

Friday 1 April 2022

Dear History Teacher,

The School of History at Queen Mary will be running three specially designed History Taster Days in the summer of 2022. Your students are very warmly invited to join us, and we hope that you will be interested in sending some of your students to attend.

We are offering three dates this year, all hosted at our Mile End campus in London:

- Tuesday, 28 June 2022
- Wednesday, 29 June 2022
- Thursday, 30 June 2022

These events are directed at **Lower Sixth-Formers who might be thinking of applying to read History** at University, or more specifically, at Queen Mary.

We are very proud of our Taster Days, of which this is our ninth full series. In a typical year, we saw up to 400 students register to come along, as did a number of teachers. There is a real desire amongst Sixth Formers to gain direct experience of university study and of the environment they may inhabit as students, and we have designed our Taster Days accordingly.

Each Taster Day **begins with an introduction to history at university and ends with a session on the UCAS Personal Statement**. In between, Sixth Formers attend a university style lecture as well as **two seminar classes of their choice**, selected from a wide range of options. They meet some of our undergraduates, who will take them on a tour of the campus and answer any questions they might have about university life. We also provide lunch, at which students can chat informally with members of our student body and academic staff. Students are welcome to come alone or as part of a larger group, and teachers are very welcome to attend and observe the process. Indeed, we would greatly value your feedback.

The seminar classes will be pitched at a suitably demanding level. Some seminars address subjects that your students may be studying already, and therefore be of immediate relevance to their current A-level studies.

Others treat subjects that are rarely offered at school, **offering a sense of how History at university differs from their studies so far**. The seminars are held in small groups of up to 15, the maximum size of our own undergraduate classes. When students sign up for the Taster Day they also note the Taster classes of their choice. This year we have a range of classes, from Early Modern Europe, American Populism, Medieval Women and many more on each day.

We very much hope that some of your students will be interested in applying for this experience. To register, students simply need to visit our website or scan the code below:

[www.qmul.ac.uk/history/undergraduate-study/taster-days/](http://www.qmul.ac.uk/history/undergraduate-study/taster-days/)



A programme of the lectures and seminars on offer is available on this site, and your nominated students should consult this and decide which ones they wish to attend. **Each school is invited to send up to six students to these events**. If you need more spaces, then please get in touch with our Recruitment and Admissions Manager, Patrick Higgins at [p.higgins@qmul.ac.uk](mailto:p.higgins@qmul.ac.uk). He will happily answer any other questions you might have about these events.

If your students are unable to attend a Taster Day, they may wish to attend one of our university Open Days on 17 and 18 June 2022. For more information, please email [history-admissions@qmul.ac.uk](mailto:history-admissions@qmul.ac.uk).

Our standard offer remains ABB. We also offer a number of Outstanding Performance Awards (OPA) to applicants who show promise and a commitment to the discipline after interview with us. We are particularly interested in recruiting engaged historians to the OPA scheme, which carries with it, an reduced grade offer.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Daniel Todman', located below the 'Yours sincerely,' text.

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