ACADEMIC ADVISERS: HOW WILL YOU USE YOURS?

- Asking for job references
- Help with decisions
- Questions about my course
- A friendly face
- Advice on getting better marks
Why do I need to get in touch with my Academic Adviser?

At Oxford Brookes we want you to enjoy all the learning and development opportunities on offer and feel as supported as possible during your time at university. Developing a relationship with your Academic Adviser means:

- research shows you are **more likely to stay** on your course, and to **succeed**
- you know where to go as a **first port of call** – your AA can **anticipate and act** on any issues before they turn into bigger problems
- your employment **references are written by someone who knows you**
- you have support to develop as an **independent learner** with study skills for success
- you have someone who can connect you to **professional or research opportunities** such as placements

"At the start of the term I had an appointment to discuss how the previous year had gone and what I planned to do when I finished.

*Student*

I really appreciated the one-to-one coaching sessions with my Academic Adviser which helped build up my confidence to face a troubling assessment.

*Student*"
How can I make the most of my Academic Adviser?

- **Be organised.** Find out when your Academic Adviser’s office hours are, and make sure they know your face.

- **Be in touch.** Talk to them whether virtually or in person. After all, they will be writing your references so they need to find out about you.

- **Be proactive.** Let them know of any issues you’re experiencing or questions you have.

I like the way my Academic Adviser listed the times she was available for ‘drop-in’ time. It made me feel she was there for me.

Student

The Academic Adviser understood what my PIP records showed, had contacts in Faculty and with Student Central, and was aware of points of referral. Now I always go to my academic adviser first if I have any issues.

Student
Where can I find out more?

Your Academic Adviser is part of a framework of services available to support you during your time at Oxford Brookes.

Find out about their role, and the other support you can access for academic guidance at [http://bit.ly/1MYoGRI](http://bit.ly/1MYoGRI)