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Do you have any questions about how the JCR works? Are you thinking of running for a JCR position this term? I'll be in the Welfare Room from 12.30-1.30pm next Saturday to answer any of your college-related questions!

Events

1. Opening of The Oxford Foundry

I am pleased to invite you to join us for drinks and canapés to celebrate the official opening of The Oxford Foundry on Wednesday October 11th, from 5pm* onwards. Please do see the invitation below for further details.

I look forward to meeting you and having you join us for this celebratory event.

I would be sincerely grateful if you could [RSVP at your earliest convenience](#).

2. OxPolicy Start of Term Meeting

OxPolicy is a student-run think tank that undertakes research projects every term. If you think this is something that would interest you, come along to their first meeting next Sunday!

October 8th (Sunday of 1st), 2pm, Seminar Room 1, EPA Science Center
Meet outside on Museum road

Please fill in this typeform first: <https://oxpolicy.typeform.com/to/hxJUXI>

Arts and journalism

1. SHAKESPEARE'S A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM WITH MENDELSSOHN'S INCIDENTAL MUSIC // THE SHELDONIAN // 8PM // WEDNESDAY OF 1ST WEEK // 11TH OCTOBER 2017

Experience matriculation like you've never seen it before, as four lovers stumble through the forest into a magical world of scholars and ceremony. Bringing together over sixty performers, this vibrant and innovative production of A Midsummer Night's Dream combines drama, music, dance and the visual arts. With a special online ticket price for University of Oxford students, this is a great opportunity to come and get a taste of the arts at Oxford!

Tickets: www.ticketsource.co.uk/dreamoxford

£8 FOR OXFORD STUDENTS AVAILABLE ONLINE ONLY!

2. Storytelling Society Launch

StorySoc is a space for students to explore and create together in all art forms that branch from storytelling - be that folk tales, spoken word, drama or other experimental art forms, without having to go through auditions, put together bids, or be expected to know how to write or perform with no help!

Every week we will have creative meetings where we will host guest speakers, watch videos or live performances, play creative games, and provide an open, warm space in which to share ideas, stories and later go to the pub for a drink.

For our first event we'll be going to a performance at the North Wall Arts Centre on Friday of 1st week (check it out on Facebook here:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/363570360743448>).

As a StorySoc member, you'll get a discounted ticket for £7.50!

To find out more just fill in this link and we'll get back to you with info:

<https://goo.gl/forms/wClfUcswykkHT8aA2>

This is a chill and experimental society of performers, writers and anyone else who is interested.

Hope to see you there! For any questions/information/life-affirming chats please contact ela.portnoy@st-hildas.ox.ac.uk

Careers and Opportunities

1. The Boston Consulting Group (BCG) at Oxford, October 2017

If you're thinking about the options available to you for the next stage of your career – come meet us this October to find out about consulting, and what it's like to work at BCG. We're running a number of events on campus, ranging from coffee chats, to tailored presentations, to case study prep sessions. We look forward to seeing you there.

For sign-ups and further details on all events, visit our Oxford University Campus page:

<http://www.bcg.com/careers/join/on-campus/oxford.aspx>

Case study sessions: *12th and 24th October, 2 hour sessions on each date from 5-7pm and 7-9pm, Danson Room, Trinity College*

Our 'Case Study Session' event will give you the chance to find out what real projects at BCG are like, as well as help you to prepare for case interviews.

NOTE: all sessions are the same, please sign up to only one

Consulting for Sciences presentation: *16th October, 7pm, Flora Anderson Hall & Brittain Williams Room, Somerville College*

A session aimed specifically at Scientists students. Dispel myths around consulting, and find out what working at BCG is really like.

Coffee chats: *17th October, 3-6pm, Turl Street Kitchen, Turl Street*

Book a smaller session with a BCGer to ask any questions about consulting / BCG, or get advice on your CV and cover letter, in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere over a cup of coffee!

Consulting for Arts presentation: 18th October, 7pm, Danson Room, Trinity College

A session aimed specifically at Arts students. Dispel myths around consulting, and find out what working at BCG is really like.

2. Deloitte Actuarial event: *Mathematical careers in insurance and the capital markets*

Thursday 4th week (2nd November)
7:30pm, Christ Church (Lecture room 1)

Deloitte MCS Ltd is one of the UK's leading professional services firms. As an actuary at Deloitte, you may find yourself building an economic model for an investment group, helping a bank prepare for a regulatory change, advising an insurer on mergers and acquisitions, or advising on benefits for a pension scheme. No two days need ever be the same and naturally, there is plenty of opportunity to travel.

In this session we will give a short presentation on what it is like to work for Deloitte, as well as a brief overview of some of our exciting areas of ongoing research. There will then be the opportunity to chat with us informally.

Registration of interest is preferred, but not required. Please email Ruolin Wang with your subject and year of study at ruolwang@deloitte.co.uk.

3. Invitation to McKinsey's problem solving workshop

We are running a problem solving workshop, on Friday of 2nd week, where you will work on a McKinsey case study in a small group environment. This is an excellent chance to find out how we tackle problems, gain an insight to consulting, as well as learn how our interview process works. We'll finish the evening off with drinks and nibbles where you have the opportunity to meet our Oxford alumni properly.

You just need to upload a CV to <https://www.mckinsey.com/oxfordworkshop2017> to apply.

4. Women in Finance Experience

The Women in Finance Experience is designed to provide an insight to female students on the key skills and attributes required to be successful in a career in financial services. Its primary aim is to share our collective experience to help

develop interview skills and project attendee's best possible personal brand now and in the future. The experience will allow the attendees to meet with and hear from senior executives, take part in developmental workshops and network with current employees.

Apply here: www.tinyurl.com/itaubba1718

Psychology Studies

1. Participants wanted for a brain study

Researchers at the Nuffield Department of Clinical Neurosciences, University of Oxford are seeking **healthy** male or female **volunteers** aged 18 – 80 for a study testing the effect of a nutritional supplement on brain function.

The study aims to test if a naturally-occurring form of dietary fibre, taken daily over several weeks, can improve brain function and behaviour. Participants will be asked to consume the fibre supplement (or a placebo) daily with breakfast over 6 weeks.

Before and after the dietary intervention, participants will be asked to complete questionnaires (measuring mood, anxiety, stress, and attention), and to perform computerised behavioural tasks. They will also have the option to provide saliva samples (to measure certain factors like hormone levels) if they wish.

To determine safety to participate, volunteers will first be interviewed and asked to complete questionnaires about their medical history.

This study involves up to six visits to the Oxford Centre for Functional MRI of the Brain on the John Radcliffe Hospital or the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Oxford. Each session will take no more than 3 hours. Volunteers will be compensated for their time.

If you are interested in participating and/or would like further information, please contact Dr Gershon Spitz at gershon.spitz@ndcn.ox.ac.uk or 07438239953

2. Eating Concerns and Compulsivity

We are looking for people that fit into one of three groups: healthy people who have been recovered from anorexia nervosa for over a year, those who think a

lot about their eating, weight and shape, and healthy controls, to participate in a psychological study. You should be a healthy female aged between 18 and 45 years. We are looking for women who do not have any current health or psychiatric problems. We will be asking you to do some questionnaires and complete two computer tasks, which measure behaviour thought to be related to compulsivity. Compulsivity is repetitively performing actions which aren't rewarding or good for you. We will also non-invasively measure your pupils during one of the tasks.

If you are interested in participating in this study we'd like to hear from you! Feel free to ask questions – showing interest doesn't commit you to anything! You will be compensated for your time if you decide to take part. You can email me on alexandra.pike@psych.ox.ac.uk or call 01865 618318 for more information. This study is run in the University of Oxford Department of Psychiatry.

3. **MRI Study**

We are looking for people who have previously had anorexia nervosa but been well for the past year AND healthy controls to participate in an MRI study. You should be a healthy female aged between 18 and 40 years. You should not have any current health or psychiatric problems, be pregnant, or have had surgery in the past six weeks. Certain metallic implants may also disqualify you from participating. We'll be scanning you in an MRI scanner, which is safe and non-invasive. Most of the scans will simply require you to lie still, but we will also ask you to do a task which measures compulsivity. Compulsivity is repetitively performing actions which aren't rewarding or good for you.

If you are interested in participating in this study we'd like to hear from you! Feel free to ask questions – showing interest doesn't commit you to anything! You will be compensated for your time if you decide to take part. You can email me on alexandra.pike@psych.ox.ac.uk or call 01865 618318 for more information. This study is run in the University of Oxford, Department of Psychiatry.

4. **Who are we?** We are the **Oxford Centre for Emotions and Affective Neuroscience** (OCEAN lab) led by Prof. Elaine Fox. We are situated at the Department of Experimental Psychology at the University of Oxford. Find us at: <http://www.psy.ox.ac.uk/research/ocean>

What do we do? Using fMRI we explore the link between eating behaviour and cognitive abilities in a healthy adult population. We want to understand

how eating is linked to our response to food-related information. MRI is a type of non-invasive brain scan that allows us to see how the brain is organised, processes information and performs skills like speech or memory.

What do you have to do? This study will consist of two test sessions, each lasting about 2 hours. During each session you will first be asked to fill in some questionnaires and we will measure blood glucose levels. After that, during the MRI scan session you would be asked to lie still in a scanner and perform some simple tasks like watching food and non-food pictures.

Who are we looking for? Healthy, fluent English-speaking, right-handed women aged 18-40 who are not pregnant, do not have any metal in their head or body (except fillings), have not had surgery in the past six weeks, and do not have any metallic implants (e.g. a pacemaker).

What do you get? You will be reimbursed for your time. If this study sounds interesting to you, please do not hesitate to contact us for more **information:** mrifood@psy.ox.ac.uk

You can take time to think about it and ask questions before you decide whether or not to take part in our study! Your enquiry will be kept confidential and you will not be obliged to take part in our study!

5. Study Description:

Researchers at the Nuffield Department of Clinical Neurosciences, University of Oxford are seeking volunteers aged 18 – 45 for a behavioural study on decision-making and learning. The results of this study will inform future research on decision making processes in depression and anxiety disorders.

This study involves two visits to the John Radcliffe Hospital in Oxford, in which participants perform a computer-based learning task. The task will last approximately 40-60 minutes and participants will be reimbursed for their time and travel expenses. If you are interested in participating in this study and/or would like further information, please contact Margot Overman at margot.overman@ndcn.ox.ac.uk.

6. Volunteers needed for a study investigating the effects of mental exercises.

We are looking for healthy participants (male or female), aged 18 to 65 years. In order to participate, you must be in good health, not be engaged on a regular basis in any kind of formal mental exercises (e.g. yoga, meditation,

psychotherapy), and you must not have a history of any mental disorder.

You would be invited to the Department of Psychiatry (Warneford Hospital) for two study sessions. Both sessions would take approximately 60 to 90 minutes. Between the sessions you would be assigned a brief mental exercise (taking approximately 10 minutes per day) that you carry out for 7 days. After this training period, your performance on a range of computerized psychological tasks will be assessed.

You will be compensated for your time.

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