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Checklist of Actions for Oxbridge preparation

❑ Complete the course and college research booklet which covers entry requirements for your course (e.g. admissions tests during interviews). Use it to help you make informed choices.

❑ Respond and maintain email contact with your OMS Mentor and do not hesitate to ask questions which may help your Oxbridge preparation.

❑ Read British broadsheets such as The Daily Telegraph, The Independent or The Guardian preferably every day (if not feasible, then at weekends). Think critically about what you have read; what issues are raised?; What assumptions are being made? What information is being relied on to draw which conclusions? How would you frame a counter-argument?

❑ Make note of subject-related terminology to look up definitions with the aim of working them into future academic discussions on your chosen Oxbridge course.

❑ Keep a "Learning Log". Note down (i) book titles/ articles (ii) author (iii) your thoughts, feelings and observations (iv) context and relevance of the book/article (v) whether you agree with what you have read.

Economics	
Begg, D K H	***Foundations of Economics***. McGraw-Hill, 4th Edition 2009 (or earlier) and/or its parent text book.
Begg, D K H, Fischer, S and Dornbusch, R	***Economics***. McGraw-Hill, 10th Edition 2011
Anthony, M and Biggs, N	***Mathematics for Economics and Finance***. Cambridge University Press, 1996.
Jacques, I	**Mathematics for Economics and Business**. Addison Wesley Longman 7th Edition 2012.

Public Law	
Turpin, C	***British Government and the Constitution: Text, Cases and Materials. – Chapters 1 & 2***. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 7th Edition 2012.
Riddell, P	***Parliament under Blair*** (London: Politicos, 2000)

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Accounting and Data Evaluation	
Lind Marchal and Mason	***Statistical Techniques in Business and Economics.*** McGraw Hill, 15th edition, 2011.
Speiegel, M R	***Schaum's Outline of Theory and Problems of Statistics.*** McGraw Hill, 4th Edition 2007..
Edwards, J R and Mellett, H J	***Introduction to Accounting.*** Paul Chapman, latest edition.

Land, Environment and Structural Change	
Atkins, P, Simmons, I and Roberts, B	***People, Land and Time.*** Arnold, 1998.
Gardiner, V and Matthews, H	***The Changing Geography of the United Kingdom*** 3rd edition. Routledge, 1999.
Rackham, O	***The Illustrated History of the Countryside***. Seven dials, 2000 (or any other edition).

❑ Conduct research into Course and College choices using the Course and College Research Booklet to help you.

❑ Write a summary of the key themes and arguments advanced in the above texts. If any particularly interest you, read further around the subject, perhaps browsing commentaries and articles (http://scholar.google.co.uk can be very useful for this.

❑ Attend lectures at the LSE – these are on a range of subjects and usually include very notable speakers :
http://www.lse.ac.uk/collections/LSEPublicLecturesAndEvents/

❑ Sound maths skills are expected for all the courses you are considering, as they involve statistics. You can hone these skills by solving interesting maths problems and get help on two Cambridge websites:

- NRICH - http://nrich.maths.org/public/index.php
- Plus magazine - http://pass.maths.org.uk/

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❑ When reading books and articles, try to be very critical in your analysis at all times. Develop counter-arguments and attempt to justify these with logic and evidence.

❑ As part of your learning process throughout Oxbridge preparation, create a cumulative list of definitions and key concepts to expand your academic vernacular and knowledge for use in academic conversation.

❑ To hone your debating skills for your Oxbridge interview, watch "*Question Time*" on BBC2. Do also listen to BBC Radio4's "World at One" or "The PM Programme", which explain the background to the news. You can catch programmes you missed online on http://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/.