



Oxford Royale Academy
inspirational cultural and academic courses



Where Ideas, Ambition and Discovery Meet

FESTIVAL ROYALE

CAMBRIDGE

4 Streams | 20+ Sessions | 1 Unforgettable Day

Build your own festival. Shape your future.

One Extraordinary Day. Endless Possibilities.



This summer marks the launch of the very first Festival Royale, an exciting new experience created exclusively for Oxford Royale students.

Taking place during the middle weekend of the programme, Festival Royale transforms Cambridge into a vibrant hub of ideas, skills and discovery.

Dates:
Saturday 11 July
Saturday 25 July

**Choose your sessions.
Design your day.
Create your own Festival
Royale experience.**



Across historic venues and campuses, students take part in a dynamic programme featuring:

- Inspiring guest speakers
- Expert-led workshops
- Hands-on practical experiences
- Academic and career development sessions
- Leadership and sporting challenges

Inspired by the world's leading conferences, Festival Royale gives students the freedom to design their own day - choosing sessions that match their interests, ambitions and curiosity.

Move between venues. Choose what excites you. Discover ideas that could shape your future.



For one day, Cambridge becomes a festival of ideas, energy and discovery.

Students move between historic colleges and venues, attending inspiring talks, exploring hands-on workshops and meeting ambitious peers from around the world.

What makes Festival Royale unique is that every student creates their own timetable, choosing sessions across the four Festival Royale streams.



Example Festival Day

- 09:30 Inspiring Conversations
The Power of Resilience
- 11:15 Open OR Workshop
AI: The Most Important
Technology of Our Lifetime
- 12:30 Festival Break
Refuel. Explore. Connect.
- 14:00 Your Future Workshop
Choosing Your
Future Pathway
- 15:45 Mock University
Interview
- Late Afternoon
Leadership in Action
Oxford Royale World Cup

Four Streams. One Incredible Day.

Festival Royale is organised into four exciting streams - each offering a different set of talks, workshops and activities.

Students can move between streams throughout the day, choosing sessions that match their interests and designing their own festival experience.

Inspiring Conversations

Big thinking from extraordinary people tackling some of today's most important global questions.

Your Future

Academic and career workshops designed to prepare students for university and beyond.

Open OR

Hands-on workshops that allow students to explore practical skills and subjects beyond their course.

Leadership in Action

High-energy activities that develop teamwork, communication and leadership.

Inspiring Conversations

Big thinking. Real experience. Extraordinary perspective.



Some lessons can only be learned from people who have truly lived them.

The Inspiring Conversations series brings students face-to-face with individuals who have explored extreme environments, led innovative careers and tackled some of the world's most challenging problems.

These sessions are not theoretical lectures. They are powerful real-world stories about resilience, leadership and ambition.

Students gain insight into how extraordinary people think, lead and overcome challenges.

An Unforgettable Conversation with World-Class Experts

Our sessions will bring remarkable individuals into the room, someone whose experience, insight and story will stay with students long after the day ends. Every talk is carefully chosen to broaden horizons and inspire the next generation of thinkers, leaders and doers.

Every session is designed to help students:

- Hear first-hand stories from people at the top of their field
- Understand how extraordinary people think and make decisions
- Build the curiosity and ambition to pursue their own path
- Connect big ideas to real-world experience

Announcing our full speaker line-up and session details this April 2026



Your Future

Academic & Career Development

Success at university and in professional life requires more than knowledge – it requires skills, confidence and preparation.

This stream offers practical workshops designed to help students develop the tools they need for academic success and future career opportunities.

Students don't just receive advice - they actively practise the skills that will shape their future.



Choosing Your Future Pathway

Students explore how to make confident decisions about:

- University choices
- Subject pathways
- Career opportunities

Counsellor Panel

Hear directly from experienced admissions counsellors who know what universities are really looking for. Through open discussion and a live Q&A, students and parents gain honest, practical guidance on crafting standout applications, avoiding common pitfalls, and approaching the university journey with confidence.”

Mock University Interviews

Students experience a simulated university interview and receive personalised feedback.



Open OR

Try Something New

The Open OR stream invites students to explore new subjects, industries and technologies through immersive, hands-on experiences.

Delivered by specialist providers, these sessions allow students to step beyond theory and engage with real-world tools, technologies and challenges.



AI Workshop

The Most Important Technology of Our Lifetime
Artificial Intelligence is already reshaping the world.

In this interactive session, students will:

- Challenge a real AI system in a live activity
- Explore how machine learning actually works
- Examine how AI is transforming science, medicine and business
- Debate one of the defining ethical questions of our time



Leadership in Action



Leadership is not only learned through theory - it is developed through action.

This high-energy stream gives students the opportunity to practise leadership skills in collaborative and dynamic environments.



Sports Leadership Workshop

Students explore different leadership and communication styles before applying them in practical challenges.

Participants will:

- Identify different leadership approaches
- Understand verbal and non-verbal communication
- Solve collaborative challenges
- Lead peers through practical activities

Students leave with greater confidence and a clearer understanding of their personal leadership style.

Oxford Royale World Cup

Five-a-side football tournament.

Students compete in friendly round-robin matches that promote:

- Teamwork
- Communication
- Strategic decision-making
- Resilience under pressure

Leadership in motion.

A Day That Stays With You



Festival Royale brings together ideas, ambition and discovery across one remarkable day in Cambridge.

- Extraordinary stories.**
- Hands-on experiences.**
- New perspectives.**

Students explore new interests, develop practical skills and connect with ambitious peers from around the world.

By the end of the day, inspiration has turned into confidence and new possibilities feel within reach.

Festival Royale is more than an event in the programme.



It's a moment that stays with you long after the day ends.

We look forward to seeing you at the very first Festival Royale in Cambridge.



Stay up to date with the latest Festival Royale speakers,
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