Jesus College, Oxford
British Bangladeshi and Pakistani Year 12 Access Programme 2022

Programme information and schedule of events

Thank you for accessing this Programme Information Guide. Please note that although the information contained is as accurate as possible, details are subject to change. Please visit the programme webpage for any updates and the most recent version of this Guide.

Who is the programme for?

Jesus College, at the University of Oxford, intends to support British Bangladeshi and Pakistani students and students of mixed race with Bangladeshi or Pakistani heritage in making competitive applications to universities like Oxford.

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. Sessions will be focused on discussing admissions, academic, and domestic matters at universities. Teachers and parents/guardians may be supporting British Bangladeshi and Pakistani students applying to a variety of institutions and should find much of the guidance provided helpful.

Where and when?

The programme will run from February - October 2022. **This is a digital outreach programme delivered online** via conferencing platforms and digital channels such as Zoom and You Tube.

We will host live online events including admissions guidance workshops, taster lectures and Q&A sessions. **Participants will require internet access and a PC or device to access online events and content.** We expect to record many sessions so participants can catch up at a later date if needed.

We also anticipate an in-Oxford event will take place later in the programme. This will depend on Covid restrictions and capacity to host. Participants will be updated on this as and when details are available.

Eligibility criteria and attendance restrictions

To participate you must be:

1. A year 12 UK student from a British Bangladeshi or Pakistani background or mixed race with Bangladeshi or Pakistani heritage. Or,

2. A teacher or parent/guardian supporting a year 12 student(s) from a British Bangladeshi or Pakistani background or mixed race with Bangladeshi or Pakistani heritage.

Although we do not anticipate having to cap registration numbers, live-streamed sessions will have capacity limits and we may have to limit the number of attendees for in-person events. Priority will be given to UK state school students and we may consider other contextual data when prioritising participants.

How do I apply?

The initial registration deadline to attend the February launch was Sunday 13th February 2022. After this date we will continue to accept rolling registrations during the programme until places are full.

To register, whether as a student, teacher or parent/guardian, you must complete the online registration form here. Submissions will be checked each week and you will be contacted to confirm enrolment or follow up any missing information - please allow 5 working days for your registration to be processed.

The registration includes uploading a complete and signed Participation Consent Form, available here. All participants (whether pupil, teacher or parent/guardian) MUST provide a complete Consent Form.

Programme schedule

Key dates for the 2022 programme are below. Please note: this is a draft programme, some events and details may be subject to change.

16th February – Launch Day!
A mini virtual open day to run from approx. 2pm-5pm. Including student and academic panels covering "Why study at Oxford?", "What does Oxford look for?", "Is Oxford a safe home from home?"

23rd February – Opening of drop-in Application Clinics
Start of monthly admissions and academic live events with Q&A.

9th March – Start of "Big Questions" competition
A chance for participating students to win a share of £200 in book tokens! We're looking for the best submission of an important question, including a 250-word abstract explaining why it is such a powerful question to pose. Check out the University's Oxplore platform to discover plenty of other 'big questions'!

18th March – Application Clinic: personal statement workshop
Advice from tutors and current students on how to approach the UCAS personal statement. Guidance on what admissions tutors are looking for and what makes a strong statement.

13th April – Application Clinic: admissions test workshops
Oxford and Cambridge, along with many other universities and/or degree courses, require applicants to sit admissions tests as part of the undergraduate admissions process. This workshop will help demystify the process and offer tips and advice on how to prepare, including Q&A with students and helpful resources.

5th May – Open day IAG
General resources and guidance on applying to university and university life.

1st June – Close of "Big Questions" Competition
Declaration of winners to follow soon after.

8th June – Teacher evening CPD
A teacher CPD session on supporting students who are applying to Oxford and other competitive universities. Event delivery method to be confirmed.

June-August – Summer lecture series
A variety of subject lectures from guest speakers, including Q&A. One per week beginning 23rd June.

REMINDER: The Oxford application and admissions test registration deadline of 15th October is fast approaching!!! Make sure you keep up to date with all admissions related guidance via the University website: www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/undergraduate.

September – visit to Oxford
To be confirmed. We would like to offer an in-Oxford event for students and their parent/guardian. In 2021, participants were hosted at the Oxford colleges of Jesus and Trinity for lunch and an informal Q&A with current students. This was followed by a visit to the Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies. We hope to offer a similar event this year, Covid restrictions and resources permitting.

6th October – Application Clinic: admissions test revision
A chance to pick up some final admissions tests tips and ask current Oxford students about their experiences.

15th October – final session
Programme ends for 2022.