

## Oxford Unbounded 2026-2027 – Teacher Application

### Additional Information

We are delighted to announce a new free GCSE/National 5 mentoring programme from the University of Oxford's Mathematical Institute, called [Oxford Unbounded](#). We are inviting teachers to apply for a limited number of places on the 2026-2027 pilot programme.

### What is Oxford Unbounded?

Oxford Unbounded is a free online mentoring programme to help students achieve top grades at Maths GCSE/National 5. Oxford mentors will tutor groups of 4-5 students on a weekly basis during the summer between Y10 and Y11\* and then continue to provide support during Y11. Students will also be invited to a 3-day revision residential at the [Mathematical Institute](#) and [Lincoln College, Oxford](#) during the April before their Y11 exams.

*\* Scotland - between S3 and S4, Northern Ireland - between Y11 and Y12*

### Who is it for?

Teachers can apply to nominate up to four students for Oxford Unbounded. These students should be on track to achieve a grade 7 in GCSE Mathematics\* with our primary aim to support them to achieve the top grade. We hope by helping to raise attainment, students will be more likely to continue studying Maths post-16.

We are particularly interested in working with students from backgrounds that are underrepresented at Oxford such as students entitled to Free School Meals and those who identify as Black and Ethnic Minority (BME). We would also ask you to consider the gender balance of your school when nominating students.

*\* Scotland - a low A/high B grade in N5 Mathematics, Northern Ireland and Wales - a low A grade*

### How does it work?

Oxford Unbounded will launch in June 2026, with mentoring starting from July 2026.

The provisional schedule is:

- Online launch session for students and parents/carers: 23/06/26 at 18:00
- 10 weekly online mentoring sessions: between 6/7/26 and 11/9/26
- Twice a half term online mentoring sessions: between Sept 2026 and April 2027
- Super-curricular and Higher Education support webinars: various dates throughout the programme (tbc)
- In-person residential in Oxford: 05/04/27 - 07/04/27

All mentoring sessions will take place online on a weekday evening. When signing up to the programme, students will have a choice of days/times but then they must commit to their allocated timeslot. However, we do understand there may be the occasional session over the summer holidays that students won't be able to attend.

As Oxford Unbounded will mostly take place online, please let us know if having access to a computer/tablet and a stable internet connection would be a barrier to participation for any student as we may be able to support students to participate.

### **Who are the mentors?**

Mentors will mostly be current Oxford undergraduate and graduate students at the Mathematical Institute. Some mentors may be from other departments such as Statistics, Physics, or Computer Science. All mentors will receive mentor and safeguarding training and will be DBS checked. Members of outreach staff will be the Designated Safeguarding Lead and Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead for the programme.

### **What are the expectations of teachers?**

Teachers are asked to nominate up to 4 eligible students and to liaise with parents/carers while students are signing up to Oxford Unbounded.

During the programme, we will keep you informed about your students' engagement and inform the school's DSL should any safeguarding concerns arise.

### **How much does it cost?**

The programme, including the residential, is entirely free for schools and students and is funded by a generous donation to the University of Oxford to expand our outreach work with socio-economically disadvantaged students in STEM subjects.

### **How do I apply?**

Please complete an [online application form](#) by **Thursday 30 April at 17:00**.

Due to very limited places being available on the pilot programme, only state-maintained schools based in the UK are eligible to apply. Priority will be given to schools with a high proportion of students from backgrounds that are underrepresented at Oxford. We also ask teachers to take into account the gender balance of the school when considering which students to nominate. Please note that we can accept **a maximum of 4 students per school**.

If you have any questions about the Oxford Unbounded programme or the application process, please contact [outreach@maths.ox.ac.uk](mailto:outreach@maths.ox.ac.uk)