

Oxford International College's Virtual University Fair 2020



Monday 21st September 2020

8.30am – 6.55pm

Supercurricular Department

Welcome

From the Supercurricular Department

Welcome to this year's annual Supercurricular university fair. Supercurricular is about your personal development and carrying out activities which are career centered and tailored towards your personal ambitions, helping you to reach new heights. As part of this, at Oxford International College (OIC), we train you, as our students, to aim high and engage passionately with several internal and external activities. Part of our Supercurricular toolkit is based around knowing what to expect at university. As such we have created this day of informative talks and interactive activities from world-renowned universities which we hope you will enjoy. Hopefully, it'll offer you a sense of what admissions tutors are looking for in different subjects, and maybe even guide you and inspire you to think more creatively about your future aspirations.

“Successful and unsuccessful people do not vary greatly in their abilities. They vary in their desires to reach their potential.”- John Maxwell

On the next page of this booklet you will find a breakdown of the timeline for the day. Following this individual speaker and/or organization biographies will be included for your reference.

Please make the most of the opportunities to ask questions throughout the day, and feel free to submit questions to us to ask later during the Q&A session as well.

Electronic materials provided by respective speakers will also be made available to you in a One Drive folder following the event.

Ellie, Jason, Dominic, Jake, and Dan

Timetable for the Day

Theme	Time	Event	Online platform to use	
Welcome	08.30-08.40	Introduction and welcome talk (Yasmin Sarwar, Dominic Fuge, Dan Casey)	Microsoft Teams	
Admissions advice	08.45-09.05	How to stand out during COVID-19 Anisa Atlasi, International Officer, University of Manchester	Microsoft Teams	
	09.10-09.30	Maximising your Supercurricular opportunities Sam Twells, Student Recruitment Coordinator, University of Cambridge	Microsoft Teams	
	09.35-09.55	Interview preparation Mary Elliston, Student Recruitment and Marketing, University of Birmingham	Microsoft Teams	
	10.00-10.20	How to choose a course (and university) Elodie Sprenger, Country Development Manager, University of Southampton	Microsoft Teams	
UK universities	10.25-10.40	University College London (UCL) – UCL, studying in London and the G5 Musti Ali, Liaison and Recruitment Officer, University College London	Microsoft Teams	
	10.45-11.00	Studying at Glasgow and the Scottish university system Kate Barrie, Senior Recruitment Officer of UK-based International Students, University of Glasgow	Microsoft Teams	
	11.05-11.20	Studying at Durham, living in the North East and being part of the Russell Group Lauren Scarratt, International Officer, Durham University	Microsoft Teams	
	11.25-11.40	Studying at the University of Edinburgh, being in a capital city and student life at UK universities Catriona Henderson, UK Student Recruitment Officer (undergraduate), University of Edinburgh	Microsoft Teams	
Staggered lunch time, Oxbridge videos & sessions by Career Group		Healthcare & Biological Science	Physical Science & Maths	Social Science & Commerce
	11.45-12.15	Medicine and Biosciences Matt Lloyd, International Recruitment and Development Officer, University of Manchester	Electronics and Computer Science Reena Pau, Outreach Officer in Electronics and Computer Science, University of Southampton	Business, Management and Finance Mike Nicholson, Director of Undergraduate Admissions and Outreach, University of Bath
	12.20-12.50	Applying to Medicine and Dentistry	Engineering	Economics Directed video session

		Mishal Dattani, UK International Regional Lead and Senior Student Recruitment Officer, University of Dundee	Mike Nicholson, Director of Undergraduate Admissions and Outreach, University of Bath	
	12.55-13.25	Pharmacology Parveen Sharma, Senior Lecturer of Molecular and Clinical Pharmacology, University of Liverpool	Architecture Leo Care, Architecture Programme Lead, University of Sheffield (Blackboard)	Psychology and Linguistics Directed video session
	13.30-14.00	Veterinary Science Fraser Murdoch, Lecturer in Farm Animal Practice, University of Edinburgh	Physics Directed video session	Law Arina Naumova, Student Representative, Kings College London
	14.05-14.35	Erasmus Programmes (An exchange student in Europe) Danielle & Chris, Graduate Recruitment, University of Sheffield		Blackboard
Interactive session	14.40-15.25	Interactive session for all students – ‘Law and order’ Stephanie Willmott, Senior Graduate Ambassador, Newcastle University London		Microsoft Teams
Global Pathways	15.30-16.00	Study in the Netherlands (CHANGE) Speaker TBC, University of Groningen		Zoom
	16.05-16.50	Study in Australia and New Zealand Sarah Nash, Director of Study Options		Microsoft Teams
Panel discussion and Q&A	16.55-17.40	With all previously speaking university representatives (and, additionally, Kasia Ratcliffe, International Officer, University of Leeds)		Microsoft Teams
Global pathways	17.45-18.15	My experiences of studying in the USA Kristina Kim (Yale University alumna)		Microsoft Teams
	18.20-18.40	My experiences of studying in Canada Hannah Hanbee Pae (student of Physiology, Public Health and Postgraduate Medicine)		Microsoft Teams
End	18.45-18.55	Rounding off and discussing next steps (Supercurricular Department)		Microsoft Teams

Speaker Biographies

08.45-09.05	How to stand out during COVID-19 Anisa Atlasi, International Officer, University of Manchester
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International Officer for India, East Asia and UK International at UG and PG level. Specialisms in UK, international and English language qualifications.

09.10-09.30	Maximising your Supercurricular opportunities Sam Twells, Student Recruitment Coordinator, University of Cambridge
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Sam studied history at the University of Cambridge and has worked there ever since. After graduating in 2014, his first outreach role involved liaising with schools across the UK on behalf of his former college. He then moved to the university's central admissions office to deliver the Cambridge Open Days, before transferring to the International Student Recruitment Team in August 2018. Sam now leads on engaging with schools in Europe and with international schools in the UK.

09.35-09.55	Interview preparation Mary Elliston, Student Recruitment and Marketing, University of Birmingham
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Mary visits schools and colleges across the UK to support students with all aspects of the higher education decision making and application process by delivering talks and attending Careers and Higher Education events organised by schools. Part of her role is UK international recruitment, working with schools, colleges and foundation providers across the UK. Other projects that Mary is involved with are the Kaplan

College partnership, Norwegian recruitment, and supporting other projects as necessary. You may contact Mary using the following details: +44 (0)121 414 9659 or email m.e.elliston@bham.ac.uk

10.00-10.20	How to choose a course (and university) Elodie Sprenger, Country Development Manager, University of Southampton
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Elodie has been working for the International Office at the University of Southampton since 2015. Elodie is responsible for UK-International activities (recruitment of International and EU students in the UK), and was responsible for managing European student recruitment previously.

Before this, Elodie worked in a variety of international marketing and sales roles in the private and public sector in Spain, Australia and the UK.

10.25-10.40	University College London (UCL) – UCL, studying in London and the G5 Musti Ali, Liaison and Recruitment Officer, University College London
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Musti Ali is part of the outreach team at University College London.

10.45-11.00	Studying at Glasgow and the Scottish university system Kate Barrie, Senior Recruitment Officer of UK-based International Students, University of Glasgow
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Kate is part of the external relations team at the University of Glasgow, engaging with UK-based international students.

11.05-11.20	Studying at Durham, living in the North East and being part of the Russell Group Lauren Scarratt, International Officer, Durham University
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Lauren started working in the international office at Durham last October and covers Europe, including the UK and Turkey. Lauren moved to Durham at the same time, but due to COVID-19 restrictions, she's now spent more time walking in the fields and countryside surrounding Durham than she has in the city itself!

11.25-11.40	Studying at the University of Edinburgh, being in a capital city and student life at UK universities Catriona Henderson, UK Student Recruitment Officer (undergraduate), University of Edinburgh
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Working full time in Higher Education since 2016, Cat has worked at two universities (The University of Edinburgh, The University of Essex) in a number of Recruitment and Admissions-based roles. Working as a Student Recruitment Officer at The University of Edinburgh since 2018, Cat's role focuses primarily on providing information, advice and guidance (regarding Higher Education) to prospective students all around the UK.

11.45-12.15	Medicine and Biosciences Matt Lloyd, International Recruitment and Development Officer, University of Manchester
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Matt has a broad range of experience in higher education, especially within an international context.

Matt strongly believes in the value and importance of both education and internationalisation and through his professional and personal activities, has become involved in advocating for international student rights and promoting global experiences for all students.

11.45-12.15	Electronics and Computer Science Reena Pau, Outreach Officer in Electronics and Computer Science, University of Southampton
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Reena Pau is an enthusiastic communicator who is inspiring the next generation of computer scientists. She is passionate about introducing young people to the world of electronics and increasing the number of women entering the technology sector. Reena visits schools to run motivational sessions and full-day programmes as the Electronics and Computer Science (ECS) department’s Outreach Officer.

11.45-12.15	Business, Management and Finance Mike Nicholson, Director of Undergraduate Admissions and Outreach, University of Bath
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Mike joined the University of Bath in October 2014, having previously worked as Director of Undergraduate Admissions and Outreach at the University of Oxford (2006-2014) and Head of Undergraduate Admissions and Student Recruitment at the University of Essex (1998-2006).

Mike heads the team responsible for managing undergraduate student admissions, student recruitment (UK and international), funding guidance, widening access and participation, learning partnerships, and student immigration.

He is currently a Trustee of the Council of International Schools and the AQA Exam Board (where he also sits on their Research Committee), and is a member of the

Universities UK Fair Admissions Advisory Group established in October 2019 to review the need for reform of the undergraduate student recruitment and admissions process in the UK. He is also on the UUK Group established to advise the Universities' Minister on the sector response to COVID-19. He co-Chaired the Social Mobility Practitioners' Group established by Universities UK to advise the UK Minister for Higher Education on supporting progression from under-represented groups in society in 2016. In 2018 he joined the Evaluation Group for the Welsh Government's Seren Gifted and Talented Programme. He was UK Chair of the Higher Education Liaison Officers' Association from 2014-2017 and served as a member of the UCAS Council until January 2017. He represented English universities on the Welsh Qualifications Reform stakeholder group, and was involved in the SPA National Expert Think Tank on UK Qualifications Reform in 2015.

Mike graduated in 1990 from the University of Sheffield with a degree in English and History. He also attended Allegheny College, Pennsylvania for a year as an exchange student. He was the first member of his extended family to go to university, after attending state-funded comprehensive schools in Gateshead.

12.20-12.50	Applying to Medicine and Dentistry Mishal Dattani, UK International Regional Lead and Senior Student Recruitment Officer, University of Dundee
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Mish has worked in the Higher Education industry since 2010 across a number of roles including admissions, marketing and schools and colleges liaison/student



recruitment, having been fortunate to represent both the University of Surrey and the University of Dundee across the UK and overseas (specifically in parts of Africa, the Middle East and Europe). Mish's current role at the University of Dundee is as a Regional Lead for work with UK-based international students, delivering

presentations and talks on a wide variety of aspects within Higher Education as well as providing advice and guidance to students and careers advisors/counsellors on those very topics.

12.55-13.25	Pharmacology Parveen Sharma, Senior Lecturer of Molecular and Clinical Pharmacology, University of Liverpool
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Parveen's research focuses on cardiac and liver disease with a specialised interest into drug induced toxicity. The long-term aim is to gain a greater understanding of the cellular mechanisms that result in disease, emphasising on key mechanisms and pathways of disease in order to identify clinically relevant therapeutic targets and early detection biomarkers. Parveen's focus is on membrane protein physiology, cellular toxicity and the development of 3D cell culture models that emulate more in vivo like

structures. For these experiments Parveen applies conventional cell biology and biochemical techniques together with immunofluorescence as well as advanced proteomics and bioinformatics.

Parveen obtained her PhD at the University of Birmingham, UK and then went onto a post-doctoral fellowship and research fellowship at the University of Toronto, Canada. Parveen moved to take a Lectureship at the University of Liverpool in January 2014.

12.55-13.25	Architecture Leo Care, Architecture Programme Lead, University of Sheffield (Blackboard)
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Leo is a university teacher at the University of Sheffield. He is currently director of the MArch course and co-director of Live Works, the first university-led urban room in the UK. After graduating in 2002 from the University of Sheffield Leo became a founding member of Bureau – Design + Research [BDR] set up in 2003, specialising in creative engagement strategies and visioning processes. The work of the BDR and Live Works links to Leo’s teaching role, where he enjoyed developing learning programmes that aim to connect students with external communities and organisations. Leo is also a Director of Chiles Evans + Care Architects, and co-founder of the Open House Project Cohousing group.



13.30-14.00	Veterinary Science Fraser Murdoch, Lecturer in Farm Animal Practice, University of Edinburgh
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Dr Fraser Murdoch graduated from the University of Glasgow Veterinary School in 2003. After graduating, he returned home close to the family farm in Morayshire, to work in private mixed practice for nearly 5 years, with a year’s sabbatical which included locuming in New Zealand.

In 2008 he commenced a residency in Production Animal Health and Management at Murdoch University in Perth, Western Australia. Although the residency covered all production animals including camelids, Fraser’s focus was primarily sheep and goat work. During his residency Fraser undertook a number of research projects looking

into novel pain relief for sheep and treatment of Pink Eye in sheep feedlots. He extended the Pink Eye project and completed a PhD on the subject. Fraser successfully gained Membership of the Australia and New Zealand College of Veterinary Scientists in Sheep Medicine.

Prior to starting at the R(D)SVS, Fraser worked at the University of Glasgow where he was involved in teaching and provision of clinical services within the farm animal team and anatomic pathology group.

Fraser took a position as lecturer in Farm Animal Practice within the school's farm animal division in 2015. Fraser's main clinical interests lie within the health and management of sheep and goats, beef cattle, and bull fertility testing. In addition to his clinical work, Fraser is involved in teaching in all year of the BVM&S programme and also MVetSci programmes. Fraser is also Deputy Director of Student Recruitment and Admissions.

Outside of work Fraser, continues to seek out new adventures and culinary delights in the far flung corners of the world, and attempting to build upon his language repertoire.

13.30-14.00	Law Arina Naumova, Student Representative, Kings College London
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Arina is a student ambassador for the Dickson Poon School of Law at KCL. She will be able to share her own insightful experiences about her experience of King's, the application process (from a candidate's perspective) and why someone should be considering a law degree.

14.05-14.35	Erasmus Programmes (An exchange student in Europe) Danielle & Chris, Graduate Recruitment, University of Sheffield
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Danielle and Chris were previous students at the University of Sheffield, now working in the Graduate Recruitment Department there. During their degrees they spent time in Europe on Erasmus programmes and will be sharing their experiences of European university life with you.

14.40- 15.25	Interactive session for all students – ‘Law and order’ Stephanie Willmott, Senior Graduate Ambassador, Newcastle University London
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Stephanie works as a Senior Graduate Ambassador at Newcastle University London, and liaises and collaborates with schools and colleges in London and the South East



to promote the benefits of studying within Higher Education. She also creates and delivers a wide range of outreach activities, specifically designed for schools and colleges to help raise aspirations in young people, reinforcing the idea that university is inclusive to all students. She is responsible for communicating with schools to secure visits and talks on a variety of university related subjects i.e. student finance, the UCAS process, writing personal statements, choosing the right course at

university, student life along with hosting specific business-related workshops and running business themed activities.

15.30- 16.00	Study in the Netherlands (CHANGE) Speaker TBC, University of Groningen
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In a change to the schedule a speaker from the University of Groningen will be speaking about the benefits of studying in the Netherlands and the application process.

16.05- 16.50	Study in Australia and New Zealand Sarah Nash, Director of Study Options
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Study Options is the official Application Support Service for UK and UK-based students applying to study at universities in Australia or New Zealand. They ensure that the application process is as straightforward and stress-free as possible for students.

They offer counselling to help students make well-informed decisions about what and where to study. Study Options are responsible for handling paperwork, so are the point of contact between the student and their chosen universities during the application process. They also offer help and support with all the practicalities that come with studying abroad, from applying for student accommodation a (very!) long way from home to sorting out the right insurance and applying for a study visa.

All their services are completely free for students. Study Options are the official representative of Australian and New Zealand universities and are funded by them to provide help to students on their behalf.

16.55-17.40	With all previously speaking university representatives (and, additionally, Kasia Ratcliffe, International Officer, University of Leeds)
17.45-18.15	My experiences of studying in the USA Kristina Kim (Yale University alumna)



Kristina Kim is a second-year Global Health Policy PhD candidate at the University of Edinburgh. Her research investigates evidentiary uncertainty in medical education through the examination of e-cigarette-related teachings in UK medical schools. In 2019, she earned her Master of Public Health (MPH) degree from the University of Edinburgh. For her dissertation, she performed a visual analysis of Instagram marketing by e-cigarette brands and retailers within the UK regulatory context. Before studying in Edinburgh, Kristina graduated from Yale University with a Bachelor's degree in the History of Science, Medicine and Public Health. At Yale, she also played on the varsity women's soccer team, served as a photography editor for the Yale Daily News – the

**oldest university daily newspaper in the US – and interned at the Yale Sports
Publicity office. Kristina is originally from New York.**

18.20- 1840	My experiences of studying in Canada Hannah Hanbee Pae (student of Physiology, Public Health and Postgraduate Medicine)
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