Scholar

Say hello to your daemon, a Raven

Just like The Master of Jordan College and his daemon, you have the qualities of an ingenious scholar.

You're clever, diplomatic, intellectually curious – and able to see a situation from many different points of view.

Travel with your daemon through the Museum that inspired Lyra's alethiometer.

Find your Raven daemon in each Gallery to explore stories of people just like you:

- **brilliant minds** in medieval Spain
- **scientists** fighting the threat of a new virus
- a **genius** who followed the evidence to change his mind
Meeting of Minds

Wherever humans make a home, we build meeting points for curious minds. In Lyra’s world, that place is Jordan College. In medieval Spain, it was the city of Toledo. And it was through Muslim Spain that Europe first discovered astrolabes.

They’re versatile devices — a star map on a flat disc — used to tell the time, make measurements and even predict the future. This stunning astrolabe was made in Toledo by the Muslim craftsman Ibrahim ibn Sa’id al-Sahli in 1067 CE — one year after William I won the Battle of Hastings to become King of England.

Can you find these animals who have made their home in the Top Gallery?

Elephant

What are the elephants carrying on their backs?

Lion

How many lions are holding the sphere?

Bear

Can you spot a centaur and a crown too?
Saving the World

Did you know Oxford’s Exeter College is the inspiration for Jordan College in Lyra’s world?

In the pandemic, Oxford University’s vaccine scholars drew on reserves of ingenuity, determination and compassion. Thinking round corners to solve complex problems quickly, they worked under intense pressure. But they still made time to step into the media spotlight, sharing their progress with a world in lockdown waiting — hoping — for their results. Spend a few minutes with Oxford’s scientists to discover their personal stories — and how their families, colleagues and hobbies helped them cope.

In the past, we've used medicine and magic to stay healthy. Can you find these objects in the Gallery?

- **Ouch!**
  - Is he getting a massage, a tattoo or a pinch?

- **Me and My ...**
  - What's this knitted doctor taking for a walk?

- **What's Up, Doc?**
  - Who used to use this crystal ball?
Einstein changes his mind

Einstein was one of the most brilliant minds of his — or any — generation. He imagined new theories and ideas which revolutionised how we think about time and the universe. But scholars are only truly great if, like the Master at Jordan College, they know when to change their minds based on evidence.

In 1931 Einstein visited Oxford to give three talks on his Theory of Relativity. Our Blackboard, from his second lecture, is covered with Einstein's new model of an expanding universe. But if Einstein had given his talk just two years earlier, this Blackboard would show a very different theory about the universe. Curious about why Einstein change his mind? Visit the Blackboard to find out.

Congratulations! You've completed your challenges and you're ready to enter Lyra's Worlds. Can you find:

- The Master's Robes
- Lyra's Alethiometer
- Raven Daemon

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