



ST JOHN'S COLLEGE ACCESS & OUTREACH EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES





Dear Teachers,

We hope that you have had an amazing Summer Holiday! The Summer Term allowed us to welcome over 500 students into the College from schools across the South East. We have been fortunate enough to be able to host in-person Summer Schools for the first time since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, and have successfully engaged with hundreds of pupils via our online programmes and summer schools.

Looking ahead, this term card sets out all of the outreach events, opportunities and resources on offer from St John's, as well as across the University of Oxford. The information is particularly relevant to teachers and pupils in our link regions of Brighton & Hove, East Sussex, Southampton, West Sussex, and the London Boroughs of Ealing and Harrow. We trust it will be easy for you to identify and share relevant opportunities with your students.

Here at St John's we are launching our flagship Inspire Y12&13 Programme for 2022-23, our Critical Thinking Programme for Years 9, 10 & 11, as well as offering enriching workshops for students. We have also been busy expanding our opportunities for schools and hope you will be able to experience this soon, whether you are able to visit us in person or plan to take advantage of one of our new virtual visits. Across the wider University you can find a wealth of events covering a wide range of subject areas and year groups, including several opportunities specifically for teachers.

As ever, please do get in touch with us at access@sjc.ox.ac.uk if you have any questions.

With best wishes,

The St John's College Access & Admissions Team



Opportunities at St John's College

New DIY Resources

We have developed a series of DIY resources to allow students and teachers to explore the College in their own time. You can choose from a series of informative videos about Oxford from our Access and Admissions Team, or use the interactive College map to explore our facilities.

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

Chat to St John's Students

St John's has a safe and secure online chat platform that allows school pupils and teachers to talk to current students in an informal way.

Click [here](#) to chat to our students about their experiences at Oxford.

Visit us

We aim to host as many in-person visits as possible within government Covid-19 guidance. To find out more about visiting us and to book, please complete the form [here](#).



Opportunities For Teachers

- St John's College Teachers' Survey

We want to hear from you!

- Hertford College has prepared a series of resources around the Unsung Heroes of Science. These include full lesson plans, as well as one-slide profiles of 40 Unsung Heroes – that's enough for one a week for the school year! Explore the free resources [here](#).
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- School Visits to St John's College:

Non-selective state schools from our link regions can book a visit to the college! Pupils will engage in a full day of talks, workshops and activities, designed to introduce students to life at university, generally, and in Oxford, specifically. Book your visit here:

<https://tinyurl.com/sjcschoolvisitform>



- Inspire Scholars Programme for Years 9, 10 & 11

Limited spaces are still available on our Inspire Scholars Programme.

Non-selective state schools from our link regions are invited to apply.

The Inspire Scholars Programme for Years 9, 10 & 11 is a pioneering, sustained-contact opportunity for students aged 13-16. The programme has been collaboratively developed with input from 24 pilot schools, alongside a number of external teachers and other education professionals, in order to offer schools super-curricular and aspiration-raising opportunities for students, career-development roles for teachers, and support for parents & guardians. More information can be found here:

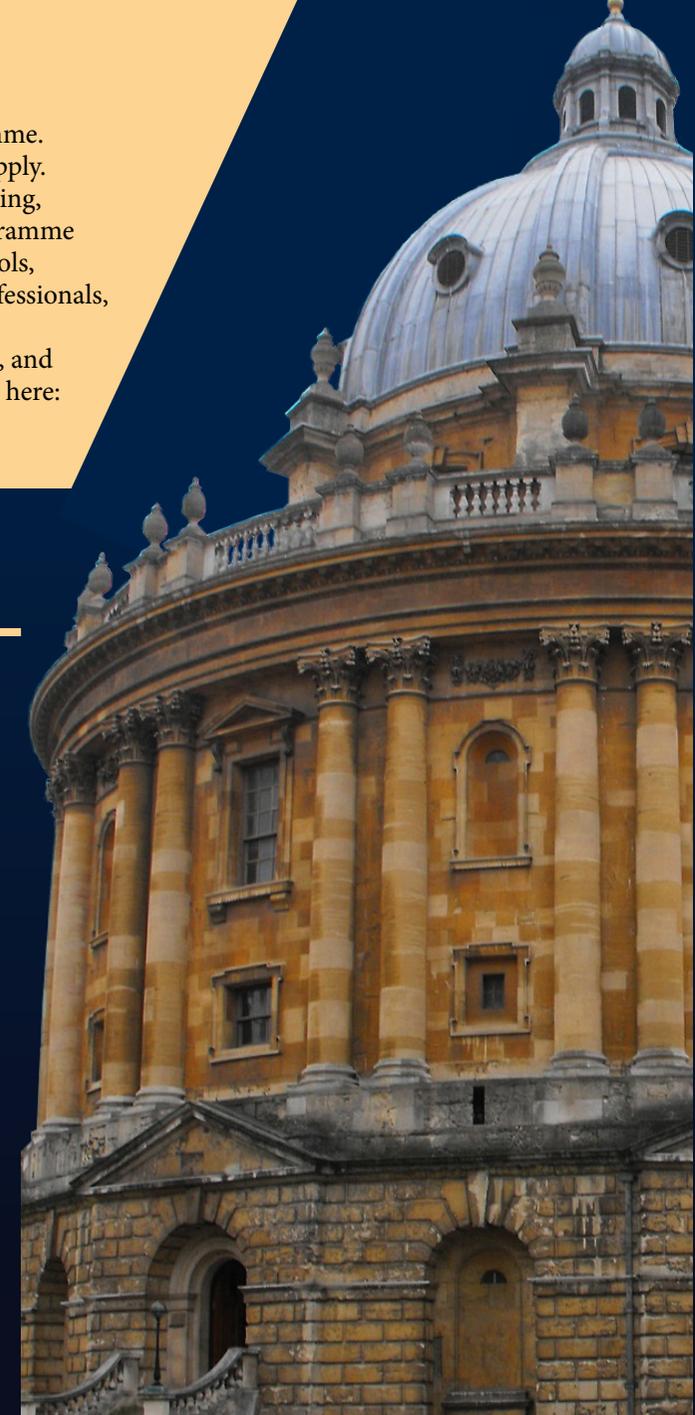
<https://tinyurl.com/InspireScholarsInfo>

St John's National Inspire Critical Thinking

- Inspire Critical Thinking Programme

Registration will open in late October, and all non-selective state school pupils in Years 9, 10 & 11 at UK Schools will be eligible to take part. With content from world-leading academics, university students, and industry professionals from across the Arts & Humanities and Sciences, enrolling will give you access to whole range of online articles, videos, podcasts, and so much more – all sent direct to your inbox! The theme for the 2022/23 academic year will be 'Is Sport Ever Fair?'

Registration will be announced through our social media channels and on our website: <https://sjcinspire.com/>



Humanities and Social Science Events and Opportunities

Classics

Classical Conversations - Ongoing -

The Faculty of Classics is continuing its 'Classical Conversations' initiative. Teachers can invite Oxford academics to meet teachers and students virtually for up to 40 minutes and have a conversation about any aspect of the ancient world.

The Faculty of Classics is pleased to offer up to two Classical Conversations per school per academic year. Preference will be given to state-maintained schools. [Visit the website for more information](#) or email outreach@classics.ox.ac.uk.

Mathematics

MAT Livestream - Every Thursday 5-7pm until November 2022-

The Maths Institute at the University of Oxford is running a weekly livestream talking about maths problems and discussing problem-solving strategies, with a focus on Oxford's Mathematics Admissions Test (MAT). The sessions are free and available for everyone, and are recorded so that you can watch them later even if you can't join live. No registration needed.

The 2022 MAT livestream is [live every Thursday at 17:00-19:00](#) until the start of November 2022.

History

Online History Skills Workshops - Ongoing -

Oxford University's Faculty of History offers [free online History Skills Workshops](#) to state secondary school, sixth form and FE college pupils in years 12 & 13 from across the UK.

Each workshop aims to inspire curiosity about the past and enthusiasm for studying history, to help students develop the analytical, critical, and imaginative skills that Russell Group universities look for in applicants for humanities degrees, and to inform and encourage students to consider applying to read history at universities like the University of Oxford.



History

Online History Teacher Workshops - Ongoing -

The History Faculty wants to work with teachers to better support and understand the needs of students in state secondary schools, sixth forms and FE colleges. The online teacher workshops are designed to support the development of practical history skills and provide advice on making a competitive application to selective universities such as Oxford. There will also be the opportunity to ask questions and share information.

The next Online History Teacher Workshop will take place via Microsoft Teams on Tuesday 4th October at 4pm. [To sign up, please follow this link above.](#)



Additional Resources:

[Digital Prospectus](#)

Browse the University of Oxford's first digital prospectus.

[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.