Framework to help students attending Oxford’s Virtual Open Days in July 2020

Open Days are taking place virtually from 9 am to 6 pm on Wednesday 1st July and Thursday 2nd July. Corpus students and tutors have produced amazing video content, plus there will be admissions staff, students, and tutors answering typed questions in real-time on the days themselves. The central University, departments, and other colleges will also have videos and functionality to ask questions.

We recommend planning in advance so that you maximise the usefulness of the time. To do this, please see the links and the worksheet below.

Useful links

1) Register for the latest updates from the University and tips on how to get the most out of the Virtual Open Days! Timetables for colleges and departments are now available.

2) Refer to the timetable for the Q&As with Corpus admissions staff, students and tutors. Please note that the timetable is the same for both days, so if you miss a Q&A on the Wednesday you can catch it on the Thursday!

3) Visit the Corpus website and the University website for more information about how the Virtual Open Days will work. The key point is that Corpus will have a web page on the University’s Virtual Open Days website which will host the videos and the question functionality. The central University, departments, and the other colleges will also have their own web pages.

4) Follow Corpus on Twitter for content such as profiles of the students involved in the Virtual Open Days. Check out the University Outreach Twitter as well as the accounts of other colleges and departments (to find their pages, search for the hashtag #OxOpenDay2020).

5) Follow the Corpus student Instagram to see student perspectives on the Virtual Open Days. Check out the University Admissions Instagram as well as the accounts of other colleges and departments (to find their pages, search for the hashtag #OxOpenDay2020).

Please note that most of the content produced for the Virtual Open Days will be available for a few months afterwards, so you won’t miss out if you don’t fit everything in this week.

Worksheet to guide students through the Virtual Open Days

In advance of the Open Days:

1) Using the links above:
a) Make a shortlist of the courses you’re interested in.
b) Make a shortlist of the colleges you’re interested in.
c) Make a list of additional information you’re interested in (e.g. student finance).

2) What sessions do you plan to attend on the Virtual Open Days? Make a list of the session names and the times e.g. Corpus Christi College Q&A with Tutors (English) at 5 pm.

3) Write down five things you want to learn from attending the Virtual Open Days.

**During the Open Days:**

4) Make notes for each of the sessions you attend. These notes could include useful answers to typed questions, for example.

5) Ask a question in each session you attend.

6) Follow up on suggested links, such as college and department websites.

**After the Open Days:**

7) What content did you miss that would be useful? Most of the content will still be available after the Open Days themselves so have a look at the relevant web pages.

8) Get in touch with a current student doing your subject. You can ask any further questions you have by emailing the Corpus Subject Ambassadors. If Corpus doesn’t offer your course, then search ‘chat to students’ on the websites of the relevant department or colleges.

9) What are your next steps for working on your university application? Write down three SMART targets (specific, measurable, attainable, relevant, and time-bound). The University’s Digital Resources Hub might be useful here.