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# Spring Open Enrolment Programme

*At Hertford College, Oxford*

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Two Week British Culture and Society Programme

SPRING 2020



# **An Introduction to Hertford College Spring 2020**

Hertford College was founded in 1282 – it is one of the oldest of Oxford University's 38 colleges. Located in the centre of historic Oxford, our beautiful college boasts the Bridge of Sighs, an iconic landmark of the city.

Hertford College is an ideal setting for students wishing to challenge themselves academically and deepen their knowledge of Britain and British culture.

## **What to expect from our academic programme?**

- You will study in the unique atmosphere of Oxford.
- You will be encouraged to discuss ideas and gain new perspectives.
- You will develop valuable academic and communication skills.

***Welcome to Oxford!***





# 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. Mayday, 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.



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| <b>DAY 1</b>                     | <b>ARRIVAL DAY</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |           |                                                                                                                                                                  |       |                                                                                                                                                             |        |                                                                                                                                               |
| Sunday<br>15 <sup>th</sup> March | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Arrive at a London airport.</li><li>• Travel to Oxford. You will stay in Oxford University accommodation.</li><li>• Hertford College Residential Advisors (RAs) will meet you.</li><li>• On arrival: meal and welcome information</li></ul> |           |                                                                                                                                                                  |       |                                                                                                                                                             |        |                                                                                                                                               |
| WEEK ONE                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |           |                                                                                                                                                                  |       |                                                                                                                                                             |        |                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>DAY 2</b>                     | <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>                                                                                                                                |
| Monday<br>16 <sup>th</sup> March | <b>Introduction to the British Culture and Society Programme</b><br><br><b>Formal Language Assessment</b><br>Students complete a placement test.                                                                                                                                    |           | <b>Architecture in Oxford</b><br>Famous Oxford Buildings – the history and purpose of Oxford’s well-known landmarks.                                             |       | <b>Out and About Tour of Discovery</b><br>A self-guided exploration of the hidden corners of Oxford to help you become familiar with this fascinating city. |        | <b>Orientation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Accommodation</li><li>• Facilities</li><li>• Connecting to the internet.</li></ul> |
| <b>DAY 3</b>                     | <b>Oxford University and the Tutorial System</b><br>The lecture is followed by a Q and A session. You will have the chance to ask questions about the admissions processes at Oxford and other British universities.                                                                | TEA BREAK | <b>Aspects of Oxford</b><br>Presentations by students based on the pre-course task.<br>Each mini presentation will be followed by a question and answer session. | LUNCH | <b>Welcome Tea at 3:00pm</b><br>Sample a delicious and traditional cream tea in the splendid surroundings of Hertford College’s historic dining hall.       | DINNER | <b>Cultural activities with RAs</b>                                                                                                           |

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| <b>DAY 4</b><br><br>Wednesday<br>18 <sup>th</sup> March | <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>History of the English Language</b><br>Learn about the development of English, from the language spoken by the first invaders to the different versions existing around the world today. |           | <b>Presentation Workshop 1</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction to business presentations and presentation techniques</li> <li>• How to plan and deliver an effective presentation</li> </ul> |       | <b>Alice in Wonderland</b><br>A chance to explore the world of Lewis Carroll and encounter the wonderful characters in this classic children's story. Discover how the author was inspired by Oxford.<br><br>Study of the text is followed by an examination of how Alice has become an Oxford tourist attraction. |        | <b>Cultural activities with RAs</b> |
| <b>DAY 5</b><br><br>Thursday<br>19 <sup>th</sup> March  | <b>Media and Communication</b><br>Learn about Britain's press and practise the language of journalism.                                                                                      | TEA BREAK | <b>Pronunciation Workshop</b><br>Connected speech in natural English: noticing and practising assimilation and elision                                                                                             | LUNCH | <b>Introduction to London</b><br>Tomorrow you will visit this metropolitan city. In this session, we introduce and explain the most famous sights and artistic treasures you will see in the National Gallery and the British Museum.                                                                              | DINNER | <b>Cultural activities with RAs</b> |

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| <b>DAY 6</b><br><br>Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March   | <b>Study Tour: London</b><br>You will spend the day in Central London visiting the National Gallery, Trafalgar Square, Big Ben and the River Thames at Westminster Bridge, and the British Museum.<br><br>You will be accompanied and guided by the RAs. Transport will be by private coach. |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | DINNER                         | <b>Cultural activities with RAs</b> |
| <b>DAY 7</b><br><br>Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> March | BREAKFAST<br>(Sign up in advance)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <b>Weekend</b><br>At the weekend you have free time. If you wish to stay in Oxford, your RAs are available for Oxford activities, such as punting, walking tours, shopping, college and museum visits.<br>Alternatively, some students choose to travel independently to nearby place of interest such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• London</li><li>• Cambridge</li><li>• Bath</li><li>• The Cotswolds</li><li>• Stonehenge</li><li>• Blenheim Palace</li></ul><br>These trips are not included in the programme price. Your RAs are available to offer advice and support about travel arrangements. Breakfast is served in the morning, but you must sign up with RAs in advance. |                                |                                     |
| <b>DAY 8</b><br><br>Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March   | BREAKFAST<br>(advance)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <b>Weekend</b><br><br>Free time (as above). Breakfast and dinner are offered on this day, but you must sign up for them with your RAs by Wednesday (day 4) at the latest.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | DINNER<br>(Sign up in advance) | <b>Free time</b>                    |

## WEEK TWO

| DAY 9                                         | 09:00 – 10:30                                                                                                                                                                    |           | 11:00 – 12:30                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |       | 14:00 – 16:00                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |        | EVENING                             |
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| Monday<br>23 <sup>rd</sup> March              | <b>Food and Drink</b><br>Learn about local and regional specialities and the history of some famous dishes.                                                                      | TEA BREAK | <b>Advanced Social English</b><br>Colloquial English and successful interaction: how to be 'spontaneous' in your conversation.                                                                                                                                          | LUNCH | <b>Academic Debating Skills</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Expressing your opinion and commenting</li> <li>Dis/agreeing</li> <li>Asking for/giving opinions</li> <li>Language of persuasion</li> <li>Turn-taking</li> </ul> <b>Mini debate in groups</b> | DINNER | <b>Cultural activities with RAs</b> |
| DAY 10<br>Tuesday<br>24 <sup>th</sup> March   | <b>Study of a Cultural Icon</b><br>William Shakespeare: an introduction to the life, language, works and influence of England's most famous dramatist                            | TEA BREAK | <b>Vocabulary Development</b><br>Idiomatic expressions from Shakespeare in current language use today                                                                                                                                                                   | LUNCH | <b>Drama Workshop</b><br>An opportunity to explore the power of language with a drama coach. You will have the chance to study and act out a well-known story.                                                                                                       | DINNER | <b>Cultural activities with RAs</b> |
| DAY 11<br>Wednesday<br>25 <sup>th</sup> March | <b>History of Modern Pop Music and Youth Culture</b><br>Chart the rise of pop music and youth culture in the UK and its influence on society, from the 1950s to the present day. | TEA BREAK | <b>Presentations Workshop 2</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Learn and practise advanced techniques to give your presentations greater impact.</li> <li>Emphatic language</li> <li>Handling questions</li> <li>Intonation and sentence/word stress</li> </ul> | LUNCH | <b>Flash Fiction and Creative Writing Workshop</b><br>Students work together to create an effective text. Explore the world of poetic forms including concrete poems and haiku.                                                                                      | DINNER | <b>Cultural activities with RAs</b> |

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| DAY 12<br><br>Thursday<br>26 <sup>th</sup> March | 09:00 – 10:30                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                | TEA BREAK | 11:00 – 12:30                               |  | LUNCH | 14:00 – 16:00                                                                                                                                                                                          |  | EVENING                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |  |
|                                                  | End of Programme Presentations<br>Students deliver presentations in small groups before an audience. Each presentation will be followed by a Q and A session. |                                                                                                                |           | End of Course Presentations<br>continued... |  |       | Feedback on presentations and end of course assessment<br><br>Your teachers will give you feedback on your presentations, and you will be asked to complete a mandatory end of course assessment form. |  | GALA DINNER<br>Celebrate your success at a memorable candle-lit dinner in one of Hertford College’s historic Dining Halls, where you will be presented with a certificate at the end-of-course ceremony. This is a special event so please wear smart clothes. |  |
| DAY 13<br><br>Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March      | BREAKFAST                                                                                                                                                     | FREE DAY<br><br>Free day to explore as you wish. Breakfast is the only meal provided on this day.              |           |                                             |  |       |                                                                                                                                                                                                        |  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |  |
| DAY 14<br><br>Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> March    | BREAKFAST                                                                                                                                                     | DEPARTURE DAY<br><br>You will make your own way back to the airport following departure from Hertford College. |           |                                             |  |       |                                                                                                                                                                                                        |  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |  |



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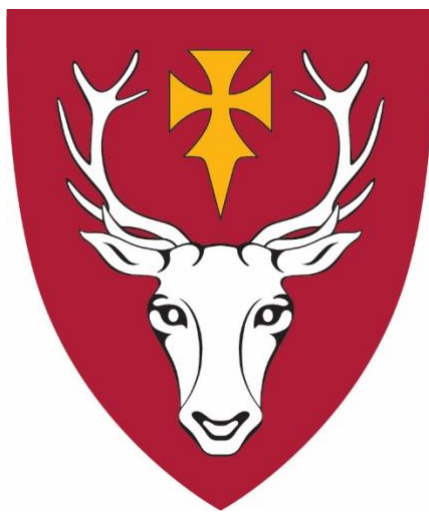
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