WHAT’S ON
AT BROOKES
2020/21

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Hello and welcome to Oxford Brookes

It has always been a pleasure to welcome Oxford’s community through our doors. This Semester, in response to the coronavirus outbreak, all our open lectures and events are taking place online. We welcome you just as warmly as ever to take part and enjoy what’s on offer virtually.

There’s a wonderful range of opportunities for you to explore some of the most pressing issues facing us today. A few of the highlights include an inspirational talk on achieving excellence from renowned figures in the BAME community, as well as new perspectives on violence against women and girls, and on dementia.

There’s also the chance to discover new areas of interest, and of course, to be entertained. A host of family-friendly activities are on offer, including in 2021, our popular Science Bazaar, now in its eleventh year...

Oxford Brookes is proud to be at the heart of this community, and our staff and students are passionate about making a significant contribution - both culturally and socially. I very much hope you will enjoy what we have in store for you.

PROFESSOR ALISTAIR FITT, VICE-CHANCELLOR, OXFORD BROOKES UNIVERSITY
Black History Month 2020

Oxford Brookes University is proud to be part of the annual celebration of Black History Month; join us for a vibrant programme of events and activities to highlight the history and achievements of BAME communities and perspectives on BAME inclusion.

Kick off Celebration
Friday 2 October, 6pm
Black History Month kicks off with an artistic cultural performance in collaboration with Kuumbia Nia Arts, Unlock the Chains Collective and Euton Daley MBE. To round things up Urban Comedy Awards nominee Eddie Kadi will grace the event with his quick wit, and relevant yet refreshing comedy.

Black History Month Quiz Night
Wednesday 7 October, 6pm
Let’s see how well you know your Black History. From civil rights and inventions to music and performance, it’s time to put your knowledge to the test! A luxury prize is up for grabs for the top 3 quizzers!

Be Visible, Be Confident: Brunch Workshop
Friday 9 October, 12pm
Join us for brunch! A masterclass on shifting your mindset and overcoming inner blocks, and challenging barriers that face the BAME communities.

Beyond Black History Month: A Conversation on Race
Tuesday 13 October, 6pm
Beyond Black History Month aims to bridge the gap of conceptual ideas on diversifying Oxford Brookes University to providing real and definitive methods of creating actions on a range of topics. Join Pro Vice-Chancellor of Student and Staff Experience, Professor Anne-Marie Kilday and BAME Staff Network Chair, Lydiah Igweh alongside a panel of student and staff representatives.
Lunchtime Showcase
Wednesday 14 October, 12pm
This year Dr. Sola Adesola of Oxford Brookes BAME Staff Network will be introducing projects, research, initiatives and community engagement activity from our students and staff.

AfroFusion Dance Class
Monday 19 October, 6pm
Join Zulum and learn the basic principles of African dance mixed with hip hop in this fun and energetic Afro-fusion dance class that will show you how to lengthen your body and extend your capabilities.

Be Ambitious and Model Excellence - Open Lecture
Wednesday 21 October, 6pm

Making Money Work
Wednesday 28 October, 6pm
We are joined by Kia Commodore, founder and CEO of Pennies to Pounds Podcast and Lotanna Ezeike, founder and CEO of XPO App as they guide us through their top techniques of keeping up with the latest financial trends to manage, invest, grow and create wealth.
Be Ambitious and Model Excellence

Redefining “BAME” as we celebrate renowned black figures who dare to [B]e [A]mbitious and [M]odel [E]xcellence highlighting their goals and recognisable achievements. Hosted by Lydiah Igweh, Chair of Oxford Brookes BAME Staff Network and Director of Brookes Enterprise Support, we will be joined by the CEO, founder, and visionary of the iconic MOBO platform Kanya King CBE, who displayed the drive and ambition needed to help take urban music from the margins of British popular culture to the heart of the mainstream culture. Additionally, key and influential figures include Beverley De-Gale OBE, CEO and founder of the African and Caribbean Leukaemia Trust (ACLT), Trevor Robinson OBE, CEO and founder of Quiet Storm, and Euton Daley MBE, former CEO of Pegasus Theatre, Oxford.

Kanya King; Beverley De Gale OBE; Euton Daley MBE; and Trevor Robinson OBE.

21 October 2020 - Virtual Lecture
6pm
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Violence against women and girls: an interfaith perspective

The CEO of Oxfordshire Sexual Abuse & Rape Crisis Centre (OSARCC), Lisa Ward joins Tracey Rosenfeld-Schueler and Rev Kate Harford for an interfaith discussion about the role of faith in protecting women and girls from violence, and in perpetuating violence. Lisa has more than eight years’ experience of supporting survivors of sexual violence; Tracey is one of the Jewish Chaplains at Oxford Brookes, part of the Multifaith Chaplaincy team, and a trustee of OSARCC. Kate is University Chaplain and Pastoral Care Lead at Oxford Brookes University.

Lisa Ward

11 November 2020 - Virtual Lecture

6pm

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Join us for our Annual Gaza Lecture, where we will be screening the motion picture “Gaza”, followed by a Q&A session with directors Garry Keane and Andrew McConnell. Garry and Andrew are both Irish and grew up living 50 miles from each other in Ireland. They discovered their shared passion for Gaza while discussing a different project. Gaza was voted one of the top 50 Irish films of all time.
The search for the Truth: Israel and its place in the world

Israel: Sovereign state or irritating intruder? Inspiration or interloper? Goliath or David? Melting pot or militant power? Or, just possibly, all of the above? No country on earth provokes such instinctual, visceral, passionate and - apparently - contradictory responses. John Dunston will explore the questions of where Israel belongs and what its purpose may be; its astonishing achievements and its parallel problems; and whether, depending on your point of view, Israel can become - or continue to be - a light to the nations. He will present the two sides of the invaluable coin that is...Israel. John Dunston, a former Vice-President of the Oxford Jewish Congregation (OJC), is Director of Music at Harris Manchester College, University of Oxford, and Tutor at the Farmington Institute.

John Dunston

25 November 2020 - Virtual Lecture

6pm

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Dementia: forget about a cure, focus on care and future prevention

The biggest risk factor for developing dementia is age, with dementia now the most common cause of death in women over 65 years of age in the UK. Our ageing populations mean that the number of people with dementia globally is predicted to rapidly increase, although research from the UK and Europe has shown that modification of key lifestyle factors may positively influence this. Professor Dame Louise Robinson will discuss why future research should be as equally focused on improving the quality of dementia care and targeting future prevention as exploring the elusive cure.

Professor Dame Louise Robinson

30 November 2020 - Virtual Lecture

6pm

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Photo by Dominik Lange
The Brookes Science Bazaar is going Beyond! Our theme this year is ‘Discovery and Exploration’. Be prepared to listen, watch, build, draw, experiment, share, laugh and think. This year the Brookes Science Bazaar will be a virtual event, so be sure to register your place. This FREE event will be packed with exciting activities offering something for everyone.
NEVER STOP EXPLORING

Autumn Virtual Open Days

3 October | 21 November

Join us online for webinars, virtual tours and live chat with staff and students

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