

# FW: Welfare Bulletin - Hilary Term 2018

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## Welfare Bulletin

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### Welcome

Welcome to the new look Welfare Bulletin. We hope that you find the new layout and format easier to read and share with colleagues. We would be really grateful for any comments and suggestions on the new Bulletin, so please do [get in contact](#).

### News

#### New Head of DAS

Katherine Noren-Curtis has recently taken up the post of Head of the Disability Advisory Service (DAS).

Kathy has over 13 years' experience working in student support in higher education, and has been working at the University of Oxford for the last seven years, most recently as (joint) Acting Head of DAS. Kathy initially joined Oxford as a Disability Officer in a senior advisor capacity, and subsequently became one of two Deputy Heads of Service.



## Funding bids

SWSS has been fortunate to secure funding through the Diversity Fund and the van Houten Fund to undertake new projects to support students. Projects include the development of the Common Framework Handbook, a speciality designed peer support programme for graduates to be piloted in MPLS, and an exchange with a Chinese university to engage Chinese students with counselling.

## New Services

### Mediation Service

SWSS is pleased to announce the new Student Resolution Service. This mediation service is for students finding themselves in conflict with another student, for example in accommodation, noise, access to resources, or academic work.

The service is free and we are happy to receive referrals from students and staff. We are also available to provide advice on an anonymous basis.

To make a referral or for advice please email: [mediation@admin.ox.ac.uk](mailto:mediation@admin.ox.ac.uk)

### DAS drop-in sessions

The DAS are now offering a student drop-in sessions. Students will be seen on a first-come, first served basis by a Disability Advisor who can spend up to 10 minutes dealing with any quick queries.

Drop-in sessions are available every weekday, 12-1pm during weeks 0-9 at 3 Worcester Street.

Further details are available on the [website](#).

## Events



## University Mental Health Day - 1 March 2018

1 March will see the annual University Mental Health Day at Oxford. The theme for this year is Community, and a number of events are being planned across the institution.

Oxford SU will be running a number of events throughout the day at 5 Worcester Street:

- Tai Chi sessions
- Massages
- Dog Walk during the day
- Meet a range of local mental health support charities

If you are running an event, please do [contact us](#) as we will be promoting activities on the day via Twitter and Facebook. Please also do tweet with the hashtag: #UniMentalHealthDay on the day.

Further details and resources are available on the [national website](#).

## Oxford Mental Health Network

OMHN are launching their new website on 22 February at a free event at Oriel College to celebrate.

The new website will help connect students to mental health services in Oxfordshire via a database of mental health resources, searchable via keyword or category.

Book your free ticket to the event at [Eventbrite](#).

## Resources

### New DAS videos

The DAS has released four new videos providing information on the service. These were made with funding from the van Houten fund and are intended to give applicants to Oxford a better idea of the support available from the DAS.

An introduction to the DAS is available by clicking on the video to the right, and the remaining videos will be available on the [DAS website](#) shortly.



### Student Wellbeing Subcommittee papers

The open papers of the recent Student Wellbeing Subcommittee are now available on the [SharePoint site](#).

The Welfare Bulletin is published by Student Welfare and Support Services for welfare contacts and interested people within the collegiate university. Please do share with colleagues or students.

The next edition of the Welfare Bulletin will be circulated in 5th week Trinity Term. Please send any contribution for inclusion to [Pete Mandeville](#) by 11 May 2018.

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