



Oxford University working with  
British Bangladeshi and Pakistani  
students

## Jesus College, Oxford British Bangladeshi and Pakistani Year 12 Access Programme, 2021

### Programme of events\*

\* This is a draft programme so some events and details may be subject to change.

Jesus College, at the University of Oxford, intends to support British Bangladeshi and Pakistani students in making competitive applications to universities like Oxford. Therefore, we have created an outreach programme specifically aimed at providing support and guidance for Year 12 British Bangladeshi and Pakistani students and students of mixed race with Bangladeshi or Pakistani heritage considering university. The programme will also offer spaces to parents/carers and teachers.

The programme will be delivered online using the [Union Spaces](#) platform. We will use this site to host live events, post guidance films, run Q&As and share useful information. Participants will require internet access and a PC or device to access online content. Further information and joining instructions will be provided to successful applicants in due course.

Student participants in this programme ('the programme') do not need to be considering applying to the University of Oxford, access sessions will be geared to supporting applications to the world's most competitive universities, including Oxford. Teachers and parents/carers may be supporting British Bangladeshi and Pakistani students applying to a variety of institutions and should find much of the guidance provided helpful.

The 2021 programme will run over the following dates:

17th February - 15th October for **students**.  
17th February - 15th December for **teachers**.

Key dates are:

#### 17th February – Launch Day!

Launch for 100 year 12 learners, with 50 teachers, plus up to two parents, family, and guardians per student. Activities and resources include:

- Half-day mini virtual open day to run from 2pm-5pm.
- Keynote speech from Dr Samina Khan, Director of Undergraduate Admissions, University of Oxford.
- Live Q&A sessions with panels of students on academic matters, domestic matters, and admissions matters.
- Panel discussions Q&A covering a variety of topics such as: security, accommodation, "fitting in", food, women, religious observance. We expect to include subject groups for each of the divisions: Humanities, Mathematical, Physical & Life Sciences, Medical Sciences, Social Sciences.

- Pre-recorded mini-films, some in South Asian languages. Topics to include admissions, academic matters, domestic matters.
- 'For Parents/Guardians' mini-site (with live Q&A) including information in South Asian languages.

#### 24th February (ongoing) – Application Clinics

The opening of drop-in application clinics. This will be the start of monthly admissions and academic live events with Q&A.

#### 1st March – Programme Expansion

The online site will expand to 250 learners (plus parents/guardians) and 100 teachers. **If and only if security and moderation of the site have been maintained in the trial phase.**

This will include a general student Q&A live event for the expanded programme.

#### 10th March – 'Big Questions' launch!

Launch of the 'Big Questions' competition with £200 in book tokens to be won (one first prize of £100, two runner up prizes of £50 each)!

- Participants submit an important question and a 250-word abstract explaining why it is such a powerful question to pose.
- This will be in association with [Explore!](#)

#### 19th March – Personal Statements

Personal statement workshop with Q&A.

#### 14th April – Admissions Tests

Admissions test workshops with student Q&A, including resources.

#### 6th May – mini Open Day!

An Oxford Open Day for all participants not just those considering Oxford. Activities will include:

- Oxford Information and Guidance session.
- Q&A with current Oxford students.
- Virtual tours.
- Helpful resources and guidance.

#### 2nd June 'Big Questions' competition closes!

Close of "Big Questions" competition and live declaration of winners.

#### 9th June – First Teacher CPD

CPD evening virtual event for teachers on how to best support students with university applications.

#### June-August – Summer lecture series launch

The launch of our summer lecture series from guest lecturers, including Q&A. One lecture per week from a range of subjects, beginning 24th June.

#### September – Oxford visits (Covid 19 restrictions permitting!)

Where possible, participants will be invited to attend an outreach event in Oxford. Full details and arrangements will be finalised nearer the time as and when Covid19 restrictions allow.

#### October-November – application support

Online support for the Oxford application process will be offered from October as follows:

- Late Sept – Personal statement workshop.

- 6th October: Admissions test revision guidance. Q&A with students.
- Late Nov – Oxford interviews guidance session. Q&A with students.

3rd November – Second Teacher CPD (including teacher champions prize!)

CPD session for teachers including Q&A with education experts.

- Teachers will be encouraged to develop and submit an ‘aspiration plan’ for supporting British Bangladeshi and Pakistani students. There will be a prize for the best submission!

8th December – Declare teacher champions

Winner announced and prize confirmed.

15th October – Seminar programme for students ends for 2021

Feedback will be requested.

