



Digital transformation roundup for Oxford colleagues

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For internal communication



## Oxford's evolving digital landscape

We're delighted to confirm that we are able to go ahead with the three transformational activities designed to evolve Oxford's digital landscape. Last term, the Digital Transformation Case for Support and Oxford's new Digital Governance Framework and Operating Model were approved by University Council.

And the IT Infrastructure Service Review recommendations have been delivered. If you missed it, please see the recent message from Professor Anne Trefethen describing what these decisions mean for all of us. [Read Anne's message.](#)



## Our momentum continues

In the Digital Transformation programme team, we have continued to build on the momentum of our Foundation phase activities. Here are some current headlines illustrating how we've begun delivering our Phase 2 activities. [Read the update](#)

## What's happening in Phase 2?

Oxford's digital transformation - Phase 2 on a page – as at September 2023

	Innovation: Competency centres. Focus on emerging technologies			
	Introduction of common infrastructure services (3-4 years)			
	New digital governance framework (1-2 years)			
	Education	Research	Administration	Engagement and Communications
Nurturing innovation	Student experience	Supporting researchers	Streamlining admin systems	Platform for communications
Rewiring Oxford with change management	Homebased assessment	Research management	Managing risk	Reimagining engagement
Investing in people and skills and initiatives to support and transform our inner workings	Digital Courses	Research data management	Empowering use of data	Engaging with digital collections
Digital workplace infrastructure	Workplace improvement	Digital infrastructure strategy	Research computing	Refocusing development
Fundamentals to transformation	Security	Data	Digital workplace	Cybersecurity

Here is a handy one-page overview of what we're focusing on during Phase 2 of the digital transformation programme. If you read it from the bottom, you can see how we're concentrating on some fundamental areas and digital workplace infrastructure; investing in people skills and initiatives to support transformation, rewiring Oxford with changes in governance and common infrastructure services; and nurturing innovation. [See the one-pager here.](#)



### Digital skills at your fingertips

To truly realise our digital ambitions managers will need to help their teams to re-skill by first identifying their teams' existing digital skills and proficiencies and then helping them to up-skill. There is not a straightforward way for managers to assess an individual's digital skills. This is where Oxford's new Digital Capability Toolkit comes in. [Read more](#)



### Strengthening our cybersecurity competency

To protect Oxford's unique place in the world, the University constantly develops cybersecurity measures to protect its information and people from data breaches, identity theft, and other types of cybercrime. That's why our second run of the cybersecurity competency training course (running this week) has also been oversubscribed. [Read more.](#)



### You are invited to Oxford's Digital Festival

Oxford Digital Festival is a staff event celebrating digital Oxford. It will take place on Thursday 9 November 2023 at the Jesus College Digital Hub. Registration is open now. It will be a day of discovery about Oxford's digital future with exhibitions, presentations, discussions, networking, and more. [You can register now.](#)

## Are you a digital innovator?

Would you like to showcase your work to colleagues at Oxford's Digital Festival? We're inviting colleagues from across the institution to showcase their innovative work at the Festival.

This is an opportunity for everyone to be inspired by research, creations, and ideas that are currently work in progress, find out about examples of established digital solutions already embedded into the fabric of the University, and discover how our institution will be evolving as part of Oxford's Digital Transformation initiatives.

**If you would like to join us as and have an exhibition stand (or a digital poster) simply [complete this form](#) and we'll take it from there.**