

Michaelmas Term Card

Week 1

Thu 15 Oct

COMMUNITY

IGNITE Kick-off Drinks

Meet old and new members, founders and the committee. Dr Jonathan Kwok (InfiniTopes) opens the evening at 7pm on why Oxford is the place to found a startup. Free drink tokens for the first guests.

Oxford Retreat • 7-11pm



Week 2

Fri 23 Oct

VENTURE SERIES

VC vs Bootstrapping: how should you build?

Joe Cutteridge (Proximo Ventures), Prof. Zameel Cader (Oxford StemTech, bootstrapped founder) and Anton Naumenko (Tetrad Ventures).

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Week 4

Thu 5 Nov

VENTURE SERIES

Spinouts and Deep Tech vs SaaS

Drs Aneesh Aggarwal and Sooraj Achar (Akimbo Bio) and Conception X on turning research into companies.

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Week 5

Thu 12 Nov

IGNITE TALK

Drug Development Inside Big Pharma

Johannes Breuning (Director, GSK) on how a target becomes a medicine, and what that means for biotech founders.

5.30pm • Venue TBC



Week 6

Thu 19 Nov

COMMUNITY TBC

Meet the Founders

An informal evening with Oxford biotech founders and fellow aspiring founders. Hear their stories, share your ideas and find potential co-founders before the workshop.

Evening • Venue TBC

Week 7

Sun 22 Nov

IGNITE WORKSHOP

Idea Generation Workshop

Dr Jonathan Kwok, co-founder of InfiniTopes, leads a hands-on afternoon generating and stress-testing startup ideas, ending with team formation.

2-6pm • Venue TBC



Coming in Hilary



Headline talk: AI in Drug Development with Dr Sarah Skerratt, Chief Research Officer at Isomorphic Labs. Plus sessions on pharma partnerships, IP, raising capital and pitching, building up to Demo Day at the end of Hilary, where student teams pitch for prizes. Have an idea, or want to join a team? Scan to register your interest.



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