

Access at Brasenose



ACCESS & ADMISSIONS REP
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Hi everyone and welcome to Brasenose (Oxford's friendliest, and best, college)! I'm Erin, a 3rd-year historian from Yorkshire and I'm currently the JCR access rep, which means I run the college social media, help organise tours and access events and basically show-off what an amazing place BNC is!! I really hope loads of you want to get involved with access when you arrive in October, so here's a quick guide to everything access and admissions at BNC...

What is access?

Tours

The bread and butter events of access at BNC are the tours we give to visiting school groups. By the students for the students, tours are the easiest and best way to get involved in access at Brasenose. Tours are usually 20 minutes, sometimes followed by a Q&A and often including some biscuit-related payment, and function as a great break from the library. Details for tours are posted every week on the Brasenose Tours and Access Facebook page, so please join if you're interested in getting involved! Tours are super low commitment, and we can pair you up with experienced tour-givers if you feel a bit nervous at first!

Social media

The other super important way we showcase the amazing-ness of BNC is through social media! We have a 'Humans of Brasenose' page where we post profiles of the incredible humans that make up the Brasenose community – super low commitment, and a great way to get involved with access! We also have the @brasenosejcr Instagram which you should definitely follow, and we're always looking for students to do Instagram takeovers and exciting events we can post about. Keep your eyes peeled for a BNC tiktok and some new exciting online content – coming soon to an internet platform near you!

Events

As Joe always says, access really does change lives, and one of the ways we do this is with Open Days! Maybe some of you visited BNC on the Open Days last year and loved us so much you just HAD to apply (at least that's what we like to think)! Happening in the summer vac, Open Days are so much fun, especially the helper socials we hold in the evenings, and a great way to get involved in the Brasenose community. We also hold an Offer Holder Day every year, which you hopefully really enjoyed, which is another get involved in inspiring the new wave of Brasenostrials. (P.S. you can get paid for these, plus free accommodation, meals and travel expenses!!).

Who is access?

I work closely with the famed Joe Organ and the wonderful Ben and Felicity to encourage as many people to apply to Brasenose as possible and spread the BNC love - which hopefully you all got a taste of during the offer holder event!

Around college, Joe is a celebrity! The man, the myth, the legend that is Joe Organ knows the names, subjects and ex-schools of every single undergraduate at BNC – don't ask how he does it, none of us know. I can almost guarantee he will be the first person you see on moving in day, greeting you with a smile and insisting he help move all your stuff in. Everyone loves Joe, and Joe genuinely cares about every single individual that makes up the Brasenose family!

Ben hails from St Catz college originally, having studied there for his undergrad...but even he admits BNC is a truly incredible place filled with incredible people! Like Joe, Ben is an incredible force of access, always leading tours of the college for school groups and stopping for chats with everyone around. His brain-child is 'Humans of Brasenose' in which you should definitely get involved!!

The amazing Felicity is an admin machine!! She is a wizard, making sure everything is in place so the whole admissions process at Brasenose can run like the well-oiled machine that it is. From making our Offer Holder event the (hopefully) success that it was, to making sure everything is ready for you to arrive in October, access simply could not work without her! An organised, efficient and truly lovely person, she is always here to answer any questions!

... But access at Brasenose is EVERYONE!!! All our amazing student volunteers that help out with tours, open days and Q&As are what really makes access happen here at BNC.

Every smiley, kind and friendly Brasenostril within college and around Oxford are the true stars of Brasenose access. SO GET INVOLVED!

I can't wait to meet all of you in October, and really hope you'll get involved with access when you arrive! Myself, and the rest of the access team, are also here to answer any questions you might have about college before you arrive so do get in touch!! Please join the access Facebook group, follow the JCR Instagram and if you wanna get in touch, you can reach me on jcr-admissionsrep@bnc.ox.ac.uk!

Much access love, and have a lovely summer

Erin <3

