

Oxbridge thinking and learning during school studies



Oxbridge Mentoring:

The Route to School, University & Career Success

Shaping Thinking
Inspiring Achievement
Creating Future Leaders

Our Vision, Mission & Values

We care access to quality educational provision and aim to enhance teaching and learning standards in schools and for students.

Vision: A society comprising young leaders with ideas, services and products that benefit local, national and international communities.

Mission: To raise awareness among schools, parents and students about the transformative power of Oxbridge (academic) mentoring to shape thinking, inspire achievement and create future leaders by developing traits and behaviours for success.

Values:

- ✓ **Inspire independent learners** who successfully transition to university and career
- ✓ **Master critical thinking and logic** to solve problems in society
- ✓ **Help identify aptitude early on** and plan for future personal success
- ✓ **Build resilience, confidence, determination** to overcome barriers to self-development
- ✓ **Create leaders to mentor** the next generation of talent

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Head of Oxbridge Mentoring Programme

Joyce Connell-Cousins Creator of Oxbridge Mentoring



Joyce Connell is the creator of Oxbridge Mentoring. She holds an MA (Oxon) from Oxford University in History and studied an MSc from Birkbeck University whilst working full-time for Her Majesty's Government. She runs the UK's only Oxbridge Mentoring Programme (OMP), helping students access Oxford and Cambridge universities. For 17 years, she has successfully advised UK and international students into world-class universities in the UK and US. In 2018, she co-founded social mobility charity Insight Outreach, donating her academic mentoring methods to help children from diverse and disadvantaged backgrounds prepare for admissions to the most selective UK universities and top medicine and law schools. Alongside academic mentoring, she runs UCAS teacher masterclasses and career workshops to prepare students for the job market. Passionate about raising standards in teaching and learning worldwide, she enjoys new projects and working with like-minded others and recently Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts (FRSA).

UK University Destinations of Students on the OMP

The G5 Universities

- University of Oxford
- University of Cambridge
- Imperial College London
- University College London
- London School of Economics & Political Science
- Cardiff University
- Durham University
- King's College London
- Newcastle University
- Queen Mary, University of London
- Queen's University Belfast
- University of Birmingham
- University of Bristol
- University of Exeter
- University of Edinburgh
- University of Glasgow
- University of Leeds
- University of Liverpool
- University of Manchester
- University of Nottingham
- University of Sheffield
- University of Southampton
- University of Warwick
- University of York

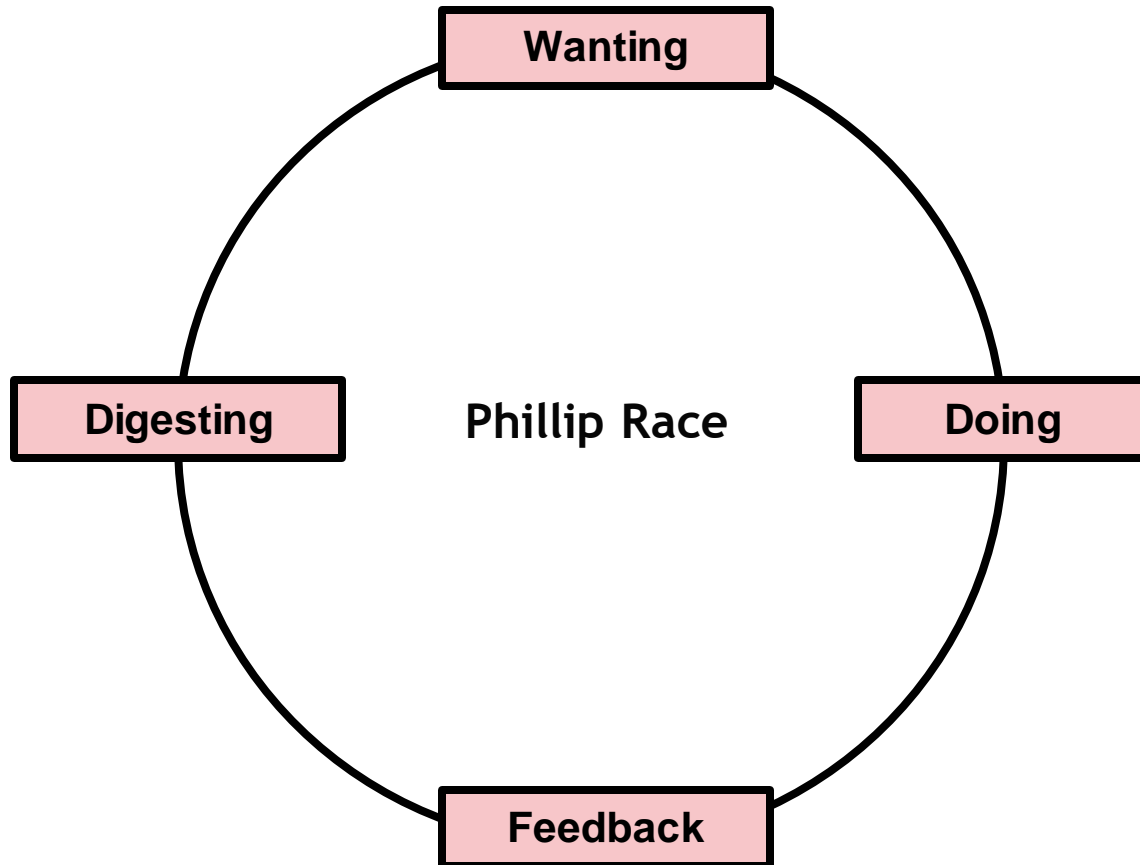
What does it take to get into UK's Top Universities



Critical thinking, emotional intelligence, self-expression, independent learning

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Oxbridge Mentoring & Eight Traits for Success



Our Oxbridge Mentoring Programme aims to cultivate the following traits and behaviours that make students:

- ✓ Intellectually curious
- ✓ Self-motivated
- ✓ An independent learner
- ✓ Acquire a positive “can-do” attitude
- ✓ Asks questions
- ✓ Think critically
- ✓ Develop as leaders
- ✓ Reflective and responsible

Oxbridge Interview Success Rate



- ✓ Oxbridge-style interview workshops
- ✓ UCAS Personal Statement masterclasses
- ✓ Admissions tests assistance
- ✓ Course and college selection advice
- ✓ Partner of social mobility charity Insight Outreach which runs OMS for UK students

Oxbridge interview success rates at IO

- ✓ 2018: 49%
- ✓ 2019: 53%
- ✓ 2020: 47%
- ✓ 2021: 53%
- ✓ 2022: 51%

(the average success rate for general applicants is 17% to 23%)

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What the OMP covers

Students who join the Oxbridge Mentoring Programme benefit from:



Advice on UK universities & courses



Receive a list of recommended Reading & supercurricular activities



Assessment mock Oxbridge Interviews & report on areas for improvement



UCAS brainstorming and drafting support



Tips and tricks for tackling Oxbridge entrance tests



Develop informed opinions and self-expression



Learning and practising critical thinking & problem-solving frameworks



Introduction to topics from first year Oxford & Cambridge courses

Group-based Oxbridge Scholars Programme

Session No	Focus on Problem-solving, Bioscience or Essay strand	Resources
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dispelling the Myth; what Oxbridge is really like 	OSP Students benefit from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1:1 Assessment Mock Interview & Feedback at start and end of course List of wider reading and extra-curricular Learning Log, University, course and college templates Video resources on application of OMP frameworks Compendium of past UCAS Personal Statements Compendium of past Interview Questions Tips, tricks advice for success in entrance tests
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GCSE & A level concepts at university level & OMP Frameworks 	
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Student Presentation on IE frameworks Coverage of thinking approaches for Oxbridge entrance test and on past interview questions. Introduction to topics from first year of Oxbridge syllabus UCAS brainstorming and advice on refinement Application of frameworks to answering past interview Qs 	
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16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Predicting Qs on UCAS PS plus November Interview Workshop 	

3 Strands delivered over 16 sessions (24 hours total)

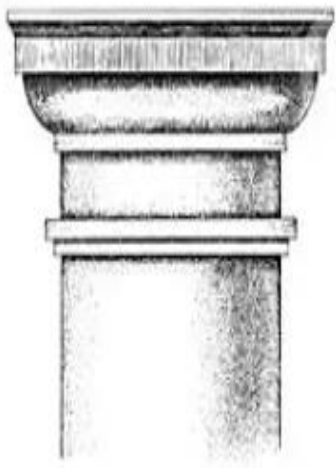
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#	Insight Support	Academic Development	Personal Development
1	Assessment mock interview	Knowledge building through wider reading & supercurricular	Creative thinking frameworks
2	OMP Briefing	Entrance test tutorial	Developing opinions
3	Important notifications & WeChat support	Knowledge building, wider reading & super-curricular	Expressing learning from supercurricular
4		Entrance test tutorial	Thinking on the spot
5	UCAS brainstorming Workshop (May)	Knowledge building, wider reading & super-curricular	Creative thinking frameworks
6	July Interview & Review	Entrance test tips and strategy	Comments on UCAS
7	Important notifications & WeChat support	Entrance test tips and strategy	Comments on UCAS
8		Entrance test tips and strategy	Comments on UCAS
9	Sept OMP Review	Entrance test tips and strategy	UCAS & Test registration
10	UCAS finalisation	Entrance test tips and strategy	Entrance test Prep
11	Interview Workshop (Nov)	Entrance test tips and strategy	Interview practice
12	Final Mock Interview	Mock Interview & analysis	Interview practice

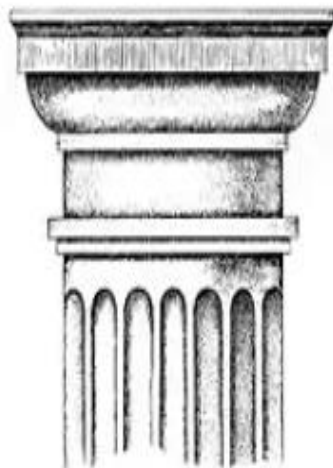
Our 5 Pillars Behind Student Success

Like the 5 different Greek columns of that define Classical architectural order, the OMP has 5 pillars of learning to strengthen understanding and develop the whole child.

Completing a
Learning Log
to reflect on
learning from
supercurricular



Developing
8 Traits
behaviour & skills
for success in life,
studies & career



OMP
Frameworks
for structured
thinking, learning
& problem-solving



**Wider reading &
Supercurricular**
explore degree
subject & stretch
learning beyond
school studies



Oxbridge-style
**discussion-
based learning**
boosting
confidence to
express ideas



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Just some of our Tutors & Mentors



Keith
Cambridge Graduate
Mathematics



Isolde
Cambridge Graduate
Medicine



Tom
Oxford Graduate
English Literature



Madeleine
Oxford Graduate
Law



Lucas
Cambridge Graduate
Natural Science (Physics)



Ann
Cambridge English & IELTS



Anthony
Boarding School
Admissions & Psychology



Mark
University Admissions &
Mock Interviews



Joshua
IELTS & TOEFL
Specialist



Carys
Maths, Economics,
Business

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To Sum Up; 5 Reasons for OMP

- ✓ Learn Oxford and Cambridge style thinking & learning
- ✓ Learn and apply frameworks for essays & creative problem-solving that can be used to master school studies and exams
- ✓ Introduction to university level concepts and topics, which can be incorporated into your answers for school coursework & exams
- ✓ Recommended wider reader & super-curricular activities to explore degree subject to write a stand-out personal statement
- ✓ Understand how to express yourself with impact for university admissions interviews

Feedback from previous students

“The Oxbridge Mentoring Programme (OMP) developed my confidence in time for my Cambridge interview. I really enjoyed my tutorial sessions and wished they could continue forever! The team cared about my progress and continually tried to make me a better, stronger applicant. Thank you!” **(Michael, Cambridge Chemical Engineering)**



“IE’s advice on university choices and UCAS application was incredibly helpful! Their advice was structured, helped me write an excellent personal statement and I received offers from all of my 5 universities. IE was helpful, friendly - and extremely efficient! I don’t think I could have got into LSE without their help! I’d definitely recommend OMP to anyone applying to ANY university”. **(Jenny, LSE Financial Mathematics & Statistics)**

“The continuous, immeasurable support from OMP made the daunting Oxbridge application process feel natural. My mentor was invaluable in honing my interview skills and developing my problem-solving technique. From the start, OMP was always willing to answer my questions and provide useful tips.” **(John, Cambridge Natural Sciences - Physical)**



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