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Cherwell College Oxford

PRE-UNIVERSITY TUTORIAL COLLEGE

A-Level, Cambridge Pre-U & (I)GCSE

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"I never teach my pupils. I only attempt to provide the conditions in which they can learn."

"It is the supreme art of the teacher to awaken joy in creative expression and knowledge."

Albert Einstein (Oxford Union speaker – 1933)

"The College Exceeds Expectations for the quality of education – all standards for educational oversight were met and quality is excellent"

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Based in the heart of the ancient university City of Oxford, Cherwell College is a leading independent college, with excellent boarding facilities, specialising in pre-university education for students aiming to achieve the qualifications they need to progress onto higher education. Since its foundation in 1972, Cherwell has established and maintained a sound reputation based firmly upon its founding principles: treating the student as an individual; delivering first class teaching by a highly committed and dedicated staff; providing a learning environment that is positive, highly motivating, encourages industry and responsibility, yet is both enjoyable and highly rewarding.

Cherwell offers both first-time and retake courses at A-level and GCSE over one or two years. Teaching is delivered through a combination of one-to-one tutorials and small group seminars, allowing for thorough syllabus coverage and careful attention to the needs of each student, enabling them to develop an understanding not just of the course content but also the study skills they need to apply their knowledge successfully in public examinations.

The college also supports students from other educational institutes through intensive study and revision programmes at Easter and throughout the year.





“Management structures and responsibilities are excellent. The effectiveness of governance, leadership and management is excellent”

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3 / About Cherwell College

Cherwell provides an exciting and challenging opportunity for studying in a mature, yet informal and friendly academic environment; being closely yet discreetly supervised by highly qualified, dedicated and caring teaching staff.

Students work in an atmosphere of tolerance and understanding that encourages them to develop their abilities to the full, acquiring the self-confidence and self-discipline so valued for higher education and enjoying a positive environment that encourages motivation and the ability to think independently.

The teaching accommodation comprises three centres, a short walk from each other in the heart of Oxford. The main college buildings are housed in St. Georges Mansions, a handsome five story Edwardian building offering breath-taking views of the Dreaming Spires and comprising a suite of tutorial and lecture rooms including an art studio, a supervised study facility and library, a common area with vending machines for student use and an ICT and multi-media suite. The Science Faculty is in Frewin Court, adjacent to the Oxford Union, providing comprehensive laboratory facilities for students undertaking practical science courses.

4 / Teaching Structure

All courses at Cherwell College involve a combination of one-to-one tutorials and small group teaching (maximum class size six). The format of tuition is discussed at interview and determined by the subject syllabus and the specific needs of the student.

Our fee structure is based on two options depending on the student's academic level

Option one is based only on individual tuition, highly successful for students with educational needs or high achievers.

Our combined option with less individual hours and more small group tuition is available for students who are at the same academic level. The fee structure of this option: one hour tutorial is equivalent to two hours in a class. Thus the teaching may vary between one tutorial and six tutorials per week per subject. The teaching provision at A-level may thus vary between one tutorial and six tutorials per week per subject to four tutorials a week. For GCSE studies, the provision per week is halved.

This combination of small group and individual tuition ensures comprehensive syllabus coverage, enhanced by student feedback and classroom discussion, while enabling each student to fully understand each topic, and to apply this understanding effectively under examination conditions.

Weekly trial examinations and termly mocks feature in the timetable, particularly important to those students where examination results do not always reflect their true academic potential. Monthly reports, written by each subject tutor, allow parents to closely monitor academic and pastoral progress.

The blend of subject material being imparted on an individual basis, the interactive nature of the seminar, the broadening of understanding through the lecture classes and the development of an essay-writing technique in the trial examinations makes for the perfectly prepared candidate for public examination.



"The quality of teaching and its impact on learning are excellent"

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5 / Russell Group Universities: Informed Choices

The Russell Group of leading UK universities offers an "Informed Choices" guide which provides students with information, advice and guidance about their post-16 subject choices.

Choosing A-level (or equivalent) subjects carefully is really important – especially if you have aspirations to study at a leading university. The "Informed Choices" offers advice on admissions professionals on the best subject combinations for a wide range of university courses as well as the best choices for students who want to keep their options open.

Entry to Russell Group universities, in particular, can be highly competitive. Exam results are vitally important, but they are only one of the several elements which universities will take into account when considering applicants.

Many courses at university build on knowledge gained from college education. Universities need to make sure that students have prepared themselves in the best way to cope with their course. Some university courses may require you to have studied a specific subject. Some subjects are required more often than others and these subjects are sometimes referred to as facilitating subjects.

Subjects that can be viewed as "facilitating" subjects include: Mathematics and further Mathematics; English (literature); Physics; Biology; Chemistry; Geography; History; Languages (classical and modern).

Professorial lectures

Throughout each academic year the College encourages interested students to a wide variety of lectures at various Universities (University of Oxford, New College of Humanities) Some of these are subject-specific, but open to all; some are of general interest

6 / Oxbridge Entrance

Oxford and Cambridge University have the most challenging entrance demands:

- Early deadline for application (October 15th)
- Interview
- Copies of written work to be sent to the selected college
- Subject-specific tests (HAT; MAT; PAT)
- Thinking Skills Assessment (TSA)

Careful preparation, particularly for the interview, is thus very important.

Our Oxbridge Entrance Programme offers students:

- Full support throughout the application process
- Advice on choice of college and degree course
- Guidance to draft the personal statement for the UCAS application
- Advice on selecting and developing written work for submission

Most importantly, we provide full preparation for the interview stage of the process, helping you move beyond A2 level study, to approach your specialist subject from different academic viewpoints and in greater depth.

We provide mock interviews with feedback, making clear which aspects were good and highlighting areas for improvement. In addition to the mock interview, we also give candidates preparatory practice for tests that might be set during the interview.



7 / The Oxford Union

Cherwell College Oxford has developed strong links with Oxford University, Oxford University Club and the Oxford Union, which is adjacent to our Frewin Court Study Centre.

The Oxford Union (founded in 1823) is the world's most prestigious debating society, with a reputation for bringing international guests and speakers to Oxford.

Unlike other student unions, the Oxford Union holds no political views; the Union is a forum for debate and the discussion of controversial issues offering the freedom of speech.

Full time students have the opportunity to enrol as members of the Oxford Union and attend high profile debates, take part in debating workshops and make use of the excellent library facilities.

Oxford Union enables all members to borrow from the Library, which are housed in various rooms in the Oxford Union buildings, notably the Old Library, Poetry Room, Gladstone Room and Goodman Library all of which provide quiet, pleasant places in which to work.

More information on the Oxford Union can be found at www.oxford-union.org.



"The quality of Residential Accommodation is outstanding"

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8 / Accommodation



Cherwell House boasts 55 en-suite single study bedrooms. Facilities include: Wi-Fi; a fully fitted kitchen (managed by professional caterers); dining hall; social and communal facilities; garden area; laundry room with washing and ironing facilities with product vending machines. Water dispensers placed around the accommodation for convenience together with food and beverage vending machines.

A security officer patrols the premises internally and externally throughout the night and CCTV is installed across the building.

Cherwell House offers an on-site medical room, a welfare team and access to an independent counsellor.

There is a resident warden apartment and a welfare officer resides on the premises and is responsible for students' pastoral well-being.



"Pastoral support for students is excellent"

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9 / Subject Retakes and Bespoke one to one Tutoring

Cherwell College offers comprehensive and highly effective re-take courses for A-level, Pre-U and GCSE, delivered over one year, and accelerated booster courses from between one week and one term.

Our resit programmes involve methodical and comprehensive reviews of the syllabus content, ensuring that the material is understood thoroughly so that it can be recalled and applied systematically under time pressure during public examinations.

Experienced tutors, experts not only in the subject areas but also in the examination rubric and assessment objectives, ensure that our students acquire both the knowledge and the technique that will enable them to secure the highest possible grades.

Regular progress testing, both formally under examination conditions and informally through frequent shorter assessments, is fundamental to success when retaking. This enables the student to become completely familiar with the assessment objectives and mark schemes and to develop the question-answering skills they require.

Each student's situation is different and we carefully assess previous performance and grades at interview, analysing the reasons for prior under-performance, before recommending a course of study.

One year retakes

Although each case is different, where a student has fallen short of their targets by more than one grade, the issue is usually a combination of insufficient understanding of the content and advisable to revisit and review the entire syllabus: systematically addressing areas for improvement and rebuilding confidence through careful explanation of the key topics.

In some cases, the student may decide to switch to a new examination board which may offer benefits more suited to their individual learning styles, whether this be a greater emphasis on coursework or a greater choice of optional topics more closely aligned to the student's interest.

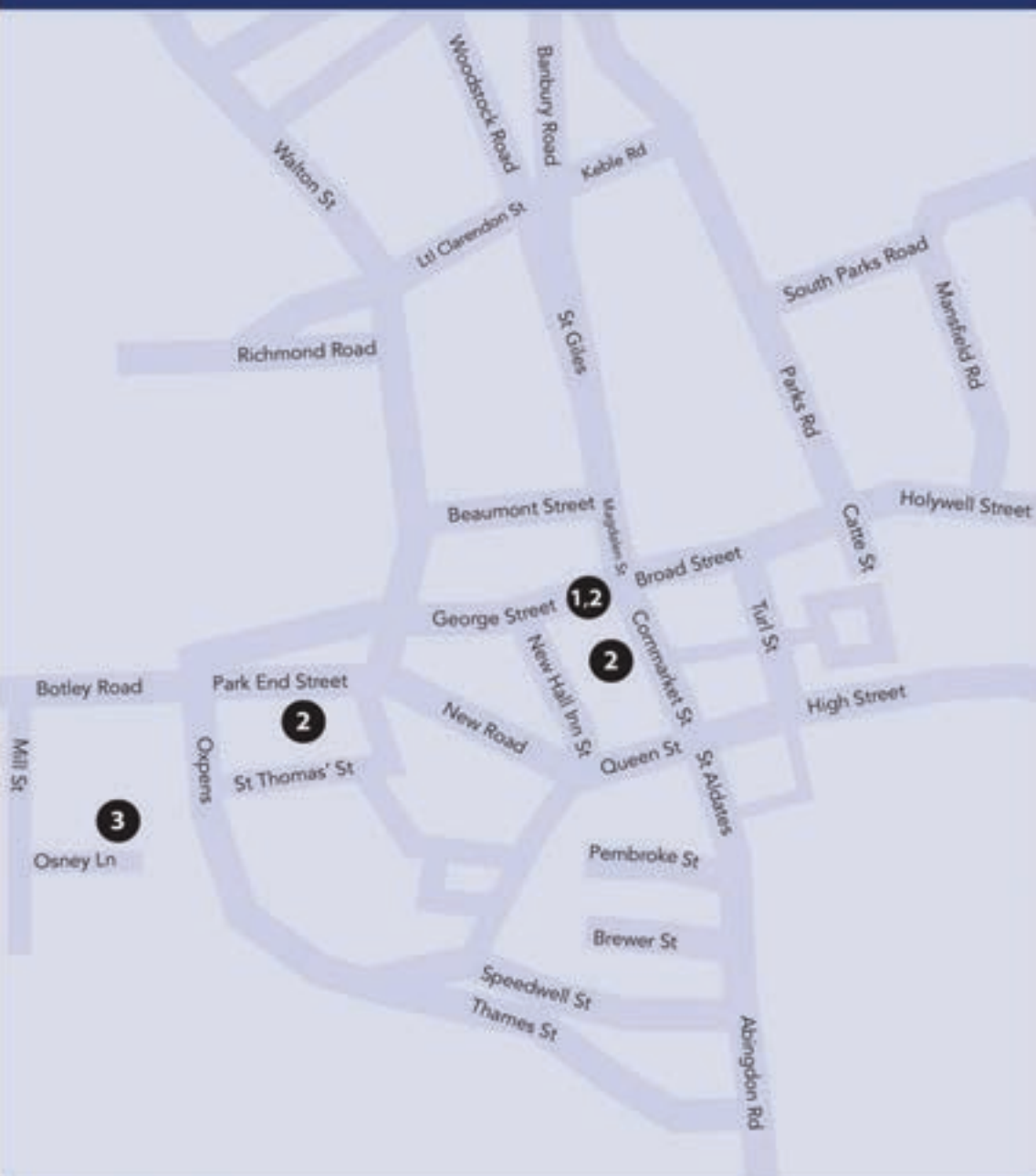
One-year courses offer the additional benefit of enabling the college to oversee and support the university reapplication which is of particular benefit to students applying to competitive courses such as Law or Medicine.

One or two term booster courses

Some students only need to re-sit specific units to secure their target grades and in these cases a short retake course, focusing primarily on examination technique and practice, will often be sufficient, enabling students to concentrate on specific areas for improvement in the components they are resitting.

Enrichment Courses

International Relations and Law are available as Enrichment Courses which are optional during the academic year or in the summer.



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