ACCESS AND OUTREACH
WORKSHOPS

ACCESS@SOME.OX.AC.UK
2022-23
We aim to provide regular informative and engaging activities to school students in KS3-5, so that they make their post-16 and post-18 choices equipped with the knowledge and skills they need to fulfil their potential.

Somerville is linked with schools in Buckinghamshire, Portsmouth, the Isle of White, the Forest of Dean, Kingston-upon-Thames, and Hounslow and are very keen to hear from schools and teachers from those areas.

**The Team**

**Hannah Pack**
Access & Outreach Officer

An English graduate from Pembroke College Cambridge, Hannah then taught English Literature and English for Academic purposes in various Further Education and Sixth Form Colleges in Oxford and Cambridge for 7 years. She moved into Outreach work at Somerville College in 2019.

**Eren Slate**
Access & Outreach Assistant

Eren did his degree and then PhD in Chemistry at The University of Sheffield. After graduating, he volunteered as a youth worker and worked in a state secondary school in the South West, near where he grew up. He's been working in Oxford outreach since 2021.

**Oxford 4 SE**

Somerville works alongside St John's, St Hugh's and St Hilda's colleges in the Oxford for South East Consortium.

For more information about the consortium please visit: https://www.ox.ac.uk/oxfordforSE
These workshops offer an introduction to university and to university-style “big questions” using resources from Oxplore.org.

We can come to you to deliver the workshop, or you can email us and we’ll send you the lesson plan and worksheets for teachers to use.

"The student ambassadors were amazing and guided us through every experience really well"
  Gumley House Student

"I have learnt that Oxford university is really big, and the people who go there are nice and friendly."
  Bourne End Academy Student

VISIT US

We are always delighted to host schools on a visit day. We have a variety of workshops and activities available to suit your needs.

Suggested visit day activities for KS3-4 :

- Welcome and Why University? Why Oxford? talk by an Outreach Officer
- Tour and Q&A with student ambassadors
- Oxplore workshop OR academic taster session
- Museum visit
The Outreach Team can deliver activities in your school in person or online.

KS3-4 suitable workshops include:
- Making Post-16 Choices (KS4)
- Oxplore (KS3 & 4)

Why University? Why Oxford? aims to:
- Introduce university
- Discuss university level teaching and study
- Demystify Oxford university

Making Post-16 Choices aims to:
- Discusses uni as a post-16 choice
- Show how choices can affect future options
- Give guidance on choosing your options

Oxplore aims to:
- Introduce university style questions
- Develop and exercise critical thinking skills
- Engage pupils in discussion of open-ended questions

BOOKING

To book a visit day or an activity based in your school please visit [bit.ly/SomervilleVisit](https://bit.ly/SomervilleVisit) and complete our booking form

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"Everyone was very welcoming and Informative"

Christ the King College Student

"The students thoroughly enjoyed the day as it was a new experience to visit such a prestigious University which they have only heard about but seeing it first hand made them realise that it's just like any other university."

Portsmouth Academy Teacher

VISIT US

We are always delighted to host schools on a visit day. We have a variety of workshops and activities available to suit your needs.

Suggested visit day activities for KS5:
- Welcome and Applying to Oxbridge talk by an Outreach Officer
- Tour and Q&A with student ambassadors
- Oxplore workshop OR academic taster session
- Museum visit
- Second college tour OR tour of Oxford city centre
The Outreach Team can deliver activities in your school in person or online.

KS5 suitable workshops include:
- Applying to Oxbridge
- Personal statements
- Interviews
- Oxplore

**Applying to Oxbridge aims to:**
- Give an overview of the application process
- Explain additional Oxbridge application steps
- Give advice and guidance on admissions

**Personal statements aims to:**
- Introduce supercurricular activities
- Provide advice on writing personal statements using examples

**Interviews aims to:**
- Explain how Oxford interviews work
- Suggest ways to practice for an interview
- Show example interview questions from various subjects

**Oxplore aims to:**
- Introduce university style questions
- Develop and exercise critical thinking skills
- Engage pupils in discussion

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We also have a teachers' newsletter which you can sign up for by emailing access@some.ox.ac.uk

ARRANGING VISITS

If you have any questions about a visit or activity you would like to book, that aren't covered by this booklet then please feel free to email us.

We would like to encourage schools to include pupils from widening participation backgrounds, e.g. FSM, first generation to go to university etc, as much as possible within the group they bring.

We will do our best to provide the support you require however due to staff capacity, we cannot guarantee multiple visits from/to the same school in a single academic year.

MORE INFO

For more information please visit https://www.some.ox.ac.uk/study-here/access-outreach/partner-schools-and-link-areas/