

ACCESS AT BRASENOSE

One way you can give back to Brasenose while you're here!



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Hi everyone & welcome to Brasenose - Oxford's friendliest (and best) college!

I'm Amber, a 3rd-year Chemist from Surrey and I'm currently the JCR access rep, which means I run the college student social media, help organise tours for visiting schools, run access events (like your offer holder day!) - basically showing off what an amazing place BNC is to anyone who will listen!!

I hope loads of you want to get involved with access when you arrive in October, so here's a quick guide to everything access & 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 30 minutes, sometimes followed by a Q&A and often including some biscuit-related payment, and function as a great break (/procrastination...) from the library. Details for tours are posted every week on the Brasenose Tours and Access Facebook page (yes, Facebook - you get used to it...!), so please join if you're interested in getting involved! Tours are super low commitment but lots of fun, and we can pair you up with experienced tour-givers if you feel a bit nervous at first!

Social media – Instagram & TikTok!

We also showcase the amazing-ness of BNC is through social media! This year, BNC's very own TikTok account was created as yet another way to get our beloved Joe Organ in front of the camera. We also have the *@brasenosejcr* Instagram (which you should definitely follow) and we're always looking for students to do Instagram takeovers – to answer questions from potential applicants & show a realistic day in the life of an Oxford student, hopefully busting some Saltburn-esque myths along the way!

Events – Open Days & Offer Holder Days!

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 Open Day helpers like to think!).

Happening twice 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 (and get paid!). We also hold an Offer Holder Day every year, which you hopefully really enjoyed, which is another get involved in inspiring the next generation 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 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 our very own celebrity. The man, the myth, the legend that is Joe Organ knows the names, subjects and ex-schools of every single undergraduate at BNC – probably even yours when you come here! 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!

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 would not and 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 Brasenostrian 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 and the transition to uni, especially to Oxford (which can seem a bit daunting at times!) before you arrive so do get in touch!! Please join the [Brasenose Access](#) Facebook group, follow the JCR Instagram, and if you wanna get in touch, you can reach me on:



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Humungous access love, and have a lovely rest of your summer!!!

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