



Oxford for North East



# Aim for Oxford

Oxford for North East (Christ Church, St Anne's and Trinity Colleges) are working together to support prospective applicants from the North East of England in making competitive applications to the University of Oxford. Our ambition is that Oxford should be the home of choice for the brightest and most ambitious students from all backgrounds. We believe that a diverse student population is the best student population and that diversity in itself is a rich source of learning. We are committed to increasing applications from students from less advantaged socio-economic backgrounds and ethnic minority groups that are currently under-represented at Oxford. Aim for Oxford – a programme for ambitious sixth formers in the North East - is one of the ways that we will do this.





# Outreach and access

Between 2018-2020, 40,996 UK applicants applied to Oxford for undergraduate study, of which 816 were from the North East. Of these North East applicants, 193 received offers – a success rate of 23.65% - just higher than the UK success rate of 22.14%. Students from the North East represent 2.1% of the undergraduates at Oxford, yet 4.1% of the UK population. We know that there are many bright young people from the North East who have the potential to apply, as well as many others who have the ambition to make a successful application, but may need ongoing support during the application process.

Oxford's colleges are working with students in state schools across the UK. St Anne's, Christ Church and Trinity colleges make up the Oxford for North East Consortium and through the consortium offer events aimed at secondary school students from Year 7 to Year 13. The consortium introduces younger students to Oxford and higher education in general and provides more specific support for sixth formers on making applications to Oxford and other competitive universities. The North East is the most under-represented English region amongst Oxford undergraduates and so it is particularly important to us to ensure that we are not missing out on talented students who could benefit from the opportunity to study at Oxford.

Our focus

The Oxford for North East Consortium offers funded residential stays at the University's Open Days for students and teachers from North East state schools, allowing them to travel to Oxford and stay for two nights completely free of charge, learning more about the University, its courses and how to apply. Outreach Officers from St Anne's, Christ Church and Trinity also travel to our link regions to give information and guidance sessions, including interview workshops. All this work is supported by generous donations and last year over 5,000 state school pupils benefitted.

The colleges' current interactions with schools are important for maintaining positive relationships and providing a key point of contact with the University. However, in addition to maintaining a core level of outreach provision across the region, Aim for Oxford allows us to work in a sustained way with an identified group of students from across the North East.



Christ Church, St Anne's and Trinity Colleges organise a more targeted high-intensity two-year long programme, working with a cohort of young people in a sustained manner. This programme will support disadvantaged, high achieving state school applicants from the point that they get their GCSE results through to making strong applications for, and then arriving at, Oxford.

## Year 12 Programme Nov 2022 – Aug 2023

- 1-to-1 meetings with selected participants and parents/carers including personalised Information, Advice and Guidance (IAG) support
- Academic enrichment and IAG sessions delivered across four dates in the North East
- Opportunities to engage with University researchers and alumni
- Support to complete a summer independent research task
- A four night summer school, including free travel, accommodation and meals, taster tutorials, library and departmental visits, application support and guidance, admissions test preparation support and undergraduate student mentors

## Year 13 Programme Sept 2023 – Sept 2024

- Students completing Year 12 of the programme who go on to make applications to Oxford will progress to the Year 13 programme
- Interview preparation workshops delivered in the North East
- Opportunity to meet other Offer Holders from across the North East

## Application Process

Sept - early November

Pupils entering Year 12 of a state school in the North East of England will be eligible to apply. Selection for places will be on the basis of contextualised educational achievement at GCSE and one or more of the following widening participation criteria:

- A POLAR postcode score of 1 or 2 or an ACORN postcode score of 4 or 5
- Eligibility for free school meals
- From an ethnic minority background which is underrepresented at Oxford
- Among the first generation in their family to go to university
- Have been, or currently are in, care
- Young carers

Information in short personal statements and teachers references will also be taken into account. Students can register their interest in the programme throughout summer 2022, with applications opening in September.

**Successful Oxford applicants from Aim for Oxford will commence their studies at the University of Oxford in October 2024.**

'This ambitious and exciting new initiative will provide talented students from the North East with insights and the best possible support so that they can aim for Oxford. We are looking forward to working with schools, students, and the local community to open up the University, and reaching those students we are missing out on at the moment.'

**Helen King – St Anne's College Principal**

## Ways to get involved

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If you know someone who would like to be involved or who should consider applying to study here, please tell them about Aim for Oxford and encourage them to get in touch.

Applications for the 2022-2023 cohort are now open: <https://oxford.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/>

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