



# Pre-programme task: Aspects of Oxford

This is an opportunity for you to research and present on a cultural, historical, economic, political or social aspect of Oxford's rich heritage to your peers at the start of the programme. It is an enriching experience for everyone involved as it allows the teaching team to find out more about your interests, and for you to find out more about Oxford as soon as you arrive.

Please choose one of the following topic areas and come prepared to offer a 5-minute presentation on your research. If you choose history, for example, you may like to look at a specific period or event in Oxford's history. These topic headings are guidelines only and we welcome presentations on any other aspects of Oxford that you find interesting and would like to share with your peers.

Students work individually on this task and we ask you to bring any power points on a USB stick, as external equipment is not always compatible with our IT provisions.

Here are some possible topic areas:

- Music: classical/contemporary, Oxford bands etc.
- Culture: the arts/literature
- History, including economic History: e.g. the Rover/BMW plant in Cowley and migration
- The university and the collegiate system
- Geography
- Architecture
- Events: e.g. May Day, Oxford-Cambridge Boat Race, Bonfire Night etc.
- Traditions and Folklore
- Oxford alumni
- Academic research
- Social history

Enjoy your research! We look forward to meeting you this summer.



<b>DAY 1</b>  Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>ARRIVAL DAY</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arrive at a London airport.</li> <li>• Hertford College Residential Advisors (RAs) will meet you.</li> <li>• Travel to Oxford by private coach. You will stay in Oxford University accommodation.</li> <li>• On arrival: meal, orientation and welcome information</li> </ul>						
<b>DAY 2</b>  Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>09:00 – 10:30</b>	TEA BREAK	<b>11:00 – 12:30</b>	LUNCH	<b>14:00 – 16:00</b>	DINNER	<b>EVENING</b>
	<b>Introduction to the Advanced British Culture and Humanities Programme</b>  Lecture – The History of Oxford University and the Tutorial System and the Oxford University Application Process  A presentation followed by discussion and Q and A session	<b>Christopher Wren and the Architects of Oxford</b>  An exploration of the various forms and functions of Oxford's historic buildings	<b>Tour of Discovery</b>  A self-guided exploration of the hidden corners of Oxford. In small groups you will navigate the historic city centre by identifying architectural details.	<b>Cultural Activities with RAs</b>			