

Fourth Week Newsletter. Michaelmas Term, 2016.

Happy Hallowe'en!

This week's newsletter is below: for you today, there's working in Japan (for free!), the Cambridge Humanities Review, and, of course, everyone's favourite, the closures of the Memorial Room. There's also an important message from the Librarians, so please read it if you ever want to take guests into the Upper Library!

Have a wonderful day!

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. Important Message from the Library.

The librarians have asked me to pass on a message to everyone about visiting the Upper Library.

Several members of the MCR have been taking in guests to view the UL without getting permission first from the librarians - please don't do this! If at all possible, pop into the library before your guests are here to check that it's okay to take them up, then when you take them into the library please introduce yourself to whoever is on duty at the desk. If you can't pop in before your guests are here, then just go into the library office and ask whoever is on duty if it's okay to go upstairs.

The librarians will very rarely say no--the Upper Library is a wonderful space, and they want to share it with our guests as much as we do!--but they have to keep a close eye on the number of people who are up there. Please make sure you ask the librarians for permission before you take guests upstairs; this is a rule, and is set out as such in the MCR Handbook.

If you don't feel comfortable talking to the librarians (who are lovely people, I promise you!), you can take guests into the Upper Library without asking permission on Saturdays between 12 and 12.45. Just remember to introduce yourself to whoever's on duty.

Any questions, just drop me an email. Alternatively, Tessa Shaw, the Reader Services Librarian (tessa.shaw@queens.ox.ac.uk) is always there to answer questions.

. Memorial Room Closures.

The Memorial Room will be closed at the following times this week:

- Monday 31st, 1-8pm.
- Tuesday 1st, 12-2pm.
- Wednesday 2nd, 12.30-2pm.
- Sunday 6th, 12.30-5.30pm.

Please ensure that you are not working there during these times, and that no books/papers/laptops/etc are left behind.

. Right to Work for Graduate Students in Colleges.

IMPORTANT: Employment of graduate students in colleges

If you wish to work for any of the colleges and you enrolled for the first time this term then your right to work evidence will be available to whichever college might wish to engage you through eVision (in some circumstances further checks may be required in which case you will be asked to go to your home college to complete these checks).

*If you enrolled for the first time ****before MT2016**** then you may need to go to your home college (once you have an offer of an engagement of work) to complete a one-off right to work check.*

There is no need to take any action until you have an offer of an engagement of work. The college engaging you will be able to tell you if further information is required. This new system is designed to save you time in having to produce the same evidence of your right to work for several different colleges.

. Spend Easter in Japan at Zero Expense.

-> Apply to be an activity mentor on Japan's government sponsored Youth Empowerment Programme.

YOUR ROLE: To assist the leaders on the Japanese youth empowerment programme for Japanese high school students.

YOUR REWARD: A chance to explore Japan for free! During the programme, flights, hotel accommodation and almost all other expenses are covered. You will join 19 other Oxbridge students, so this is also an excellent chance to meet like-minded adventurous spirits. Additionally, you are free to fix your own return flight date, so you can stay on and explore the natural beauty of Japan.

-> Apply soon by 7th November 2016 emailing: donna@oxbridgeacademycourses.com

With your ~

Name:

Subject:

College:

and answers to:

1. What makes you a good mentor?

2. Why do you think being empowered is important for a) you and for b) for others generally c) for others in Japan?

3. Outline an activity you want to run which would help students feel more empowered.

4. Dear OAC overall this opportunity excites me because... (*optional*)

FAQs

When are the rough dates?

Mentoring from March 13th – March 31st : 10 students

Mentoring from March 20th – April 5th or 6th : 10 students

You choose your return depending on when you want to go travelling.

What does the role entail?

During the programme, our mentors would not be asked to lead activities, but would be on hand to help, guide and generally set an example for the students. The programme organisers have asked for 10 Oxbridge students who are confident and full of positivity to help bring their programme to life. The skills we are looking for in our mentors and the ability to work well with teenagers and with other mentors, to be able to set a good example and give the students something to aspire to be and to be punctual, organised and, most importantly, excited about delivering the best possible experience. An interest in Japanese culture would be nice, but knowledge of the country or language are not pre-requisites.

Who would I stay with?

If selected, you would most likely stay with a local family. Your flights, accommodation and meals will all be provided for over the duration of the programme. While the programme lasts, you would only need spending money if you wanted to go shopping or buy food when you're out instead of with your family, all other expenses are covered. This is a wonderful way to absorb the culture. The mentors last year loved staying with a host family

How does travelling work?

Your flights there and back will be covered, but you can choose your own return date, so if you wanted to see the country while you were over there, you would be welcome to strike out on your own or with other mentors after the programme was over. Accommodation and food will only be provided for the duration of the programme, however.

How does the application process work?

Apply by the 10th November. We will select the top 30 students across Oxbridge and conduct phone interviews to narrow the list down to 25.

Who are you and have you done it before?

Yes we sent 10 students last year and they had a blast. For more info about this and OAC have a look at our fb

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. The Cambridge Humanities Review is Recruiting!

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‘In the words of celebrated writer Robert Macfarlane: ‘The Cambridge Humanities Review (CHR) is a very impressive young magazine, distinguished by me for its combination of intellectual seriousness, adventure and diversity.’ We’re a termly journal run by undergraduate and postgraduate students across Oxford and Cambridge, and we cover topics as diverse as the music of Lana Del Rey, the poetry of J.H. Prynne, and the letters of Hugh Trevor-Roper.

We are currently recruiting for new team members, especially in developing our programme of events, website, social media and sponsorship. If you feel like getting involved, please email daniel.matore@new.ox.ac.uk. For those interested in sponsorship in particular, email jennifer.allan@stcatz.ox.ac.uk. Even if you have zero experience, why not try something new? We’d love to hear from you!

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