



Dear New College JCR Freshers of 2018,

My name is Kendya Goodman, I am the JCR President 2018/19, and I am delighted to welcome you, on behalf of the entire Junior Common Room, to New College!

Our JCR is one of the largest in Oxford, with students coming from a variety of backgrounds to form a vibrant community. Living in our beautiful grounds, my experience at New College has been incredibly happy, 8 weeks of term seem to disappear amidst an abundance of activities, catering to each individual's interests. We pride ourselves on the fact our community has no one stereotype, rather is a home for every kind of person. Our motto is 'Manners Makyth Man', a radical motto at the time (1379) because it asserted that you are the sum of your actions, not your background. I want to emphasise from the start that, whoever you may be, there is a place for you here at New College, and I, alongside the committee, am very much looking forward to your arrival!

While you are here, the JCR will likely form the basis of your social life, and by extension, your experience in Oxford. Our committee work hard in term-time and during holidays to enhance your college experience and put on a social calendar for you to enjoy. In addition to maintaining the JCR (the physical common room), we put on a variety of activities throughout the year, from a Christmas Panto, to Arts Week, all of which you will soon be part of. In addition, we are committed to ensuring that the welfare of our students is catered for, liaising with the University Counselling Service to make sure this is the case, as well as providing JCR officers that are peer-support trained, both generally and for specific certain minority groups. In addition, college provides many welfare resources, especially through the Cox and Salvesen fellows, who live onsite with the remit of being there for our JCR members' welfare.

You will be kept up-to-date on the events and happenings of the JCR through a weekly bulletin, as well as the weekly President's Post and emails from specific Officers. Much information about what is going on in the JCR is shared on a more informal basis on the [JCR Facebook Page](#), which you are free to join now. We have put together the JCR Fresher's Guide as a resource to help guide you from now through the next few months, but you are welcome to contact any member of the JCR with questions that you may still have.

Oxford can be a tough place, academic expectations are high and the 8-week terms can feel very high-pressure at times, but the JCR's mandate is simple – we are here to ensure you get what you want out of every term, and to support you in your time here. Most of us are second-years, which means only a short time ago we were in your place. We know first-hand how tough it can be to be a Fresher, but we also know how amazing a year it is and look forward to being with you through it all. Please do feel free to contact myself (through email or any social media outlet – my first name makes me easy to find), or any other committee member, all details are in the Freshers Guide. Coming to Oxford can seem both terrifying and incredibly exciting – personally I'd taken a gap year and was terrified that I'd 'forgotten how to write essays'. However, I soon found my stride and my home in the community, and I am confident that you will too.

I hope that you all have a lovely rest of your summer, and I greatly look forward to meeting you all at the start of term in October!

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