



Oxford Pathways

Year 12 Study Day Guidance Notes

On Tuesday 14th, Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th of March 2017 the colleges of Oxford University will be hosting Year 12 (Lower Sixth) Study Days, offering a chance to experience a taste of studying at Oxford. The study days are part of the wider Oxford Pathways Programme, supported by the Sutton Trust. We would be delighted if you could help us by encouraging some of your Year 12 students to apply for places – please read the guidance below for more information.

The event is open to Year 12 students only, at non-selective state schools or colleges in the UK. It is aimed at those students who have the potential to make a competitive application to Oxford University. Places will generally be limited to students with at least 5A* grades at GCSE, and who are predicted to achieve at least AAA at A Level (or equivalent). Year 12s can apply to attend any of the three days, but if successful will only be offered a place on one of the days.

To apply, Year 12 students will need to fill in an online application form by **Friday 27th January 2017**. Please read this guidance, then pass on the below website address of the application form to any Year 12 students who you think might be interested and eligible. In doing so, we presume that you have given your consent for them to attend any one of the three Study Days, including taking up accommodation for the night before if allocated.

The events are subject-specific, and will include two academic sessions with Oxford tutors designed to allow students to engage critically with their chosen subject, as well as an admissions talk, college tour, and lunch in a college for all Year 12 attendees. The day will run from 10.30am until 4pm, and is free of charge. Accommodation for the night before will be available for students travelling long distances, and will be allocated to those who live furthest from Oxford. We will try to accommodate most who live over two hours away. Thanks to funding from the Sutton Trust, we are also able to cover the cost of return train travel to Oxford for attendees if desired.

The following subjects are available for the Study Days:

Tuesday 14 th March: Subject	Notes
History	Students must be taking History at A-level
English	Students must be taking English Literature or the combined English Language and Literature course at A-level
Classics	The study of the languages, culture, history and thought in the civilisations of ancient Greece and Rome. No specific A-level requirements
Philosophy and Theology	No specific A-level requirements
Music	Students must be taking Music at A-level

Chemistry	Students must be taking Chemistry and Maths at A-level
Biochemistry	Students must be taking Chemistry and one or more other sciences at A-level.
Biomedical Sciences	Students must be taking two of Biology, Chemistry, Physics or Maths at A-level
Medicine	Students must be taking Chemistry and at least one other from Biology, Physics and Maths
Maths	Students must be taking Maths and (usually) Further Maths at A-level
Physics	Students must be taking Physics and Maths at A-level
Wednesday 15th March:	
History	Students must be taking History at A-level
French	Students must be taking French at A-level
German	Students must be taking German at A-level
English	Students must be taking English Literature or the combined English Language and Literature course at A-level
Beginner's Languages	Students taking a Modern Foreign Language at A-level will be given priority
Politics, Philosophy and Economics	Oxford teaches PPE (Philosophy, Politics and Economics) - this Study Day will give a taste of two of these subjects. No specific A level requirements.
Medicine	Students must be taking Chemistry and at least one other from Biology, Physics and Maths
Maths	Students must be taking Maths and (usually) Further Maths at A-level
Physics	Students must be taking Physics and Maths at A-level
Engineering	Students must be taking Physics and Maths at A-level
Earth Sciences/Geology	Students must be taking Maths plus Physics or Chemistry (preferably both) at A-level
Psychology	Students must be taking one or more sciences at A-level
Thursday 16th March	
Medicine	Students must be taking Chemistry and at least one other from Biology, Physics and Maths
Chemistry	Students must be taking Chemistry and (usually) Maths at A-level
Physics	Students must be taking Physics and Maths at A-level
Engineering	Students must be taking Physics and Maths at A-level
Biochemistry	Students must be taking Chemistry and one or more other sciences at A-level.
Biology	Students must be taking Biology at A-level
Maths	Students must be taking Maths and (usually) Further Maths at A-level
Geography	Students must be taking Geography at A-level
Economics and Management	Students must be taking Maths at A-level
Politics, Philosophy and Economics	Oxford teaches PPE (Philosophy, Politics and Economics) - this Study Day will give a taste of two of these subjects. No specific A level requirements.

Computer Science	Students must be taking Maths - Further Maths or another science also preferable
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There is no limit on the number of applications per school or college, but places for the Study Days are limited. Year 12 students can select up to five subject/date choices. If we are not able to offer them sessions in their first choice subject, we may be able to for their other choices. Study Day attendees will participate in two different academic sessions, both in the same subject group (i.e. it is not possible to swap between subject groups during the day). Students need to be taking the relevant A-levels (see above), to apply for any of the Study Day courses.

In the case of oversubscription, students' background (i.e. postcode, Free School Meal eligibility, parents' Higher Education), academic interests and achievements, and information on the success rate of applicants from your school or college to Oxford will be taken into account when allocating places. Last year nearly all students selected to take part had at least 5A*s at GCSE and all were predicted at least AAA at A-level. However, if you think there is a good reason why we should make an exception then please get in touch with us.

Students are generally expected to attend the Study Days by themselves, and there is no need for parents or teachers to accompany them. The Study Days are designed to allow Year 12s to explore academic topics and experience Oxford independently. It is not possible for parents or teachers to attend the student academic sessions.

To apply for a place, each Year 12 Student needs to fill in the application form (link below) by the **27th January 2017**. They will include in the form a name and email of a teacher, who we will contact to inform them of the outcome of the application. If we are able to offer them a place, we will send out a parental consent form by email. This consent form will also need to be returned to us promptly, as we will not allow any student to attend a Study Day without us first receiving this consent form.

We aim to inform students if they have been selected to take part, and for which subject, by the 17th February, and we aim to inform nominated teachers soon after that. If you have any queries then please contact Claire Hogben or Helen Brooks at pathways@admin.ox.ac.uk.

Any information given about students will be kept in confidence. It will not form any part of Oxford's selection procedure and will not be used by anyone making admissions decisions. Any data provided will be stored in accordance with the Data Protection Act, and may be used for statistical purposes to monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of our activities.

The Study Day application form and further details (including a sample programme) can be found on our website at www.pathways.ox.ac.uk under the Year 12 Study Days section.