



OPPORTUNITIES BULLETIN

CHRISTMAS ISSUE

MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND
A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

THE FINAL BULLETIN OF THE YEAR IS A
REMINDER OF SOME OF THE
AMAZING OPPORTUNITIES
STILL ON OFFER TO YOU...

STAY IN TOUCH!





The Royal Institution
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2024 CHRISTMAS LECTURES



**When will the three 2024 CHRISTMAS LECTURES
programmes be broadcast?**

**The 2024 CHRISTMAS LECTURES will be on BBC Four at the end
of December on these dates:**

**Sunday 29 December, 9pm BST: Lecture 1 - From Tastebuds to
Toilet**

Monday 30 December, 9pm: Lecture 2 - How Food Makes Us

Tuesday 31 December 9pm: Lecture 3 - The Big Food Hack

[FIND OUT MORE HERE](#)

[CHRISTMAS LECTURES
ARCHIVES](#)

APPLY

NOW

YEAR 12 STUDY DAYS:

Inspire Study Days are immersive, subject-specific events that take place at St John's College, and enable you to experience what it is like to study your chosen subject at university. You will have the chance to meet Oxford tutors and current students in the subject that you are thinking of studying.



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2024/25 STUDY DAYS:

26 FEB	Chemistry
12 MAR	History & History of Art
15 MAR	Medicine & Biomedical Sciences (Virtual)
23 APR	Classics*
2 MAY	Psychology
14 MAY	Maths & Computer Science
16 MAY	English*
21 MAY	Politics, Philosophy & Economics (PPE)

*Classics and English Subject Exploration Days are open to Year 12 students at any school.

FREE
for Year 12
Students from
Non-Selective
State Schools!



SCAN THE QR CODE TO SIGN UP
Applications will close 5 weeks
before each Study Day



St John's College is excited to welcome applications for the

2024-25

ENTRIES BY
3RD MARCH
2025

CLASSICS & ANCIENT HISTORY COMPETITION

ESSAY TITLES

Year 12 students are invited to conduct a piece of independent research which will be read and evaluated by an Oxford tutor.

Choose one from the following titles:

- Does ancient literature equate might with right?
- Why did monarchies succeed in Greek and/or Roman history?
- Was Plato right that the best rulers are reluctant ones?
- How important was the visual representation of women for expressing royal and/or imperial power in the ancient world?

AWARDS GIVEN FOR

- Best essay in each category
- Best overall essay
- Best essay by a student new to Classical or Ancient subjects.

TO ENTER
SCAN
ME



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Economics	•	Law	•	Sociology
English literature	•	Mathematics	•	

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Cambridge Technical Extended Certificate in Business	•	

REMEMBER: You may not always get all the subject choices you want and all option subjects are offered on the condition that there are enough interested students to justify running the course, and subject to staffing and timetable constraints.

ASPIRE TO BE MORE



New!

TIME TO THINK

Free Public Lectures

Autumn 2024

For the Love of Learning since 1597
 Gresham College provides free educational
 videos and lectures at university level.



What's On

[No Title]

All of this year's upcoming events are listed below. Register to attend in person or watch online



Black Holes and Bangs

Professor Chris Lintott

Wed, 04 Dec 2024

Astronomy Science Discovery
 Technology



'Is it in Pevsner?': A Short History of the 'Buildings of ...' Series

Charles O'Brien FSA

Thu, 05 Dec 2024

Architecture UK History



Women at the Piano: A History Through Images

Professor Marina Frolova-Walker

Tue, 10 Dec 2024

Music Gender Art
 History



Unwrapping Irving Berlin's "White Christmas"

Professor Dominic Broomfield-McHugh

Thu, 12 Dec 2024

Music Performance Theatre



Who's Afraid of Robots?

Professor Victoria Baines

Tue, 07 Jan 2025

Computing History Culture
 Technology



The Modern Goddess

Professor Ronald Hutton

Wed, 08 Jan 2025

Religion Gender Victorian
 History



Writing a British Constitution

Professor Clive Stafford Smith JD OBE

Thu, 09 Jan 2025

Law Governance UK
 USA



Science-Based Targets, Greenwashing and Brownscreping: Net Zero in the Private Sector

Professor Myles Allen

Tue, 14 Jan 2025

Climate change Business
 Ethics Sustainability



The Access to Birmingham (A2B) programme helps University of Birmingham applicants with little or no higher education experience to explore what studying at university involves.

The University of Birmingham has a long history of welcoming students from a wide variety of social and cultural backgrounds. We were one of the first universities to set up a fair access scheme for local students in 2000 and are proud to be able to offer you the support of our A2B scheme if you are studying at one of our partner institutions.

Apply to A2B

Applications for the 2024/25 A2B scheme are open until 13 February 2025. Completing the programme will bring you a range of benefits including an alternative offer and funding. We encourage you to explore our programme information and eligibility and consider applying.

APPLY NOW

Benefits of taking part in the programme

Once you complete A2B successfully, you will receive two offers from the University of Birmingham, the standard offer and a [Pathways to Birmingham offer](#).

The Pathways to Birmingham offer is typically a reduction of up to two A level grades (e.g. BBB rather than AAB).

As well as the Pathways to Birmingham offer, you will also benefit from:

- Financial support
- Continued support and guidance from an experienced and dedicated A2B team
- Preparation for the transition from school to university study
- The opportunity to make new friends at a special induction event before you start university
- Becoming a Birmingham Scholar upon starting university
- Practice interviews for courses where relevant (Medicine, Dentistry, Social Work, Nursing, and Physiotherapy)

EXPLORE THE BENEFITS

UNIFEST

2025

New!

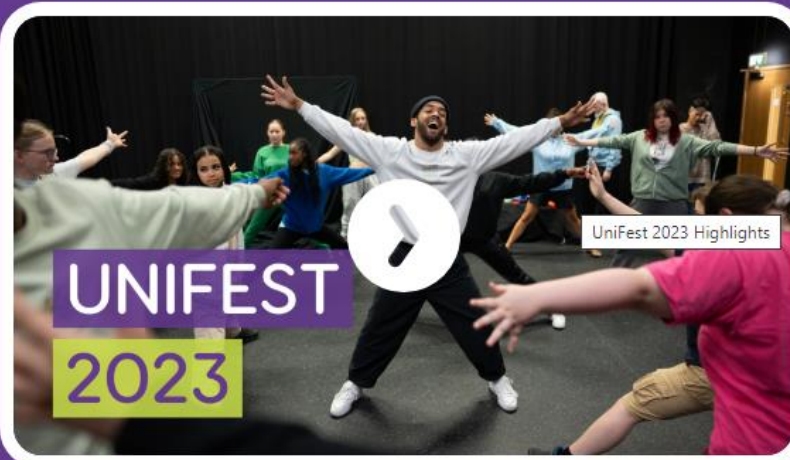


CALLING ALL YEAR 10 STUDENTS!! UNIFEST IS BACK!

WHAT IS UNIFEST?

UniFest Summer School gives you the chance to explore university life, meet current students and staff and make new friends. With six summer school events to choose from at different universities across the West Midlands, you will have an action-packed, fun experience.

FIND OUT [MORE](#)



UniFest 2023 Highlights

[▶ WATCH ON YOUTUBE](#)

Insight into University Residential



Insight into University Residential Experience (previously known as Headstart) are summer schools run over 4 or 5 days where students get a taster of university life and an insight into a specific STEM subject. Students will get the opportunity to experience university style lectures and work on activities and group projects with the support of academics and student mentors. Students will stay in halls of residence and will take part in social activities in the evenings.

These courses are for Year 12/S5-6 students and are a great way to try out a STEM subject at university before applying. This allows students to make a better informed decision for their UCAS application, as well as meeting like-minded students from all over the UK.

These summer schools are run for small groups (on average 30 students) and so places are limited.

Courses running in summer 2025

- [Maths at Lancaster](#)
- [Mechanical Engineering at UCL](#)
- [Materials Science at Oxford](#)
- [Aerospace Engineering at Liverpool](#)
- [Ocean & Earth Science at Southampton](#)
- [Astronomy and Physics at Surrey](#)

More TBC

[Find out more and apply on our website here.](#)

What our students say

"I loved it! The course was one of the best things I've ever done and it was so much more than I expected. I learnt loads and some of the stuff was quite challenging."

"All those involved in the organisation of the event went above and beyond, and encouraged us to remain engaged after the experience. I thought the course was a great experience to get an introduction to a subject that I am considering doing at uni. As well as this it gave me the opportunity to meet new people and improve my communication skills."

96% of participants said they would recommend the course to other students!

96% of participants said they felt the experience on the course will help them make a better informed decision for their UCAS application.



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<https://www.etrust.org.uk/residential-insight-into-university>



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Post-16 programmes and activities

New!

Post-16 programmes and activities



Access to Birmingham

Access to Birmingham (A2B) supports applicants to the University of Birmingham to discover what studying at university involves.



Routes to the Professions

Routes to Professions (R2P) is for Year 12 students looking to get practical insight into university study.



Inspired@Birmingham

The Inspired@Birmingham programme supports Year 12 students who are interested in applying to research-intensive universities.



Academic Enrichment Programme

The Academic Enrichment Programme (AEP) is a five-day residential summer school for Year 12 students.



National Access Summer School

The National Access Summer School (NASS) is a four-day residential programme for Year 12 students outside the West Midlands.



Realising Opportunities

With Realising Opportunities, leading universities are working together to widen participation, improve access and promote social mobility.