



## RAISING ASPIRATIONS

### VISIT TO OXFORD UNIVERSITY – MERTON COLLEGE

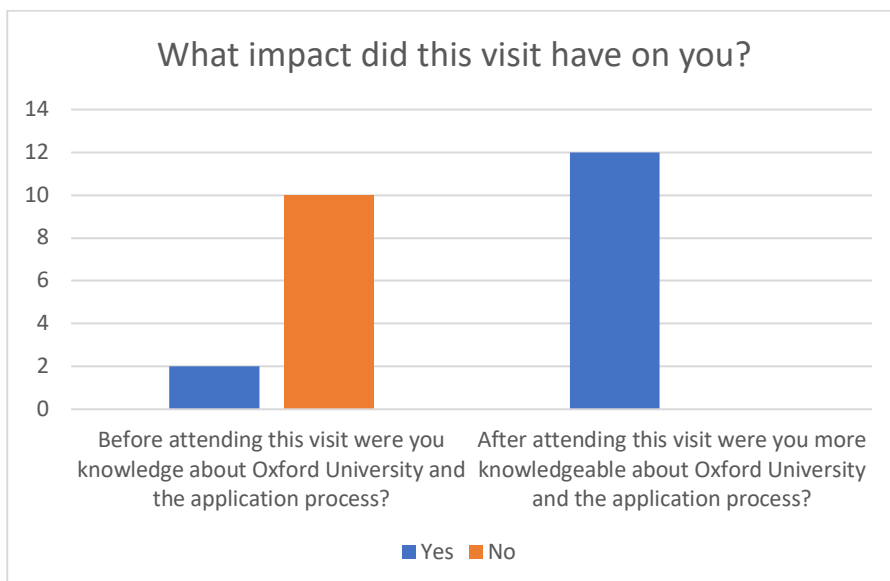
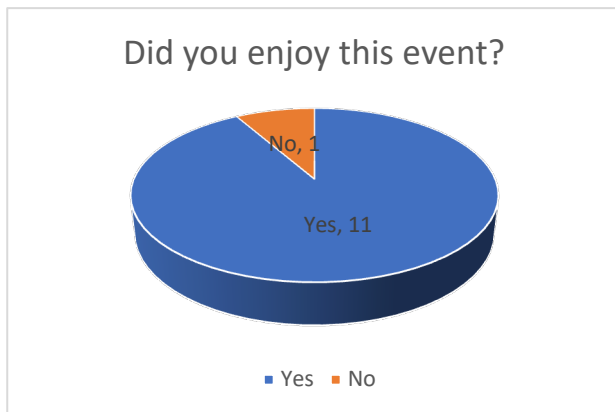
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Pupils had a wonderful day at Oxford University Merton College, exploring what they had to offer. During the day pupils had a tour of the College, an introduction to Oxbridge and Oxford University life and a taste of what it would be like to study there. There was an introduction to higher education, the application process and student finance which pupils found very interesting. This also made pupils realise that anything is possible, they could apply to Oxford Uni and the costs of going there were no different to any other university! A Q&A session with a current student sparked lots of interesting questions about study and day to day life. Pupils were treated to lunch, which was served in the college dining hall, followed by a tour of the college grounds.

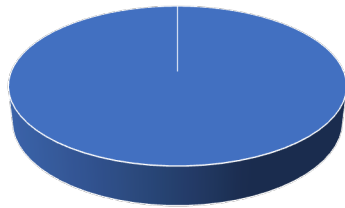
The main aim of this trip was to:

- Motivate and support pupils to achieve their full potential in all subject areas
- Raise awareness of the learning opportunities open to them
- Increase aspiration performance and achievement to ensure that pupils work hard and reach their full potential

After the visit, pupils evaluated what impact this visit had on their future plans

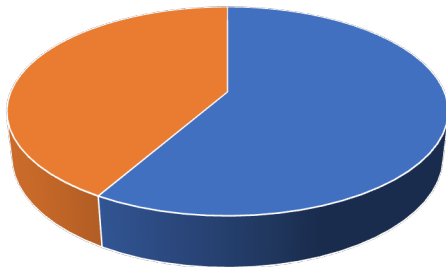


Did you have the opportunity to ask questions?



■ Yes ■ No

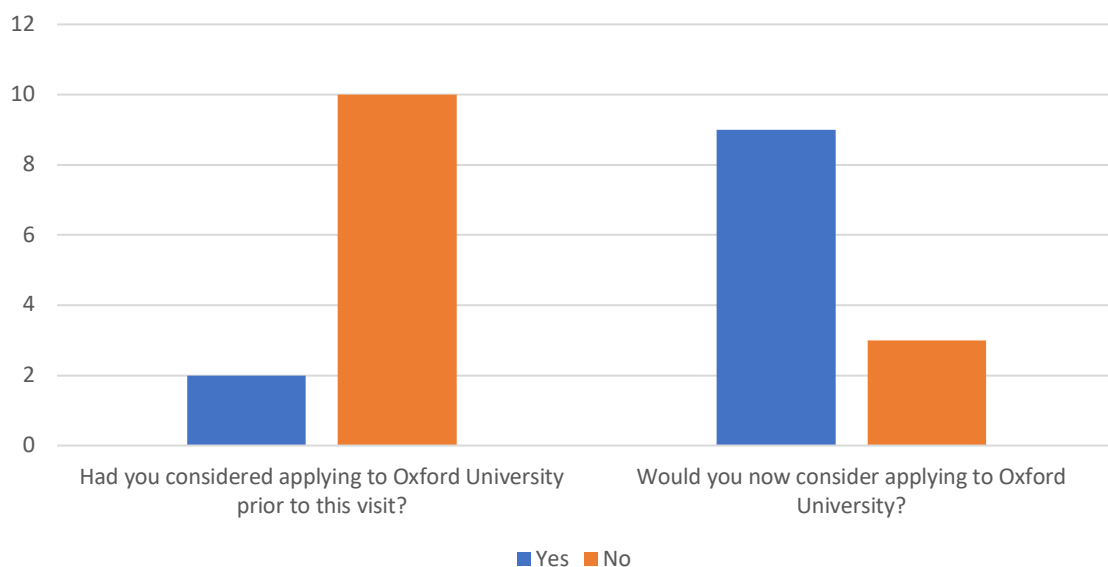
Has this visit changed your view on attending university?



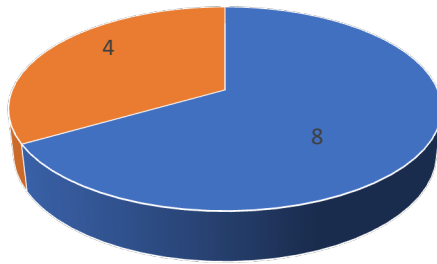
■ Yes ■ No

For some pupils university was already their goal. However, this visit has made them realise that applying to Oxford University is also a very realistic option!

Had you considered applying to Oxford University?



Has this visit made you think about the subjects you might take post-16 allowing you to leave your options open?



■ Yes ■ No

Thank you to Oxford University, Merton College for inspiring our pupils – this visit has truly made an impact!

Pupils were asked to write one sentence to describe what they learnt during the day:

Several pupils commented on how much they learnt about the Oxford heritage and the requirements to get in

I learnt how much easier it actually was to get into Oxford and a bit about life

Decent experience, learnt about university days and timetables and the application process

Similar to other universities when I thought it would be very different

University is cheaper than I thought it was