

# Academic

## Skills for Freshers\*

\*Open to all students in essay-writing subjects

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### Essay Writing

hosted by Dr Matt Neal

Kickstart your university journey with confidence by joining our exclusive Academic Skills Programme, a six-week course designed especially for freshers\* in subjects where essays are regularly written, whether Arts, Humanities, Social Sciences or STEM.

Led by Dr Matt Neal, these engaging sessions will help you master the essentials of essay writing; from shaping strong ideas and crafting introductions to building convincing arguments and wrapping up with powerful conclusions.

Each week offers practical tools, friendly support, and the chance to connect with your peers and student ambassadors (plus pizza in Week 1!). Make the most of this opportunity to sharpen your skills, ask questions, and set yourself up for success from day one.

**Weekly on Mondays, 5.30-6.30pm, Old JCR**

#### **Week 1: Monday 12 October, Old JCR**

Welcome! Pizza and meet and greet with your Student Ambassadors – and why do we write essays?

#### **Week 2: Monday 19 October, Old JCR**

Concept development: Reading the market and unpacking your question

#### **Week 3: Monday 26 October, Old JCR**

Setting up your stall: Writing a great introduction

#### **Week 4: Monday 2 November, Old JCR**

Growing your business: Sustaining an argument

#### **Week 5: Monday 9 November, Old JCR**

Handing over the goods: Wrapping up the sale with a deal-making conclusion

#### **Week 6: Monday 16 November, Old JCR**

Town Hall – Open-floor Q&A