

We recommend that clubs should be advertised to students (and ALs) several weeks in advance. This could be via a subject website, module website or forum, AL communications to their students – or via social media. We have used all channels! Try to time club events to avoid clashes with key assessment.

Please feel free to adapt these examples to suit your purpose.

Twitter advert

Love your subject? Love Online Journal Club (OJC)

Join us on [xxxxxxx](#) for an exciting opportunity to share your passion for your subject with like-minded students. Find out more on the [OJC website](#) or [your module website forum](#) <<link>>.

Advert for module website or forum

Welcome to Online Journal Club (OJC)

What is [OJC](#) all about?

Ever read or hear something related to your module that intrigued, amazed or amused you – and wanted to share your thoughts with others? Come and talk to other [xxxxx](#) students about your stories! OJC is an informal, fun environment, where you get the chance to develop your [scientific](#) reading and presentation skills alongside other students. Just imagine an environment where everyone pulls up a virtual chair, grabs a virtual cake and drink, and comes along to chat.

The purpose of the Club is to share news related to your module - participants will have the chance to share their story (in a short 3-5 minute time slot). The Club does not intend to test knowledge - so please don't worry if you don't understand all the finer details of the science behind the story. There is also an opportunity to claim a microbadge which you can proudly display on your CV.

What to do?

Visit the [OJC website](#) for lots more information and useful resources such as a ready to use PowerPoint template and links to great sources of news such as [Science Daily](#) to help you find your story.

Is it for me?

Although the prospect of talking online might feel a bit daunting at first, please don't let that put you off. We promise that there will be a friendly and supportive atmosphere, you won't be recorded or tested and there will be no pressure if you are too nervous on the day. Why not give it a go? You have nothing to lose and everything to gain!

The Clubs are being run by very experienced tutors. Whichever module you are currently studying - and whatever your [scientific passion](#) - we think you'll find the Journal Club a valuable experience.

To help you decide whether to take the plunge, here are some words of encouragement from previous OJC presenters:



Hope to see you soon

Request to ALs to advertise OJC

‘Online Journal club (OJC)

Why not try something different? Taking part in a journal club could change your life! Well maybe we are exaggerating a tad here, but taking part in one of our OJC could help you develop key employability skills such as finding scientific literature, thinking critically about data and communicating online. Presentation skills are highly prized by employers and we are offering you the chance to develop these in a friendly, relaxed environment as well as enjoying some interaction with your colleagues. No recording or assessment will take place – you will just be sharing your passion for biology with a few like-minded colleagues.

The next club is on **xxxxxx** - so could be just what you need to look forward to after working on the TMA.

Have a browse on the [OJC website](#) – and consider signing up for a club!’