Framework to help students attending Oxford’s Virtual Open Day in September 2020

Oxford University is running a virtual open day from 7am to 6pm on Friday 18 September. 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 day. In addition, we are excited to announce that there will be livestreamed sessions with students from 10-11am and 1-2pm. The central University, departments, and other colleges will also have videos and functionality to ask questions, as well as further livestreams.

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 Day! Timetables for colleges and departments are now available.

2) Refer to the timetable for the Q&As with Corpus admissions staff, students and tutors and the livestreams with students.

3) Visit the Corpus website and the University website for more information about how the Virtual Open Day 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 Day. 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 Day. 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 Day will be available for just under a month afterwards, so you won't miss out if you don't fit everything in on the day.
Worksheet to guide students through the Virtual Open Day

In advance of the Open Day:

1) Using the links above:
   a) Note down the course or courses that you’re interested in.
   b) Make a shortlist of the colleges that offer your course(s) and that you like the look of.
   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 Day? Make a list of the session names and the times e.g. Corpus Christi College Q&A with Tutors (English) at 4pm.

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

During the Open Day:

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 Day:

7) What content did you miss that would be useful? Most of the content will still be available after the Open Day itself 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.