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**As well as a world class education, Oxford offers an extraordinary range of opportunities that mean your student life here can be whatever you want it to be.**

**There is no typical Oxford student, and no single Oxford experience.**

What our students share is a motivation and talent for studying, but they come from all over the world and from many different backgrounds.

That's one of the things that make it so exciting to live and study here.

“I think the biggest myth is that every Oxford student fits a particular stereotype... the Oxford experience is truly what you make of it.” **Tara**



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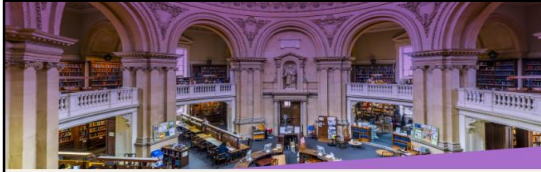
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The best ways to discover more about Oxford are to -

- Explore our [digital prospectus](#)
- Visit our [undergraduate admissions website](#)
- Sign up to our [Choosing Oxford newsletter](#)
- Attend one of our [Virtual Open Days](#)

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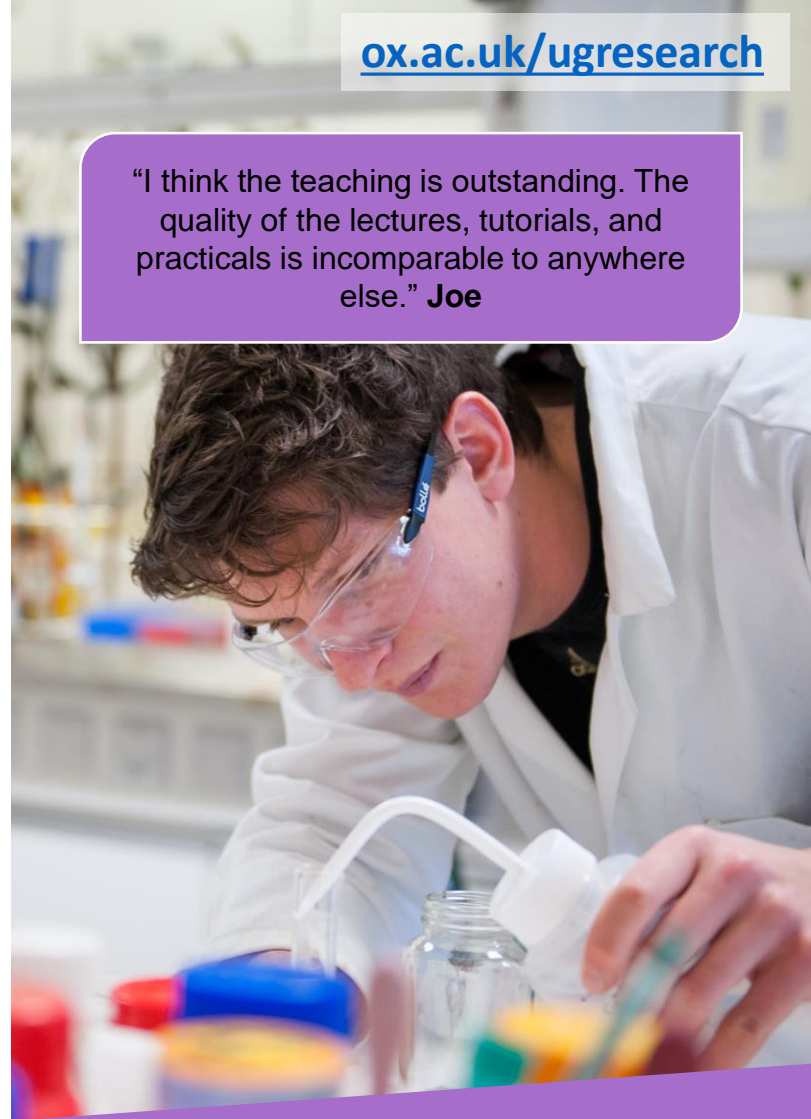
Learning at Oxford is stimulating, demanding and potentially life-changing.

The teaching, research and learning opportunities here are exceptional, and the environment inspiring.

Your studies will develop your thinking - so you can think deeply and for yourself, and be able to articulate those thoughts clearly.

“The most unexpected thing about my course has been the breadth of what you can study – you can write your dissertation on just about anything!” **Ryan**

“I think the teaching is outstanding. The quality of the lectures, tutorials, and practicals is incomparable to anywhere else.” **Joe**



# LEARNING AT OXFORD

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Oxford is famous for offering one of the best educations in the world.

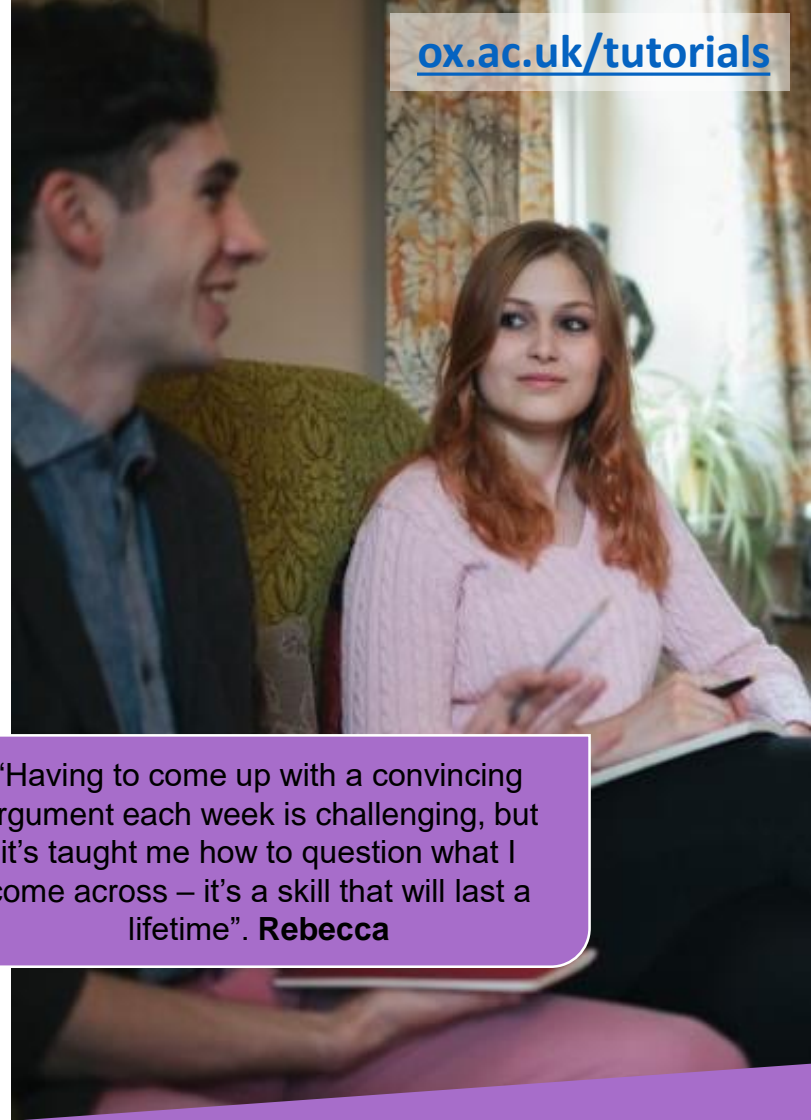
You'll have individual access to world-class academic experts; this may be in tutorials, lectures, classes or laboratory work.

Tutorials are central to teaching at Oxford. They allow for regular, rigorous academic discussions.

“Being able to have a chat with world-leading experts about the nuances of their studies was so much fun! I would often leave tutorials still actively discussing the topic with other students.”

**Tsvetana**

“Having to come up with a convincing argument each week is challenging, but it's taught me how to question what I come across – it's a skill that will last a lifetime”. **Rebecca**



# CHOOSING YOUR COURSE

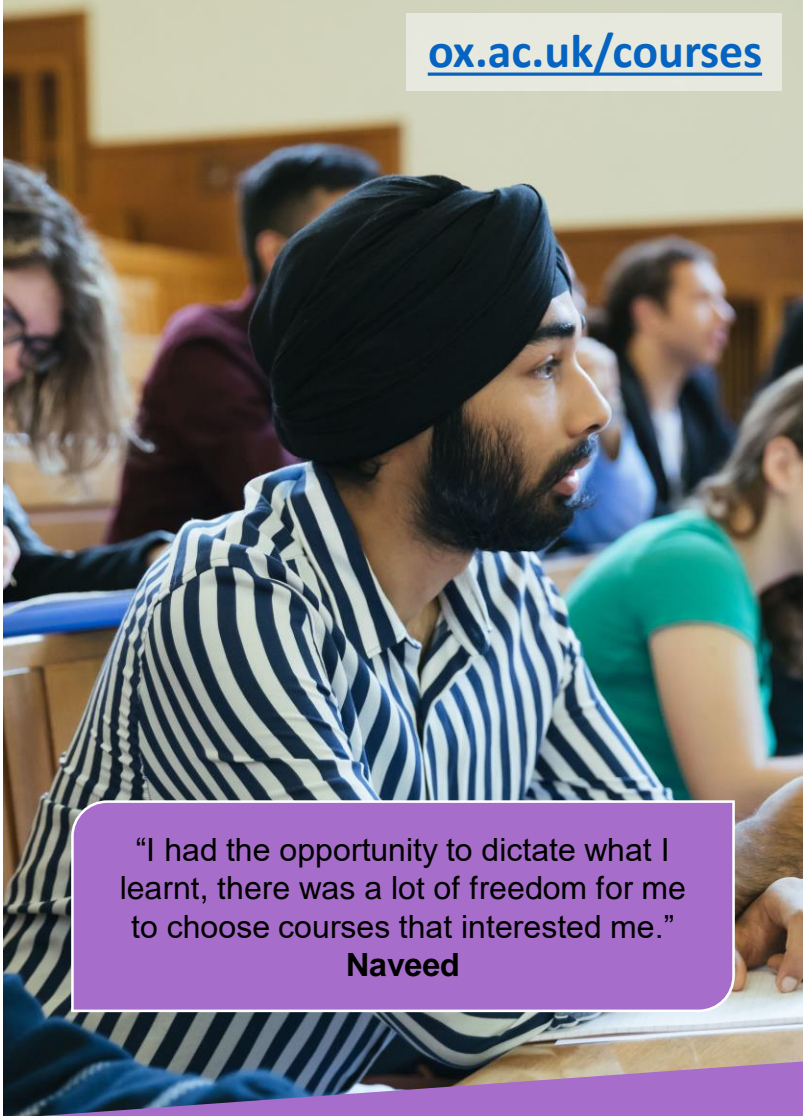
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The most important decision you will make when applying to Oxford is selecting which course to study.

You'll spend at least three years immersed in your course, and those years are likely to be much more enjoyable if you genuinely love what you're learning about.

Oxford has a wide range of courses for you to pick from. It is important that you explore your options.

“Studying at Oxford will change the way you think about the universe - and make you a more analytical and thoughtful worker.” **Sam**



“I had the opportunity to dictate what I learnt, there was a lot of freedom for me to choose courses that interested me.”

**Naveed**



# PERFECT PLACES TO STUDY


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Students at Oxford have access to world-class and iconic learning resources.

You can study in the Bodleian libraries - some of the most famous, best-resourced and most awe-inspiring places to study anywhere in the world.

You will also have our four world famous museums on their doorstep, filled with over 8.5 million intriguing objects.

There are also state-of-the-art laboratories, creating inspiring spaces for discussion, collaboration and cutting-edge research.



“I helped out researchers in Oxford University Museum of Natural History. I made a 3D model of a plesiosaur skull. Actually having a hand in current research in my subject really drove me in my studies and re-enforced why I love my degree so much.” **Madeleine**

# FOR YOUR FUTURE

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Everyone who comes to Oxford has the chance to build an exciting future.

Studying at Oxford triggers a lifetime of opportunity, both personal and professional, and you will have a choice of interesting careers or further study options when you finish.

Even whilst studying, you will have lots of opportunities to build your skills, get work experience or develop entrepreneurial ideas.

Our Careers Service provides students with lifelong tailored support and advice.



“Working with Oxford Women in Business - an incredibly motivated group of women to create inspiring programming - has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my uni career.” **Alice**

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**All Oxford students form part of our inclusive and supportive community - while you study here and far beyond.**

Oxford colleges offer everyone a place to feel at home, as well as an inspiring learning environment.

You will be part of a large world-famous university in a dynamic and thriving city, but also a warm and welcoming community which really cares about your wellbeing.





# YOUR COLLEGE

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**One of the things that makes Oxford special is that all our students belong to a college.**

This gives the benefits of being part of a large university in a buzzing and student-focused city, but also a small and warm academic community to call home.

Colleges provide a safe and supportive environment so you can focus on your studies, enjoy time with friends and make the most of all the opportunities on offer.

“Something that surprised me was the amazing sense of community the collegiate system offers.” **Angharad**



# SUPPORTIVE AND INCLUSIVE

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**Everyone wants to feel that they belong and can be themselves.**

With around 24,000 students from across the globe at Oxford University - each with an amazing range of interests - you will meet people like you and not like you.

Oxford takes the wellbeing of all of its students very seriously, but sometimes everyone finds things a bit tough or runs out of steam, so there are plenty of ways to find support.



“I've never felt unwelcome in Oxford. Oxford is not just for the posh and rich - it's for everyone.” **Abbie**

# YOUR CITY

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**Oxford is an energetic and young city. It is a great place to live and explore - and offers an abundance of things to see and do.**

Oxford is packed with cultural life. Whatever you are interested in, there's a good chance you'll find ways to enjoy it. There are also plenty of green spaces to explore.

"I completely fell in love with the city. The stunning beauty of the old buildings and the sense of history made me realise this would be the most inspiring place to study."

**Rosanna**



# FOR THE WORLD

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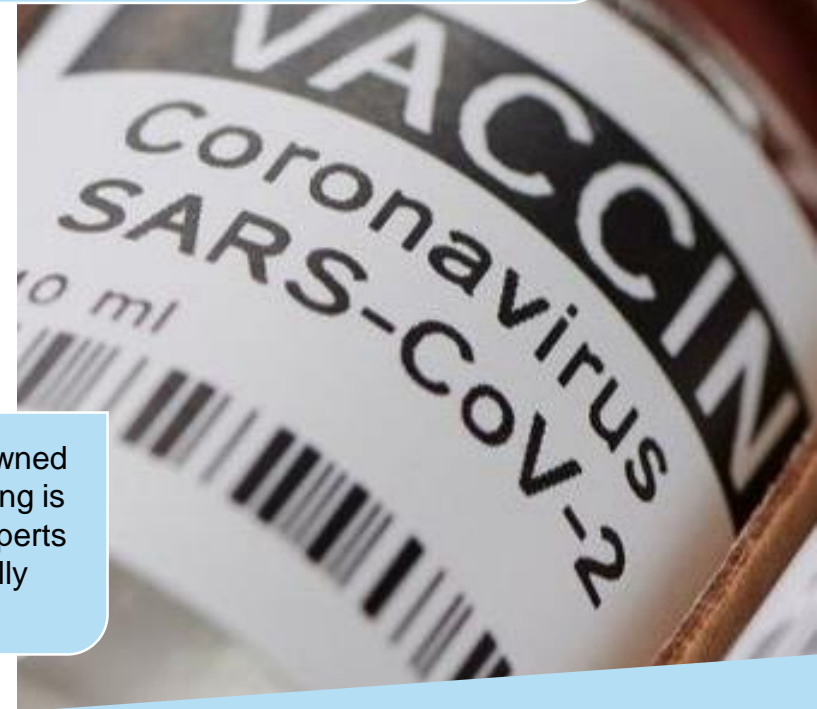
People have heard of Oxford, and for good reason. The learning and research undertaken here has an impact on all our lives and solves real-world problems.

You'll have the chance to learn from people at the centre of research that's changing the future of the world.

"I got a lecture on deserts from a lecturer who had arrived fresh off the plane from Chad - he still had the dust on his shoes!"

**Ryan**

Oxford is a fantastic university, renowned for academic excellence - the teaching is world class - and being taught by experts in my subject area in this way really appealed to me." **Megan**





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# FUN


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**One of the best things about going to university is the social life, and Oxford is no exception.**

Whilst studying is a major part of life at Oxford, there is still plenty of time to have a laugh, relax and develop both old and new interests.

Oxford has over 400 clubs and societies - from stage and screen, to sport, music, journalism, campaigning and volunteering - for you to get involved in, meet people, make friends and build skills for the future.



“Most people have so many interests that go way beyond their degree. The wide range of societies that exist is testament to this.” **Lokesh**



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**SHARING THE COST**

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**We know that going to university is expensive, but we aim to ensure that everyone who is offered a place at Oxford is able to study here.**

Very few of the costs are paid upfront, and there is lots of financial support available for those from the UK, not just from government but also generous funding from Oxford.

“Most importantly I think the bursary has allowed me to enjoy myself more, as I am not constantly worrying about whether I have enough money to do something or not.” **Seamus**





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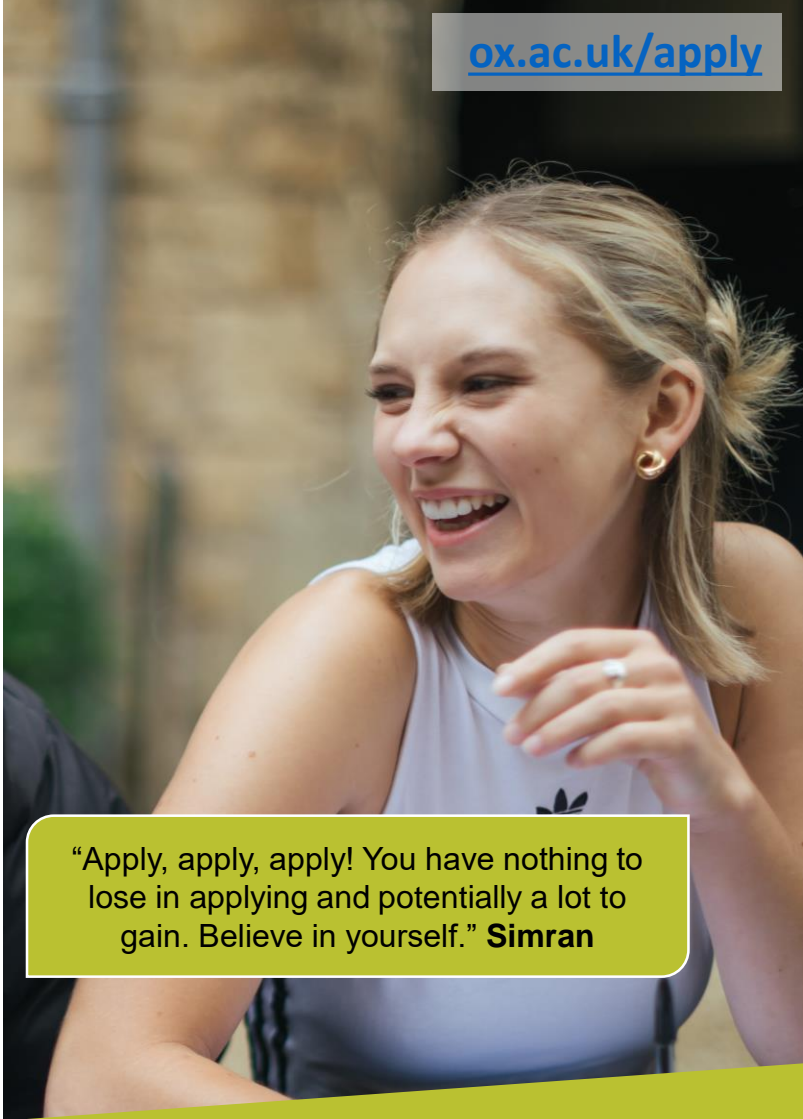
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Deciding whether to go to university is a big decision for everyone, but especially if you don't know people who have been, or if you haven't had a chance to find out what it might be like.

Perhaps you are concerned that you might not fit in or share common ground with other students? We know that some exceptionally clever and talented students don't think that Oxford is for them - and we want that to change.



“Apply, apply, apply! You have nothing to lose in applying and potentially a lot to gain. Believe in yourself.” **Simran**

# LET US HELP YOU PREPARE

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**There is a lot you can do, even at an early stage to find out more about Oxford, and to start thinking about and preparing for your application.**

**EXPLORE** - Oxford's interactive digital platform tackles complex ideas across a wide range of subjects . You will be encouraged to think outside the box, which can be useful preparation for the highly interactive learning at Oxford.

**UNIQ** - In 2021 our free programme for 2,500 UK state-school students will offer perfect online preparation for life as an Oxford undergraduate. Applicants for 2021 closed on 15 March.

**TARGET OXBRIDGE** - This free programme aims to help black African and Caribbean students and students of mixed race with black African and Caribbean heritage increase their chances of getting into Oxford or Cambridge.





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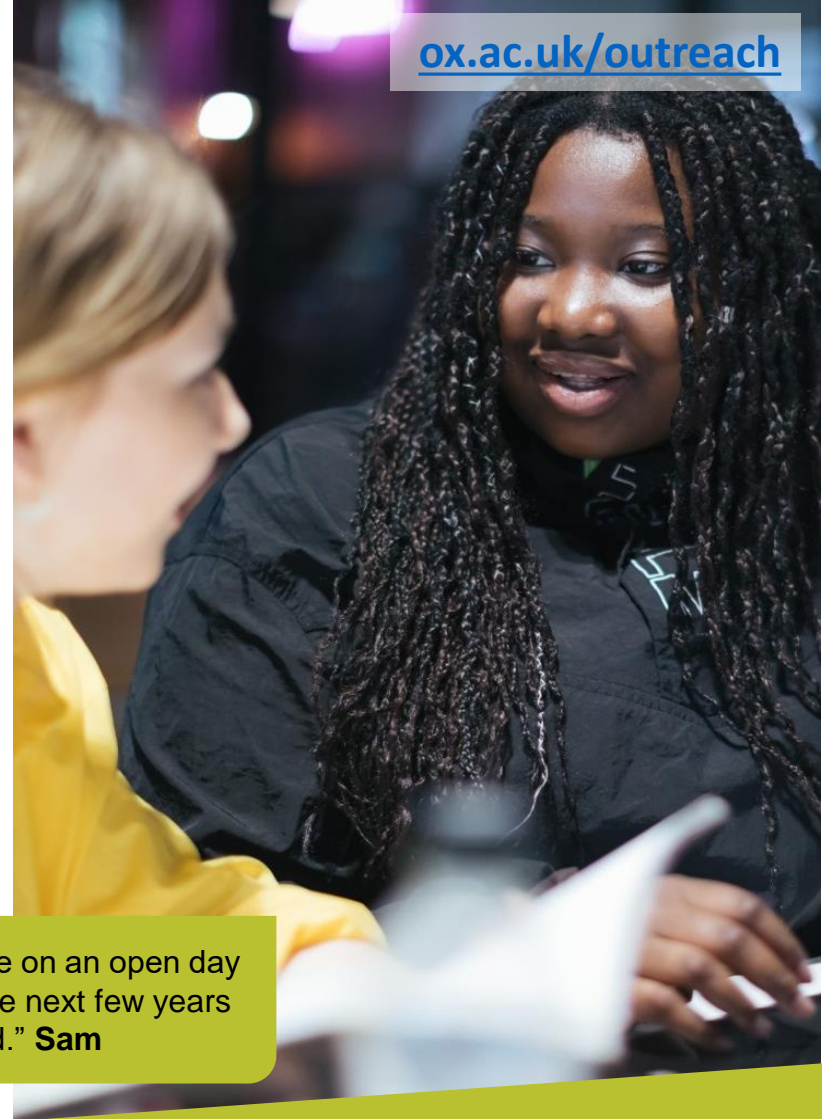
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**OXFORD IN YOUR REGION** - To make it easier for you to keep in contact with us, every Oxford college is 'linked' to a particular region of the UK.

**KEEPING UP-TO-DATE** - Hear about the latest admissions news and other opportunities from Oxford by following our social media channels - Instagram (@StudyAtOxford) and Twitter (@OxOutreach).

**OPEN DAYS** - A great way to get a taste of Oxford, our open days will let you see what colleges are like, explore departments, talk to students and tutors and even perhaps experience an Oxford lecture or demonstration interview.

"After feeling the atmosphere on an open day I knew I wanted to spend the next few years of my life in Oxford." **Sam**





# HOW TO APPLY

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If you want to study at Oxford, you need to apply a year before the start date of your course by completing an online UCAS application form.

To make sure we consider all applicants thoroughly and fairly, there are several stages to our admissions process.

You can find out more about all of these stages - and how best to prepare for them - on our undergraduate admissions website.

“Listing Oxford as one of my five choices on the UCAS form was simply a 'have-a-go-moment.’” **Adam**





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