



NEW COLLEGE
UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD

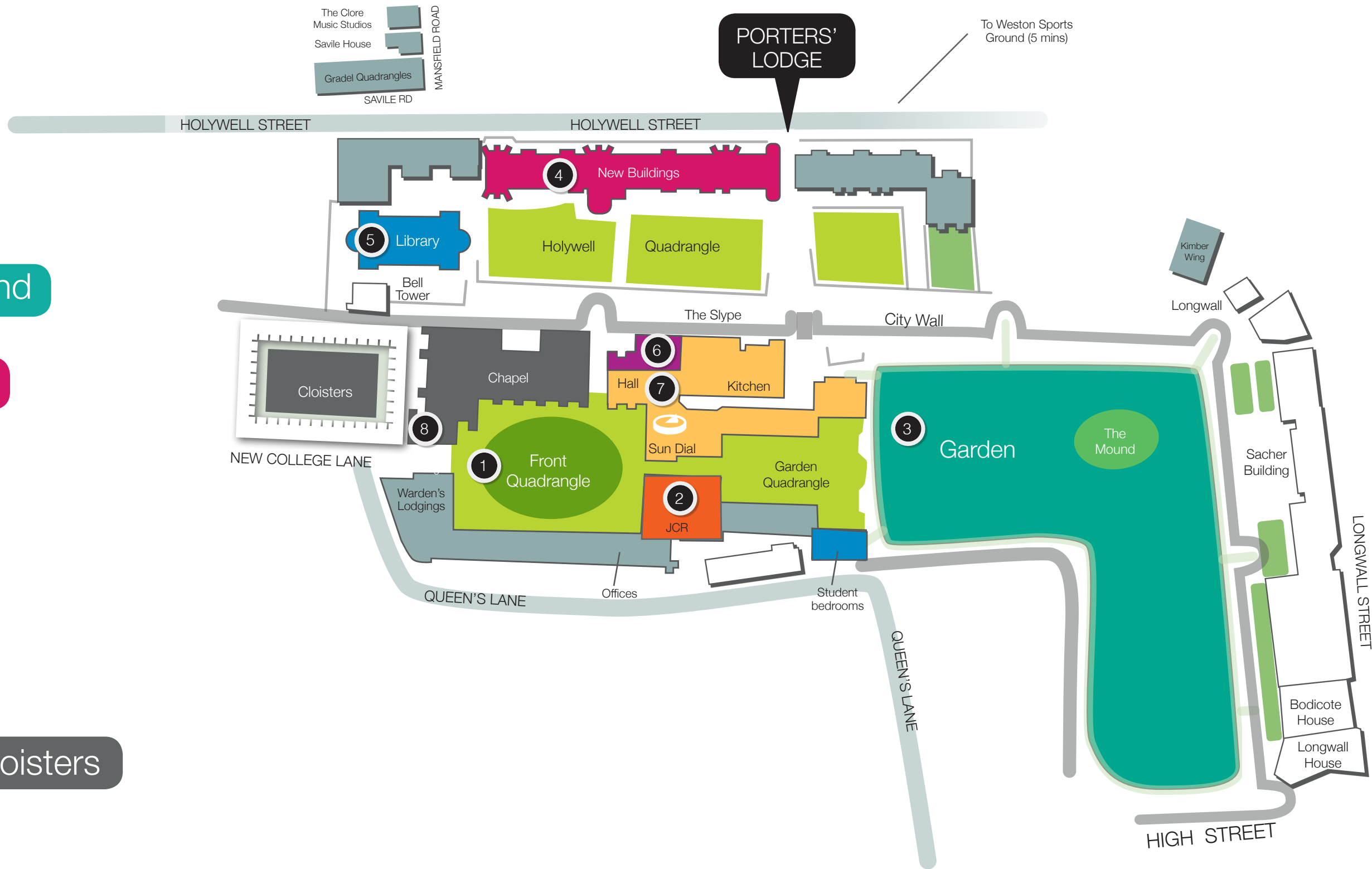
WELCOME TO NEW COLLEGE

The first thing you should know about New College is that **we are a community**. Here, you will find people and an environment dedicated to making sure that you have the best university experience possible. We aim to make New College feel like your **home away from home**.

Founded in 1379, New College is one of the biggest colleges in Oxford, both in terms of its student body (we have 420 undergraduates here) and in terms of space. These combine to create a lively social scene and spacious gardens against a backdrop of breath-taking architectural beauty – all just a two minute walk from the centre of Oxford.



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FRONT QUAD

Despite our name, we are actually one of the oldest colleges in Oxford. Our full name is 'The College of St Mary of Winchester' but since there was already a College dedicated to St Mary in 1379 (and that's a bit of a mouthfull!), it was commonly referred to as the 'new' college and it stuck!

You'll start your journey in **Front Quad**. A classic (and actually the first!) Oxford Quad, it contains our Hall, Chapel, Cloisters, and as you walk through the arch in front of you you'll come to our **JCR**...



JCR

The **JCR** stands for Junior Common Room, and is a relaxed hangout space for undergraduates. As a student here, you're welcome to come and go as you please. The JCR is well-stocked with a 65" 4K TV with Sky+ (and Netflix), PS4, Wii, a snooker table, table tennis, table football, kitchenette with tea & coffee, comfy sofas and anything else you might need to relax in a lounge-like atmosphere.

Our student council (also known as the JCR) plays an active role in College life, whether it's arranging socials, organising welfare events for students, or making sure our college tortoise Tessa continues to

live the life of luxury. Apart from hanging out in the JCR, there are other ways to socialise in College. Open Mic and Karaoke Nights take place in the **College Bar** up to three times per term. There are also Bops (costume parties) throughout the year.

There are also a huge range of societies just for New College students, such as the Holywell Singers (our non-auditioning choir) and the New College Drama Society. College sports teams include football, rowing, rugby, tennis, netball, hockey, lacrosse, badminton, basketball, squash, rounders and many more.





GARDENS & MOUND

The gorgeous **Garden Quad** opens out onto our expansive gardens. A real sun-trap in the summer, the gardens are a tranquil haven for New College students. Sitting proudly in the middle of it all is perhaps New College's most striking feature – the Mound! Constructed in the 16th century, it has an unusual sound effect that can be discovered by clapping near the base...

New College is also home to one of the best-preserved stretches of medieval city wall anywhere in the country.

With over four acres of green space, and home to 27 bird species, New College's Gardens are a surprise oasis right in the middle of the city. It's no surprise that our College is a popular filming location. *Mamma Mia 2* was filmed in our Hall, *His Dark Materials* used the College for their 'Jordan College' setting, and a certain Draco Malfoy was turned into a white ferret in our Cloisters (from *Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire*).

'Living on a film set is just one of the perks of being a New College student!'



NEW BUILDINGS

Given that the College was founded in 1379, you'll soon learn that very few of our buildings are 'new'! These 'New Buildings' (actually built in the 19th Century...) are where you and the rest of the first-year students will live.

We know that moving away from home can be a scary time, so we help all of our new students to settle in by placing you in the same buildings on the main College site. This will help you to make friends quickly, and you'll soon find that your room here will quickly begin to feel like a home away from home.

The majority of our rooms are en-suite and even those with shared bathrooms normally only share with one or two other students. We also have a friendly team of College cleaners to help keep your room clean and tidy!

Our rooms are allocated randomly in first year and we operate a fair ballot system after this – if you have a smaller room in the first year, you'll have first choice of the second year accommodation; we like to treat everyone equally here at New College.

All of our rooms contain a bed, a desk, a wardrobe, lamps, and a fridge.





LIBRARY

Our beautiful wood-panelled Library is open from 8am until 2am, and has over 100,000 texts. As well as traditional desks, there a number of rooms available for study groups, so you can study whichever way suits you.

'The Library contains most of the standard texts you will need for your course and is just seconds from the first year

accommodation, making it a very convenient place to work.'

If libraries aren't your thing, we also have the North Undercroft, a more laidback space for study. Light and airy (and with quick access to the College Bar/café), this room is popular with students who prefer more collaborative and chatty study sessions.





BAR & CAFÉ

We know that your social life will be an important part of your time at New College.

A lot of our social activities take place in our bar / café area – adapted from the original 14th century beer cellar.

Whether it's having a coffee and a chat with a friend during the day, working in a more relaxed atmosphere, or starting your night-out in style; the New College Bar has everything that you could want from a student social space.





DINING HALL

Our Dining Hall is the oldest and tallest in Oxford or Cambridge, making it a truly special place to eat your meals. You may even recognise it from *Mamma Mia 2: Here We Go Again!*

It operates on a not-for-profit basis so that your meal costs are kept low. There are *always* multiple options available, and our chefs are very experienced with handling dietary requirements, from all types of allergies to religious provision – for example, we currently have halal options three times per week, as well as at all formal dinners.

There are formal dinners every week – an opportunity for you to be waited on and

have the ‘traditional’ Oxford dining experience (gowns included!) They’re always optional though – if you’d rather have a standard dinner in your joggers, you can!

Most importantly, though, is the sense of community that you will find whilst eating here with your fellow students. The majority of our students in College accommodation are signed up automatically for dinner, making it a great focal point for the end of the day – a time when everyone can come together after studying to relax, eat, and socialise with friends. (Breakfast and lunch are, of course, available too!)

CHAPEL & CLOISTERS

The **College Chapel** and **Cloisters** are among the original College buildings, dating right back to the 14th century. While the Chapel is still fully-functioning and hosts regular services, both Chapel and Cloisters also offer students of any or no faith a beautiful, quiet place to walk around, think, and reflect.

The Chapel also hosts regular musical performances, from students, local musicians, and the world-famous New College Choir.

Likewise, the Cloisters are used for social events like drinks receptions and are where you will receive your degree certificate when you graduate. And they're so pretty that they featured in Harry Potter!

New College is a community in which we celebrate the diversity of all backgrounds, and one of the benefits of being a larger college is that you might be more likely to find people like you. We are one of the few colleges to have a dedicated **Muslim Prayer Room**, complete with shoe rack and sink. And our students have special 'Reps' dedicated to representing the interests of, and celebrating, minority groups, including Ethnic Minorities, Faith, LGBTQ+, and Students with Disabilities.

For anyone that experiences difficulties or problems, whether academic or personal, we have a team of people to help. We have both a staff welfare team and trained student peer-supporters, who will do everything they can to support you.



OFF THE MAIN SITE

GRADEL QUADRANGLES

Although most of our undergraduate students are housed on or around the main College site, we are currently building the Gradel Quadrangles, which will open in 2023. Situated

just a couple of minutes' walk from the main College site, this will allow us to offer more of our students accommodation throughout their degrees.

CLORE MUSIC STUDIOS

Our magnificent Clore Music Studios are available for all New College students to use. Just two minutes from the main

site, they comprise seven sound-proof rooms, most with pianos.

WESTON SPORTS GROUND

Our sports ground is just a five minute walk from the main College site – unusually close for an Oxford college. It has pitches for football, rugby, cricket, and hockey,

squash courts, an erg room, and an all-weather court for basketball, netball, and tennis (plus additional grass courts in the summer).





THE COLLEGE IN NUMBERS

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Despite being called 'New College', we are actually the 9th oldest college of Oxford University. Our original name was 'The College of St Mary of Winchester in Oxford' but because there was already a college dedicated to Mary (and because that name is a bit of a mouthfull!), we became known as 'New College'.

1379

The year we were founded by William of Wykeham, Bishop of Winchester and twice Lord Chancellor of England.

420

The approximate number of undergraduate students we have in our New College family.

4

New College featured in the 4th Harry Potter film, Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire – Draco Malfoy was turned into a white ferret in our cloisters!

100,000

Texts contained within our college library (we also have an internationally-renowned collection of historical manuscripts and rare books).

2

Minutes it takes to walk from our entrance to Radcliffe Square and the Bodleian Library.

7

Dedicated music practice rooms available as part of our new Clore Music Studios.

50

Our dining hall is 50 feet tall – the tallest of any Oxford or Cambridge college.

13

A magnificent section of the old 13th century Oxford city wall runs through the college. When New College purchased the land from the City, it was made a condition that the city wall was maintained well – to this day the Mayor and Councillors come to inspect it every 3 years!

COURSES

(AVERAGE PLACES AVAILABLE)

These are all of the courses that we currently offer at New College.
For more detailed course information please see the New College website.
Please always consult the College website for a full list of our Undergraduate courses.

Biochemistry (Molecular and Cellular) (4)
Biology (4)
Biomedical Sciences (3)
Chemistry (8)
Classics (Literae Humaniores) and Joint Schools (6)
Classics: Course 1
Classics: Course 2
Classics with Modern Languages
Classics with Oriental Studies
Computer Science, Mathematics, and Joint Schools (8)
Computer Science
Computer Science and Philosophy
Mathematics
Mathematics and Computer Science
Mathematics and Philosophy
Mathematics and Statistics
Economics and Management (3)
Engineering Science (7-8)
English and Joint Schools (9)
English Language & Literature
English and Modern Languages
Fine Art (2)

History and Joint Schools (9)
Ancient and Modern History
History
History and Economics
History and Modern Languages
History and Politics
Law (8)
Law
Law with Law Studies in Europe
Medicine (6)
Modern Languages and Joint Schools (13)
Modern Languages
European and Middle Eastern Languages
Modern Languages and Linguistics
Philosophy and Modern Languages
Music (4-5)
Philosophy, Politics and Economics (PPE) (10)
Physics (6)
Psychology (Experimental) and PPL (6)
Psychology (Experimental)
Psychology, Philosophy, and Linguistics



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