



Thinking about applying to **Oxford or Cambridge** in the future? This week's focuses on their unique requirements.



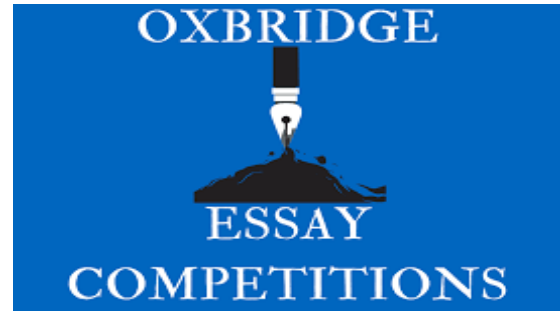
Summer 2026 Issue 2

St John's College, Cambridge is our linked college and, as a result, pupils are more likely (though not guaranteed) to be offered places on their events. The college provides a wide range of outreach opportunities, including an academic poster competition, online masterclasses, and residential taster sessions.



Essay competitions are an excellent way to demonstrate the passion and enthusiasm for your subject that admissions tutors are looking for.

You will find a list of current competitions via this link, but you can also identify relevant opportunities easily through a quick Google search or by asking your subject teacher for recommendations.



Both Oxford and Cambridge host their own Open Days; however, these events are extremely popular and can feel overwhelming. This video will help you plan your visit and ensure you make the most of the experience.

Oxford Open Days: 1st & 2nd July and 18th Sept
Cambridge Open Days: 9th & 10th July and 11th Sept
Please note that pupils must request permission to attend an Open Day that takes place during term time.



Different courses have specific entrance test requirements, and there will be a number of changes to these tests next year. It is **your responsibility** to check which test is required for your course and to ensure that you register for it in good time — the school does not do this on your behalf.

[Cambridge](#)

[Oxford](#)



Any advice you receive about making an Oxbridge application will almost certainly include the phrase 'super-curricular activities'. Admissions tutors are looking for evidence of genuine passion for your subject, which you can demonstrate through the books and articles you read, the lectures you attend, and the podcasts you listen to. A good place to start exploring this kind of material is through the Gresham Lectures or via your Unifrog account.

GRESHAM
COLLEGE

unifrog

If you have feedback about the careers programme at Adams please **contact me**.

