

Quiz Workshop: Hilary Term, Cherwell College Oxford

The density parameter for the non-relativistic form of this falls off with the cube of the scale factor. This substance dominated the universe from approximately 75,000 years after the Big-Bang until about 4 billion years ago. Deviations in the expected orbital speed of galaxies suggests the presence of the () "dark" form of this. When it has the same mass but opposite charge and spin, it is deemed "anti." Solid, liquid, and gas are three states of, for 10 points, what term for any substance that occupies space and has mass.*

Someone from Cherwell Team A slams the table and shouts out the answer – Matter.

Following a successful term of debating in Michaelmas with the help of experienced debaters from The Oxford Union, this Hilary Term, Cherwell students are part of a regular quizzing workshop – learning the techniques for University Challenge-style quizzing with the help of an Oxford Postgraduate. Arkaprabha, better known as 'Arka' is currently reading for the MPhil in Medieval Literature at St John's. He has 12 years of quizzing experience behind him, having participated in, and moderated and conducted workshops on quizzing. He is an active member of the Oxford University Quiz Society and is part of the St John's University Challenge team for 2017.

Although apprehensive at the start, the students have mastered a better understanding of the techniques of quizzing in the past two weeks. The last week workshop saw a friendly competition between two Cherwell teams as they ended the intra-school Team A v/s Team B 'friendly' with a final score of 105-80 – Cherwell Team A having bagged all their bonus questions.

As students are learning more about thinking on their feet and being able to 'connect the dots' in applying general knowledge in a competitive quizzing environment, they are encouraged to read up on capitals of countries, know famous books and their authors, British Prime Ministers and Monarchs – as these are staple in any quiz.

The students are enthusiastic about these one-hour workshops and are growing progressively competitive in this battle of the brains!

