

## Getting Ready for Oxbridge Timeline: **Students**

### Did you know?

- There are over 50,000 different university courses in the UK. There will be a course out there that's right for you, and it may even be something you haven't heard of yet!
- University graduates earn more; graduates from top universities earn even more. Aim high.
- More than 41,000 students drop out of their course. Do your research to make sure you pick the right course.

### Future Plans

How will you select a university course?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <a href="https://www.theuniguide.co.uk/courses">https://www.theuniguide.co.uk/courses</a></li> <li>➤ <a href="https://www.thecompleteuniversityguide.co.uk/student-advice/what-to-study/choosing-a-course">https://www.thecompleteuniversityguide.co.uk/student-advice/what-to-study/choosing-a-course</a></li> </ul>
How will you decide which universities you'll apply to?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <a href="https://www.theguardian.com/education/ng-interactive/2025/sep/13/the-guardian-university-guide-2026-the-rankings">https://www.theguardian.com/education/ng-interactive/2025/sep/13/the-guardian-university-guide-2026-the-rankings</a></li> <li>➤ <a href="https://www.timeshighereducation.com/student/best-universities/best-universities-uk">https://www.timeshighereducation.com/student/best-universities/best-universities-uk</a></li> </ul>
Do you know the application timeline?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <a href="https://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/undergraduate/applying-to-oxford/admissions-timeline">https://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/undergraduate/applying-to-oxford/admissions-timeline</a></li> </ul>
How does student finance work?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <a href="https://www.gov.uk/student-finance">https://www.gov.uk/student-finance</a></li> <li>➤ <a href="https://www.moneysavingexpert.com/students/student-loans-decoded/">https://www.moneysavingexpert.com/students/student-loans-decoded/</a></li> </ul>

### Skills Development

- What skills do you need to study your chosen course?
- What super-curricular opportunities are there?
- What are you going to do outside the classroom?
  - Apply for activities and events (e.g. summer schools, open days, taster sessions)
  - Making the most of existing free resources (e.g. reading, pre-recorded sessions, MOOCs)? Looking for ideas, try [here](#), [here](#) or [here](#)
- How are you going to prepare for [admissions tests](#)?
- How are you going to prepare for interviews at [Cambridge](#), [Oxford](#) and [Medicine interviews](#)?

### Skills Showcase

- Keep a record of super-curricular activities. Use the 'Super-curricular Reflective' log template (What? So what? Now what?)
- Draft your personal statement. Don't try and write it all at once. Build it up paragraph by paragraph; make it manageable.
- Leave yourself time to edit and re-draft your statement – you won't get it right first time!