



Oxford University

explained

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**Hertford
College**

Oxford is...

a little bit different

- Broad range of academic courses
- Tutorial system
- Collegiate structure
- Excellent resources
- Financial support
- Historic city

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I was so excited by the idea of studying with experts in the field, and at Oxford, you have the opportunity to learn from the very best.

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Oxford is...

small-group teaching

- Lectures
- Seminars / classes
- Practicals
- Fieldwork
- Tutorials / supervisions
- Independent study

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Having to come up with a convincing argument each week is challenging, but it's taught me how to question what I come across – it's a skill that will last a lifetime.

REBECCA



Oxford is...

a college community

- A mini campus to live and study
- Accommodation and meals
- Tutorial teaching and a personal tutor
- College library
- Pastoral support
- Social spaces
- Clubs, teams and societies



Oxford is...

not all about studying

- 400 University clubs and societies
- Sports teams at every level
- Gyms and sports grounds
- Volunteering and charity
- Meet new people and build skills



Oxford is...

financial support

- No separate application process
- Additional support for estranged and care-experienced students
- Crankstart Scholars have access to volunteering, internships and community events

Household income	Programme	Annual bursary
£27,500 or less	<i>Crankstart Scholarship</i>	£4,200 - £5,000
£30,000 or less	<i>Oxford Bursary</i>	£2,500
£35,000 or less	<i>Oxford Bursary</i>	£1,900
£37,500 or less	<i>Oxford Bursary</i>	£1,400
£40,000 or less	<i>Oxford Bursary</i>	£1100
~£42,875 or less	<i>Oxford Bursary</i>	£800

All figures correct as of March 2023

How to...

apply to Oxford

1. Choose a course

2. Choose a college

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Apply, apply, apply!
You have nothing to
lose... and potentially
a lot to gain. Believe
in yourself.

SIMRAN



How to...

choose a course

- ✓ **A favourite subject**

Biology / English / Geography / Mathematics / Music

- ✓ **Two (or three!) combined**

History & Spanish / Physics & Philosophy / Philosophy, Politics & Economics

- ✓ **Something brand new**

Classics / Biochemistry / Egyptology / Human Sciences / Materials Science

Archaeology & Anthropology

Asian & Middle Eastern Studies

Biochemistry

Biology

Biomedical Sciences

Chemistry

Classical Archaeology & Ancient History

Classics

Classics & English

Classics & Modern Languages

Classics & Asian & Middle Eastern Studies

Computer Science (& Philosophy)

Earth Sciences

Economics & Management

Engineering Science

English Language & Literature

English & Modern Languages

European & Middle Eastern Languages

Fine Art

Geography

History

History (Ancient & Modern)

History & Economics

History & English

History & Modern Languages

History & Politics

History of Art

Human Sciences

Law

Materials Science

Mathematics

Mathematics & Computer Science

Mathematics & Philosophy

Mathematics & Statistics

Medicine

Modern Languages (& Linguistics)

Music

Philosophy & Modern Languages

Philosophy, Politics & Economics (PPE)

Philosophy & Theology

Physics (& Philosophy)

Psychology

Psychology, Philosophy & Linguistics

Religion & Asian & Middle Eastern Studies

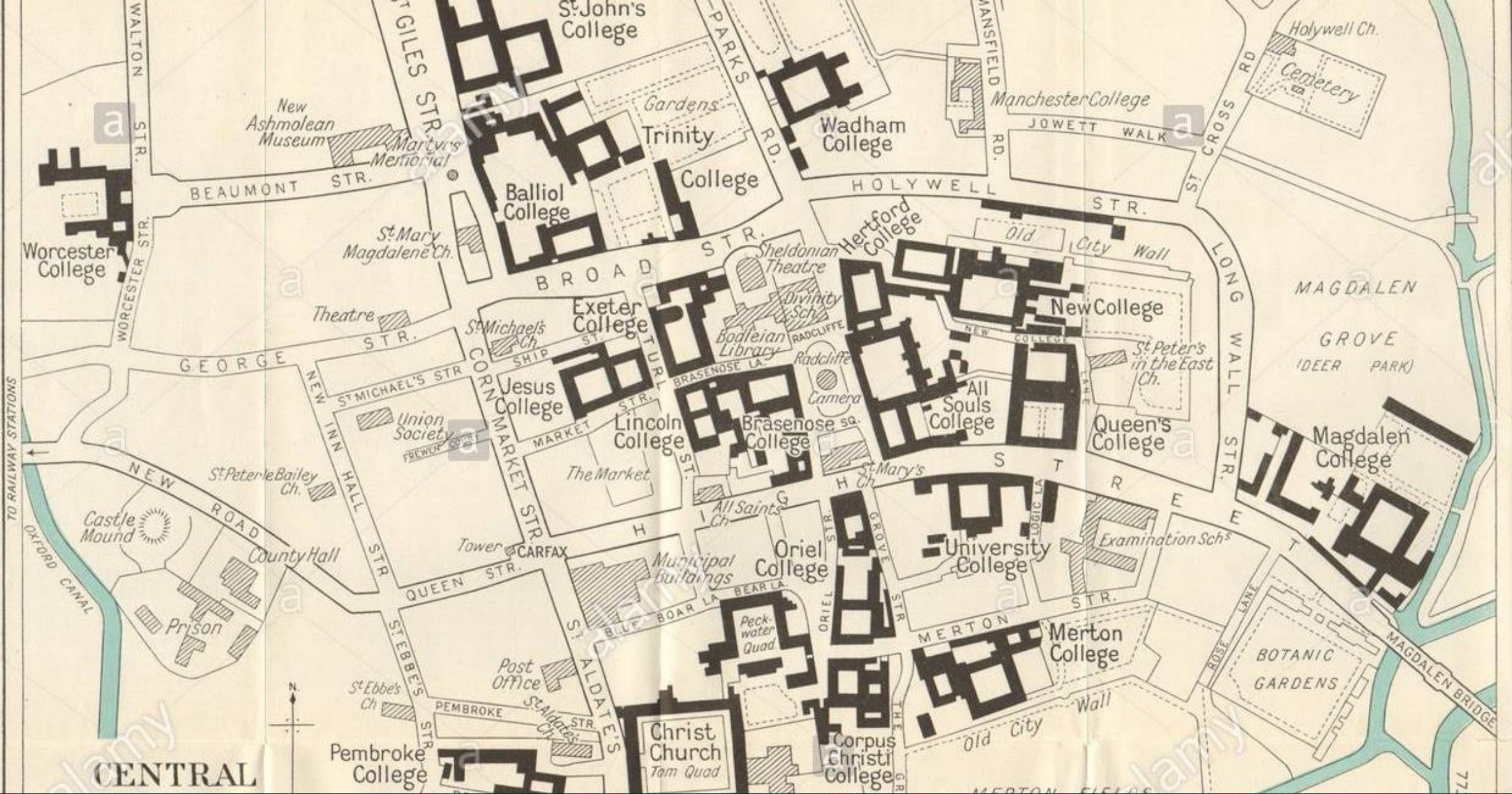
Theology & Religion

How to...

choose a college

- Which colleges offer my course?
- Where is it in relation to the rest of the city?
- What are the facilities + accommodation like?
- Are there any extra bursaries or grants?
- Explore online or visit on an Open Day
- Or make an 'open application'







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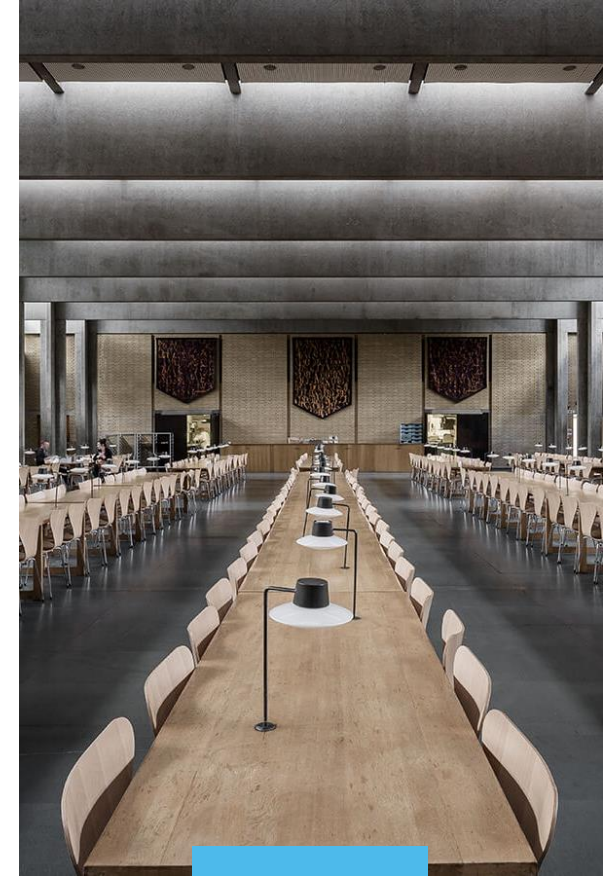
1528

Christ Church



1874

Hertford



1962

St Catherine's

What are we looking for?

Subject requirements

Academic ability & potential

Genuine subject interest,
enthusiasm & motivation



What are we not looking for?

Your school, family or
financial background

Any unrelated extra-
curricular activities

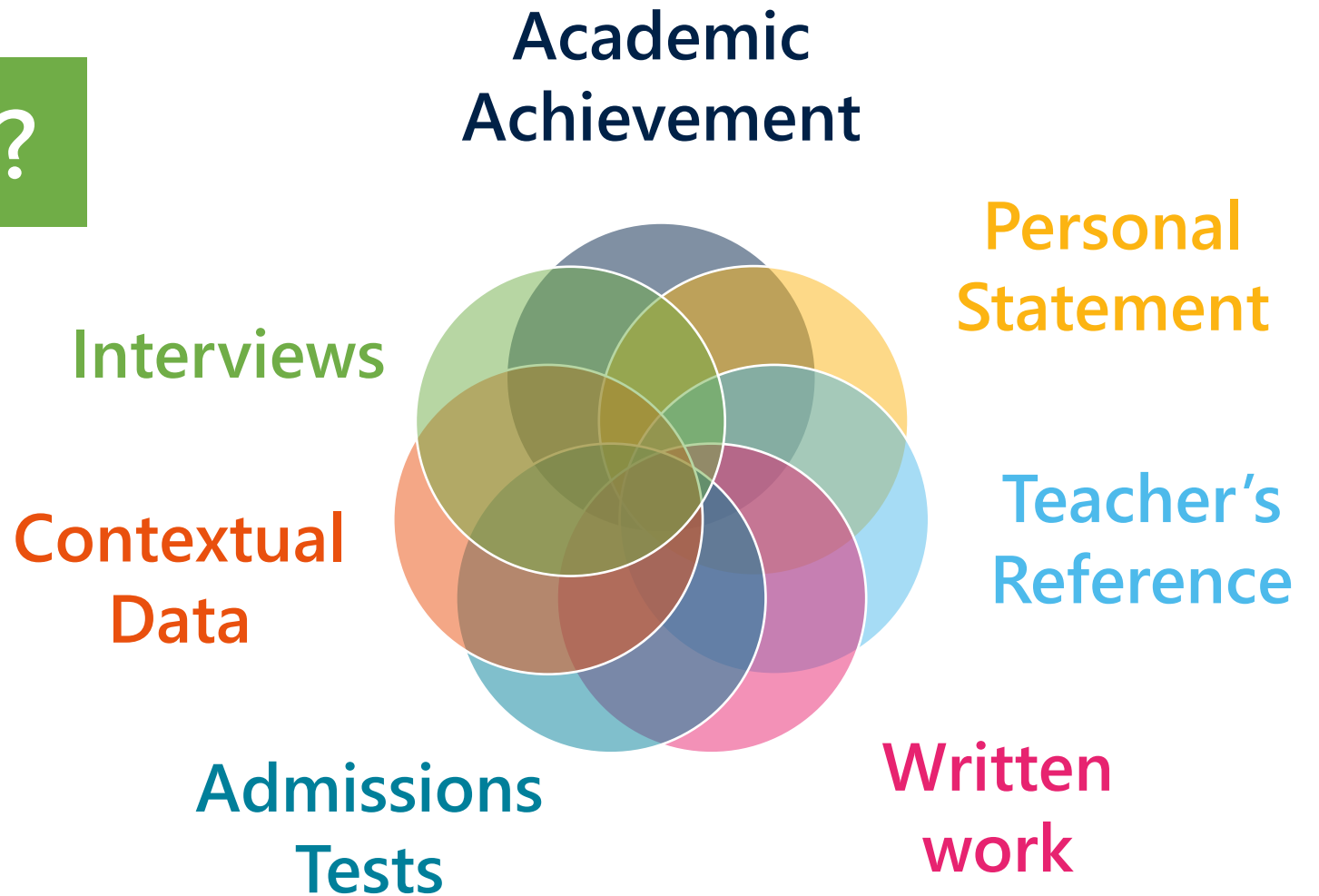


What do we

take into account?

We use all of the information we have gathered about you to make a balanced and highly informed decision about whether to offer you a place.

We always have far more talented candidates than places available.

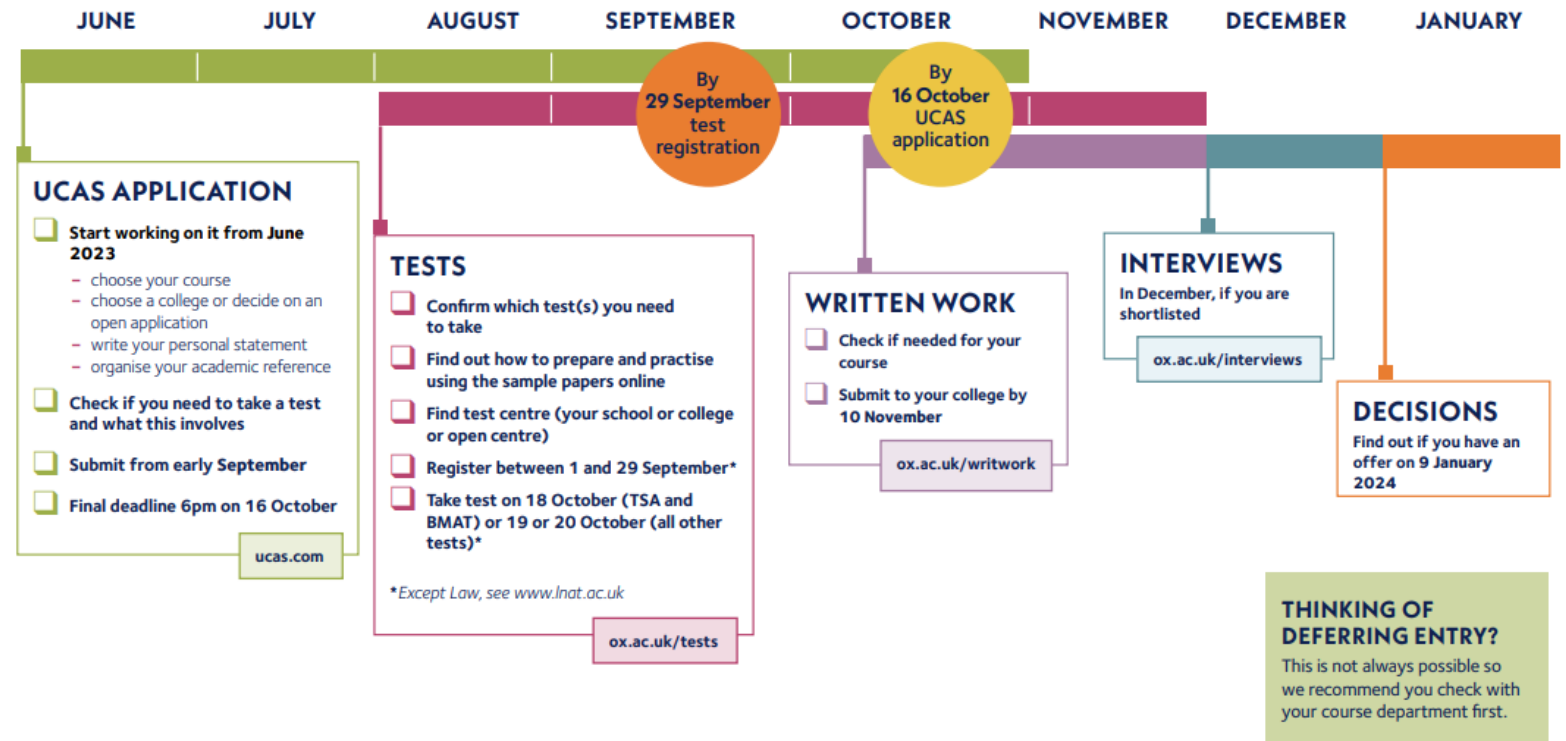


Application

timeline

You need to apply a year before the start date of your course through the UCAS website. Applications open in early September, and the deadline is 15 October.

HOW YOU APPLY 2024 ENTRY



Writing your personal statement

- ✓ Plan it first
- ✓ Check spelling and grammar
- ✓ Be honest and reflective
- ✓ Sell yourself
- ✓ Show, don't tell
- ✓ Why do you want to study the course?



Go above and beyond

Explore further to find inspiration for your personal statement, discover something to think about before your interview or simply because you are intellectually curious.

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Take on our super-curricular challenge!

There are lots of ways to engage with your favourite subjects outside of the classroom. Find the ones that suit you, build your thinking skills, and share your findings with us by using #HertfordChallenge!

On these pages, you'll find some of our favourite ways to get inspired by academic subjects. Unsure about what 'super-curricular' means? Read more in our handy explainers below. If this is your first time here, why not check out our [blog post](#) about getting to grips with super-curriculars? Remember that this isn't a prescribed reading list – it's a selection of prompts and ideas to get you started.



Online resources



Wider reading



Podcasts and audio



Subject societies

Being super curricular

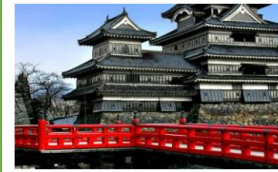
Stepping stone structure

1. What have you done?
2. What were you struck by?
3. What did you do to find out more?
4. What questions were raised?

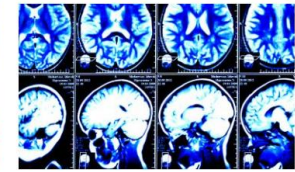
Listening to the Law in Action podcast on human rights introduced me to the intersection of formal and informal justice systems. I was struck by the way in which the Universal Declaration of Human Rights simultaneously protects our physical, mental, social and cultural rights and the way in which it is enforced. This led me to watch a lecture by Sir Geoffrey Nice QC on forced organ harvesting in China. I was fascinated by how informal Peoples' Tribunals have investigated these abuses of human rights in a way which the official court system cannot do itself. This demonstrated to me how the law can be used directly by the people it protects, rather than just being set and enforced by official bodies. I am now investigating how this concept can be applied in other areas of human rights.

Tests and written work

- Practice with free online past papers
- Designed to challenge you
- New problems and scenarios
- Marked school essays
- Demonstrate your analytical, reasoning, language and writing skills.



AMELAT (Asian and Middle Eastern Languages Admissions Test (formerly known as the OLAT))



BMAT (Biomedical Admissions Test)



CAT (Classics Admissions Test)



Oxford ELAT (English Literature Admissions Test)



GAT (Geography Admissions Test)



HAT (History Admissions Test)



LNAT (Law National Aptitude Test)



MAT (Mathematics Admissions Test)



MLAT (Modern Languages Admissions Test)



PAT (Physics Admissions Test)
Also for Engineering Science and Materials Science



Philosophy Test (for Philosophy and Theology only)



TSA (Thinking Skills Assessment)



Fine Art practical



Music Performance Test

Understanding

interviews

- Have been online in recent years
- You'll normally have more than one
- A two-way conversation about your subject
- Unfamiliar material to see how you think
- Might discuss personal statement and/or written work



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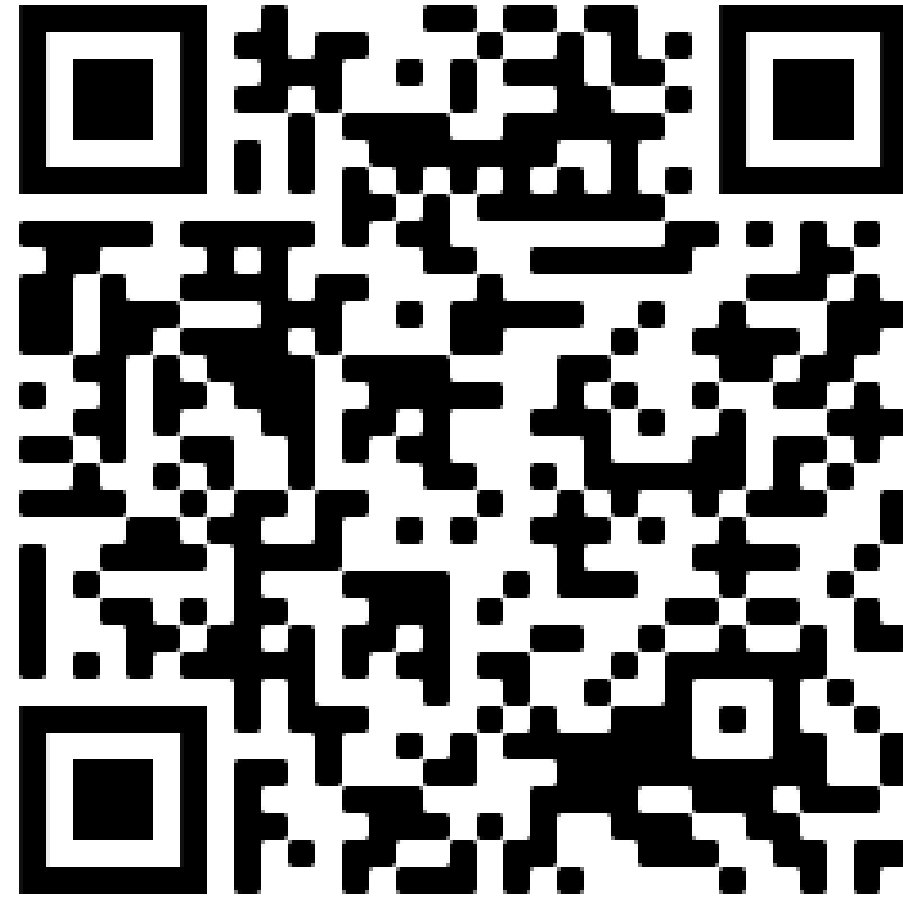
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TSA example

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What is the minimum range in which the true temperature lies?

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The quickest method is to search for the acceptable highest and lowest temperatures that meet the conditions, realising that the middle value is irrelevant. As one thermometer reads 7° , the temperature cannot be above 9° and, as another reads 10° , the temperature cannot be below 8° .

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