



# Year 9/10

# Aspiration Day

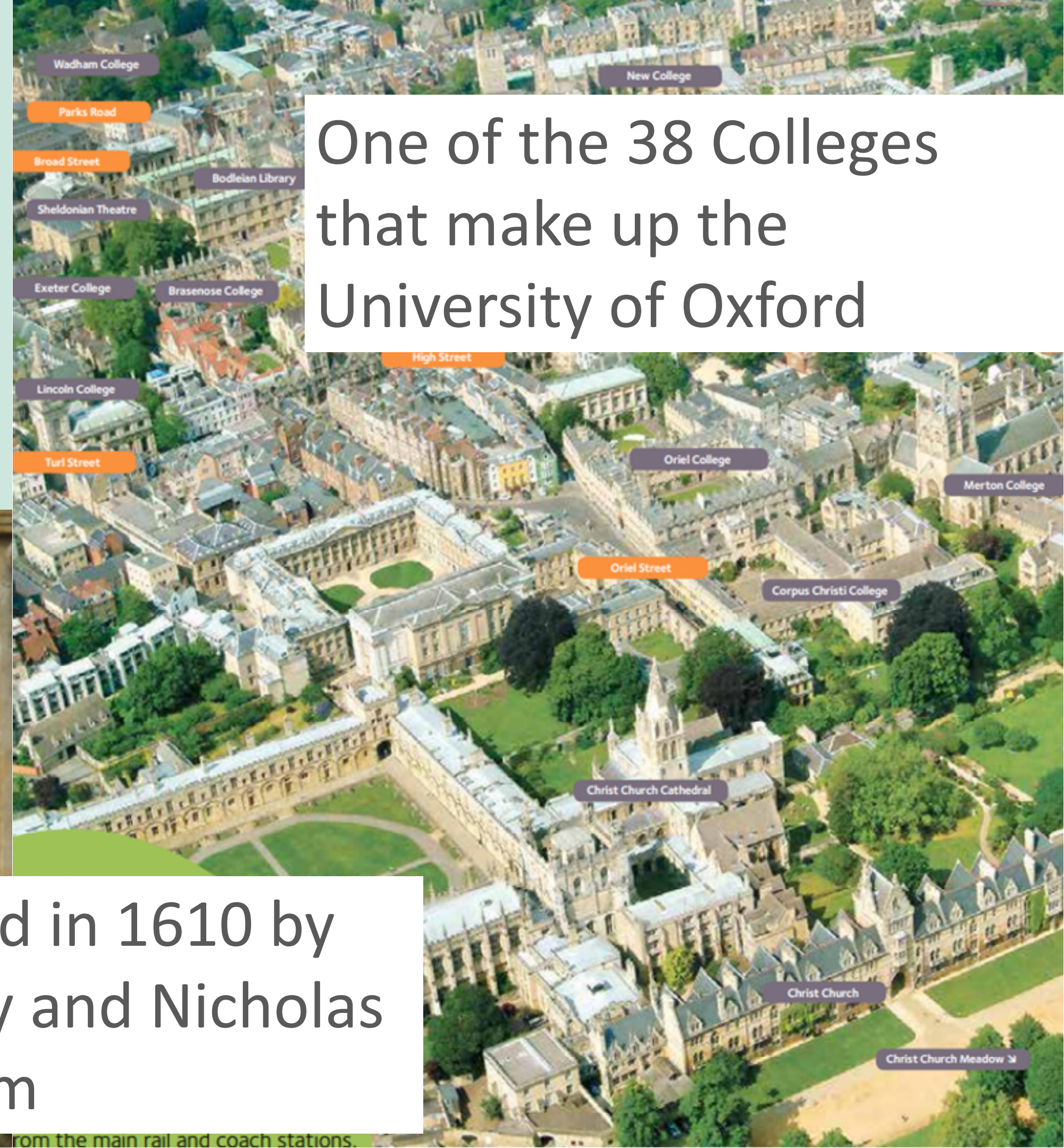
Wadham College, University of Oxford



# Welcome to Wadham College



Founded in 1610 by  
Dorothy and Nicholas  
Wadham



One of the 38 Colleges  
that make up the  
University of Oxford



# TODAY WE WILL EXPLORE OXFORDS':

- *Spaces*
- *Learning*
- *People*

## TIMETABLE

10:15 Arrival and Welcome  
10:30 Introductory Session  
11:15 Academic Taster Sessions  
12:15 Lunch  
12:45 College Tour with Students  
13:30 Feedback  
14:00 Visit to Museum of  
Natural History  
15:15 Depart



# Introductory Session: Why University?

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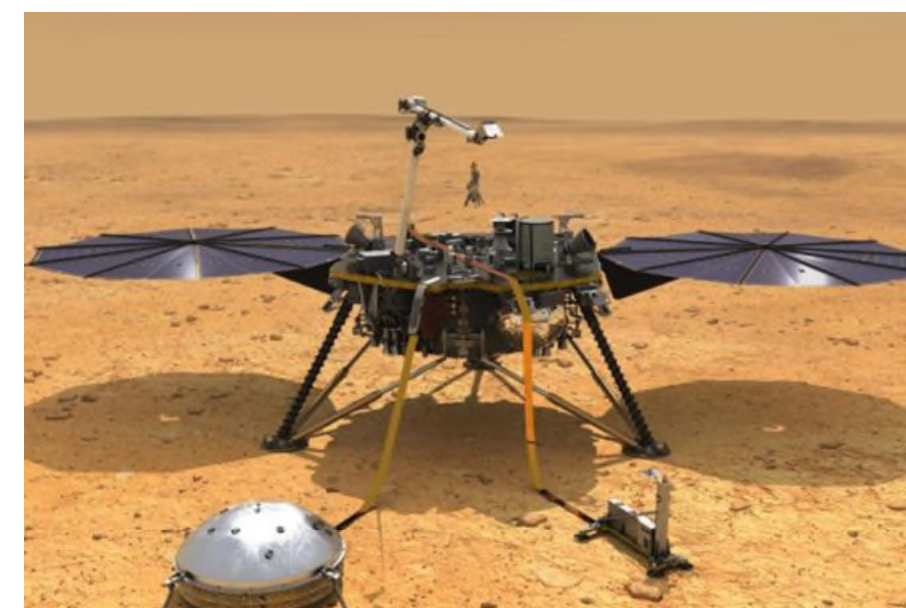


# There are two main activities going on at a university? What are they?

Teaching



Research





# How might learning at university be different to school?

Lectures: up to 200 students

Seminars and Classes: 5-20 students

Laboratory work and fieldwork: typically small groups

Tutorials: usually 1-4 students and a tutor



# UNIVERSITIES



# City Universities

Departments and accommodation  
are spread across the city.

e.g. Kings College  
London



# Collegiate Universities

A key feature of the university is its' colleges, small communities of university staff and students.

e.g. University of  
Cambridge



# Campus Universities

Departments and accommodation  
are in one or more main areas.

e.g. Warwick University

# THE RUSSELL GROUP

- University of Birmingham
- University of Bristol
- University of Cambridge
- Cardiff University
- Durham University
- University of Edinburgh
- University of Exeter
- University of Glasgow
- Imperial College London
- King's College London
- University of Leeds
- University of Liverpool
- London School of Economics & Political Science

- University of Manchester
- Newcastle University
- University of Nottingham
- University of Oxford
- Queen's University Belfast
- Queen Mary University, London
- University of Sheffield
- University of Southampton
- University College London
- University of Warwick
- University of York



‘Russell  
Group’  
Universities  
are looking  
for students  
with...

High Academic Achievement  
GCSE’s

Academic Potential  
Predicted grades and evidence of key skills

Interest  
A clear interest in the subject they are  
applying for

How many  
courses are  
available to  
study at  
university in  
the UK?

37,000







It could be something you have  
studied before

BA English  
Leeds University

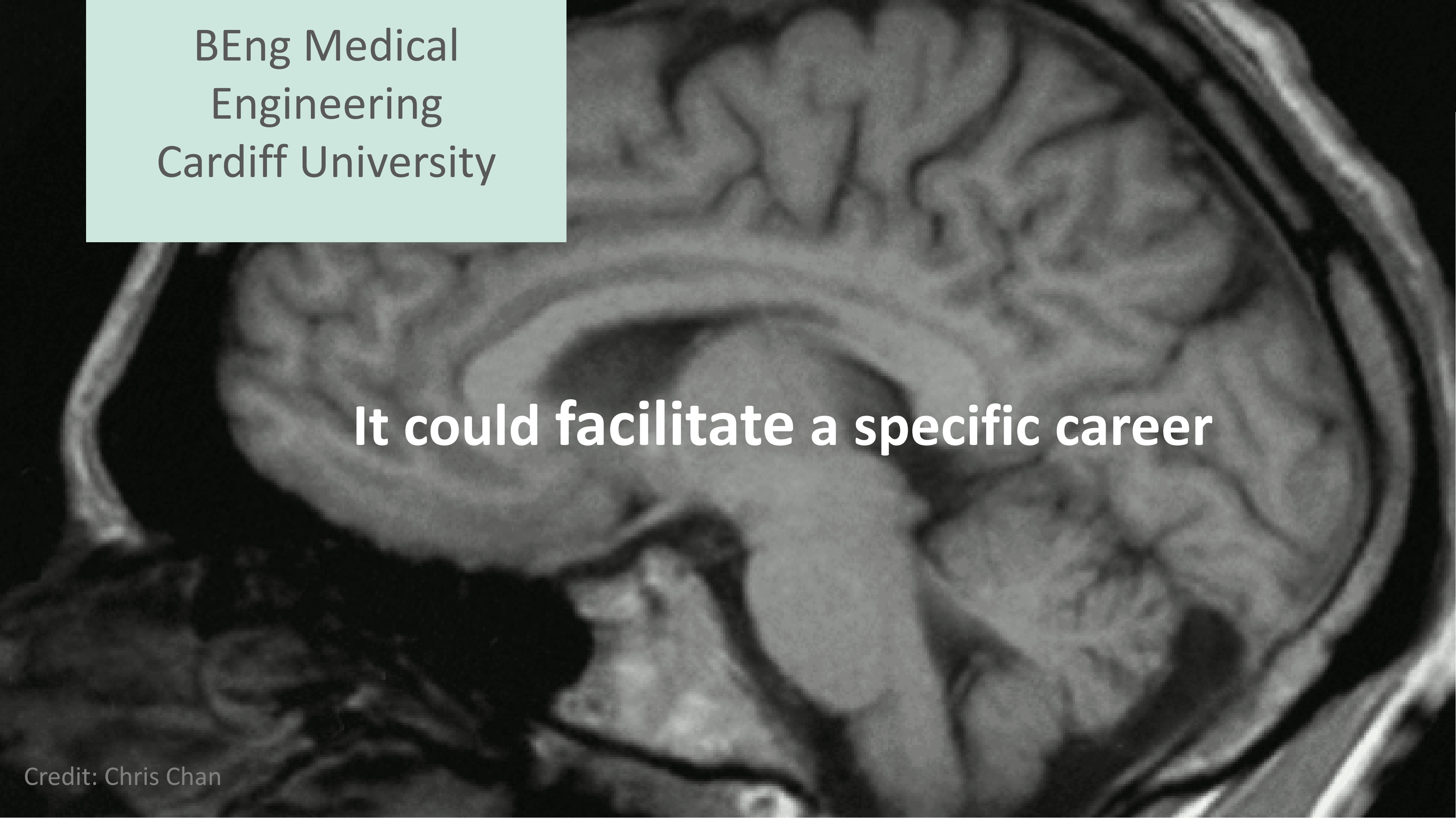


**It could be something  
academically new**

BA War Studies  
King's College London







BEng Medical  
Engineering  
Cardiff University

**It could facilitate a specific career**

## CAREER DESTINATIONS

MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT

INVESTMENT BANKING ANALYST

CHARITY SUPPORT WORKER

MINISTRY OF DEFENSE ANALYST

PARALEGAL

TEACHER

ACCOUNTANT

ADVERTISING  
ACCOUNT  
EXECUTIVE

ECONOMICS  
AND  
MANAGEMENT

MODERN  
FOREIGN  
LANGUAGES

History

Law

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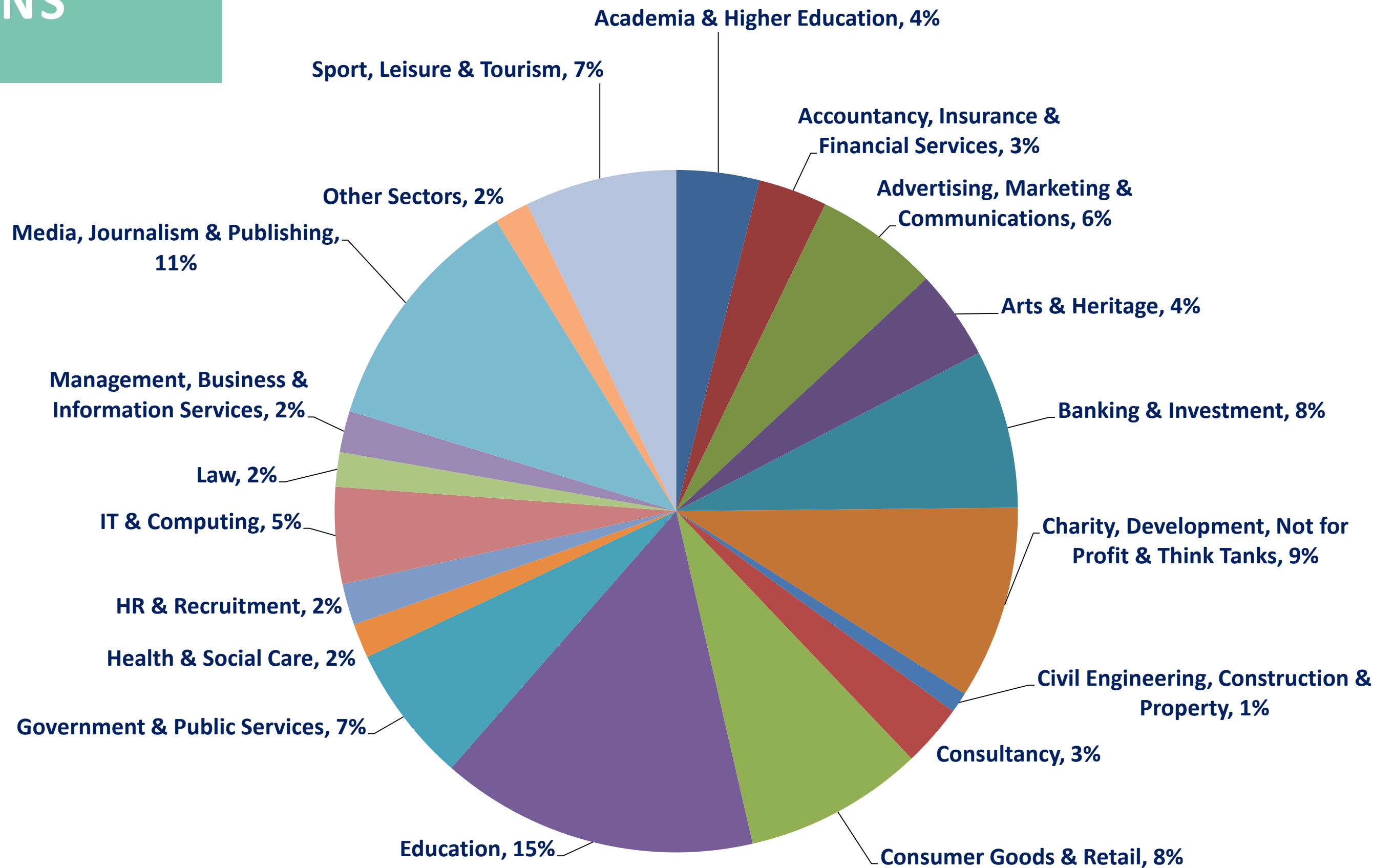
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# CAREER DESTINATIONS



History

**Source:** 2016 Destination of Leavers from Higher Education (DLHE) Survey  
\*The majority of undergraduates who pursue law as a career undertake further study (which is currently a requirement to qualify as a solicitor or barrister in England & Wales)  
\*\*The majority of undergraduates who pursue a career in scientific research undertake further study

**Angela Merkel**



**Physics** (Leipzig University)

**Richard Ayoade**



**Law** (University of Cambridge)

**J.K. Rowling**



**French and Classics** (Exeter University)

What did they study?

# What does university cost?

## ▶ Tuition Fees

The cost of taking part in the course.  
The maximum tuition fee is £9250/year

## ▶ Living costs

The cost of living expenses e.g. rent, food, socializing etc.

# What support is available from the government?

## ▶ Tuition Fee Loan

Paid directly from the government to the university. Cover full fee.

## ▶ Maintenance Loan

To go towards living expenses. These are paid to the student.

Student loans are paid back once you earn over a certain amount (Currently £26,525/year – April 2020)



# Paying back a student loan (April 2020)



You would pay:

- **9%** of money you earn **over £26,525/year**
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- If you do not repay your loan after 30 years, the **debt is cancelled**.

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£50,000			

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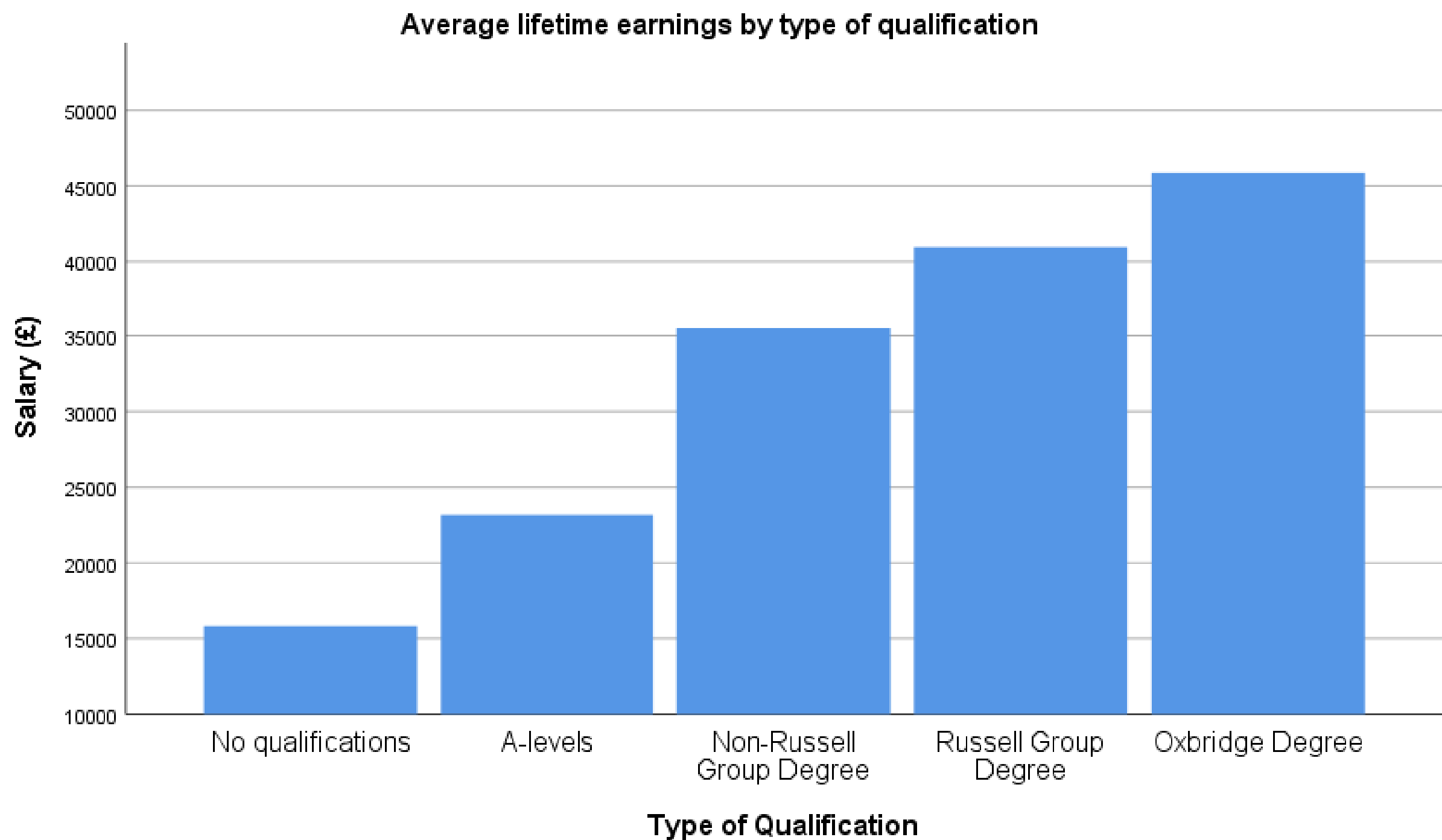
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£35,000	8,425	758.25	£63
£50,000	23,425	2,108.25	£176



# EARNINGS AFTER STUDYING AT UNIVERSITY



£12,000

A person with a degree earns this much more a year than someone without each year

Data Source: Gurney-Read, J. (2015) Oxbridge graduates 'earn double £200,000 Russell Group premium' The Telegraph.  
Retrieved from [www.telegraph.co.uk](http://www.telegraph.co.uk). Data taken from Sutton Trust and the Boston Consulting Group.

## BURSARIES

- Non-repayable money to support your studies.
- Up to £5000/yr depending on household income (Crankstart Scholarships and Oxford Bursaries).
- 1 in 4 UK and EU students currently receive a bursary.

YOUR HOUSEHOLD INCOME	YOUR NON-REPAYABLE MORITZ-HEYMAN BURSARY (PER YEAR)
£5,000 or less	£5,000
£5,001–£27,500	£4,200

YOUR HOUSEHOLD INCOME	YOUR NON-REPAYABLE OXFORD BURSARY (PER YEAR)
£27,500–£30,000	£2,000
£30,001–£35,000	£1,500
£35,001–£37,500	£1,000
£37,501–£40,000	£800
£40,001–£42,875	£500

## SCHOLARSHIPS

- Often linked to a subject or college.

## COLLEGE SUPPORT

- Travel awards, prizes and book grants.



# Oxford Courses

- Archaeology and Anthropology
- Biochemistry
- Biological Sciences
- Biomedical Sciences
- Chemistry
- Classics Computer Science
- Earth Sciences
- Economics and Management
- Engineering Science
- English Language and Literature
- Experimental Psychology
- Fine Art
- Geography
- History
- History of Art
- Human Sciences
- Law
- Materials Science
- Mathematics
- Medicine
- Modern Languages
- Music
- Oriental Studies
- Philosophy Politics & Economics
- Physics
- Theology & Religion

Applicants don't have to choose just one subject, some of these can be combined at Oxford (adding up to nearly 250 courses)





What can you do NOW?

GCSEs matter!



# A-Level Choices: Facilitating Subjects

If you don't know what you want to study at university then think about taking two facilitating subjects. This will keep a wide range of degree courses open.

Some facilitating subjects are:

- Biology
- English Literature
- History
- Modern and Classical languages
- Chemistry
- Geography
- Physics
- Maths and Further Maths



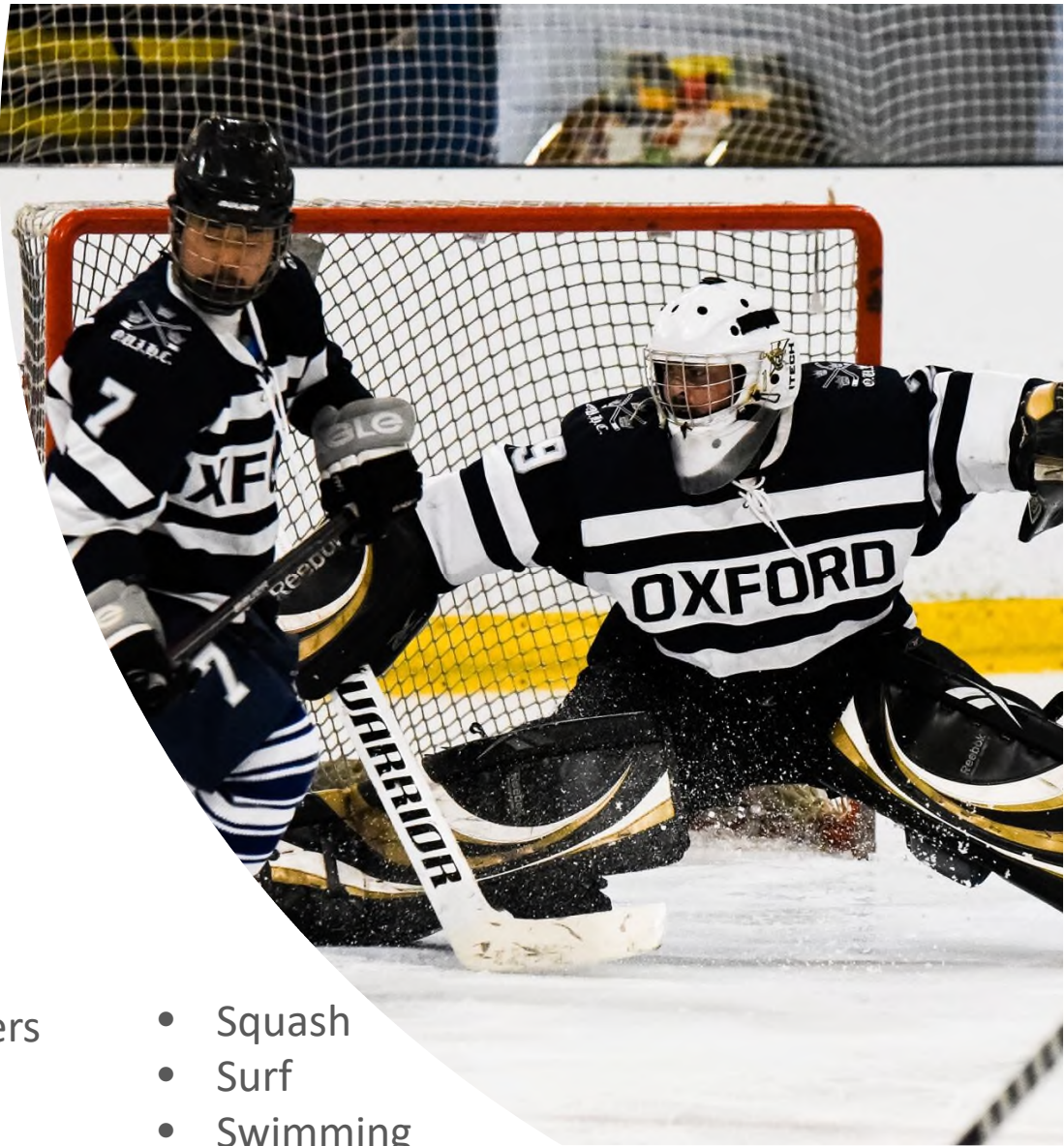
# Extra-curricular activities at Oxford

## CLUB AND SOCIETIES

- Arab Society
- Chemistry Society
- Computer Science Society
- Electronic Music Society
- Exploration Club
- Harry Potter Society
- Hip-Hop Society
- Jazz Society
- Lego Society
- Light Entertainment Society
- Magic Society
- Nature Conservation Society
- eSports Society
- Salsa Society
- Symphonic Band
- Table Tennis Club
- Biotech Society
- Dramatic Society
- Chamber Music
- Baseball and Softball
- Blockchain Society
- Chinese Studies Society
- Climate Society
- Competitive Computer Security
- Croatian Society
- Dr Who Society
- German Society
- Law Society
- Mixed Martial Arts
- Pharmacology Society
- Tolkien Society
- Quidditch Club
- Aeronautical Society
- Archaeological Society
- Art Club
- Society
- Board Games Society
- Brass Band
- Buddhist Society
- Ceilidh Band
- Dance Society
- Floorball Club
- Gymnastics Club
- Islamic Society
- LGBTQ+ Society
- Media Society
- Northerners Society
- Philosophy Society
- Photography Society
- Physics Society
- Quiz Society
- Rugby Club
- Skateboarding Society
- Story Society
- Tea Appreciation Society
- Robotics Society
- Rock Music Society
- Scout and Guide Group
- Startup Factory
- Quiz Society
- Airborne Electric Racing Club
- Neuroscience Club
- Materials Society
- Engineering Society
- Bridge Association
- Females in Engineering, Science and Technology Society
- Ukulele Players
- Tango Society
- Student Action for Refugees

## SPORTS

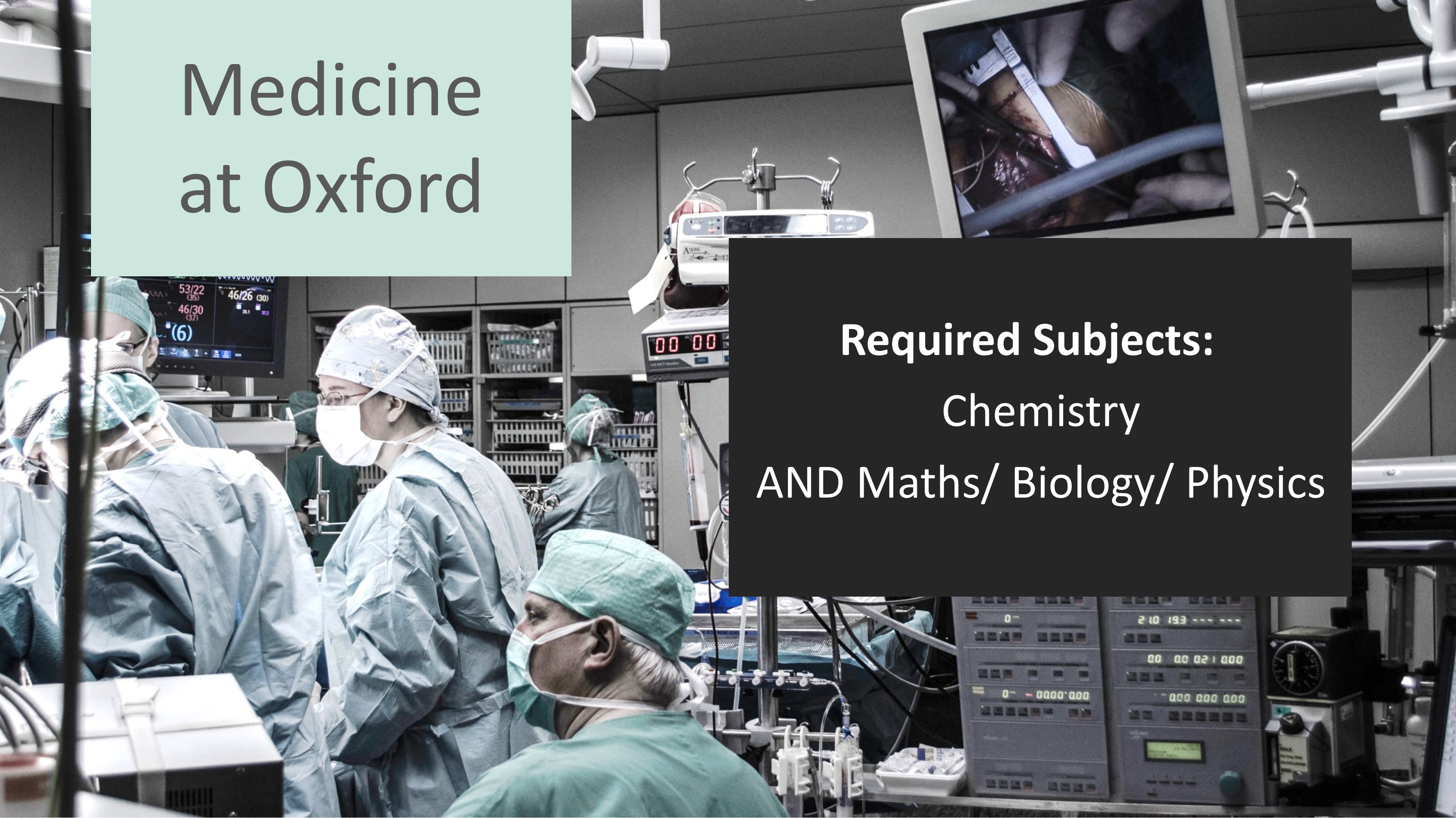
- Aikido
- American Football
- Archery
- Athletics
- Australian Rules Football
- Badminton
- Baseball
- Basketball
- Boxing
- Canoe and Kayak
- Caving
- Cheerleading
- Clay Pigeon Shooting
- Contemporary Dance
- Cricket
- Croquet
- Cross-Country
- Cycling
- Dancesport
- Dinghy Sailing
- Equestrian
- Fencing
- Floorball
- Football
- Gliding
- Golf
- Gymnastics
- Handball
- Hockey
- Ice Hockey
- Ice Skating
- Jiu Jitsu
- Judo
- Kabaddi
- Karate
- Kendo
- Kickboxing
- Korfball
- Motor Drivers
- Modern Pentathlon
- Mountaineering
- Netball
- Octopus
- Orienteering
- Pistol
- Pool and Snooker
- Powerlifting
- Rifle
- Rowing
- Rugby
- Ski and Snowboarding
- Squash
- Surf
- Swimming
- Table Tennis
- Taekwon-Do
- Tai Chi
- Tennis
- Tampolining
- Triathlon
- Ultimate Frisbee
- Underwater Exploration
- Volleyball
- Walking
- Water Polo
- Windsurfing





# Medicine at Oxford

**Required Subjects:**  
Chemistry  
AND Maths/ Biology/ Physics





A row of old, worn leather-bound books is shown on a wooden surface. The books are dark brown with visible wear and tear on the leather. The background is a light-colored wooden surface with a vertical grain pattern.

# Law at Oxford

**Required Subjects:**

Any subject  
combinations

# Computer Science at Oxford

## Required Subjects:

Maths and Further Maths  
(A\* in Maths, Further Maths or Computing)



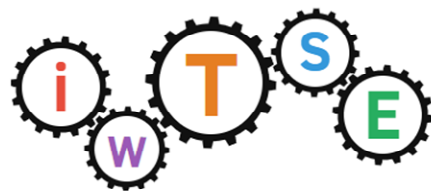
# History of Art at Oxford

## **Required Subjects:**

A subject involving  
essay writing.



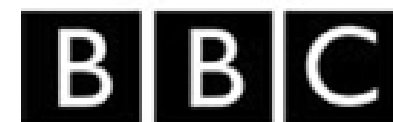
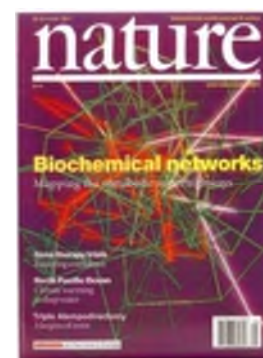
# Super-curricular activity ideas



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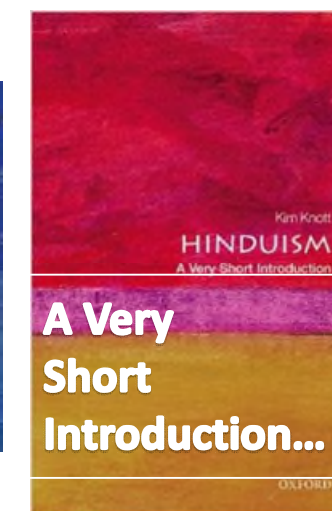
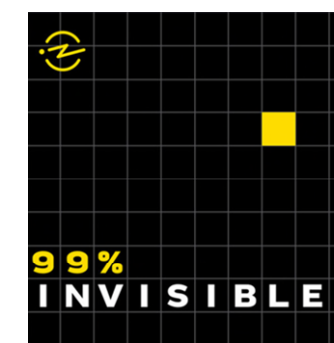
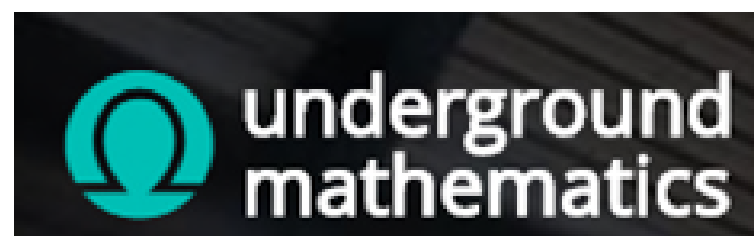
The Electric Typewriter



BBC  
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London Review of Books





# THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

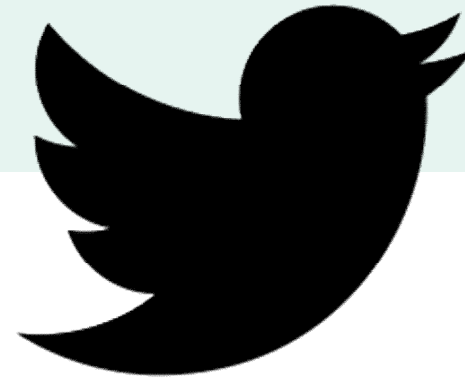
1. Focus on your GCSE's and think about what you enjoy.
2. Start exploring your options for A Level.
3. Explore different subjects and find out what you are interested in beyond school.

# Get in touch



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