Virtual Quad

Weekly events, tips, and reflections
Week 7 - Hilary Term 2022
Dear Mansfield Community,

Following the invasion of Ukraine, I know that this will be a very difficult time for all those who have families, friends and colleagues in the region as you worry about their safety; as you may know, we have students, staff and alumni from both Ukraine and the Russian Federation in our community.

As a College of Sanctuary, Mansfield is working with partners to support people affected in our own community, and more widely, through the crisis; however I am sure there will be more we can do in the coming weeks and months. Please do contact us here with ideas or initiatives with which you would like the College to be involved: development@mansfield.ox.ac.uk.

In the meantime, I wanted to reach out with my personal words of support to all those affected within our academic community.

Click here to read College statement on Events in Ukraine.

Best wishes,
Helen (she/her)
Community Week and Giving Day 2022

With Community Week fast approaching, don’t miss your chance to sign up for some great activities. The first is Mansfield’s Birthday Bake-off! Click here to sign up by 4pm Friday.

Whether you make cupcakes or biscuits, flapjacks or brownies – enter your Mansfield-themed bake for a chance to be crowned Mansfield’s Star Baker. The winner(s) will also receive a book voucher and get their bake featured on College’s official social media channels. We are delighted to announce that our judge will be Prof Ros Ballaster. On your marks, get set...bake!

Find out what else is happening and how to get involved...
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| Mon 7th | • 9am - Community Week begins  
          • 1:30pm - 3pm - Free Brownies at the Foyer  
          • 5pm - Mansfield's Birthday Bake-Off Presentation at the Old Hall                                                                 |
| Tue 8th | • 1:30 - 3pm - Free Brownies at the Foyer  
          • 2pm - 2:45pm and 2:45pm - 3:30pm Egg Painting at the Crypt                                                                |
| Wed 9th | • 2pm - 2:45pm and 2:45pm - 3:30pm Gingerbread Decorating at the Crypt                                                               |
| Thu 10th| • 9am - Giving Day challenges begin on the Quad  
              • **College challenge** - 135 miles row (on an erg)  
              • **College challenge** - 135 miles around the Quad  
              • 5pm - Performance by Mansfield's Choir on the Quad                                                             |
| Fri 11th| • 9am - Giving Day challenges resume on the Quad  
          • 9pm - Giving Day and Community Week closes                                                                                  |
Want to get involved?

You can sign-up now to the following activities and challenges:

Manfield's Birthday Bake-Off, Mon 7 March, 4pm
Click here to register

Egg Decorating, Tues 8 March
Session one (2pm - 2:45pm) - click here to register
Session two (2.45pm – 3.30pm) - click here to register

Gingerbread Decorating, Wed 9 March
Session one (2pm - 2:45pm) - click here to register
Session two (2.45pm – 3.30pm) - click here to register

Giving Day Challenges, Thurs 10 - Fri 11 March
Help Mansfield complete the 135-mile challenges to unlock donations from alumni. Anyone can take part and no experience is needed. Every lap or row completed will help us complete these fun challenges. Click here to register.

We are also looking for Community Week and Giving Day volunteers to help with activities. Interested? Email eleanor.crawford@mansfield.ox.ac.uk
Friday 4th March 2022

We are honoured to welcome international, award-winning organist, Richard Pinel, who will be performing in Mansfield’s Chapel for this celebratory recital to inaugurate the College’s famous and newly restored organ. This is a free event, open to all, though limited seating is available. Please book early to avoid disappointment. We will be raising funds in support of Music at Mansfield.

**Richard Pinel** is a Fellow and the Director of Music at Jesus College, Cambridge. Prior to this he was Assistant Director of Music at St George’s Chapel, Windsor Castle. He previously held the organ scholarship at St Albans Cathedral.

College Chapel | Admission Free | All Welcome

[Click here to book]
MCBC are racing in Torpids!

This unique style of racing involves 14 boats lining up, between Donnington Bridge and Isis Farmhouse, all with the aim to catch up with the boat in front. It can get quite messy and is, without a doubt, the most thrilling kind of racing. Hopefully, MCBC will be doing lots of ‘bumping’

The W2 are racing at 1:30pm, W1 at 3:30pm and O1 at 4pm on Wednesday (2nd March)

Come down to Longbridges Boat House on Wednesday to Saturday afternoons for some exciting racing.
International Women's Day
#breakthebias

Celebrate with an inspiring and insightful talk from guest speaker, Violet Dove, CCO of Girl Gone International.

Join us as we discuss her career journey and the ways GGI is helping connect and empower womxn around the world.

Open to all members of the Mansfield Community.

Online via Zoom

Tue 8 March 2022, 16.30 - 18:00

Click here to register via Eventbrite
Free Men: Love and Art on Death Row

Free film screening of Free Men followed by a Q&A with Samantha Knights QC and Kenneth Reams.

'At age 18, Kenneth became the youngest inmate on death row in Arkansas. Having survived decades of imprisonment in complete isolation, Kenneth shares with us his art and the creation of his exhibition, Who Decides, portraying his story and the horrors of capital punishment.'

Location: The Cube, St. Cross Building, Oxford, OX1 3UL
Programme: 6pm refreshments
6:30pm film screening
8pm Q&A

Click here to book
Should we regulate artificial intelligence? Can we?

Thursday
10 March 2022
5–6:15pm

Simon Chesterman
Helen Mountfield QC
John Zerilli
Prof John Tasioulas

Click here to watch live

Institute for Ethics in AI
Book Shelfies for World Book Day 2022!

Submit your book shelfies by emailing communications@mansfield.ox.ac.uk on Thursday 3rd March for a chance to be featured on College's Social Media or share it on Social Media using #WorldBookDay2022Mansfield
Philip Geddes Memorial Lecture 2022:

'In whom do we trust? Presenting the facts in an age of disinformation'

Lecture by journalist and Channel 4 news anchor:

Friday 4 March, 17:30-19:00
Examinations School, Oxford or Online

Krishnan Guru-Murthy

Friday 4 March, 17:30-19:00
Examinations School, Oxford or Online

Click here to register
NOWRUZ

Solar New Year 1401

Event Structure

When: Wednesday 9th March 2022
5:30-7pm - Music, Poetry, & Drinks (All Welcome)
7:15pm - Persian Themed Formal Dinner (MCR members & guests ONLY)

Location: Old Hall, Mansfield College, OX1 3TF

Click here to book ticket for the celebration

For the Persian Formal Dinner, please book as usual through College
Help shape the future of Oxford

Final year undergraduates: fill in the National Student Survey and have your voice heard

Click here to Access the Survey.
Throughout March, GLAM Community Engagement will be holding workshops with disabled, chronically ill and neurodiverse communities in Oxford.

The purpose of the workshops is to improve accessibility and representation in the venues, but also to equip disabled people with the skills and confidence to work with museum collections. These skills will include object handling with a disability, tips for those wanting to pursue museum & heritage careers, using collections online and searching for objects, community curation, using material culture for research and responding to objects from different perspectives. We will be using objects from the Ashmolean and Pitt Rivers museums.

Email mara.gold@glam.ox.ac.uk to sign up!

Location: Old Library, Pitt Rivers Museum, OX1 3PP

Drop in sessions from 1-4pm

March 10th: University Students

March 16th: University Staff
OxCGRT: Global research project, global public good, and a global network

DATA CHANGES EVERYTHING

Join our international community as a trained volunteer data collector with the University of Oxford informing global public policy responses to the COVID-19 pandemic

Click here to learn more about the Contributor Role

Click here to apply.
Vere Harmsworth Library has organised trial access to Colonial America, which consists of all 1,450 volumes of the CO 5 series of Colonial Office files held at The National Archives in London, plus all extracted documents associated with them. This unique collection of largely manuscript material from the archives of the British government is an invaluable one for students and researchers of all aspects of seventeenth- and eighteenth-century American history and the early-modern Atlantic world.

Access Colonial America using your SSO here
What is the importance and scope of the right to free speech? Where do its boundaries lie? How should it be balanced with other rights and interests? And how should we manage discussions to ensure that welfare is safeguarded?

Join us for the first of a series of forums exploring free speech in the modern university, chaired by David Isaac, Provost of Worcester College and former Chair of the EHRC. We will hear from four free speech experts on the legal, ethical and practical context, followed by breakout groups. Together, we will build a framework to effectively and respectfully tackle difficult discussions about issues like race, disability, and trans rights. Our guest speakers are:

Raj Desai  
Barrister at Matrix Chambers, London

Professor David Ruebain  
Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Culture, Equality and Inclusion, University of Sussex

Professor Helen Landemore  
Visiting Fellow, Brasenose College & Professor of Political Science at Yale University

Associate Professor Simukai Chigudu  
Associate Professor of African Politics at St Anthony’s

Click here to register
Trial for the National Theatre!

The Bodleian E-Resources Team have organized a trial to the National Theatre Collections 1 & 2.

The collection includes comedies, 20th Century Classics and Modern Plays, Shakespeare, Greek Classics and World Historical Drama and more, such as “One Man, Two Guvnors” starring James Corden, “Cat on a Hot Tin Roof” with Sienna Miller, Jack O’Connell and Colm Meaney, “A Streetcar Named Desire” starring Gillian Anderson, Ben Foster and Vanessa Kirby, “Julius Caesar” with Ben Whishaw, Michelle Fairley, David Calder and David Morrissey, and “Frankenstein” starring Benedict Cumberbatch.

Trial until 25th March 2022.

Click here to find out more
Paid Internship Opportunity for Students

Overview

The Panel will convene a multidisciplinary group of students from an array of universities to explore and share insights on future trends and the impact on organisations. The Panel will meet quarterly in London (covid dependent) for a workshop we will facilitate around a selected future topic.

We are aiming the initiative at second year undergraduates, but applications need not to be restricted to this specific group. There are twelve spots on the Panel and we are looking to cover economic, business, sustainability, data/digital and organisational psychology disciplines. Students will be paid for their time (£75 per day) and expenses (travel and subsistence).

Click here to apply.
Check out the latest additions in the Mansfield Library...
What in the world is going on with open access and open research? Come along and hear from an array of exciting national and international speakers – and find out!

8-9th week, Hilary Term (7-18th March)

Online

Click here to find out more
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Refreshments will be served!

Email Gail Leckie to book:

gail.leckie@mansfield.ox.ac.uk
Free Yoga & Pilates

Mondays | Weeks 1 - 8 | Hilary Term 2022
In the JCR
17:30 - 18:25 Pilates
18:30 - 19:30 Yoga

Click here to sign up or scan the QR code:
Sessions are fully subsidised by College. We ask that you attend at least 6 of 8 sessions. If you sign up and then don't attend, the cost of the sessions for the term (£16 per course) will be debited to your battels.
Mansfield Sunday Recitals in Hilary Term

At the start of every **Even Week of this term (23rd Jan, 6th Feb, 20th Feb, etc.)** there will be a Sunday afternoon recital at 4pm in Mansfield Chapel showcasing a few of our great musicians, which is free to attend and open to all (we ask that people take an LFD test before attending and wear a mask unless exempt.) There will also be some extended performance recitals at the start of Odd Weeks, so keep an eye on Virtual Quad and the Music Society mailout (if you are not on the mailing list, [sign up here](#)).

Recitals will be followed by free refreshments and a chance to socialise with musicians. We still need lots more volunteers for our recitals this term – if you’d be interested in performing a piece, in any style/genre of music, at any level/standard, on any instrument or using your voice, by yourself or in a group, then please contact flora.walker@mansfield.ox.ac.uk.

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Perform in a Chapel Service!

Mansfield’s Chapel Services are held by our Chaplain every Wednesday at 6:15pm, and the Choir sing hymns and one piece of choral music. But there is also an opening for instrumentalists to play a piece in our services this term. You don’t have to be religious; any musicians are welcome to come and play a short, reflective piece of music of your choice. It is good performance practice with a fairly small congregation/audience, and as a bonus, you can join the Choir for free formal dinner (and drinks) afterwards. If you are interested in playing in a service or would like more information, get in touch with Tom our Director of Music at tomhammonddavies@gmail.com

Chapel Choir are seeking Tenors and Basses

Mansfield Chapel Choir is a friendly, non-auditioned choir, who rehearse every Monday at 7:30pm, and every Wednesday at 5:15pm, followed by singing in the Chapel Service and then enjoying FREE drinks and FREE formal dinner together. Our choir are currently in need of more tenors and basses, so if you or anyone you know can sing low parts and might be interested in joining choir, feel free to contact Flora, Music Society President, at flora.walker@mansfield.ox.ac.uk or Tom, Choir Director, at tomhammonddavies@gmail.com or simply turn up on Monday!
COVID Regulations

Student Dining
Routine student dining will remain the same as Michaelmas Term with no pre-booking required. We will continue to maintain reduced numbers in Chapel so please try and make the best use of full meal times available. You will need to continue signing up against your printed name on the undergrad, postgrad or VSP sheet at each meal you attend. Meal charging arrangements remain the same throughout Hilary term and for the 2021/22 Academic Year. This is as discussed by the Finance and Resources Committee with their decision ratified by Governing Body.

Formal Halls
Formal Halls will be held most Wednesdays and Fridays up to the allocated student spaces available. Pre-booking is required and the new Front of House Manager, Ionela Rosca, will send out a booking email to all students in advance. The first email will be sent either tomorrow or Thursday for week 1, Wednesday and Friday Formals.

Crypt
The Crypt cafeteria will be open throughout the day until 8 p.m. The College Bar will re-open from next week on Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays until 11 p.m. throughout term.

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Events
Large internal events are not encouraged during the first half of term so please try and keep to smaller event numbers for a few weeks. Organisers of smaller events may also wish to require evidence of a recent negative LFD for their event attendees.

To arrange a public room booking or a student event
Firstly get in touch with lynne.quiggin@mansfield.ox.ac.uk to check room availability and that your planned event doesn’t clash with any other activity taking place in the College calendar. I’ll advise you whether specific permission is required from the Dean. Once room availability is confirmed and relevant permissions sought, a student event-form should be completed (this has been circulated by email). The student event form will need signing by either the Kitchen Manager or Front of House Manager where food is being consumed and the Bar Manager before any alcohol provision can be agreed. The completed event form is then returned to me in the Domestic Bursar’s office so that your event can be booked and appropriate staffing requirements arranged. Please allow as much notification as possible to arrange a social event, preferably 14 days minimum. All bookings should be kept within the reduced capacities displayed for each meeting room. Please remember to let plenty of fresh air into any facilities you are using in College to reduce the risk of covid-19 transmission.

We are keen to return to normal operations, room capacities and event arrangements as soon as possible and will keep you posted if there are any changes. If you have any questions, please send them to lynne.quiggin@mansfield.ox.ac.uk.
You can pick up **free LFD kits from the porters’ lodge** and other University LFD Collect points. Alongside other measures, such as face coverings, regular testing with LFDs is a very effective way of reducing the spread of the virus (a positive LFD indicates infection in more than 99.5% of cases). Please be aware that if you’ve had COVID-19 less than 90 days ago, you can still get re-infected so you should therefore take an LFD test if you experience any possible COVID symptoms.

To make life easier, pick two days each week to do your testing and set yourself a reminder, so it becomes part of your routine. It’s also really important to remember to report your results. We know that a lot of people are testing, which is great, but not always reporting. The University relies on the **reporting of positive results** to provide effective infection control and the **reporting of negative results** to demonstrate to the government (who provide our tests) that they are being used. Also, coming soon, look out for a for a chance to win prizes each week when you report in the SU free prize draw.

You should get a quick link when you pick up your tests to make reporting easy to the University on a mobile, but you can also use the links below:

Report an LFD result to the University’s Early Alert Service by clicking here.

Report an LFD to the NHS here.
Poetry Workshops

Drop-in poetry workshops every **Thursday** between **2pm to 6pm** in MB1 and **Saturday** between **4pm and 6 pm** in MB1, available to all members of the college.

Mansfield's writer in residence Kate Clanchy is also available for 1-to-1 poetry sessions between these times. To make an appointment, email Kate on **k.s.clanchy@reading.ac.uk**

Kate Clanchy
Got a difficult task to focus on? Can’t get started? Can’t stay focused?

In “Shut up and Focus!”, we get together and make a commitment as a group to focus, studiously, with purpose and without distractions. We are in it together. It’s a limited time with company, coffee, tea and cake. It’s for everyone in college – JCR, MCR, staff.

Old Hall, 10am to 12.30 pm, every Wednesday, weeks 1-8 (except 5)

How it works:
- Beforehand: Choose a task to bring to focus on.
- Get coffee/tea/cake.
- Focus!
- Have some free coffee/tea/cake and congratulate yourself.
One-to-one study skills support for any undergraduate student of any subject. Please contact your subject mentor by email to arrange a mutually convenient time to meet.

- Gail Leckie (Philosophy)
  gail.leckie@mansfield.ox.ac.uk
- Yashua Bhatti (Theology)
  yashua.bhatti@mansfield.ox.ac.uk
- Rachel O'Nunain (English)
  rachel.onunain@mansfield.ox.ac.uk
- James Harris (Maths, Physics, Engineering, Materials)
  james.harris@chch.ox.ac.uk
- Henry Tann (History) henry.tann@balliol.ox.ac.uk

If your subject is not mentioned, please contact Gail Leckie, as Tutor for Academic Support, who can signpost you to a source of support for your subject.
Who the Careers Service supports

The Careers Service supports all 12,510 **undergraduate students**, 13,044 **graduate students** at Oxford.

The Careers Service's dedicated support extends to more than 5,800 **research and research support staff**.

Oxford **alumni** can engage with the Careers Service for LIFE through access to 1:1 sessions with careers advisers, jobs board, careers fairs, workshops, and more.

Each **college, department** and **faculty** has a careers adviser dedicated to them.

**Student societies** can engage with the Service by advertising opportunities, attending a careers fair, co-host events, and more.
Drop-in sessions will run every Thursday. Alternatively, contact us via Facebook Messenger or email to arrange a time to chat.

Peer supporters are here to talk about anything that is concerning you. Peer supporters have over 30 hours of training with the University Counselling Service in order to listen effectively, maintain confidentiality, and respect boundaries.

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Feel free to contact one of the Teddy Hall JCR peer supporters

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Elizabeth Drummond can be approached by students with concerns or issues they feel would best be communicated to a woman tutor.
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LGBTQ+ Tutor
Ros Ballaster may be contacted by email and can meet by phone or by Microsoft Teams
ros.ballaster@mansfield.ox.ac.uk

Tutor for Racial Inclusion
Helen Mountfield co-organises the termly forum for Amplifying Voices of Students of Colour and can be contacted by email on principal@mansfield.ox.ac.uk

Tutor for Disabilities
Andrew Higgins deals with disability related welfare issues. andrew.higgins@mansfield.ox.ac.uk
Royal Literary Fund Fellow: Jon Stock

provides academic writing support for all students, undergraduate or postgraduate. One to one sessions are for 50 minutes and take place online.

To book a slot, email jon.stock@rlfeducation.org.uk.

Academic Support Tutor: Gail Leckie

offers one to one study skills support for any undergraduate of any subject, to discuss any concerns you have about your academic work broadly construed.

Email: gail.leckie@mansfield.ox.ac.uk for an appointment.
Medical Professionals
if you need immediate medical attention CALL 999

University Support
University Counselling Service Email
counselling@admin.ox.ac.uk for an appointment.

NHS 111
If you have an urgent medical problem and you’re not sure what
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