

TOP TIPS THREADS

Oxford interviews

Links:

- 1) The University's guidance includes information about what to expect, videos and advice: <https://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/undergraduate/applying-to-oxford/guide/interviews>
- 2) Chat to current students! Corpus' Subject Ambassadors are very happy to answer your questions. Email them here: <https://ccc.ox.ac.uk/study-here/undergraduate-study/subject-ambassadors>
- 3) Keep exploring your subject! Oxford's digital resource hub has tons of materials: <https://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/undergraduate/increasing-access/ug-digital-resources/students-over-16>
- 4) Oxplore is Oxford's hub of big questions. It's a great place to go to get you thinking like an Oxford student: <https://explore.org>
- 5) Check out Jesus College's amazing series of videos which includes mock interviews, admissions tutor insights, taster lectures and tips from students: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCnNVlMl7ZIy2laJ4Md8AdLA/videos>
- 6) Watch St Edmund Hall's video on preparing for interviews: <https://youtube.com/watch?v=IAYzcCIdJkM&list=PLNXj4oGwnmWVot1zNQfaWtuQTWPOKNKQb&index=5>
- 7) Take a look at Hertford College's video which has interview tips from current students: <https://twitter.com/i/status/1334101752103243786>
- 8) University College's Staircase 12 Twitter account has a brilliant thread of subject-specific links - find your subject! <https://twitter.com/UnivStaircase12/status/1272845983882317824>
- 9) Maths/Maths and joint honours candidates: the Maths Department have a fab recording about interview problems at <https://maths.ox.ac.uk/r/matlive>

Preparation:

- 1) Practise talking through your ideas.



- 2) Set up a mock interview if you can - this could be with a teacher, or just a chat about your subject with a friend.
- 3) Explore your subject.
- 4) Think about why you want to study your subject and what your strengths/interests are.
- 5) Go through your personal statement and any written work.
- 6) Find extracts/news articles/graphs/objects (anything that relates to your subject) and ask yourself questions about the material.

During your interviews:

- 1) Allow time to get to your interview. If it's remote, allow time to get set up.
- 2) Think aloud - say your thoughts even if you're unsure.
- 3) Listen closely to what the tutors say.
- 4) Draw on what you already know and use this to help you answer the questions.
- 5) Ask for clarification if you're confused.
- 6) Don't panic if you think you've made a mistake - correct it and move on.
- 7) Remember that there isn't a singular right answer and tutors want to hear YOUR ideas.

After your interviews:

- 1) If you've got further interviews: reset, the next one is a blank slate and an opportunity to share your ideas and have a conversation about a subject you love.
- 2) Try not to judge how it went.
- 3) Relax and be proud - your brain just worked really hard!