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## Transcript for Balliol College: undergraduate admissions video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TxexGQ79SGA>

[The main Balliol campus on Broad Street]

>>SHREYA LAKHANI, 2ND YEAR, ORIENTAL STUDIES: I just didn't think I was clever enough. That was, like, the hardest thing when I was applying, and coming from a small school as well I was more scared because I knew that lots of people were coming from really pushy schools where everyone applies to Oxford, and that just wasn't where I came from. But, when I arrived, I was just really surprised by how down-to-earth it was and how it was just made up of people like me.

[One of the Balliol quads]

>>AMRITA KHANDPUR, 2ND YEAR, PPE: Balliol is just an incredibly wonderful community. You can just walk up to any common space - go to the JCR, go to the buttery, go to some events or film nights - and there's always people around.

[Students chatting in the JCR]

>>FREDERICK POTTS, 2ND YEAR, HISTORY: The strength and size and activity of the undergraduate community here is unique to Balliol, or at least different at Balliol.

>>ELIZA CASAPOPOL, MATHEMATICS: I just like how I felt here. I actually felt really welcome.

>>SIMRAN UPPAL, 2ND YEAR, CLASSICS: So Balliol has one of the only fully student-run bars, one of the only fully student-run cafes and the only fully student-run theatre in Oxford, so there's a really good community that's developed by all of those, like, student-run things.

[Balliol students working in the student-run café]

>>SHREYA: I think Balliol, the fact that it's a really close-knit community and you know everyone in different years, is just a really nice open space for people to grow and learn.

[Students working in the Balliol Library]

>>ISIS KEARNEY, 2ND YEAR, MATHEMATICS: I was a bit worried about finance but when I found out that there was lots of financial support it made me feel like this was an institution which genuinely cares about its students.

[Students chatting in one of the student bedrooms]

>>AMRITA: I think there's a lot of people I've met here who a few years ago would think, you know, Oxford is never going to be for me, but it really just is a place for people who enjoy what they're studying and want to discuss that with as many people as they can.

>>SIMRAN: The admissions process can seem very scary, but actually they do everything they can possibly do to make it quite a nice, almost fun, experience. They really, really look after you.

>>ELIZA: It's nice because they actually test you with questions that actually reveal your potential rather than your previous knowledge.

[Two Classics students enjoy a tutorial with Balliol Fellow Rosalind Thomas, Tutor in Ancient History]

>>SHREYA: If you want to apply to Oxford or if you're thinking about it or even if you haven't thought about it before, I would really encourage you to come and visit, speak to the students, come to Open Days, speak to the tutors, go to their lectures, meet them, email them, get in touch. If you're passionate about your subject and you want to learn and you love learning, then I'd say go for it.

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