Floreat Programme: Broxbourne School Launch Event
19th November 2019
Balliol College Outreach

- Balliol College is over 750 years old.

- In the 19th Century we pioneered the selection of students on academic merit alone.

- We work with schools and students in Hertfordshire to raise aspirations and provide academic experiences and application support for able students.
Why Floreat?

- We want to share the best of Oxford teaching with a broader audience and engage school students with university academic material.

- We want to combat myths about Oxford University and encourage more students to consider Oxford and/or other universities.

- We recognise that sustained contact is the best way to influence students.

- Want to increase students’ confidence that then can meet academic demands and fit in.
Floreat: What are we offering

• An Oxford style academic experience, delivered in Hertfordshire.

• It will be taught by Oxford graduates and tutors who have chosen to be involved.

• This is a ‘super curricular’ programme designed to broaden students’ academic experience and give them the opportunity to discover and read outside of their school studies.

• It is open to any students studying essay based subjects/languages with a broad interest in Humanities subjects.
Floreat: What we are not offering

• This opportunity should not be mistaken for Oxbridge ‘coaching’.

• This programme is not a fast track or backdoor entrance to Oxford.

• Floreat will not be replicating, supporting or tutoring students in their school work, or in any way offering school exam preparation.
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Spring Term

- Teaching will be delivered in a series of seminars.
- Students will be expected to read preparatory materials each week (around 3-4 book chapters/articles), and come to each session prepared to discuss ideas. They will not be expected to prepare an essay or any formal work each week.
- Should take no more than 2 hours
- Materials available through website
Summer Term

• The programme will ease off in the summer term to allow students to fully concentrate on their summer exams.

• Students will research and produce an essay on an academic topic during the summer holidays.

• We will host a summer residential from 19-21 August which will give students the opportunity to attend a tutorial-style discussion of their work and a chance to familiarise themselves with the university.
Academic Content

• The theme of this course is Cold War Europe, inspired by a real undergraduate course taken by second year History students.

• One advantage of taking this approach is that students will have the chance to try out lots of different academic subjects, whilst building up a clearer impression of the period.

• The source material will be provided from university books, journal articles and archives.
How will this be delivered?

- Weekly teaching will take place at Broxbourne School.

- Teaching will be led by Oxford representatives.

- You will be expected to undertake independent study in advance of each seminar.

- Contact will be via email
Who/ what are we looking for?

• Applications are invited from Year 12 students at state-maintained schools, who are studying essay-based subjects this year.

• We are looking to recruit those with a strong academic background, who would benefit from the experience.

• Students on the programme will be aspiring to one of the top universities.

• We hope to engage with students from a range of local schools.
Things to consider

• Please ensure you are able to attend all scheduled sessions including the summer residential.

• Make sure you are able to get to Broxbourne School during term time.

• Your school work should always take priority, so make sure you feel confident you can manage your time well.
Things not to worry about

- Cost – this programme is free and we can support students who need financial aid towards travel expenses.
- Whether you are clever enough to take the programme.
- Oxford ‘types’.
- Not knowing which subject you want to study at university.
Why apply?

• The process of applying for this programme should prove useful ahead of UCAS next year.

• This presents a genuine opportunity to read outside the curriculum.

• Understand what university study is really like.

• Experience Oxford style teaching.

• Try out new subject areas and engage with new ideas/ material.

• Meet other like minded students.
Outcomes

**Previous cohort 2018**

All students applied to Russell Group universities

20 applications to Oxford - 8 offers
11 applications to Cambridge - 5 offers

**2017**

18 applications, 6 offers, 3 at Balliol
How do I apply?

- Slides and application form will go live a week after this event.
- Complete an application form online by 5pm Sunday 22nd December 2019.
- [https://www.balliol.ox.ac.uk/admissions/schools-and-outreach/floreat-access-programme](https://www.balliol.ox.ac.uk/admissions/schools-and-outreach/floreat-access-programme)
- Students who have been accepted onto the programme will be notified by email by Friday 24th January 2020.
‘Super-curricular’ activities
Exploring beyond the curriculum & developing thinking / study skills

Very Short Introductions
KS5 Events

- UNIQ Programmes Easter and Summer
- Target Oxbridge
- OUSU Target Schools Shadowing Days
- Subject Taster days usually from January to June
- University open days 1st and 2nd July 18th September 2019

Year 13
Interview workshops in Hertfordshire

Please helpful yourself to prospectuses and interview guides

outreach@balliol.ox.ac.uk