

Dear New College MCR Freshers of 2019,

I am delighted to welcome you to your new home for the next part of your life.

Despite its name, New College is one of the oldest colleges in Oxford and boasts some 700 students from around the world who you will be joining. This ancient College, founded in 1379 and situated in the heart of Oxford, is full of history and tradition. However, it has always been possessed of a modern outlook; its original founder William of Wykeham gave it the first vernacular motto of any Oxford college: 'Manners Makyth Man' that regardless of background or upbringing, attitude is what makes you who you are. New College has maintained this style merging the traditions of Oxford with an open and welcoming pattern of university life.

The Middle Common Room (MCR) is at the heart of your life here at college and the base to build your Oxford experience. In this community of postgraduate students within the College, you will meet students from all corners of the world studying a wide variety of subjects. I hope that within this diverse company, you will meet interesting people, widen your intellectual horizons, and make close and lifelong friends.

The MCR is a student run organisation which is headed by the MCR committee. As well as maintaining and developing the physical MCR facilities, the Committee organises a wide range of events for you throughout the year: bops (college parties), formal dinners, bar and movie nights, exchange dinners with other colleges, competitive and recreational sports, artistic and cultural events, and much more, all designed to provide you with a fun, engaging, and friendly community to be part of.

The MCR also provides significant resources for the provision of the mental, emotional, and academic welfare for our members, with our welfare representative, our Peer Support Team, representatives for various identity groups, and a group of friends and colleagues to help you navigate the ups and downs of student life here and be on hand throughout.

You will be kept up to date on MCR news and events on a weekly basis via email and through updates on the [MCR Facebook page](#), which you can join prior to your arrival. There is also an [MCR Fresher's page](#) which will allow you to keep abreast of all the freshers-only activities and information for your first weeks at college.

Regardless of your path that has brought you, your time at Oxford will be a unique experience and will provide you with memories to last a lifetime. We are your MCR and are here to help you make the most of your time at Oxford. Don't hesitate to approach any committee member by email or personally if you have any questions or queries about anything. We will do our utmost to help. That only leaves me to say welcome to New College and I hope you have an amazing and life affirming time here.

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