SO WHAT IS IT REALLY LIKE TO Live AND Study HERE IN OXFORD?

LET SOME OF OUR CURRENT STUDENTS tell you

Thank you to everyone who wanted to share their story. Prospects welcome. Big thanks to all the final students who generously contributed their photos and time.

Thank you to the authors who kindly participated in our interviews.

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MEET THE Porters

Oxford Colleges have special reception areas called the Lodge, and in the Lodge you'll find the College Porters. We'll let the students tell you what that's all about...

How would you describe the role of the porters?

The porters provide a friendly face to greet 24/7 and act as the first point of contact if you have any issues whilst living in college.

The porters are some of the friendliest and most helpful people in college.

They look after the college, your pets, and Percy - the weirdo!

Officially, they are the college "gatekeepers". In practice, their role extends much further than that - they look after provision and students whose keys have ceased and pets.

The porters are there 24/7 so that you always have someone to go to if you have any queries or concerns. They're lovely people, and it really is important to know that there's always someone you can go to if you need a bit of help.

The porters have always been there for me, no matter what happens. They're amazing!

The porters are the best at what they do. They're always there when you need them, and they're always willing to help no matter what.

This is Bob, our Head Porter.

This is Percy, Bob and the other porters at Oxford.
Location

Look at the map of Oxford, and you will see that University College is the place to be! We're in easy distance from all the important libraries, the centre of town, and the best shops, pubs, clubs, cinemas, and venues in Oxford. More than a five-minute walk from the serene and beautiful Christ Church Meadow. Best of all, Uni is next door to some of the lecture theatres.

Facilities

Uni managers combine reasonable rents with some great facilities and opportunities on offer. Firstly, every student is given the use of the JCR (Junior Common Room), which is a great place to relax and socialize. The JCR has a bar, a games room, a common area, and a kitchen, which is great for late-night study sessions.

The Kitchen

All undergraduates studying in Oxford are entitled to a student card, which gives you access to the international kitchen. The kitchen is open 24/7 and is staffed by friendly chefs who are always happy to help. The kitchen is also equipped with all the necessary appliances, so you can cook your own meals and save money by eating in.

The People

At Oxford, people are friendly and helpful. Many students are happy to help others with their studies, and the vast majority of students are approachable. The university is a friendly place, and the student experience is one of the best in the country.

Food

Oxford Colleges have a great reputation for their food, and it's easy to see why. The food is delicious, and the portions are generous. Breakfast and dinner are served on weekdays, and lunch is served on weekends. The food is varied, and there are plenty of options for vegetarians and vegans.

Let's talk about Uni's students how to say...

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Accommodation

For most people moving away to university, a key concern is accommodation.

Uni has a fantastic reputation for its range and standard of facilities. We have a complex of rooms right on the High Street, with a second set in a building near Oxford where second year students tend to live all together.

Range of rooms

Oxford is the oldest university in the English-speaking world, with the first of its colleges established in the 12th century. So on you'll expect, it's built some pretty amazing buildings during its long history that aren't be intimidated by how grand some of them look. They're very easy to live in and the students make themselves right at home.

College is extremely convenient and it's nice to be in close proximity to campus. It's also nice to share in such a beautiful, charming building. Walking, Biking, Throwing Mum's clothes

Most colleges accommodate their undergraduates in a range of buildings - some hundreds of years old and some brand new. Although the age, style and size of rooms at University, all rooms come with great facilities that are the envy of other colleges. Whatever it is, the College, your room will be well decorated, and most includes sink and mirror, shelves, and generous platforms for storing reading lists, photos and talk to for kick. Most people share a suitable and WC with four other people, but we house number of on-suite rooms. The students enjoy the opportunity to live more comfortably, historically and safely surroundings.

"The college rooms differ in size, but most of them are really nice. What I was pleasantly surprised was that the conditions rooms the first year, but it can be a bit noisy and felt more lonely and long than some of the bigger ones. A helpful perk in this is that almost all of the rooms have a sink and a mirror, as well as a mini fridge. - Claire, Medicine."

"It is rare that you find a room that doesn't have an amazing view - whether it be the High Street or the College's various gardens and greenhouses." - Max, History.

How is First Year accommodation arranged?

Upon entering the College for your first year, you will already have been assigned a room. All first year are guaranteed College accommodation, so you don't have to worry about scoring any of that out. Some will be in the hearts of college, some overlooking Queen's College on the High Street, some in the modern Darwin or Goodenough buildings, but all are close to Main Quad.

Cost

All accommodation at Oxford is very affordable, and everyone pays the same amount to live in the College. All accommodation is also included in the termly fees, so you're contributing to the College's running costs.

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Making a home away from home

I decorate my room with..."-

"Painting, cushions, poems on wooden boards, hanging up finished with the Harry Potter series." - Alice, English and Computer Science.

"Nothing is too much! I decorate with pictures and on the wall." - Eddie, History.

"Nothing that makes me smile in the office and think 'this is my space'." - Andy, TTP.
Your FIRST WEEKS AT UNIV

WELCOME WEEK
All incoming first year students come to College a week before they start their studies for a “Welcome Week”. It’s a great chance to meet your tutors and get to know other students in your year before work gets fully underway. You’ll have plenty to keep you busy: Fresh Fairs: various inductions to things like the library and the gym, meetings with your tutors and tutors, and a massive range of social activities put on by the UG Commons students. You may also have to do some preparatory work for the first week of First Term.

MATHS WEEK
If you’re studying Biochemistry, Biomedical Sciences, Chemistry, Computer Science (Joint science), Earth Sciences, Engineering, Mathematics (and joint schools), Medicine, or Physics at Oxford, you’ll be invited to come to College a week before Welcome Week for a pre-term Maths course. It might sound a bit daunting, but you’ll find it’s a big advantage when terms start and you’ve already revised a lot of the material you’ll be learning. maths Week is five tuition, accommodation in college, and food is all provided at no charge.

Maths Week helps you to consolidate the maths skills needed for your subjects, helping you make a strong start in the work in your first term at Oxford. As well as receiving key mathematical concepts, you may have covered in the past at school, you’ll be learning how to apply these concepts in your chosen subject at university level.

MATHS Week can be a bit intense after the long summer break, but be assured it’s a lot of fun and we plan to give the second year students a fun mix of activities, including a variety of social events like a film screening of a popular science film.

The prospect of going to university is an exciting and daunting time. Make sure to find out about what you could expect if you were coming to Oxford as a first-year.

When you arrive for your first week in College, your college community will be there to help you settle in. They’ll do things like take you on a tour on your first day and get dinner arranged. They’ll take you to the office, show you the college and give you in handy hints and tips on how to make the best of your time here.

The college is a friendly, welcoming place and you’ll soon be able to call it your home.

For the College parents, it’s a chance to meet your child’s college and get to know a bit more about what they’re like.

Welcome to College and Wishing you all the best for your first year at Oxford.

Katherine Esham
Artist and co-member of the Turner Prize-winning group, The Oatmeal

College Parents

It was lovely to hear from some of you, especially those who were new to Oxford. Here’s a selection of your questions and answers:

1. **What is Freshers’ Week like?**
   - Freshers’ Week is a great opportunity to meet new people and settle into college life. There are lots of social events, including Freshers’ Week activities and tours of the college.

2. **What is the food like?**
   - The food in College is good and varied. There are options to suit all tastes, and you can choose from a range of restaurants and cafes.

3. **How do I get to my lectures?**
   - You can walk or cycle to most lectures, and there are also buses that run to central Oxford.

4. **What is the library like?**
   - The library is a great resource, with thousands of books and access to online databases.

5. **Is there a student union?**
   - Yes, the student union is called the UG Commons. It’s a great place to meet friends and socialise.

6. **How do I get involved in college life?**
   - There are lots of clubs and societies to join, and you can also get involved in college events and activities.

7. **What is the accommodation like?**
   - Oxford is a historic city with lots of漂亮的 colleges and halls of residence. There are options to suit all budgets and lifestyles.

8. **What is the cost of living like?**
   - The cost of living in Oxford can be high, but there are lots of options to save money, such as cooking at home and using public transport.

9. **What is the social life like?**
   - There are lots of social events and activities, including pub quizzes, cinema trips, and sports events.

10. **How do I get to fitness?**
    - There are lots of gyms and fitness centres in Oxford, and you can also join the College’s own gym, which is free for students.

11. **How do I get to the library?**
    - The library is located in the main building of the College. It is a short walk from most accommodation.

12. **Is there a student council?**
    - Yes, the student council is called the UG Commons. It is a great way to get involved in college life and have a say in how the College is run.

13. **What is the academic work like?**
    - The academic work is challenging but rewarding. There are lots of resources available to help you succeed.

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Jargon Buster Crossword

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About those FUNNY GOWNS...

Ahem, yeah, about those,

Use a lesser word is there at all our means. What more interesting is the connection flowers lie with. They have a special meaning here at the University of Oxford. I would try to grasp whether you are interested in the flowers we use as decoration for our events. Friends and visitors supply us with the flowers or a special decoration as we head off to the next event.
Learning at Oxford

GETTING STUCK INTO YOUR COURSE

After Welcome Week, it's time for your course to begin. Your work schedule really depends on what course you're taking. But, no matter what your subject, you'll spend your first weeks getting to grips with your new academic environment. You'll rapidly get to know your lecturers and tutorial tutors. You'll be introduced to the resources and library. It's a fantastic experience for everyone.

After a couple of weeks of settling in, you'll soon settle into a routine that works for you, and enable you to have lots of enjoyable experiences as well as studying.

Arts & Humanities

Typically, an Oxford student studying a humanities subject seems to have an unconventional timetable. But that doesn't mean they have no work to do. A lot of your learning at Oxford is done independently, so time management is a good skill to pick up, but once you get the hang of it, there is plenty of time to relax and get involved in societies.

You will usually be set one or two essays to write, and if you go to see the tutor and discuss the topics, they are usually look forward to it. You will find it interesting and discuss them with friends and other students every week. It's really hard to see some lectures and in the coming days of research, you can find that they work on your reading list.

Sciences

The first thing you'll notice about doing science at Oxford is that you seem to have much more on your timetable than on an arts student. You will usually be set problem sheets, and that's where you spend your time. You'll either be doing essays in your tutorials with the tutor and other students, as well as discussing the subject with the librarian.

They are also the first lectures on research and one really assumes that the subject is really easy. You're being taught by some of the best minds at the time. This is supplemented by lectures and practical work at the University's very well-equipped labs in the Science Park. 

What are your favourite things about learning at Oxford?

"The answer is always something that's hard to put in words. It's the excitement of exploring the unknown and the thrill of discovering new things." - Niamh, Computer Science and Philosophy

The thought of moving up to studying at University might be daunting. Here are some reflections from Union's students on how well they managed the transition from school.

What would you say are the main differences between school and university study?

"Especially since I study a humanities subject, 95% of my work is self-study. There is a lot less rigid structure than in school, but that means you have to manage your own time. The deadlines mean there is still a fixed pattern to your work." - Lottie, History

"There is a lot more independence thinking and university. Answers aren't just handed to you; you should be prepared to work to find things you might not know." - Raphael, Maths and Computer Science

"I used to think that university exactly as an extension of learning computer science, but it is really different. You have a lot more responsibility to think for yourself and to consider the information that you receive at the end of the week. The workload is a reflection of the information you have found independently rather than a spoon feeding of information. The essay is a method of learning, not only a method of assessing. I prefer this approach, even though it means a lot of work." - Megan, English

"There's almost nothing prescribed here – you can read and write whatever you want and not really have to worry about jumping through hoops." - Tom, PPE

Preferred place to study?

Unio has two libraries, so there's plenty of choice of where to study with comfortable spaces to suit most tastes. Choose between the traditional old library, with plenty of cozy corners (and cushions), the shiny new library (opened 2015), or one of the group study rooms. That's if you don't fancy one of the many libraries across the university. There are even 100 in all, so wouldn't prefer to work in your room, in a café, or outside on a sunny day.

"I work mostly in libraries. I really like exploring all the different libraries around the whole of Oxford for a bit of a change of pace." - Kit, PPE

"Maybe I'm a traditionalist, but nothing beats the atmosphere of the old streets in Unio. It's beautiful and inspiring and every Oxford is. Plus, if you go sit in the right seat there, the silence seems to last disappointingly long whenever you get distracted!" - Tom, PPE

"Personally, I like sitting in my room where I have all my notebooks and even really comfortable pheasant and cups of coffee in hand." - Rebecca, Medicine

What about your relationship with your tutors?

"My tutors are very welcoming and will always be there to answer questions or to go over the material. If you don't understand something, they'll always be there to help you. The tutors are amazing and very helpful. I'm really glad I got the chance to meet them!" - Selina, English
TUTORIALS

As well as doing lots of reading, attending lectures, classes and (depending on what course you do) labs, students have tutorials at least once per week. The tutorial system is what makes Oxford and Cambridge Universities really special, and is at the heart of the intensive style of learning that these two universities offer. Oxford students refer to their tutorials as "tutorials" and Cambridge students as "supervisions", but the idea behind them is the same.

A tutorial is where you sit down with one or your tutors for about an hour, with one or two other people doing the same course (your tutorial "partners"), to talk about what you have been learning that week. It's an amazing chance to ask your burning questions, get lots of answers from your tutor and make sure you really understand the material and develop your learning.

Let's hear what these students have to say about tutorials...

How did you feel before your first tutorial? What was it like, and how did you feel afterwards?

"Before my first tutorial I was very nervous and felt like I couldn't know enough, but it was nowhere near as scary as I thought it would be. My tutor was really friendly and was genuinely interested in what we had to say but also helped guide us to think about other things. I felt really happy and like I had learnt a lot." 

Eleanor, PPE

"I was completely unprepared for the tutorial. I had no idea what to expect, but it was actually quite enjoyable. The tutor helped me understand the material and I left feeling more confident and prepared.

"I was a bit nervous at first, but the tutor made me feel comfortable and put me at ease. We had a really good discussion about the topic." 

Ella, Chemistry

Each tutorial is the culmination of all the self-study you have done as a pre-tutorial week: reading, attending lectures and classes, reflecting on what you have learned, and completing assignments or tackling problem sheets. The idea of doing all this work and then having your tutor comment on it, and experts can be demanding for new students, but you'll never get used to it and see it as an opportunity to learn, not an exam. You will get lots of feedback on your work, which is more positive than negative. This will help you prepare for the tutorials, and also towards your degree and you don't get a mark for your performance in the tutorial either. That means you can be honest and when you don't understand something, and get the most from your tutorial experiences.

What role do tutorials play in your education at Oxford?

"Tutorials are the primary way in which we learn at Oxford. They are small group discussions with other students and your tutor that take place once a week. They offer the perfect opportunity to ask questions if there is anything you haven't understood or need clarifying, and improve your self-confidence and ability to debate along the way." 

Ted, MEng

"I have 3 tutorials a fortnight, and for each one I'm expected to have prepared an essay. One of my tutors peddles me on talk through my essay and offers specific feedback, whereas the other prefers to hear a general discussion about another section. This allows me to focus on one aspect of my essays and make improvements as the term goes on." 

Kate, Classics

What do you think of the tutorial system? Do you like it?

"I've enjoyed the tutorial system. It's a great way to learn and interact with other students. It's challenging, but also rewarding." 

Tom, PPE

"I really enjoyed my first tutorial, it made me feel much more comfortable in Oxford because it was essentially a chat with my tutor about the work that I had done on a topic that I really enjoyed." 

Max, Computer Science and Philosophy

Future students looking at this might not see the point of tutorials, but they are absolutely essential. They are a fantastic way to engage with the material, get feedback, and develop your understanding.
MEET OUR TUTORS

We interview the interviewers.

Qualities you look for in applicants/students:
- Enthusiasm is very important to me.
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What is your area of expertise?
- I specialize in psychology and neuroscience. I am currently working on a research project that focuses on the neural mechanisms underlying decision-making and social cognitive processes.

What is your favorite research project you have worked on?
- My favorite research project was a study that examined the role of social cues in decision-making. We found that people were more likely to make decisions that aligned with the social group they were a part of, even when it was not in their best interest.

What is your favorite book or movie?
- One of my favorite books is "The Electric Kool-Aid Acid Test" by Tom Wolfe. It's a fascinating account of a wild and woolly road trip across the United States during the 1960s. I really enjoyed the way the author captures the energy and excitement of that time and place.

What is your favorite hobby or activity?
- In my free time, I enjoy playing tennis and yoga. Both are great ways to stay active and feel good.

What is your favorite thing about teaching?
- I love seeing my students learn and grow. It's always exciting to watch them develop new ideas and talents.

What is your favorite thing about being a professor?
- I love the opportunity to work with such a diverse group of students. Each student brings something unique to the table, and it's always fascinating to see how they develop their ideas and take on new challenges.

Why should someone apply to your department or college?
- Our department is known for our cutting-edge research and our dedicated faculty. We provide a supportive and stimulating environment where students can thrive and excel.
It’s not all work and no play here at Oxford. There is so much on offer outside of study that finding time to fit it all in is the challenge! But to quote ex-Uni slate Stephen Hawking, ‘Life would be tragic if it wasn’t fun’.  

Societies
There are hundreds of university-wide student societies at Oxford. You can choose from ultimate Frisbee, acapella singing, debating, comedy, even Quidditch! We could go on but you get the picture. If you don’t have the society you’re looking for then we can help you to set it up too.

Music
Unis has a high quality and fun choir. As well as weekly services in the chapel, they sing concerts. Head cook! Christmas Carol singing, and occasionally record albums and go on tour!

Nightlife
Oxford’s nightlife caters for all tastes, from clubs playing mainstream, cheese, R&B and more, to stylish bars and traditional pubs.

There are different student nights throughout the week, giving you a chance to meet people from other colleges as well. Uni is lucky enough to have a bar open six evenings a week, fully equipped with table-tennis, pool table, darts, quiz machines, TV and cheap drinks. The bar plays host to all sorts of student-organised events, from open mic nights to quizzes and College-wide parties, usually called ‘Boos’. Boo’s (parties involving fancy dress and cheesy tunes) take place three times a term and each boo’s has a different theme.

Volunteering
For those who want to help ensure that the most able people are getting into Oxford, we have the Ambassador scheme. This is one of Oxford’s most active college-based access schemes. Students visit schools and inspire them to Uni, to encourage talented pupils and apply regardless of background or their schooling.

Other fun stuff
There are also many quieter activities to take part in, from chilling in the JCR with a cup of tea, to movie nights, charity events and the occasional Bake Off competition!

Oxford things
The sun terrace provides opportunities for other famously picturesque Oxford pastimes, such as sitting on the River Cherwell and playing croquet.

Sports
With a large boathouse, tennis courts, indoor squash court, and football, rugby and cricket pitches, it’s not a surprise that Uni has been well-equipped for sporting success, consistently doing well in Inter-collegiate competitions, commonly known as ‘cuppers’.

Yet it isn’t all serious; most people enjoy a leisurely splash on the river or friendly knock about on the College squash court or at some point. College sport is often just open to anyone who wants to turn up, and the emphasis is entirely on having fun and keeping fit rather than victory! (Although we are often victorious anyway). All Uni students have free membership of the University gym and swimming pool.
**Community & Diversity**

**Sexuality**

Where you're from or what you believe in should have no bearing on who you are. We're a community of students from all walks of life, who come together to create a supportive, non-judgmental environment. There are multiple student groups available for LGBTQ+ students, which offer a great chance to get to know people from other colleges who share your interests. Whether it's your faith, religion, or simply the things that make you you - there are LGBTQ+ groups and clubs you can join at any college. All our halls of residence are safe spaces for LGBTQ+ students. We believe that everyone has a seat at the table, and we're here to support each other.

**International Students**

At Oxford Union, we value the diversity of our student body. We want to create a welcoming and supportive environment for people of different cultures. This means coming from around 150 different countries. We have a diverse student body, which is reflected in our student clubs and societies. We believe in celebrating and respecting our differences. Our approach to handling racism and discrimination is rooted in our commitment to creating an inclusive community. We believe that everyone should feel comfortable and welcome, regardless of their background.

**Student Support**

Chances are good that you will meet all sorts of people who are similar to you. But it's also possible that you may be the only student from your country. We're here to help. Whether you're interested in finding new friends or learning more about Oxford, we can help. We have a team of student support officers who are available to answer any questions you may have. We can help you with everything from academic advice to personal issues. We're here to support you through your time at Oxford.

**International Students**

As international students, you may have some extra requirements. As an international student, you are required to prove that you have the necessary funds to cover your living costs. This includes accommodation, food, and other expenses. You will also need to demonstrate your English language proficiency. We offer a range of support services to help you adjust to life in Oxford. We will also help you to integrate into the local community. We believe that every student should feel welcome and supported. We want to make sure that everyone is able to thrive and succeed.

**Welfare**

When you're away from home, it's easy to feel overwhelmed. We understand that it can be tough to cope with the stress of university life. That's why we have a team of student support officers who are available to help you. They can offer advice on everything from academic problems to personal issues. We also have a range of welfare services available, such as a health and well-being service. We want to make sure that everyone is able to thrive and succeed. We will do everything we can to support you.

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**Sexuality**

Where you're from or what you believe in should have no bearing on who you are. We're a community of students from all walks of life, who come together to create a supportive, non-judgmental environment. There are multiple student groups available for LGBTQ+ students, which offer a great chance to get to know people from other colleges who share your interests. Whether it's your faith, religion, or simply the things that make you you - there are LGBTQ+ groups and clubs you can join at any college. All our halls of residence are safe spaces for LGBTQ+ students. We believe that everyone has a seat at the table, and we're here to support each other.

**International Students**

At Oxford Union, we value the diversity of our student body. We want to create a welcoming and supportive environment for people of different cultures. This means coming from around 150 different countries. We have a diverse student body, which is reflected in our student clubs and societies. We believe in celebrating and respecting our differences. Our approach to handling racism and discrimination is rooted in our commitment to creating an inclusive community. We believe that everyone should feel comfortable and welcome, regardless of their background.

**Student Support**

Chances are good that you will meet all sorts of people who are similar to you. But it's also possible that you may be the only student from your country. We're here to help. Whether you're interested in finding new friends or learning more about Oxford, we can help. We have a team of student support officers who are available to answer any questions you may have. We can help you with everything from academic advice to personal issues. We're here to support you through your time at Oxford.

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Finance

Living away from home for the first time presents many new challenges, not least of all managing your money.

As a fresher, the last thing you want to be doing is spending time worrying about your overdraft and wondering whether you'll have enough money to see the term out. Don't worry! We try to make sure that this is never a problem at Unile.

1. The University makes available a range of bursaries and grants to support students in financial need.
2. The University provides a range of financial support services, including advice on budgeting and money management.
3. A generous book grant of £200 is available for each student to help cover the cost of textbooks.
4. Many students take advantage of the opportunity to work part-time, which can help to support them financially.
5. Our Old Mertes, Trinity Hall Library, is one of the most generous college libraries, offering students free access to a wide range of books.
6. There are a variety of part-time jobs available on campus, which can provide additional income.
7. The University has a range of student financial support services, including advice on budgeting and money management.
8. We encourage you to take advantage of the opportunities available to you, both on and off campus.
9. The University is committed to ensuring that all students have access to the resources they need to succeed.

Travel Scholarships

In my second year, I spent two weeks on an excavation site near Naples, Italy.

During this time, I learned about Roman art and architecture and appreciated the history and culture of the site. My days were spent on the dig site, and I had the opportunity to work alongside archaeologists and other students. The experience was incredibly enriching and I will always remember the time I spent there. I hope to go back later this year.

Lucinda Rhodes

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Applying to Oxford

Applying to Oxford can seem like a daunting thing. Hear from students and how they look back at their experiences.

How did you feel applying to Oxford?
Did you think you’d get in?

I started at Oxford with quite a lot of doubt. I didn’t think I’d get in, but I was interested in seeing how far I could go in the application process.

I definitely did not think I would get into Oxford. Very few people from my school had ever got in before and I felt quite unprepared for the application process.

I had submitted all my required documents, but I was not sure if I would be accepted.

Did you think you’d get in?

I was one of the first times that I really felt at home in an academic sense. When you start learning, your peers are often just as important as the academic ones. In Oxford, you can be surrounded by people who share your interests and passions.

I remember being quite nervous about the interview process and the pressure of having to impress the interviewers. It was a big step, but it ended up being a great experience.

When helped you prepare for applying to Oxford?

I worked hard and studied a lot, researching the courses and the university. I also attended open days and visited the campus, which helped me make an informed decision.

I practiced my interview skills by asking and answering questions. I also considered the university’s reputation and the course I wanted to pursue.

What was your experience like in Oxford?

I found the academic environment to be very stimulating and challenging. The learning was engaging and I enjoyed the intellectual discussions.

I also found the social life to be vibrant with a lot of opportunities to meet new people and get involved in activities outside of the classroom.

Did you feel welcomed and supported by the university?

I found the university to be welcoming and supportive. The faculty members were approachable and the students were very friendly.

I benefited from a lot of academic and personal support, which helped me feel comfortable and more confident.

How did you feel during your time at Oxford?

I felt challenged and stimulated by the academic environment. I enjoyed the learning process and I was able to develop my skills and knowledge.

I also found the social life to be very enjoyable and I made a lot of new friends.

Did you feel prepared for the transition to university life?

Yes, I think I was well-prepared for the transition to university life. I had been to a private school and had experience with independent study and time management.

I think the opportunity to apply to Oxford was a great experience and it helped me grow both academically and personally.

Applying to Oxford was definitely a daunting thing, but I’m glad I took the chance. It was an amazing experience and I would do it again in a heartbeat.

Rebecca, Psychology

University College Oxford’s website especially for school and 6th form students.

Get ideas for reading around your subject with our Online Reading Bank of book reviews from current Oxford students.

Explore ways to stretch yourself academically beyond your college or university by checking out the Resources section— a gateway to lectures, podcasts, courses and more, all available for free online.

Watch interviews with our tutors to find out about different subjects at Oxford and what they’re looking for in students.

Get a feel for student life in Oxford by browsing our student’s photo albums in our UniLife section- or let them take you on a ‘stop-motion’ tour of our College!

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OUR STORY BEGAN IN 1249 WHEN WILLIAM OF DURHAM, A HIGH-POWERED THEOLOGY LECTURER WHO HAD RETIRED TO COUNTY DURHAM, LEFT IN HIS WILL 310 MARKS (A LOT OF MONEY IN THOSE DAYS) FOR THE SUPPORT OF POOR SCHOLARS.

THE REST IS HISTORY!

UNIV HAS ITS VERY OWN PET TORTOISE CALLED PERCY.
(HINT: LOOK AT THE TOP OF THE PAGE!)
HE'S CURRENTLY LIMBERING UP FOR THE ANNUAL TORTOISE RACE AGAINST OTHER COLLEGES.

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380+ UNDERGRADUATES
AND OVER 200 GRADUATE STUDENTS TOO!

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(OUR FULL NAME, BUT WE JUST CALL IT UNIV!)