



OXFORD
TUTORIAL COLLEGE
INDEPENDENT SIXTH FORM

A-LEVELS, BTEC & GCSE COURSES



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WELCOME TO OXFORD

Study in the beautiful and ancient city - while preparing for entry to top universities.

Oxford Tutorial College offers you the chance to study in a world-famous centre of learning. At our College in the centre of Oxford you will receive expert tuition in your subjects, learn a range of advanced study skills and earn the qualifications to enter a top university - all while being inspired by the beauty and culture of this ancient city.

Oxford is home to one of the oldest universities in the world, and is known for its breath-taking and world-renowned architecture. As a student here, you can enjoy Oxford's bookshops, galleries and museums at your leisure – and even hire a punt on the river that flows through the city.

We hope you enjoy this first look at Oxford Tutorial College, and we encourage you to visit us and see the city. We are confident that you'll love your time with us – and we'll support you every step of the way.

QUICK FACTS: ABOUT OXFORD



Many of Oxford's 38 colleges were founded in medieval times.



Matthew Arnold called Oxford the "city of dreaming spires", due to the architecture of its world-famous University buildings.



Oxford University has educated 28 Nobel Prize winners, 27 Prime Ministers of the United Kingdom, and many notable writers, such as C.S. Lewis and J.R.R. Tolkien.



WHY CHOOSE OXFORD TUTORIAL COLLEGE?

Our expert tuition and personal attention prepares you for university entrance, while the setting of Oxford inspires you to succeed.

Established for over 25 years, Oxford Tutorial College is one of the UK's leading providers of pre-university education. Based in a row of handsome Victorian houses just a few yards from historic Oxford colleges such as Brasenose, Christ Church, Corpus Christi and All Souls, our location allows students to explore the city to their heart's content.

EXPERT TEACHING

Over 50% of our staff have master's or PhD degrees, and our tailored teaching in small classes means that students get the attention they need to reach their potential. We also employ highly developed study skills strategies to help achieve the best results.

UNIVERSITY SUCCESS

Our support throughout the university application process leads our students to strong exam results and top university offers. In 2017, 64% of our students received offers from Russell Group universities, such as Oxford, Cambridge and Imperial College in London.

TUTORIAL BASED APPROACH

Our students are taught in a similar format to Oxford University students in small tutorial groups of up to 6 students, with weekly support from their personal tutor.

PASTORAL CARE AND SUPPORT

This may be the first time you have studied in a college environment. We aim to help you settle into college life, and we give you support from the moment you make your application through to the day you leave for university.

A TAILORED EDUCATION

We offer three levels of study for international students: A-Level, GCSE and BTEC. The College offers a range of over 40 subjects for ages 15-19+: whatever your interests and aptitudes, we will have a course to suit you.

THOSE WHO ENROL ON OUR COURSES CAN EXPECT:



Highly qualified tutors: Our course tutors are all university graduates – with many having attended Oxford or Cambridge.



Small class sizes: Our teaching groups have a maximum of 10 students depending on the course. A-Levels have groups of up to 6 students per class, while BTEC and GCSE courses have a maximum of 10 students, so each student receives a significant amount of individual attention to aid understanding. In addition, students benefit from individual tutorials to deepen their knowledge.



A global community: We have students from 35 different countries studying with us, you will be part of a diverse and vibrant community. At least 50% of our students are British, which means that English is the common language around the College.

UNIVERSITY SUCCESS

Every year, our students go to top UK universities to study a range of subjects including Law, Medicine and Engineering.

IN 2017, OUR STUDENTS RECEIVED OFFERS FROM:

UNIVERSITY	TIMES RANKING 2017*
University of Cambridge	1
University of Oxford	2
Durham University	4
Imperial College London	5
University College London	6
University of Exeter	9
Lancaster University	10
Loughborough University	11
University of Bath	12
University of Leeds	13
University of Surrey	14
University of East Anglia	15
University of Birmingham	16
University of York	17
University of Sussex	18
University of Bristol	19
University of Southampton	21
Newcastle University	22
University of Kent	23
University of Sheffield	24

* Displayed in ranking order according to the Times and Sunday Times Good University Guide 2017 League Table.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

“I have found the quality of the teaching to be great and the enthusiasm they have for their subject inspires me to explore the subjects further outside of lessons.”



LISHA, 18
From United Kingdom

Offer: Natural Sciences, Cambridge, also: Imperial College, Manchester University, Durham University
A-Level Subjects: Further Maths and Physics

IN 2016...

64%

of our students were offered places at **Russell Group** and **top 20 universities**.

DID YOU KNOW...

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Our students have been offered places from 3 of the top 8 universities in the world

UNIVERSITY CONSULTATION & SUPPORT

We offer a full university and careers service that covers everything from subject choices to admissions tests and interview preparation.

Oxford Tutorial College gives our students comprehensive guidance when applying to degree courses, so that you have the best chance of being accepted onto the course that's right for you. You'll visit potential universities, learn about UCAS (the body that oversees university applications), and discover what UK universities are looking for in potential students.

Your Higher Education Advisor and Personal Tutor will also:

- Help you choose what degrees and universities to apply for
- Advise you on how to write a great Personal Statement
- Coordinate your academic references
- Help with interview preparation and arrange mock interviews

APPLYING TO OXFORD AND CAMBRIDGE

We have an excellent record of helping students win places at Oxford and Cambridge - three of our students were offered places in 2017. Our dedicated university advisors have a thorough knowledge of Admissions Tutors' expectations and the application process, including the crucial tests and interviews.

We'll give you advice on:

- How to choose your course and College wisely
- How to write a Personal Statement and submit written work
- Interview practice and strategy (including MMI interviews)
- Preparation for common tests such as the UKCAT, BMAT, LNAT and TSA Oxford



EXPERT TUITION

“I really loved my classes... without Oxford Tutorial College, I do not believe that my acceptance to Oxford University would have ever been a possibility, let alone a reality.”

– AMANDA, STUDENT

Our teaching staff are dedicated professionals who combine a thorough knowledge of their subject with a mission to help students perform to their best. Our teachers are highly skilled in the tutorial methods that build greater subject understanding.

YOUR PERSONAL TUTOR

We place a great deal of emphasis on students' personal study and self-motivation, and assign each student to a Personal Tutor. One-hour meetings are held every week to review subject progress, discuss individual study needs, and assess goals. This helps ensure a healthy work-life balance and a positive schedule of personal study.

THE TUTORIAL SYSTEM

Tutorials involve very small group teaching sessions, usually weekly, where student and teacher discuss material in-depth. This allows students to be an active participant in their learning and benefit from individual explanation of key ideas. Tutors also provide support to deal effectively with any study problems.

QUICK FACTS



Over 50% of our teachers have more than 10 years' experience of teaching.



More than half of our teachers have a Master's or PhD degree.



Tutorial methods which stretch and challenge all of the students to perform at their best.



OUR COURSES

We offer a wide range of excellent qualifications with considerable flexibility in course length and start dates.

“Your support helped immensely to bring to reality Alechi’s wish to study Medicine.”

– PARENT



A-LEVELS

British A-Levels are globally recognised as a gold standard in education – an excellent preparation for universities worldwide.

TWO-YEAR A-LEVEL

Students of age 16+ study three or four A-Levels over a period of two years, at the end of which they will be assessed with a short series of public examinations. The College offers over 40 subjects, which can be combined in a variety of ways. Before you enrol, we will advise you on what combinations of subjects are suitable in view of future directions and university plans. However, we will always attempt to accommodate your needs.

ONE-YEAR A-LEVEL

The intensive style of teaching and the efficiency of the tutorial method used at Oxford Tutorial College enable us to prepare some students for A-Level examinations in just one year. This assumes that they possess the required academic skills and, especially in the sciences, prior knowledge of the subject. A one-year A-Level course places greater responsibility on the student to work efficiently inside and outside the classroom.

A-LEVEL RETAKES

Oxford Tutorial College gives students the opportunity to study for A-Level retakes over 1, 2 or 3 terms, tailored to your preferred exam board. The college offers students an informal, purposeful and motivating environment in which to take a fresh look at their work. Tutors work closely with each student to iron out difficulties and develop both subject knowledge and technique.

5-TERM A-LEVEL (JANUARY START)

This programme is identical to the two-year programme, except that students begin their studies in the January following the usual September starting date. As the course is a few months shorter, the first ‘AS’ year is studied in an accelerated six-month course from January to June, and the second ‘A2’ year follows in September as normal.

FLEXIBLE START DATES

Our individualised teaching methods allow flexibility in starting courses outside the normal term start dates, meaning it is possible to enrol at the College at any time. Students who do so receive individual tuition sessions before joining a study group – where necessary. Please enquire with us if you would like to explore this option.

For more information about our comprehensive range of A-Level subjects, academic support and university application guidance, visit our website at www.oxfordtutorialcollege.com.

QUICK FACTS

AGE
16+

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
Completion of GCSEs or equivalent

START DATES
September (3 terms);
September (6 terms);
January (5 terms)

NUMBER OF SUBJECTS
3 (more possible)

MAX CLASS SIZE
6 (average 4)



SAMPLE A-LEVEL TIMETABLE

The timetable varies according to subject. Additional subjects are available.

	9am	10am	11am	12pm	1pm	2pm	3pm	4pm	5pm
MONDAY	Physics (individual tuition)	Maths	Economics	Lunch	Private Study	Psychology	Economics	Free Time	
TUESDAY	Psychology	Economics	Private Study	Lunch	Private Study	Maths	Economics	Free Time	
WEDNESDAY	Private Study	Physics (individual tuition)	Psychology	Lunch	Maths	Psychology	Study Skills		Free Time
THURSDAY	Physics (individual tuition)	Study Skills	Maths	Lunch	Economics	Psychology	Optional Sports & Activities		
FRIDAY	Economics	Psychology	Maths	Lunch	Private Study	Maths	Private Study		Free Time

BTEC

Our BTEC course is suited to those who want a more practical learning experience with no exams, and is the equivalent of two A-Levels.

The BTEC Level 3 Business programme is a university access qualification that offers an introduction to the core areas of business, taken over 1 or 2 years. BTEC is widely accepted by universities, it counts as the equivalent of two A-Levels, and yields the same level of UCAS (university entry) points.

COURSE STRUCTURE

The course consists of 12 units that are assessed in College. Assessment is 100% coursework, there are no external exams. All students take four core units that introduce the fundamentals of business organisations:

- The business environment
- Introduction to marketing
- Business resources
- Business communication

Eight other units come from a list of more specialist areas, including finance, management, promotions, market research, setting up a small business, and human resources. Students learn how to research, give presentations, produce reports, work in teams, develop their communication skills and study a wide range of business topics. All our business teachers have practical experience of careers in business as well as academic qualifications.

For more information about our BTEC courses, visit our website at www.oxfordtutorialcollege.com.

“I like the calm atmosphere of studying BTEC, the consistent positive feedback after every single piece of work, clear instructions of what I have to do to get top marks”

– POLY, BTEC STUDENT

DID YOU KNOW...

1 IN FOUR students who **got into university** in the UK did so with a BTEC in 2015

4 OUT OF FIVE BTEC students go on to receive a **First or Second class degree**

37% of businesses prefer recruits to hold a **mix of academic and vocational qualifications** or value them equally



Learners who hold BTEC qualifications have **high rates of progression** between learning levels compared to other types of vocational qualification

Source: Pearson Education

QUICK FACTS

AGE
16+

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
Completion of GCSEs or equivalent

START DATE & DURATION
September (3 terms);
September (6 terms);
January (5 terms)

PROGRESSION
95% of UK universities

MAX CLASS SIZE
10 (average 8)



WHY CHOOSE BTEC?

When combined with academic learning in a school or college (or as a stand-alone course in further or higher education), a BTEC develops a range of practical knowledge and skills which help learners to prepare for – and progress in – their chosen career.

For students with aspirations to attend universities such as Oxford and Cambridge, A-Level qualifications remain the gold standard, but a BTEC qualification is accepted by 95% of UK universities.

BTEC	A-Level
100% Coursework, no exams	100% exams, no coursework
Carry UCAS points	Carry UCAS points
Apply theory to real business situations	Apply theory to exam questions situations
Practical based (e.g. carrying out market research, producing a business plan)	Textbook based
Accepted by UK and International universities	Accepted by UK and International universities
All work done on computers (so access to spelling and grammar checkers)	Exam - all work handwritten
Grade at end of every unit	Grade at end of two year course
Results released to UCAS in June	Results released to UCAS in August
Integration with UK and International students	Integration with UK and International students

SAMPLE BTEC TIMETABLE

BTEC students can choose to take an A-Level course alongside the BTEC programme. Many international students also choose to take our Academic Preparation Programme course.

	9am	10am	11am	12pm	1pm	2pm	3pm	4pm	5pm
MONDAY	Spanish A-Level	Meet Up with Programme Director	BTEC Level 3 Business		Lunch	Private Study			Free Time
TUESDAY	Spanish A-Level	Private Study		BTEC Level 3 Business	Lunch	BTEC Level 3 Business	Spanish A-Level	Free Time	
WEDNESDAY	Private Study	BTEC Level 3 Business		Private Study	Lunch	Private Study		Optional Oxford Union Debating Society	
THURSDAY	Private Study		BTEC Level 3 Business		Lunch	Spanish A-Level		Optional Sports & Activities	
FRIDAY	BTEC Level 3 Business		Spanish A-Level	Private Study	Lunch	Excursion to BMW: Operations Management Case Study			

GCSE

Oxford Tutorial College’s GCSE programme offers a focused preparation for A-Level study.

ONE-YEAR GCSE COURSE

This course provides an excellent opportunity to prepare for A-Level study, retake exams to improve existing GCSE grades, or study extra subjects. Most universities now require you to demonstrate proficiency in Maths and English, with C grades at minimum in these subjects; some degrees may require other GCSE subjects in addition.

Each student is supported by a Personal Tutor to ensure they are making good progress. Students also develop their creative skills through our extra-curricular and social programme, with trips, sports and cultural events around Oxford.

To be accepted onto the GCSE programme, students must be sure they can cope with an intensive one-year course of study in 5 to 7 GCSE subjects.

CORE SUBJECTS:

- Mathematics
- English Language
- English Literature
- Double Award Science

OPTIONAL EXTRA SUBJECTS:

- Art & Design
- Further Mathematics
- Geography
- History
- Languages (including French, Spanish, Italian, German or Latin)
- Science (Triple Award)
- BTEC Level 2 Business (equivalent to 2 GCSEs)

For more information about our one-year GCSE, visit our website at www.oxfordtutorialcollege.com.



QUICK FACTS

- AGE**
15+
- ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**
Successful completion of year 10
- START DATE**
September
- INFO**
1 year or 1 year re-take
- MAX CLASS SIZE**
10 (average 6)

SAMPLE GCSE TIMETABLE

The timetable varies according to subject. Additional subjects are available.

	9am	10am	11am	12pm	1pm	2pm	3pm	4pm	5pm
MONDAY	Maths	English	Science	Lunch	Science	Option 1	Option 2	PSHE	Free Time
TUESDAY	Maths	English	Science	Lunch	Science	Option 1	Option 2	Sport	Sport
WEDNESDAY	Maths	English	Science	Lunch	Science	Activity	Activity	Activity	Activity
THURSDAY	Maths	English	Supervised Study	Lunch	English	Option 1	Option 2	Art	Free Time
FRIDAY	Maths	English	Supervised Study	Lunch	Option 1	Option 1	Option 2	Option 2	Free Time

ADDITIONAL COURSES

EASTER REVISION COURSES

For nearly 20 years Oxford Tutorial College has been running Easter Revision Courses in Oxford to help A-Level, GCSE and Cambridge Pre-U students get a head start on their summer exams. Our courses are structured to motivate and challenge students in their studies and to boost their confidence. We deliver our courses in small groups and provide an academically stimulating environment, encouraging greater student involvement in the learning process.

Our Easter Revision Courses are open to both Oxford Tutorial College students and students from other schools and colleges. For more information or to book your place visit our website at www.oxfordtutorialcollege.com.

EXTENDED PROJECT QUALIFICATION

A-Level students can choose to take an EPQ in addition to their main subjects. EPQ is highly-valued by universities because it demonstrates a self-directed and self-motivated project, similar to an under-graduate dissertation, and develops independent thinking and analytical skills. It is worth half an A-Level and typically takes six months to complete. Students are mentored by an EPQ supervisor who guides them through the process of refining the topic, conducting the research, and presenting the final work.

“I did very well in my Economics. I improved from a C to an A grade and am very grateful to Oxford Tutorial College. Without the revision course I would not have done so well.”

– MATTHEW, EASTER REVISION COURSE STUDENT

LIFE AT OUR COLLEGE

Students enjoy a warm, friendly and vibrant community alongside a rich programme of activities at Oxford Tutorial College.

“Your College and its respect and support for individual students has gone a long way. I would have no hesitation in recommending Oxford Tutorial College.”

– PARENT



CLUBS & SOCIETIES

The College offers a lively programme of activities – for memories of Oxford that will last a lifetime.

Throughout the year, Oxford Tutorial College runs a number of extra-curricular activities, including debating, music, film, law, table tennis and football – along with social events such as international evenings, fundraising events and film screenings.

There are also many other student-run sports clubs and societies. These include basketball, soccer, book club, and the law society: clubs change each year and are determined by student interests.

Students wishing to play rugby, hockey, lacrosse or any other team sport on a serious basis can often be introduced to city or University clubs.

You can also:

- Join our Student Council to help organise events for the College, meet with College managers, and become a charity fund-raiser.
- Enter competitions relevant to your subjects, such as mathematics Olympiads and writing challenges.
- Carry out work experience relevant to your intended career.
- Gain membership to the Oxford University Student Union and have access to world-famous debates, a large library, and social events.



Photo courtesy of Oxford Union Library.

ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

From its museums, world-famous university and historic buildings, to its excellent theatres, cinemas and restaurants, you'll never be short of something to do.

During the year, we arrange outings and trips in Oxford that complement the academic curriculum. Theatres and cinemas are both plentiful in Oxford, and visits are organised each term to at least one production.

We also periodically arrange visits to Oxford's many galleries and museums, including the Ashmolean, the Pitt Rivers, the University Museums and the Museum of Modern Art. The constituent colleges of Oxford University date from as early as the thirteenth century and each has its own architectural beauty, art treasures, peaceful ambience and delightful gardens. Students can apply for membership of the world-renowned Oxford Union Society.

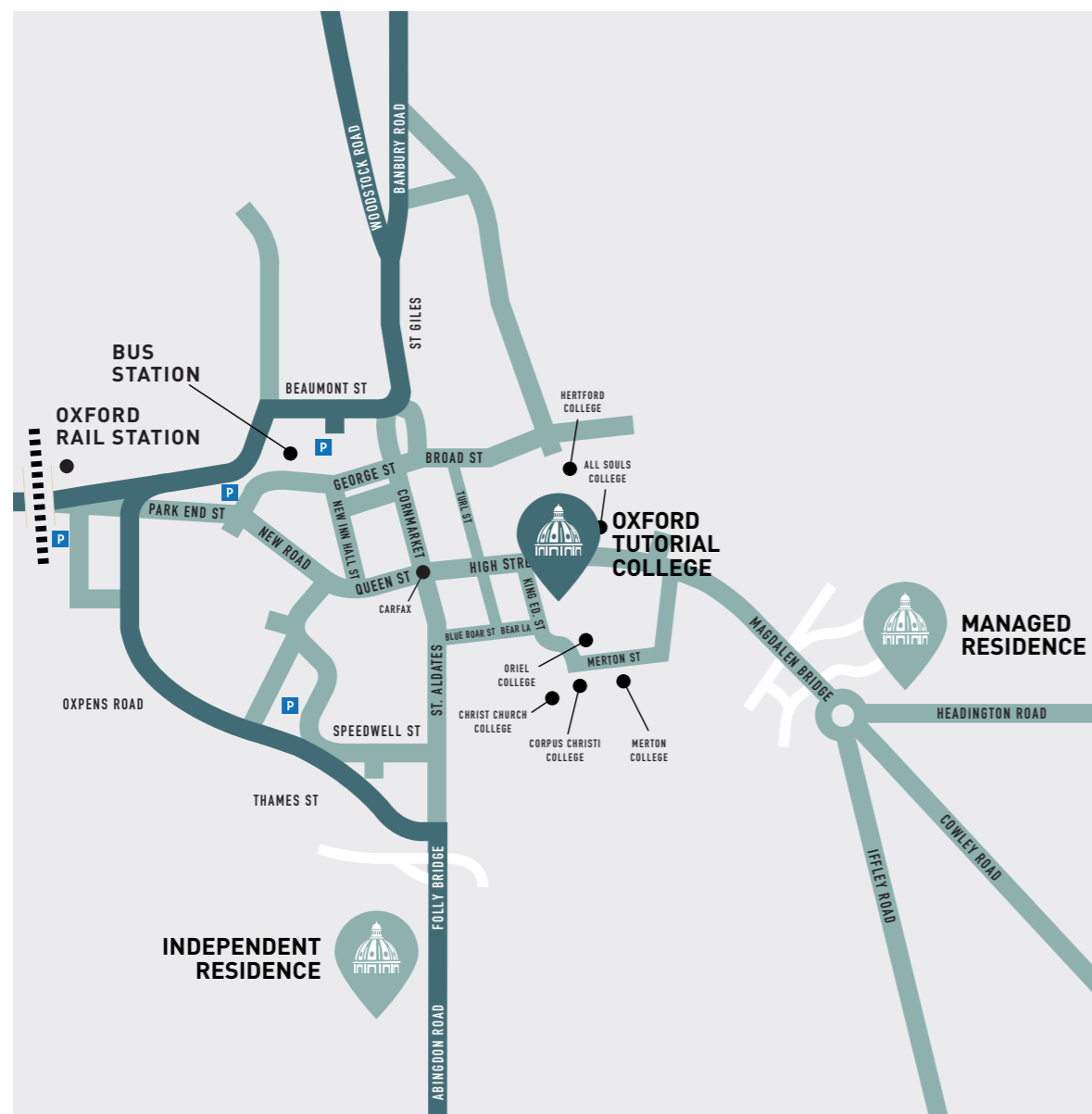
College life is vibrant and stimulating, you will be part of a truly diverse and international community. Up to half of our students join us from overseas and we have students from 35 different nations studying with us. English is the common language everywhere in College.

Oxford is a lively city with a thriving student population. We encourage you to take part in Oxford's rich cultural life, building friendships and making memories that will last a lifetime.

YOUR HOME AWAY FROM HOME

Students can live in our comfortable College residences in central Oxford.

Our boarding options mean that you can study at Oxford Tutorial College no matter how near or far you live. It's important that you feel comfortable, happy and at home during your stay with us. Our Accommodation and Welfare Officer is available to help arrange your accommodation and provide support should personal or domestic issues arise.



The College offers students a range of options to choose from:

INDEPENDENT RESIDENCE (FOR AGES 18+)

This self-catering residence has all the benefits of independent living with the reassurance of a residence supervisor. The residence is located near the centre of Oxford about a 20 to 25 minutes' walk from the College. Rooms are normally taken for a full academic year.

- High-quality décor with a boutique hotel feel
- Three well-equipped kitchen and lounge areas provide great social space
- Shared bathroom and private bathroom options
- A range of rooms available – from study bedrooms to spacious suites

MANAGED RESIDENCE (FOR AGES 15-17)

It is about a 12 to 15 minute walk to the 15-17 year's residence from the College. The residence has 24-hour staff cover from our Residence Supervisors, who are available to give personal supervision and support at any time of the day or night. Male and female students reside in separate areas with controlled access. Rooms are normally taken for a full academic year.

- Single study bedrooms with private bathroom
- Communal dining room and kitchenettes throughout the residence
- Breakfast and an evening meal are provided 7 days a week
- Separate lounge area with TV/Netflix
- Laundry facilities are included

PERSONAL SUPPORT

We take care of our students emotional and physical wellbeing to ensure they can concentrate on their studies. At Oxford Tutorial College, we take steps in all areas of College life to ensure that their welfare is safeguarded.

ARRIVAL AND INDUCTION

You'll receive a lot of support both before and during your studies. The year starts with a comprehensive Induction Schedule enabling you to make new friends, join clubs, societies and sports teams, and to settle into College life.

ACADEMIC SUPPORT

Academic supervision enables students to discuss concerns about their work, and is supportive while being practical and balanced. Your Personal Tutor will provide academic support and guidance throughout your studies at Oxford Tutorial College.

WELFARE

You'll have a Personal Tutor as your first point of contact, and the Accommodation and Welfare Officer can talk to you about issues that are more sensitive. The Student Services Director is also available to help with difficulties and listen to any problem, however trivial it may seem. If necessary, we can also arrange for you to meet with an independent counsellor. These meetings are only arranged with your consent.



“The quality of the curriculum is excellent, effectively meeting students’ needs and supporting progression... Students’ welfare, including health and safety, is excellent.”

- INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS, INSPECTORATE REPORT, 2016

VISIT US & APPLY

You can apply to Oxford Tutorial College in a few simple steps – or arrange a visit to find out more.



STEP ONE: CONTACT US

Your first step is to contact us either by completing a contact form or by speaking to one of our Admissions Advisors. We look forward to hearing from you:



By phone: **01865 793 333**



Online at: **www.oxfordtutorialcollege.com**



By email: **admissions@oxfordtutorialcollege.com**



STEP TWO: VISIT US

Our Admissions Team will invite you to visit us for an interview and guided tour of the College. We will discuss your individual needs and agree a tailored education programme for you. We will ask you to provide evidence of previous studies (exam certificates, transcripts and references).



STEP THREE: OFFER LETTER

Our Admissions Team will send you a letter offering you a place at Oxford Tutorial College.



STEP FOUR: ACCEPT YOUR PLACE

To accept your place on the course you will need to complete our online registration form and make payment of the registration fee and deposit.

We look forward to welcoming you to Oxford Tutorial College.

TERM DATES & FEES

Term dates and fees are listed on our website at **www.oxfordtutorialcollege.com**. Our tailored education solutions and flexible tutorial system enables you to enrol at the college at any time during the year.



“Oskar has been accepted to Newcastle University and he is over the moon. We are extremely pleased with the help he got from you.”

– PARENT

CONTACT US

We understand that your academic choices are very important. Please contact us to discover what Oxford Tutorial College can offer you to meet your individual needs. We encourage you to visit us at our Open Days or by booking an individual tour. The college is located in the heart of the ancient University town, only a few yards from Oxford High Street.

Oxford Tutorial College is always here to help you and to answer questions you may have about applications, courses, or any other matters. Please contact us on the details below:

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