



Oxford Pathways Programme



Year 13 Oxford Application Information Day: Guidance Notes

On Saturday 16th September 2017, colleges of the University of Oxford will be hosting the Oxford Application Information Day, offering the chance for Year 13 students to get more information and advice on the Oxford application process. The day is part of the wider Oxford Pathways Programme, and is free to attend. We would be delighted if you could help us by encouraging some of your Year 13 students to apply for place. Please read the guidance below for more information.

What is provided?

The Oxford Application Information Day is taking place on Saturday 16th September, and we will be able to offer free accommodation to some attendees on the night of Friday 15th September. Breakfast (for overnight guests) and lunch on Saturday 16th September will also be provided free of charge. We will also have some travel bursaries available to students (of a type and amount to be confirmed soon).

The event will be divided into two streams: one for Year 13s applying to courses in the Humanities or Social Sciences, and another for Year 13s applying to Science courses. These two streams will take place simultaneously in different locations in Oxford. The day will run from 10:15am until 3:30pm. The sample programme on the website (www.pathways.ox.ac.uk) shows which sessions will be included on the day.

Who can apply?

The event is open to Year 13 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 the University of Oxford. Places will generally be limited to students who have a strong record at GCSE (at least 5* grades) but if you think there is a strong reason why an exception should be made, please get in touch with us. Students must be predicted to achieve at least the entry requirements for the course they wish to study. This will be at least AAA at A level (or equivalent) but does vary between courses. Many courses also have A level subjects that are listed as 'required' or 'expected' in the course's entry requirements. Students should ensure that they have the required/expected A levels necessary for the course they wish to apply to study (ox.ac.uk/courses).

How to apply

To apply for a place, each Year 13 student must fill in the online application form (<http://www.pathways.ox.ac.uk/year-13-application-information-day/>) by Monday 31st July.

Please pass on the details of this event, and the link to the application form, to any Year 13 students who you think might be interested and eligible. In doing so, we presume that you have given your consent for students to travel to Oxford during the day on Friday 15th September if necessary. Friday 15th September is one of our University-wide Open Days, so you may wish to encourage successful applicants for this event to take the opportunity to attend part of the Open Day on the Friday. There is no limit on the number of applications per school or college, but places for the Application Information Day are limited. There are 75 places available on the Humanities and Social Sciences stream, and 75 places available on the Sciences stream. Students must specify which course they wish to study at the University of Oxford as part of their application. It will not be possible for students to change which 'stream' they are attending after they have submitted their application.

They must include the name and email address of a teacher, and the contact details of a parent/guardian. If we are able to offer the student a place, they will be sent a parental consent form, which must be completed and signed by a parent/guardian before being returned to us. This consent form will need to be returned to us promptly, as we will not allow any student to attend the Application Information Day without us first receiving this consent form. Students are expected to attend the Application Information Day by themselves, and parents or teachers will not need to accompany them.

In the case of oversubscription, students' background (i.e. postcode, Free School Meal eligibility, parents' Higher education), academic record, and school performance (including success rate of past applicants from the school to Oxford) will be taken into account when allocating places.

If we are able to offer a student a place on this event, they will be informed of the outcome by email no later than Monday 14th August. Nominated teachers will also be informed after this.
More information

If you have any queries, please contact Zoë or Claire at pathways@admin.ox.ac.uk.

The Application Information Day application form and further details can be found on our website at <http://www.pathways.ox.ac.uk/#y13application>

Any information given to us 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.