

POLICY REGARDING OXBRIDGE ADMISSIONS TESTS

We will support students with their preparation for these tests, although the nature of Oxbridge admissions tests is such that success cannot be 'taught', rather it depends to a large extent on the skills which the applicant have built up over a number of years. Hence the support that we provide will be in the nature of advising applicants on how better to marshal their current understanding and abilities to meet the needs of the test.

Responsibilities of Heads of Department

The role of the HoD in this has two main elements:

1. To be aware of the nature of admissions tests for subjects within their field;
2. In conjunction with the Head of Oxbridge admissions, work out an appropriate structure for applicants requiring help with these tests to be advised and supported. The level of support that a HoD can provide will vary from case to case:
 - a) In some cases the HoD may be able to supply this support unilaterally.
 - b) Sometimes the nature of the tests may be such that additional expertise is required from inside or outside the organisation.
 - c) In other cases, the HoD may not be in a position to provide support themselves, in which case their role will be to guide applicants to access the support that has been agreed to be available with the Head of Oxbridge applications.

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