

Year 10 Study Conference April 2021 - summary of evaluation responses

The Oxford Brookes Year 10 Study Conference ran in April 2021 and was attended by a variety of students and schools. 60 students chose to complete their personal details, to be uploaded to the HEAT database for long term tracking. Students were also asked to complete a post evaluation survey, designed to measure the event's objectives. 42 students completed the post evaluation, and this report summarises their responses.

Evaluation was also completed after a session run by MADE - see separate summary.

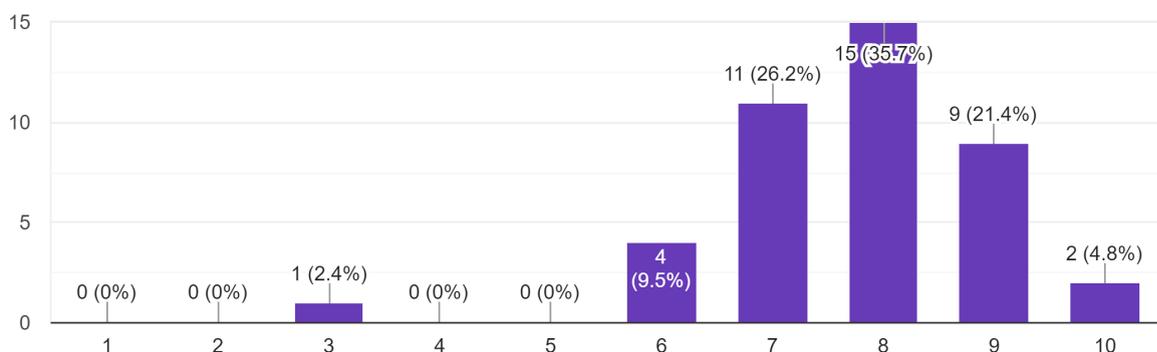
Objective 1: To give students a positive experience of the Oxford Brookes Study Conference

How did students find the Oxford Brookes Study Conference?

- 37 out of 42 (88.1%) students rated it 7 or higher out of 10, with the most frequent response (15 students) being 8/10
- The mean average response was 7.7
- The graph summarises their responses:

How did you find the Oxford Brookes Study Conference?

42 responses



In what ways did they find the Study Conference helpful?

The table below summarises the main themes students gave when asked 'In what ways did you find the Study Conference helpful?':

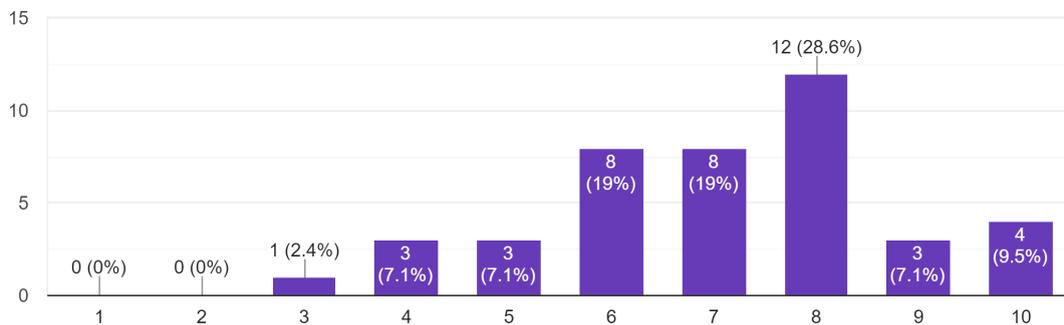
Theme	Number of times mentioned	Example quotes
Revision skills	8	<i>I found new ways to study and revise. The revision tips were really good.</i>
Learned about university	3	<i>I found it helpful in the way that it gave me more information about what options I could choose at university.</i>
Study skills and tips	21	<i>I received some good tips for studying. Helped me with my studying skills</i>
Everything	2	<i>every way!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!</i>
Learned about new topics	2	<i>It gave me an insight into different topics.</i>
Memory skills	3	<i>I really liked the studying and memorising techniques</i>
Avoiding distractions	1	<i>I learnt how to avoid distractions</i>
Careers and the future	4	<i>It helped me think about what I'd like to do in future and it gave me some good revision techniques. Helped me learn to revise and get an idea of a career I might enjoy</i>

Objective 2: To improve students' confidence studying at school

- Students were asked to rate the statement 'I feel more confident studying at school after attending this event' on a scale of 1-10, with 1 being Strongly Disagree and 10 being Strongly Agree
- 27 out of 42 (64.3%) students rated this statement 7 or higher out of 10, with the most frequent response (12 students) rating 8/10
- The mean average response was 7.1
- The graph below summarises their responses:

I feel more confident studying at school after attending this event

42 responses

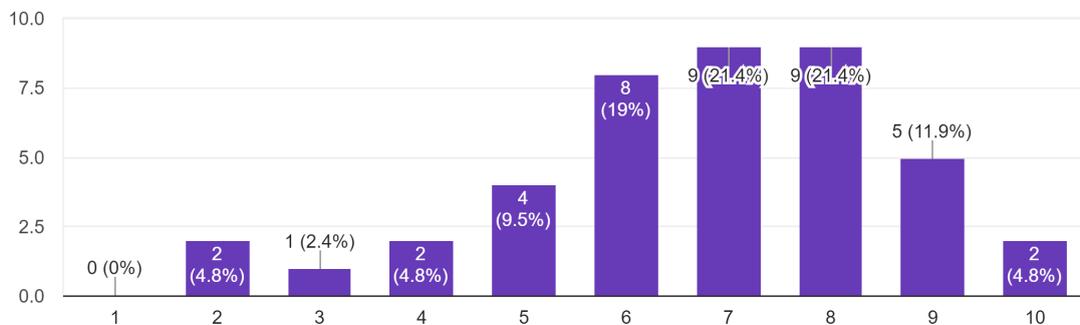


Objective 3: To develop students' study skills and capacity for academic attainment

- Students were asked to rate the statement 'I think attending this event will help me get higher grades' on a scale of 1-10, with 1 being Strongly Disagree and 10 being Strongly Agree
- 25 out of 42 students (59.5%) rated this statement 7 or higher out of 10, with the most frequent responses being 7/10 and 8/10 (9 students each)
- The mean average response was 6.7
- The graph below summarises their responses:

I think attending this event will help me get higher grades

42 responses



When students were asked what was helpful, 21 students said the study skills were helpful and 8 students mentioned revision skills (see table above).

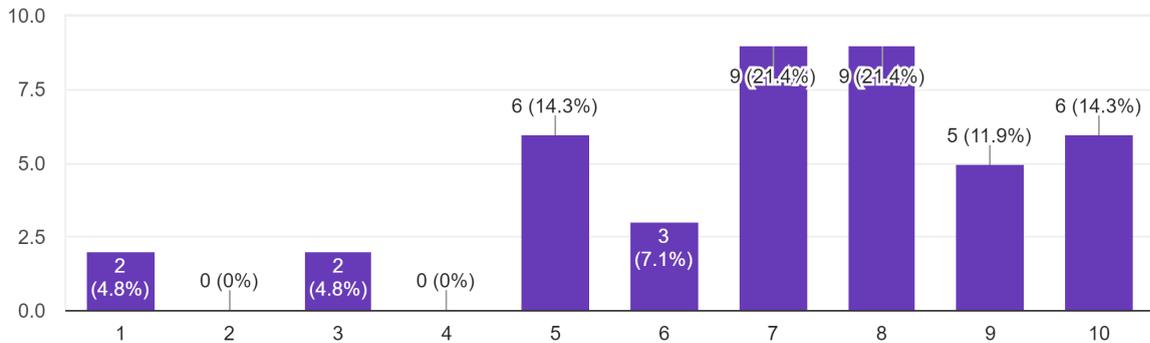
Objective 4: To develop students' knowledge and awareness of the benefits of higher education

- Students were asked to rate the statement 'I know more about university and the benefits of going to university' on a scale of 1-10, with 1 being Strongly Disagree and 10 being Strongly Agree

- 29 out of 42 students (69%) rated this statement 7/10 or higher, with the most frequent responses being 7/10 and 8/10 (9 students each)
- The mean average response was 7.04
- The graph below summarises their responses:

I know more about university and the benefits of going to university

42 responses



When asked what they found helpful, 3 students said they had learned more about university, and 4 other students mentioned how the Study Conference had helped them think about their career options and the future.

Areas for development

18 students had no suggestions for developments. Suggestions for developments mentioned by more than one student were:

Theme	Number of times mentioned	Example of quotes
More practical, interactive and engaging	9	<i>More practical and engaging work.</i>
Longer activities	3	<i>The activities could be longer</i>
Videos were boring	2	<i>Yes some of the videos were tedious</i>
More variety of activities	2	<i>More interactive/ variety of activities</i>
More about university experience	2	<i>It could have talked more about social life and the general environment of Oxford Brookes.</i>