

Oxford University Trip Report

On Tuesday 25th of February we went on a trip to Oxford to learn about what it is like to study at Oxford University and what that could look like for us. We started off the day by talking about university which covered; what it is like to live on campus, the different colleges, finances and courses. Also, we talked about different societies that Oxford have to offer for example they said that they have a cheese society, which I have never heard of another university having before.

After that learning session we went on a tour around Exeter college; we went around some of the different buildings like the quads, common rooms and a church. We mainly walked around the outside of the buildings appreciating the beautiful architecture and surrounding nature. I was impressed with how clean the gardens were, you could tell that every student that goes to Oxford appreciates and cares for the community.

After the tour we had lunch and went on another tour around the college Merton. We toured around similar areas where we saw the gardens, student accommodation and a church which had a colossal jade vase. Merton was just as beautiful and had a lot of stories behind the buildings. We enjoyed seeing the difference between the colleges and it was interesting to see that the different colleges were quite close together, so that you don't have to travel to the other side of the city to study or to have food.

We finished off the day with interviewing questions which I thought were quite interesting because the questions brought up a lot of ethical debates and made me and my friends think deeply about some questions I would have never thought about before. Some of the questions were:

Do aliens exist?

Should everyone speak the same language?

Would you want to be immortal?

We enjoyed this experience at Oxford University because it was a valuable experience to see the community and how everyone interacts with one another. It was also great learning about what life and learning at Oxford would look like, for example Oxford offers a tutor system which can be one on one with you and your lecturer to discuss the field that you are studying. Oxford offers a unique and interesting way of living and learning; it is a place that experiences hard work, community and achievement. It is a university that shows how anyone from any background can here and can still achieve great things and inspire people to be the best they can be.

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