



# The Ambassador Platform Guide

## For ambassadors

This guide for ambassadors using The Ambassador Platform (TAP) contains a full list of FAQs published on TAP, links to department pages and some useful resources to direct people to if an ambassador cannot answer a question.

### Departments

These links are to pages aimed at potential applicants on department websites. Note that St John's does not offer Classics and English, Earth Sciences, Economics and Management, History and English, Materials Science, Medicine (Graduate Entry) or Physics and Philosophy.

| DEPARTMENT          | LINK  |
|---------------------|---|
| Archaeology         | <a href="https://www.arch.ox.ac.uk/undergraduate-admissions">https://www.arch.ox.ac.uk/undergraduate-admissions</a>   |
| Anthropology        | <a href="https://www.isca.ox.ac.uk/prospective-students#/">https://www.isca.ox.ac.uk/prospective-students#/</a>   |
| Biochemistry        | <a href="https://www.bioch.ox.ac.uk/undergraduates">https://www.bioch.ox.ac.uk/undergraduates</a>   |
| Biology             | <a href="https://www.biology.ox.ac.uk/course#/">https://www.biology.ox.ac.uk/course#/</a>   |
| Biomedical Sciences | <a href="https://www.medsci.ox.ac.uk/study/bms">https://www.medsci.ox.ac.uk/study/bms</a>   |
| Chemistry           | <a href="http://admissions.chem.ox.ac.uk/">http://admissions.chem.ox.ac.uk/</a>   |
| Classics            | <a href="https://www.classics.ox.ac.uk/undergraduate-admissions#/">https://www.classics.ox.ac.uk/undergraduate-admissions#/</a>                               |
| Computer Science    | <a href="http://www.cs.ox.ac.uk/admissions/undergraduate/index.html">http://www.cs.ox.ac.uk/admissions/undergraduate/index.html</a>                           |
| Economics           | <a href="https://www.economics.ox.ac.uk/programmes#tab-2052101">https://www.economics.ox.ac.uk/programmes#tab-2052101</a>                                     |
| Engineering         | <a href="https://eng.ox.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/your-degree/">https://eng.ox.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/your-degree/</a>                                     |
| English             | <a href="https://www.english.ox.ac.uk/prospective-undergraduates/admissions.html">https://www.english.ox.ac.uk/prospective-undergraduates/admissions.html</a> |
| Fine Art            | <a href="https://www.rsa.ox.ac.uk/study">https://www.rsa.ox.ac.uk/study</a>   |
| Geography           | <a href="https://www.geog.ox.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/">https://www.geog.ox.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/</a>   |
| History             | <a href="https://www.history.ox.ac.uk/undergraduate-admissions#/">https://www.history.ox.ac.uk/undergraduate-admissions#/</a>                                 |
| History of Art      | <a href="https://www.hoa.ox.ac.uk/undergraduate-admissions#/">https://www.hoa.ox.ac.uk/undergraduate-admissions#/</a>   |
| Human Sciences      | <a href="https://www.ihs.ox.ac.uk/prospective-students#/">https://www.ihs.ox.ac.uk/prospective-students#/</a>   |
| Law                 | <a href="https://www.law.ox.ac.uk/admissions/undergraduate">https://www.law.ox.ac.uk/admissions/undergraduate</a>   |
| Linguistics         | <a href="https://www.ling-phil.ox.ac.uk/admissions/undergraduate-admissions">https://www.ling-phil.ox.ac.uk/admissions/undergraduate-admissions</a>           |
| Mathematics         | <a href="http://www.maths.ox.ac.uk/study-here/undergraduate-study">http://www.maths.ox.ac.uk/study-here/undergraduate-study</a>                               |
| Medicine            | <a href="https://www.medsci.ox.ac.uk/study/medicine/pre-clinical/pre-clinical">https://www.medsci.ox.ac.uk/study/medicine/pre-clinical/pre-clinical</a>       |
| Modern Languages    | <a href="https://www.mod-langs.ox.ac.uk/undergraduate-studies">https://www.mod-langs.ox.ac.uk/undergraduate-studies</a>                                       |
| Music               | <a href="https://www.music.ox.ac.uk/apply/open-days/">https://www.music.ox.ac.uk/apply/open-days/</a>   |
| Oriental Studies    | <a href="https://www.orinst.ox.ac.uk/article/our-courses">https://www.orinst.ox.ac.uk/article/our-courses</a>   |
| Philosophy          | <a href="https://www.philosophy.ox.ac.uk/courses">https://www.philosophy.ox.ac.uk/courses</a>   |
| Physics             | <a href="https://www2.physics.ox.ac.uk/study-here/undergraduates">https://www2.physics.ox.ac.uk/study-here/undergraduates</a>                                 |
| Politics            | <a href="https://www.politics.ox.ac.uk/undergraduate-applicants.html">https://www.politics.ox.ac.uk/undergraduate-applicants.html</a>                         |
| Psychology          | <a href="https://www.psy.ox.ac.uk/study/undergrad">https://www.psy.ox.ac.uk/study/undergrad</a>   |
| Statistics          | <a href="http://www.stats.ox.ac.uk/study-here/">http://www.stats.ox.ac.uk/study-here/</a>   |
| Theology            | <a href="https://www.theology.ox.ac.uk/undergraduate-study">https://www.theology.ox.ac.uk/undergraduate-study</a>   |



## Useful Resources

St John's College page for prospective applicants: <https://www.sjc.ox.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/>

University of Oxford information:

- Undergraduate admissions: <https://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/undergraduate>
- Guide to applying: <https://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/undergraduate/applying-to-oxford/guide>
- Admissions Timeline: <https://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/undergraduate/applying-to-oxford/admissions-timeline>
- Course Listing: <https://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/undergraduate/courses/course-listing>
- Admissions Tests: <https://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/undergraduate/applying-to-oxford/guide/admissions-tests>
- Interviews: <https://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/undergraduate/applying-to-oxford/guide/interviews>
- Written Work: <https://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/undergraduate/applying-to-oxford/guide/written-work>

## FAQs

If you haven't been invited to answer some of these, let a member of the Access Team know.

- Will I fit in?
- What's the JCR?
- What sports teams and societies are big at John's?
- I've heard a bit about Oxford "traditions". What are they and what are they like at John's?
- What's the best bit about your course?
- How do you balance work and socialising?
- What's your typical day like?
- How long does it take to get from your room to your faculty library or lecture room?
- What's the accommodation like at John's?
- What's your favourite place in the College and why?
- What do you think is the best thing about St John's?
- Why did you choose to apply to St John's?
- What makes St John's a special place to study?

## FAQs answered only by college

You will not be invited to answer these FAQs. If someone asks a question like it, direct them to the official college answers. You can give your own answer to these questions in a chat, provided you make clear that the college answer exists, and your answer is only your opinion. The only exception to this is **FINANCE**. If asked about finance, always direct to the FAQs.

- Will I be at a disadvantage if I choose to make an open application?
- What financial support is available for students at St John's?
- How is the College responding to COVID-19?
- How do I decide on a college?
- Is it possible to work whilst studying at Oxford?
- How do I let you know about difficult circumstances?



- What can I do to stand out?
- What is your view of gap years?
- How do you view extra-curricular activities?
- Are there any quotas for overseas applicants?
- I haven't done any suitable written work. What should I do?
- I am confused about my fee status. Who can help me?
- I want to apply for Maths, but my school doesn't offer Further Maths. Will this affect my chances?
- Do EPQs count towards an offer?
- Should I take three or four A levels?
- Which are the best A Levels for my subject choice?
- My GCSEs are not in the region of 12A\* - is it worth applying?

### Allowed Emails

The automatic blocking of emails is lifted for the following addresses:

- [access@sjc.ox.ac.uk](mailto:access@sjc.ox.ac.uk)
- [inspire@sjc.ox.ac.uk](mailto:inspire@sjc.ox.ac.uk)
- [sarah.jones@sjc.ox.ac.uk](mailto:sarah.jones@sjc.ox.ac.uk)

These can be used in chat to allow pupils to ask specific or detailed questions to the Access Team. Be mindful of referring pupils as many questions can be answered without involving the team.

### Safeguarding

If you are uncomfortable or concerned about anything that comes up during a conversation, **flag the conversation.**

The designated safeguarding lead (DSL) is  
**Dr Sandra Campbell.**

Please email Sandra ([access@sjc.ox.ac.uk](mailto:access@sjc.ox.ac.uk)) if you have any concerns about safeguarding.

