

Dear New College JCR Freshers of 2019,

My name is Josh Attwell, I am the JCR President 2019/20, 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, New College has been in my experience incredibly fulfilling, 8 weeks of term seem to disappear amidst a plethora of different 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 symbolised 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, it is likely that the JCR will form the basis of your social life, and by extension, your experience in Oxford. Our committee, elected in Trinity term, 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 be able to participate in. 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 the weekly President's Post and emails from specific JCR 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 can join prior to your arrival. We have put together the JCR Fresher's Guide as a resource to help guide you through your pre-uni preparation, Freshers Week, and the first weeks of Uni, but you are welcome at any time 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), or any other committee member, all our details are in the Freshers Guide. Coming to Oxford can seem both terrifying and incredibly exciting – personally I didn't take any essay subjects at A-level and was sure choosing to study Maths *and Philosophy* had to be a mistake. 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 can't wait to meet you all at the start of term in October!

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