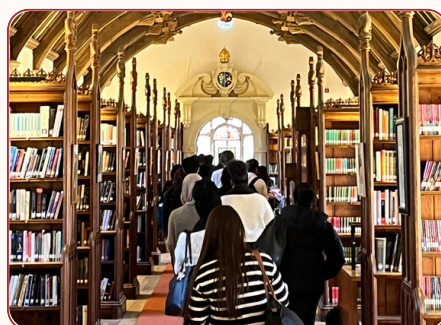
Online/
School

In this session:

- Consider what competitive universities are looking for in applicants
- Find out more about being a student at Oxford
- Understand the costs associated with university
- Consider courses on offer at Oxford
- Learn more about the Oxbridge application process and its admission stages
- Consider ways of exploring subjects outside of the classroom

"I found the ideas of how to research and learn more about your subject useful as well as the information about financial support"

Y12 Student



Supercurricular Workshop

Y12

1hr

Online/
School

In this session:

- Understand the difference between extra-curricular and super-curricular activities
- Link super-curricular activities with competitive university applications
- Explore the range of activities that can be super-curricular
- Gain confidence in finding relevant super-curricular activities



KS5 Application Support Sessions

Competitive
Applications

Supercurricular
Activities

Personal
Statements

Admissions
Tests

Interviews

Personal Statement Workshop

Y12

1hr

Online/
School

In this session we aim to:

- Understand the Oxbridge application process
- Explore what competitive universities value in a personal statement
- Reflect on students' interest in their subject and their super-curricular activities
- Clarify top tips for writing a personal statement
- Examine some case studies



"Evaluating the different personal statements was useful as I was able to see what I should and shouldn't include."

Y12 Student

Admissions Tests

Y12

1hr

Online/
School

In these session:

- Understand the Oxbridge admissions process
- Clarify how Admissions Tests are used in the application process
- Explore ways of preparing for different admissions tests
- Examine how to approach particular past paper questions and gain confidence answering them
- Know where to go for more resources



St Anne's College also runs test-specific Admissions Test Workshops in the summer of Year 12 for prospective applicants from their link regions - please contact us for more information or past videos

Oracy and Interview Skills

Y12/13

1-1.5hr

Online/
School

In this very interactive session we aim to:

- Build confidence in responding to new ideas
- Work on general oracy and listening skills
- Consider how these skills might be suitable for Oxbridge interviews
- Clarify the Oxbridge admissions process, how interviews are used, and what to expect.

"Initial Q&A guided by the outreach staff with the 3 students was very good. Allowing our students to meet different students removed a lot of worries about studying at Oxford."

Teacher

This workshop works really well when delivered in Year 12, with a follow up KS5 Critical Thinking Workshop early in Year 13, and for Oxbridge applicants to attend one of our in-region more specific Oxbridge interview workshops - please get in contact to discuss further.

Oxford Visit: Taster Day

Y12/13

5hr

Oxford

A typical Key Stage 5 visit may involve:

- Welcome and Competitive Applications Talk from the Outreach Officer
- Tour of the college from Student Ambassadors
- Q&A with Student Ambassadors
- Choice of academic taster sessions with Oxford staff (depending on availability)
- Refreshments and lunch in college
- Second college tour
- Evaluation activity



"The whole day was amazing!"

Teachers & Parents

Teacher IAG

Teachers

1-1.5hr

Online/
School

Workshops covering a range of topics, including:

- Overview of the Oxbridge application process
- Writing competitive personal statements
- Writing school references
- Preparing for admissions tests
- Interview skills and preparation
- Supporting Oxbridge applicants
- Gaining feedback for applicants



"It opened students' eyes and addressed misunderstandings about university life."

Teacher

We are keen to work with teachers across schools, where possible - a group from a MAT or local schools. If you are interested in joining with other schools to work on programmes for more able students, please let us know.

Parents/Carers Session

P/C

1hr

Online
School

We are happy to work with schools to deliver parent/carer talks for their Progression Evenings or similar events. In these we cover:

- Competitive university applications
- The Oxbridge admissions process
- The college system
- Being a student at Oxford
- Personal statements, admissions tests and interviews - what to expect and how to prepare
- Next steps



"Before this program, I never even considered applying to the University of Oxford... You have all helped me believe in myself."

Aim for Oxford Student

Projects

Bright Matter

Y12

Online/
Oxford

This programme is offered to students from state schools from across the country, and run jointly with other Oxford Colleges.

The programme consists of online subject taster lectures given by Oxford academics. This is followed by a visit to Oxford where they receive more subject taster workshops, and are able to have some hands-on experience in STEM.

"Meeting other women/non-binary people in STEM that have the same interests and concerns as me. I also enjoyed the biochemistry lecture where we were able to independently research proteins and present them in small groups."

Bright Matter Student

Aim for Oxford

Y12

North East
Oxford

Aim for Oxford is our sustained contact programme for Year 12 students from state schools in the North East of England, run jointly with Christ Church and Trinity Colleges.

After being selected for the programme, participants will:

- Explore subjects with university researchers through academic taster sessions
- Attend workshops on the application stages
- Be invited to attend a free week-long residential in Oxford
- Receive ongoing support from current

"I really enjoyed my week here and I want to say thank you to the incredible team who organised and were involved with the week. I have gained so much this week."

"thank you so much! the whole experience has been quite transformative."

Aim for Oxford Students

