

# NEW COLLEGE FRESHERS' GUIDE

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# WELCOME!

Welcome to New College. Congratulations on your results, and we look forward to you joining the New College community in October!

This guide is roughly organised in chronological order, taking you through some of the key phases of being a fresher at Oxford:

- ❑ Firstly, from now until the end of the summer
- ❑ Your first day
- ❑ Your first week
- ❑ Followed by some general advice for your first year at Oxford!

It's worth giving this guide a read; hopefully, many of your questions will be answered somewhere within these very pages. If any remain, please feel free to reach out to any of us and we're happy to help.

We're very excited to meet you soon and are looking forward to helping make your transition to Oxford as enjoyable as it was for us!

## WHO ARE WE? MEET THE FRESHERS' TEAM...

### Freshers' President – Lewis Fisher

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Pronouns: he/him

Bio: Hey all! I'm Lewis, a second-year PPE student and your Freshers' President this year! My team and I are responsible for introducing you to Oxford life and helping you settle in as quickly as possible. We've been working hard to ensure you have a brilliant Freshers' Week and are so excited to have you here in October!

You are about to embark upon one of the most fantastic phases of your life. Very well done on making it this far, and it's time to get excited now! Being a member of Oxford's finest college is something few can lay claim to – you now have that honour! That said, moving here will undoubtedly be a transition in more ways than one. This guide is here to provide you with useful information to ease this process, and I hope it helps.

You're bound to have many questions about the move to Oxford – we certainly all did! The good news is, we're your first port of call. Get in touch by email, Facebook Messenger, or whatever you fancy. No question is too big or small :) and make sure you join [our Facebook page here](#)

Looking forward to seeing you very soon!



## Freshers' Reps — Tash Fox and Katy Holland

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**Pronouns:** she/her and she/her

**Bio:** Hey everyone! We're Tash (top right), a second-year English student, and Katy (bottom left), a second-year Biomed student, and we're your Freshers' Reps this year (essentially Lewis' seconds-in-command)! As Freps, our job is to ensure that your move to Oxford is as smooth and enjoyable as possible. We've planned an exciting Freshers' Week for you, with so many opportunities — day and night, and drinking and non-drinking — for you to meet lots of new people and settle into College life.



New College is an incredible place to call home and we can't wait for you to get to know it, but we also know that sometimes it can feel chaotic and overwhelming — so more than anything, we will be here for you throughout the year as friendly faces that you can always turn to. Please feel free to contact us via email or Facebook messenger, and we look forward to meeting all of you in October! :)

## **BEFORE YOU GET HERE**

We hope you've been enjoying one of the longest and most work-free summers of your life so far. But if you've been counting down the days until the start of uni, this guide may satisfy some of your longing for Oxford — or, on the other hand, if you're feeling a bit nervous, it should demystify any misconceptions you may have. Make the most of the time you have at home and before you know it, you'll be down here! You'll probably have lots of questions about what to do before you get here. You'll want to know what there is from a work perspective. How about on the socialising and entertainment side of things? Quite probably, you're wondering where you'll be living for the next three terms. Read on and these questions will be answered...





## WHY HAVEN'T I BEEN ASKED TO CHOOSE ACCOMMODATION YET?

In short, you don't need to stress about choosing accommodation. All first-year rooms are randomly assigned by our Housing Officer; they range from the mediocre to the ridiculously good, and all are ranked from best to worst. In the spirit of fairness, for second year, these rankings are reversed on the room ballot to determine who gets first pick – so, don't worry if you have one of the lesser rooms this year given that you'll most likely have a palace next year! All of you will be living in New Buildings, one of the best and most sociable accommodation blocks in Oxford. You are no more than a 30-second walk away from almost every other fresher's room, so there is plenty of chance to get to know other people. Get in touch with our housing officer, **Daniyal Hussain**, if you want any information about your room.

Every room has:

- ☐ A bed (mostly singles but there are some doubles — we will let you know either way so that you can purchase bedding in advance)
- ☐ A bedside table with a lamp
- ☐ A desk with a lamp
- ☐ A minifridge
- ☐ Wardrobe
- ☐ Chairs
- ☐ Large noticeboard
- ☐ Plug sockets and Ethernet points

Most rooms are ensuite, but those which aren't have access to a shared bathroom (usually only with one or two other people). College does not provide bedding, so you'll need to bring this with you or order it to be sent to College. You can personalise your room in whatever way you choose so long as it's within the reasonable limits set by College. For example, although Blu Tack isn't permitted, New College has an art store from which paintings can be rented out free of charge for a term (you may even be lucky enough to get your hands on the in-demand Picasso). Your room is cleaned every week by a *scout*. They are very friendly faces around College and always brighten up your day!

You'll have access to laundry facilities, meals three times a day in Hall, and IT facilities such as printing. You won't have access to a kitchen, but it's still possible to make some food in your room.

ID: Standard first-year room, showing bed, bedside table, chairs, minifridge and shelving



# WHAT TO BRING

## GENERAL LIVING

- ☐ Bedding (remember a duvet and pillows at minimum!) If you need to borrow this, email the Housing Officer
- ☐ Towels
- ☐ Toiletries
- ☐ Washing powder and stain remover
- ☐ Coat hangers
- ☐ Laptop and charger
- ☐ Clothes drying rack
- ☐ Ethernet cable (if you want to get onto the ethernet rather than Wi-Fi, this is advisable as eduroam can be occasionally unreliable)
- ☐ Extension cable (multiway adaptor)
- ☐ Posters, photos from home and pins (you can pin things on your noticeboard)
- ☐ Doorstop and over the door hooks
- ☐ Washing-up liquid and bowl
- ☐ Noise-cancelling headphones
- ☐ Full-length mirror

## WORK STUFF

- ☐ Stationery
- ☐ Folders
- ☐ Dictionary
- ☐ Calculator (this is subject-specific i.e. an English student wouldn't need one)
- ☐ Paper and notebooks
- ☐ Any relevant old notes — they can be reassuring to have
- ☐ Hole punch/stapler
- ☐ Scissors

## FOOD STUFF

- ☐ Kettle
- ☐ Cloths and tea towels
- ☐ Mugs, tumblers, wine glasses, shot glasses etc.
- ☐ A few plates, bowls, cutlery items

## LIFE ADMIN STUFF

- ☐ Money and bank cards
- ☐ ID (passport and/or driving licence)
- ☐ LEA/finance information
- ☐ Medical details
- ☐ Keyring for your room key

## CLOTHES

- ☐ Whatever it is that you like to wear, including clothes for the wet and windy Oxford weather, and for the occasional time when the sun makes an appearance!
- ☐ Fancy dress stuff for bops
- ☐ Black tie (if you have it)
- ☐ Sports gear

## OPTIONAL EXTRAS

- ☐ Cushions, rugs, teddy bears, plants, books, and anything else that will make your room feel more like home
- ☐ Full-length mirror
- ☐ Musical instruments
- ☐ A bike — bring one with you or buy it when you get here. There are loads of second-hand shops where you can get a cheap bike. Alternatively, you can borrow one of College's!



# WHAT TO BRING CONT'D

## SUB FUSC

- ❑ This is Oxford's academic dress that you wear for matriculation and exams.
- ❑ Sub fusc consists of:
  - ❑ Dark suit, dark socks OR black skirt, black tights OR black trousers, dark socks
  - ❑ A white bow tie or black ribbon
  - ❑ A plain white collared shirt
  - ❑ Black Shoes
  - ❑ Gown and Mortarboard (many shops in Oxford sell these)

For more info – see [page 44](#)

## DO NOT BRING!

- ❑ Toasters, ovens, microwaves, electric paella pans
- ❑ Pets
- ❑ Cars
- ❑ Candles and other fire hazards
- ❑ Offensive weapons
- ❑ Blu Tack (it damages the paint on the walls, but you do get a noticeboard on which you can pin posters etc.)
- ❑ Mains-powered fairy lights (but battery-powered ones are okay)



ID: Pictures of New College 2021 Freshers on Matriculation Day, wearing sub fusc at the Bridge of Sighs and the Radcliffe Camera

## STORAGE

The JCR and College run an external storage scheme where you can store the things you don't need to take home every vacation securely. College funds some free storage for the following groups of people: international students; students from Scotland, Wales, NI or Channel Islands; students who live more than four hours away from Oxford; students whose family/friends cannot pick them up after the end of term. **Daniyal**, our housing officer, will be in touch with more details about this later in term.



# PREPARATION

## WHAT WORK SHOULD I DO BEFOREHAND?

Your tutors should have contacted you about any work you need to do before you start, and you may have a reading list to work through. But don't worry if you haven't heard anything — some tutors do not set any holiday work. You can ask your subject rep for book recommendations and other places to look for useful preparatory resources. You can contact them via the Academic Affairs Officer, **Rhodri Williams**. Don't hesitate to get in touch — that's what they're there for!

## ANYTHING ELSE?

Yes. Firstly, you'll need to fill in some forms that College will send to you shortly after receiving your exam results, including a passport-sized photo for your Bod Card (more on this later). You can smile in this photo, and we'd advise you to send one that you really like since you'll have this card for all years of your degree!

Secondly, there is a page of IT information on the College website [here](#). It's a good idea to read this thoroughly and sort out all IT-related things before you arrive so that you don't have to worry about them later on. It shouldn't take too long to set up your **Single Sign On** (SSO) account and **eduroam**.

**Single Sign On** is an important username and password combination that enables you to access, among other things, your online library account on a service called SOLO, Canvas (Oxford's virtual learning site where you can find information such as lecture timetables etc.), and, most importantly, your emails.

Everyone gets a username in the form of newcXXXX, and you can set the password to one of your choice. Note this information down somewhere so that you don't forget it in the hustle and bustle of Freshers' Week. You also need to set up multi-factor authentication (MFA) for security purposes, which can be either in the form of a text (a code will be sent to your phone every time you log in) or an authenticator app. Don't stress about this — it's easy to set up and if you need further explanation beyond the guides, the University's website has several handy web pages providing IT help.

You'll be able to access your Oxford email address using SSO. You can access it from [webauth.ox.ac.uk](http://webauth.ox.ac.uk), but you'll get an email when it's time to do this. It will take the format [firstname.lastname@new.ox.ac.uk](mailto:firstname.lastname@new.ox.ac.uk), and anyone can contact you through this.

**Eduroam** is a Wi-Fi network that you can access from University buildings around Oxford and at campuses worldwide. It's worth bearing in mind that you do need to register your logon and password for this before you get to Oxford — you can't set it up using College Wi-Fi. Eduroam uses a different password to your SSO, but again, don't stress — there is a dedicated **College IT Office**, as well as our student IT Officer **Lily George** who can help you with this.



# INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

As an international student, you can arrive at College before the UK students do (from Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October – but you need to arrange this in advance by emailing [admissions@new.ox.ac.uk](mailto:admissions@new.ox.ac.uk)), which will give you time to get settled living in the UK — with the help of some events put on specifically for you. There are also a few things on our packing list that you shouldn't bring with you but instead buy in Oxford. There will be an International Students Guide on the College website but if you have any more questions please get in touch with **Dan Shapiro**, the JCR International and Overseas Officer, or check out this University website: <https://www.ox.ac.uk/students/new/international>

## DON'T BRING, BUT BUY

- ☐ Kettle
- ☐ Pillow and duvet (purchase online and have them sent to College before you arrive; a small number of rooms have double beds so check with the Accommodation Manager ([ellen.baker@new.ox.ac.uk](mailto:ellen.baker@new.ox.ac.uk)) before you arrive)
- ☐ Mugs, glasses, plates, bowls, cutlery etc.
- ☐ Coat hanger
- ☐ Bike

## PHONES IN THE UK

Since you probably won't be in the UK for the full year we recommend getting pay as you go. [Giffgaff](#) have a nice offer with unlimited texts, unlimited UK minutes and 3GB of mobile data for £8 per month. For international calls, Skype, Zoom and FaceTime are all good options, or you could get a SIM card from Lebara, which has reasonable prices for international calls. You can order your SIM card online and have it delivered to College before you arrive. Speaking of which, your address here takes the following form:

YOUR NAME

New College

Oxford

OX1 3BN

## THINK ABOUT BANKING

You should check whether your bank has a branch in the UK or co-operates with a UK bank. Oxford SU Freshers' Fair will give you the chance to chat to different UK banks if you're undecided — you'll also be able to set up a bank account there and then, provided you have the necessary documents (a valid passport or EU identity card, and a student enrolment certificate stamped by College). Again, **Dan Shapiro** can help with this.

## TRANSFERRING MONEY

If you want to pay your battels/tuition fees from a foreign bank at the beginning of term, we recommend using <https://www.transferwise.com>. It will save you the complications that may arise from different currencies, exchange rates and transaction fees.



# FRESHERS' WEEK

## WHEN YOU GET HERE

The following page entails the provisional plan for your arrival. You can also check the New College Offer Holders web page (<https://www.new.ox.ac.uk/offer-holders>) for more up-to-date information.

## WHEN DO I ARRIVE?

If you're an international student, you will arrive early (as already mentioned). Everyone else should arrive at College between 10am and 4pm on Monday of 0<sup>th</sup> Week. That's the 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2022 in non-Oxford speak!

## WHAT DO I DO WHEN I GET HERE?

### PARKING

You'll be able to park on Holywell Street. There will be a team of second years in committee sweatshirts to help you (they are the JCR Committee and Freshers' Team). They will get you a parking permit from the Porters, so you'll be able to leave the car on the street for 20-30 minutes while you unload.

### COLLECTING YOUR KEYS

Head to the Porters' Lodge, where you can collect your room key. It's hard to miss — it's immediately on your right as you come in through the gate, and there'll be signposts and people to point you there. The committee member helping you out will be able to take you there.

### REGISTRATION

You'll need to register when you arrive. The second year helping you will take you to Lecture Room 4 or 6, where registration will be occurring. There, you will enrol and pick up your University Card (aka Bod Card). Your picture will be taken for the Freshers' 'Who's Who', a document which will be circulated so that you and your year can get to know each other as soon as possible.

### UNPACKING

Unloading everything from the car into your room shouldn't take too long, and second years will be on hand to help in any way they can. If your room is at the top of several flights of stairs, don't be afraid to ask for help!

### WHERE NEXT?

Once you've moved all your stuff into your room, you can head down to the Junior Common Room (JCR), where you will find other freshers as well as committee members who will be running frequent tours to familiarise you with College.



## THE BOD CARD

Simultaneously your Student ID card, debit card for items in College such as food and drink at the bar or in Hall, library card, and key into and around College. Your Bod Card is yours for your whole degree, so it's worth using a good photo since even if you happen to lose it, the replacement (which you have to pay for) has the same one. Don't forget: even though it's a passport-style photo, you can still smile!

## THE MAIN PROGRAMME KICKS OFF

At around 5pm, once everyone has arrived, there will be a talk in which the JCR Officers will introduce themselves and the plan for the week. You will then have team-building activities and icebreakers followed by pizza with the other people on your staircase and drinks with the whole year in a local bar.

## YOUR FIRST WEEK

After the mad rush of your first day, you can settle down and look forward to a week you'll probably remember for the rest of your life. There'll be lots of fun, with a few necessary tasks thrown in too. You'll be able to see all this in your Freshers' Week timetable, which can be found on the College website prior to Freshers' Week and will also be emailed to you.

## DURING THE DAY

## NECESSARY STUFF

You may face a bit of an information overload, since you'll be getting a fire safety talk, consent workshop and study skills session, as well as several library inductions. However, we've ensured that you have many breaks in between these so you can relax, maybe grab some food, and talk to your fellow freshers.

We'd advise **sorting out all the IT stuff as soon as possible, ideally before you get here**, as it makes things much easier later on. During the week, you'll also meet your tutors properly for the first time since Interviews. Most people get on really well with their tutors so don't be worried by this.

## FUN STUFF

When you have time between your compulsory information sessions and sorting out admin bits and bobs, there will be plenty of activities going on within College:

There will be MADD (Music, Arts, Dance, and Drama) and Sports events to show you what life is like outside the library. At the New College Freshers' Fair, there will be numerous stalls from different sports teams and societies within and outside of College, so you'll get a good idea of what's going to be on offer throughout the year.



This year the Oxford University Freshers' Fair will take place in-person again. You'll no doubt sign up for a hundred clubs you never knew existed and subsequently spend the next few terms trying to remove yourself from their mailing list. But hey, hopefully, you'll also find a society (or two, or more) that gives you something outside of your work that's *your thing*. There really is something for everyone, from Wine Society to Historical Re-enactment Society, countless choirs and orchestras, and every sports team imaginable.

## AT NIGHT

You can look forward to some great entertainment throughout the week co-ordinated by us, the Freshers' Team (Lewis, Katy and Tash), as well as our Entz (Entertainment) Reps, Aryan and Sky. There'll be club nights, chilled nights, non-drinking options, as well as the famous New College Toga Party. You'll also enjoy the first bop of term (bop — a student-organised party for the whole College, always with a fancy dress theme, held two or three times per term; the quality varies widely, but we think New College's are undeniably the best!) The first bop theme will be Minions and Supervillains. Make sure you have a good costume and remember: it's not about how much you spend on it, but rather the thought, creativity, and effort that goes into it.

If you manage to party every night of Freshers' Week, congrats! However, you're certainly not expected to: we've got loads of other events planned if that's not your cup of tea. There will be a sports day, an open mic night, games nights, College family nights and much more.

Expect a staircase pizza, trips to G&D's (a classic Oxford ice-cream parlour), and the like. Keep your eyes peeled for the announcements of what's going on as we have some exciting stuff planned!

## SO MANY PEOPLE AND NEW THINGS! I FEEL A BIT OVERWHELMED...

If you feel lost or disoriented during the week or in your first few weeks, don't worry. It's perfectly normal and happens to everyone. You can speak to any of the Freshers' Team (or any of the JCR committee for that matter), your College parents, or the brilliant Welfare Reps **Aiden** and **Sofie**. Freshers' Week is great fun, but it can also be overwhelming. Don't worry if it doesn't live up to the hype you'll inevitably grant it or isn't the *\*best week of your life so far\** — it's perfectly normal to need a bit of time to adjust and you've got so many great experiences to look forward to in the next nine+ terms as an Oxford undergrad.

Throughout the week, the Welfare Reps will be running chilled out, arts-and-crafts events with free food and drinks. They'll always be there to help you out if you're feeling overwhelmed or anxious.





# LIFE AFTER FRESHERS'

## WORK

As much as we all hate to admit it, this is the reason we actually come to Oxford! So, here's a little rundown, as it may be different from what you're used to at school...

## TUTORIALS ('TUTES')

These are sessions run a couple of times a week with a tutor plus one or two other students on your course ('tute partners'). In these, you may either go through an essay or problem sheet you have been asked to complete before attending, or just go through concepts you struggle with/find interesting. In some subjects, you'll also attend classes, which consist of larger groups and cover general topics rather than focusing on your own work.



ID: Just one of the many libraries across Oxford you can work in. This is the Old Bodleian in the centre of town.

## ESSAYS

Essays are a big aspect of learning at Oxford, even for subjects you may not previously have considered essay subjects, like some sciences! Your tutor will provide the title, and possibly some reading materials. You then complete the question, hand in the essay, sometimes before or sometimes during the tute (your tutor will specify) and subsequently receive feedback from your tutor. Of course, your first essay will seem daunting, but you'll soon realise that, more than anything, they are an opportunity to learn and gain feedback from experts in your field — and do not need to be 'perfect'.

## PROBLEM SHEETS

These are question papers set for science subjects. These may be very difficult, and even if you cannot make your way to the solution, be sure to include your rough work, so your tutors can see your thoughts and help guide you.

## LECTURES

Essential for some subjects, somewhat optional for others — make sure you figure out which it is for your subject before missing a term's worth of 9AMs... These often provide useful information to include in essays or teach the processes behind answering the problem sheets you're solving.

## COLLECTIONS

Mock exams held in College at the start of term. These don't count towards your end of year exams so there is no pressure at all! They just provide a useful way of testing your learning from the previous terms, in preparation for Prelims at the end of the year.



## PRELIMS

End of first year exams, held at the end of Trinity (Summer) term for most subjects, or at the end of Hilary (Easter) term for Lawyers and Psychologists. These don't count towards your final degree grade, so once again, not worth losing too much sleep over! But aim to do the best you personally can — exams are your chance to show off all you have learnt through the year.



ID: Three happy Biomedics in sub fusc at their final prelim, with red carnations to signify their last exam

## WHERE TO WORK?

As simple as working in your room can be, its often beneficial to get a change of scenery... here are some recommendations of different work locations:

### THE NEW COLLEGE LIBRARY

The Old Faithful. This won't be more than a stone's throw from your room in first year, and is open 8am-2am, 7 days a week, so will likely be a staple for your first year at New College!

### LIBRARIES AROUND THE CITY

Oxford plays host to a myriad of libraries which you can access with just your Bod Card, ranging from old and gorgeous, to sleek and modern. Popular choices include the Radcliffe Camera (Rad Cam) and the Vere Harmsworth. You will also have a subject-affiliated library, such as the Social Science Library or Law Library.

## CAFES

These provide more of a sociable work environment, plus also your daily dose of caffeine if that's what you like. In the daytime New College Bar turns into a cafe. If you want to get out, some popular choices in the city are Pret, Waterstones or Cafe Creme.

## ISSUES WITH WORK

If you do have a problem with your work, however trivial it may seem, there are a host of people you can reach out to for help. This can include your tutor, College parent, or our JCR academic affairs officer, Rhodri Williams – his email is [rhodri.williams@new.ox.ac.uk](mailto:rhodri.williams@new.ox.ac.uk). Everyone around you wants to help you enjoy your subject!



ID: The Rad Cam in all its glory against a blue sky



# PRACTICALITIES

## FINANCES

It can be hard to estimate how much money you will need to budget for term by term. Here is a brief overview of the average finances termly in College. These can vary a lot, depending on your lifestyle etc.

## BATTELS

This is the charge you pay to College at the start of each term. It includes your accommodation and food cost. Each evening meal costs £8.18 — early hall, which everyone is automatically signed on to, and formal are the same price. It is possible to sign off dinner if you will not be in College, but you do get slightly less than the £8.18 back, hence most people eat in Hall together every night — it's a great time to reconvene and socialise!

Battels statement: £1995.60 a term (60 nights). This is made up of:

- ❑ £490.80 for evening meals
- ❑ £1504.80 for rent (including insurance)

n.b. As you arrive on Monday in Freshers' Week (which takes the length of the rent period to 61 days), you will be charged an extra night's rent and food, increasing the first statement by around £30.

The statement will be emailed at the start of 1st Week and must be paid by midday on the Friday of Week 1 of term. This can be done either by cheque to the bursary, or online on the meal booking website <http://food.new.ox.ac.uk> (go to 'Fees and Charges' and then 'Pay Battels').

Many costs through the term at College will be added to your battels as well, to be paid at the start of the next term. This includes JCR wine cellar purchases, stash, sports team photos and charity calendars. It is important you keep track of these so you can budget for them the next term. Either make a note each time something is added to battels, or email [student.finance@new.ox.ac.uk](mailto:student.finance@new.ox.ac.uk).

## TUITION

For UK students with a student loan, this will be paid automatically to College by the Student Loans Company. However, if you pay these yourself, or are an international student, these fees will be visible on your Michaelmas battels statement.

## BOD CARD

Some things in College, such as meals in Hall other than dinner and drinks at the College Bar, are paid for as you go on your till account using your Bod Card, rather than being added to battels. You can top up your card online by going to the meal booking website and clicking on 'EPOS'.



# COST OF LIVING

On top of battels, you will also need to budget money to keep you going with day-to-day activities. You will need to cover breakfast, lunch, evenings out and other hobbies. Breakfast and lunch can be purchased in Hall, or you can grab a snack from the College Bar. These will be added to your till account, which is linked to your Bod Card and can be topped up through the term via the meal booking website (see previous page). You can also get drinks from the College Bar with this account.

You will likely spend more in your first term than the others: this is due to membership fees for societies. Most cost around £10-£30 to join, but others can be more expensive as they offer a lifetime membership. Others charge you subs, which are termly fees. You can find information on fees either on their website, or at the Freshers Fair.

To give an idea of general weekly costs in Oxford, here are some examples:

Sandwich at ATS: £3-4.	Breakfast in Hall: £0.50-3.50
Pint at Turf Tavern: £4.50-5.50	Club tickets: £5-£8
Drink in College Bar: £2.50-4.50	Ball tickets: £40-250
Cocktail in OXO (Sun-Thurs): £2.95	Laundry: wash: £2.20; dry: £1.10
Lunch in Hall: £3-5	Vacation storage: £5 per box, or free for some

It is impossible to provide a rough weekly estimate for the cost of living in Oxford, as spending varies so much person to person. A person who eats breakfast and lunch in Hall/out every day and drinks alcohol will have a much higher weekly spending than somebody who eats cereal, makes a sandwich in their room and prefers not to drink alcohol. It's up to you how much you spend!

If you want any more information about specific costs living in Oxford, email the VP for Operations and Finance, **Amol Dhekane** ([amol.dhekane@new.ox.ac.uk](mailto:amol.dhekane@new.ox.ac.uk)).

## JCR LEVIES

You will receive an email during Michaelmas term giving the option to opt out of the JCR levies. These are charged at the start of Hilary, Trinity and in the middle of summer vac. The levies per term are as follows:

Refugee Scholarship Levy: £5	Hardship Levy: £5
Offset CO2 Printing Levy: £1	Sports Levy: £4
Reach Oxford Levy: £6	Punts usage Levy: £6 (only for Trinity term)
Computer Levy: £1	Staff gratuity Levy: £2
Charities Levy: £7.50	New College Society Life Membership: £22.50
Art Levy: £2	

You can opt out of all these except the Computer Levy.



# FINANCIAL SUPPORT

The University bursary scheme gives money to all students whose household income is less than circa £42,875. As long as you agreed to share your financial information with the University on your Student Finance application, this will be an automatic process and the University will be in touch automatically.

For example, if you are a Crankstart scholar (household income lower than £27,500 p.a.), you are eligible for a significant bursary that is paid in 3 instalments alongside your student loan, but which is non-repayable. If your household income is assessed as being £5,000 or less, you will receive an annual bursary of £5,500. If your household income is between £5,000 and £27,500 you will receive an annual bursary of £4,700. You also receive some extra cash if you live more than 80 miles from Oxford for travel costs. You will also have access to additional careers support via a £2500 bursary for unpaid or low-paid internships, and exclusive opportunities such as for workshops and mentoring. There is a growing community of Crankstart Scholars, with a central office that holds a variety of events throughout the year. In return for this funding, scholars are asked to complete 25 hours of volunteering of any kind throughout the year, in order to further the impact of the scholarship on those around us. There are plenty of opportunities to do this in Oxford over the course of the year, and you can even complete this in the vacations.

The Oxford Uni Fees and Funding website is also worth looking at: <https://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/undergraduate/fees-and-funding>. You can see the full range of bursaries and check if you are eligible for further financial support. There are also potential scholarship awards available.

There is also the university-wide Oxford Hardship Fund; you can find out more about it here <https://www.ox.ac.uk/students/fees-funding/assistance/hardship/ohf>, but you will not be able to work through the application until you are at the University.

If you need any more information on finance, battels, or anything of the like, visit [www.new.ox.ac.uk/finance](http://www.new.ox.ac.uk/finance). You can also find information on the New College bursaries on the Freshers' page. [LINK](#). Feel free to contact the Student Finance Officer ([student.finance@new.ox.ac.uk](mailto:student.finance@new.ox.ac.uk)) with any more queries.



# FOOD

Most people will not have access to a kitchen in their first year, and cooking appliances are not allowed in rooms. Whilst dinner in Hall is prepaid, as previously mentioned, you also have the option of getting breakfast and lunch in Hall. The staff are welcoming and friendly, and our Catering Manager Brian Cole is fab at accommodating any dietary requirements and allergies.

## TYPICAL MEALTIMES

Breakfast: 8-9am weekdays

- ❑ A selection of cereals, continental and cooked options are available

Lunch: 12-1:30pm weekdays

- ❑ Both hot and cold options offered

Brunch: 11am-1pm weekends

- ❑ Same options for food as breakfast but at a more socially acceptable time!!

Early hall (informal): 5:45-7:15pm every day (except formal days when it is still offered but finishes at 6:30pm)

- ❑ Meat, veggie and fish options always available, as well as soup and a bread roll, and dessert

Formal: seated for 7:15pm every Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday

- ❑ Formal is a slightly fancier version of early hall; your food is served to you by waiters, and you have to wear your gown, but aside from that there is no dress code — you can even wear trackies, although most people dress a bit smarter!
- ❑ You can also bring your own wine, which can be purchased at the College's wine cellar
- ❑ Both early and formal halls are three-course meals and cost the same price (with the exception of the occasional charity formal, which costs an additional £2)

Guest Night: seated for 7:15pm every other Friday (JCR and MCR members alternate guest nights; JCR guest nights fall on even-numbered weeks i.e. Friday of Week 2, 4, 6, 8)

- ❑ The fanciest of dining options; people usually only go to guest night for special occasions, but it's a lovely thing to do when friends and family are visiting to give them a proper 'Oxford experience' — and the food is always incredible!
- ❑ More expensive than early and formal (£18.70 for New College students; £24.36 for non-Oxford guests)
- ❑ You don't have to wear a gown, but the dress code is smart (suits and ties or cocktail dresses)

College Bar: open 11am-11pm every day, except Sunday

- ❑ Offers sandwiches, wraps, paninis, other snacks and hot drinks; reasonably priced and always served with a smile!
- ❑ Serves alcohol from 6pm onwards



ID: A close-up of a classic New College fry-up



ID: An exemplary formal main course: beef roast served in a huge Yorkshire pudding!



# MEALS: BOOKING & PAYING

As mentioned previously, all evening meals are prepaid — thus, you book off when you cannot attend. You must book off before 10am since after this, the portal closes and you can't get your £5.14 back. Fear not though... if you forget to book off or change your mind last minute, there is an active community willing to buy your meal for the typical going rate of £3 on the New College Marketplace Facebook group. Expect many a meme from a hungry and desperate third year begging you to sell them an early to save them the trek back to Cowley.

To pay for food in the Bar, and at breakfast and lunch in Hall, you use your aforementioned till account. This is done by scanning your Bod Card. Your till account must be kept topped up through termtime, which you can do through the meal booking website (<http://food.new.ox.ac.uk>) at 'EPOS'. In the Buttery (breakfast, lunch and brunch) you can run up a debt of up to £15, but you can't go into debt at the College Bar. Any debt left at the end of term is added onto your battels for the next term. If you exceed the debt limit, fines are applied. You can also pay by normal card in the bar.

## BOOKING ONTO FORMAL

This is done through the same portal as booking off dinner. If you want to go to a formal one night, you must first sign off early hall that night, then sign onto formal. Formal bookings for the following week become available every Thursday at 2pm — and be quick, since they're like gold dust. You can take up to two guests on a Tuesday and one guest on a Sunday, but Thursday formals are reserved for New College students only to ensure that everyone in College has a chance to get a space.

You can also change your preferences to ensure that you are automatically booked on for vegetarian/vegan etc. meals. Dietary requirements are to be discussed with the Catering Manager, Brian Cole ([brian.cole@new.ox.ac.uk](mailto:brian.cole@new.ox.ac.uk)).

n.b. Guest night is booked through the same system as early and formal hall.



ID: New College '21 Freshers' Formal



ID: Enjoying the Christmas Formal, where there is a student-led pantomime

# COLLEGE FACILITIES

## LAUNDRY

Laundry facilities are provided by the College and are located in the basement of Staircase 2 in the New Buildings (2NB). You need your Bod Card to access the staircase. They have washing machines, dryers and irons, but you need your own washing powder. You pay via credit/debit card; a wash costs £2.20 and a dry costs £1.10.

## LIBRARY

The Library is at the end of the Holywell Quad. It is open 8am-2am and likely will have all the books you need for your first year, as well as a wide variety of DVDs. But if the library doesn't have a book you need, you can fill out a form in the foyer to request it and the staff will order it. You're not advised to purchase your own textbooks!

You'll have an induction to the Library in Freshers' Week, and if you need to contact the Library at any point, email them at [library@new.ox.ac.uk](mailto:library@new.ox.ac.uk).

## THE JCR

The JCR stands for the Junior Common Room and signifies two things.

Firstly, the JCR is the community of undergrads you join in October. The MCR is the postgrad equivalent, and the SCR comprises the academic staff in College. The JCR holds meetings every week to decide on motions etc., which you'll learn more about upon arrival.

Secondly, the JCR also denotes an actual room in College. It has a 65" TV (which has Sky+, PS4, Wii and Netflix), big comfy sofas, a kitchenette with free tea, coffee, milk and biscuits, a vending machine, a pool table and table tennis. It also has board games and circa one million copies of *The Times Top 100 Graduate Employers*. It is a fab social space that can be used at any time of day.

## IT AND COMPUTING

Although it's recommended that you have your own laptop at university, if you don't, or if you prefer to work on a computer, there is a computer suite in 2NB (same as laundry), which is open 24/7.

To print, there are printers in the library, the computer suite and the JCR. They are very cheap.

If you have any issues with IT, you have several options. You can either drop into the IT department in 12OB2 between 2 and 4pm on a week, or email them ([it-support@new.ox.ac.uk](mailto:it-support@new.ox.ac.uk)), or you can contact the JCR IT Officer, Lily George ([lily.george@new.ox.ac.uk](mailto:lily.george@new.ox.ac.uk)).





# COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY LIFE

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The Entz reps are responsible for organising other events in College too, such as the annual New College Boat Party on the Thames in London and the New College Garden Party!



ID: New College students in fancy dress for the Christmas bop



ID: New College students in black tie for the Boat Party by Tower Bridge!



# STUFF YOU CAN DO IN COLLEGE

## SPORT

Sport is a massive part of life at New College. This past year, we have seen great success, with Cuppers (the term for any inter-collegiate competition at Oxford) wins in: netball, rugby, mixed hockey and even powerlifting! We would love to see this continue into 2022/23, so be sure to sign up to teams!

College sport is more chilled than University sport, with typically one match a week. It's a great opportunity to either carry on a sport you love in a friendly competitive nature or try your hand at something new!!

Our sports grounds are located just a 5-minute walk from College, and have facilities for rugby, football, netball, tennis, squash, basketball and cricket.

We also have a fleet of punts! In Trinity term, these can be checked out at Weston Plodge, and allow you to cruise up and down the river at your leisure (skill dependent!!).

The New College Boat Club has its own boat house located on Boathouse Island on the Isis river, which is equipped with a bar and a balcony. The rowing club offer taster sessions in Freshers' Week, enabling anyone to get involved, regardless of previous experience. If you then choose to continue, there are many inter-college races throughout the year... a highlight is Summer Eights! Pimms is flowing, Boathouse Island is packed, and everyone is cheering on their own college to win by getting 'Bumps'!

Another perk provided by College is free access to the Iffley Gym, which is about a 20-minute walk from College.



ID: Students relaxing in the NC Boathouse in between races.



ID: New College RFC celebrating our winning Cuppers for the first time in 97 years!



At the moment, New College runs badminton, cricket, croquet, dance, darts, football, hockey, lacrosse, netball, pool, rounders, rowing, rugby, squash, table tennis, tennis, touch rugby and yoga. If you're keen to set up something that is not on this list, notice that something has lapsed, or want to organise a team, email the Sports Officers, Noah Miller and Jess Hurley.

A large number of our teams compete in the annual inter-collegiate competition called Cuppers, and New College generally does very well. If you want to get involved, contact the captain of the team, or the Sports Rep. Alternatively, most teams should have a stall at the *New College Freshers' Fair*. Don't be put off if it seems too competitive to you – you can get involved at any level. For those who wish to progress further with their sport, you can represent the University in high level teams – just get in contact with a sports rep or current university players to find more, or they'll be at the *University Freshers' Fair*

## ARTS AT NEW COLLEGE

New College is a fantastic place either to try something new or to take something with which you have experience to a new level. The first major event on New College's arts calendar, especially for freshers, is the OUDS (Oxford University Drama Society) drama cuppers, the inter-collegiate competition open exclusively to first year undergraduates and graduates. It's a great opportunity to become closer to your fellow freshers and with no experience necessary, a brilliant way to get a feel for what an Oxford production entails!

The arts community at New College is vast – with solo musicians, jazz groups, beat poets, comedians, ballroom dancers, and everything in between! Chat to our Arts Officer – Beatriz Rilo Sanchez, for all things arts related. Bea is the person to contact if you want to get involved in New College Music Society, attend some of the various workshops and classes we offer, or when you want to take art out of New College's termly Art Store (art which you can borrow free of charge to decorate your room – there's even a Picasso in there, as well as a few Hockneys!). Michaelmas term also brings with it the New College Pantomime, written and directed by Bea and performed by first years mainly. We also have an Arts Week in Trinity term, a highlight of the Arts year!



ID: the Arts Week 2022 Anthology Launch at a local bar, complete with a student jazz quartet



## NEW COLLEGE MUSIC SOCIETY

The New College Music Society (NCMS) is one of Oxford's leading college music societies. They offer a myriad of events and socials and provide a wide range of activities to musicians of all abilities. There are frequent concerts held in-house and externally, and free recitals every Wednesday in term. They also encourage College and University students to join their ensembles; their non-auditioning ones include the *New College Chamber Orchestra* and *Holywell Singers*, while their auditioned groups include the *Wykeham Consort*.

As well as their wide range of concerts and musical activities, NCMS provide many social events, including open mic and jazz nights. Follow their Facebook page to keep up-to-date with their many events and socials, and if you are interested in joining the music making, drop them an email on [newcollegemusicsociety@gmail.com](mailto:newcollegemusicsociety@gmail.com). It's also easy to get involved in music more informally – we're proud to have our very own Band Room (get in touch with the Band Room Officer, James Harvey, if you're interested.)

## GETTING INVOLVED

This next section covers four areas that are incredibly important to life at New College: environment & ethics (E&E), charities, outreach, and inreach.

## ENVIRONMENT & ETHICS

You can get involved with helping with environment and ethics, something we are passionate about here. This year we will be hosting an E&E Discussion Group, led by **Phoebe Reid**, which is a great thing to get involved in if you are interested in these sorts of questions. We also have our very own College eco guide, filled with tips for being as eco-friendly a student as you can! Please give it a read! In addition to this, you can get involved with all the environmental action in Oxford at a University Level, for example through the Oxford Climate Society. We are always looking for new ideas for how to improve the College, so contact **Phoebe** if you're interested in making New College more environmentally friendly!



New College's natural environment is second to none! Left, Holywell Quad. Right, Cloisters



# CHARITIES

New College is great at getting involved in the wider community and there will be plenty of opportunities to take part in charitable activities. There are loads of volunteering opportunities, but here are just a few examples:

**Curry Runners:** homelessness charity at New College that distributes food twice weekly

**Turl Street Homeless Action:** volunteers distribute food daily to homeless people in Oxford

**Solidaritee:** sells T-shirts to raise awareness of and money for the refugee crisis

**Jacari:** encourages students to teach English to children of refugee and asylum seeking background

**Schools Plus:** aims to address educational inequality by providing Oxford student tutors

**What's a Pound?:** encourages university balls and other large scale events to add a pound to ticket prices which is then donated to charity

**Tingewick:** run by medical students, raises money for local hospitals and for grief

For more, speak to the Charities Officer; she'll be emailing out volunteering opportunities throughout the year, and will also be able to match you up to more specific opportunities in Oxford that fit you.

Within College, we raise thousands of pounds every year for charity, voting on the charities this money goes to in the JCR each term. There is an optional battels levy, which contributes to this fund. There are also various College events such as charity formal hall that help raise money (and are often themed...think Harry Potter for example), as well as fundraisers in College, for example the *Oxford Half Marathon* in October. We create a *New College Naked Calendar* every year and are always looking for new idea to raise money. For more info contact the Charities Officer, **Eliza Copland**.



This year there is a charity fantasy football league, and there are lots of bake sales such as this one for the people of Ukraine.





# OUTREACH/INREACH

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Outreach is really important to us at New College. By getting involved, you can make a real difference to prospective students who might, inspired by you, decide to apply to Oxford when they may not have done so otherwise. It's all about encouraging everyone to apply, irrespective of their backgrounds. The main way that we do this is through visiting state schools or having them visit us. This relies on student volunteers: the Access and Outreach Officer, **Gabriel Pang**, will be in touch to recruit willing tour guides each week.

There are many ways to volunteer. You can help in giving a tour of college and having some (free) lunch with prospective students. There are also chances to partake in short Q&A sessions throughout the term. Besides visits, we have our Instagram [@newcollegejcr](https://www.instagram.com/newcollegejcr), where you can sign up to do a short IG story takeover to give people an insight in what life is like as a New College student. It's encouraged for everyone to get involved in access events, no matter what background you've come from - remember that the entire point of access is that your school shouldn't matter.

Additionally, there's a chance to be a paid ambassador for New College through the Step-Up Programme, which involves regularly having a (again, free!) lunch with the students in hall, giving them a tour around college, and answering any questions they have in a Q&A. You can learn more about the programme by heading to our website. You will also learn more about how to apply to be an ambassador at the start of Michaelmas term!

Throughout the year, there will also be chances to volunteer with university-wide access and outreach schemes, such as **Target Schools** and **UniReach**. If you're interested in taking part, please do get in touch with **Gabriel** to hear more about these programmes.

## INREACH

The role of the Inreach Officer is to ensure that all our students who identify as coming from a "non-traditional" Oxford background feel happy, comfortable, and welcome here at New College and in Oxford. This year our Inreach Officer is the brilliant **Malwina Kozłowska**. We think it is really important that the support that comes with outreach doesn't just stop once you get an offer, but continues throughout your time at College. Malwina will be running social events for those who identify as coming from "non-traditional" Oxford backgrounds, including smaller events like inreach teas & drinks and termly access family events (sign up for access families will go out in September on the JCR Facebook page!), as well as larger events like formal dinners for Crankstart scholars & students from under-represented regions of the UK (like Scotland, Northern Ireland, Wales, and the North East).



# STUFF OUTSIDE OF COLLEGE

Out-of-college entz consists of your typical club night. The typical 'Oxford Student' nights are Atik (Parkend) Wednesday and Bridge Thursday, each which typically comes with a theme, but a whole host of other nights are on offer. This ranges from D'n'B nights at Bully to more cheesy nights in Atik Monday

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ID: an apres-ski party at Varsity

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One particularly fun event is the Varsity Ski Trip - this is the annual Oxford and Cambridge ski trip. It has been running since 1922, and so will be celebrating its 100th anniversary this year! It is the oldest and largest trip of its kind, and it is sure to be a blast! Contact the College Varsity Rep Gilbert Ressel ([gilbert.ressel@new.ox.ac.uk](mailto:gilbert.ressel@new.ox.ac.uk)) if you have any questions. With so much packed into the year, your first year is sure to be one you'll never forget



# THE JCR

If you've read everything so far, firstly well done on sticking with us! Secondly, you might have noticed lots of people being mentioned with titles such as Entz Officers, or Sports Officers, and be wondering who they are.

Each Trinity Term the JCR elects a committee (led by the President, **Patrick Mayhew**) which works to run various important things around College, and to allocate JCR funding.

Absolutely everyone has a say in the running of the JCR – through JCR meetings and motions, anyone can put forward a proposal for how to spend our budget, or a policy the JCR should adopt, or a new idea we should explore – all of which is voted on.

JCR money is spent on the likes of sports kit, arts, big College socials, bagatelle boards, pizza, and any other items that get JCR approval. The Treasurer, **Amol Dhekane**, ensures that we remain within budget. To get your hands on this cash, simply put in a motion to the Secretary, **Theresa Grealy**, and turn up to the JCR meeting to make your case.

JCR meetings are your fortnightly (sometimes weekly) doses of democracy, with large quantities of pizza on the side. At these meetings, we decide our spending as well as our affiliations. However, New College is not the most political of colleges, so we don't make as many big political statements as some other colleges.

If this all sounds complicated, don't worry. You will soon be a seasoned expert of all JCR goings-on.

For now what follows is a brief introduction to the committee – there is an executive, operations team, and a welfare and communications team, as well as an appointed team.

We also have a website – check it out for more info <https://jcr.new.ox.ac.uk/>





# THE JCR COMMITTEE – ELECTED

## EXECUTIVE

**President – Patrick Mayhew**

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**Bio:** Hello incoming freshers! I'm Paddy, a second-year Historian and your President for this coming year. You'll see me around during freshers' week I'm sure, and hopefully (at least by the end of the first few weeks) I'll have got to know a lot of you well. As a JCR team we're here to make sure your start to life at Oxford is as welcoming, supportive and, at times, thrilling as possible. My role is to support the rest of the team in all they do and to represent your interests to College and the wider university.



Of course, moving across the country to live with a bunch of strangers will be daunting. I felt that in the long journey to Oxford and in the ensuing days and weeks. There will be plenty of bumps along the way. My advice is to enjoy throwing yourself outside of your comfort zone as best as possible. And when you need us, we're here for you to fall back on. This is a community I have felt at home in and as a committee, our desire is that that experience becomes everyone's. My inbox, either emails or Facebook, is always open. See you at the start of term!



**Vice President for Operations – Simran Iswaran**

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**Bio:** Hi everyone! I'm Sim, a second-year chemist and your Vice President for Operations this year. I work with the Operations side of the JCR committee to manage Freshers, charities, the food and bar, entz, arts, the environmental and ethical impact of our JCR, sports, academic affairs, housing and the JCR (the room!). These are all run by the respective reps, an amazing group of people you can meet later on in the guide. The operations committee has loads of brilliant events and activities in the works for this year, but we're also here to make sure you get the most out of your first year at New College. We're also always happy to receive suggestions, so if you have any send them our way!

If anyone has any questions or concerns, no matter how small or stupid they may seem, feel free to reach out for a chat. In the meantime, have an amazing summer and see you all in Oxford in October!

**Vice President for Welfare and Equality – Imaan Haider**

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**Bio:** Hi everyone! I'm Imaan, a second-year History and Politics student and your Vice President for Welfare and Equality this year. I know coming into your first year at uni can be exciting and daunting at the same time. My role is to work with the JCR committee to provide any support you may need to help you feel at home here at New College. The welfare and equality team will be running lots of fun events throughout the year, including freshers' week, where you can all get to know each other better. Events like Karaoke Nights, BAME Movie Nights, and Gay Drinks are just some of what we have planned for you.



I'm also here to represent your interests and concerns with College administration and the wider university. If you have any issues or changes you'd like to see within College, come to me or anyone on the JCR committee and I will do everything I can to make sure your voice is heard. Please do drop me a message on Facebook or by email if you have any questions at all, at any point and about anything. I hope you're enjoying the summer, and I look forward to meeting you all in October!



**Treasurer – Amol Dhekane**

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**Pronouns:** He/Him

**Bio:** Hey, my name is Amol and I'm a second year studying Economics and Management. I will be your Treasurer for this year, and this involves budgeting for JCR finances, making payments and reimbursements and ensuring all the fantastic events, programmes and resources provided by the other reps are financed properly. I'm very excited to be able to make your College life this year the best it can be, and feel free to approach me or message me if you have any questions at all. Looking forward to welcoming all of you to College soon!

**Secretary – Theresa Grealy**

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**Pronouns:** She/Her

**Bio:** Hi everyone! I'm Theresa, a second year studying English Language and Literature, and I'm your JCR Secretary for this year. This is the first time that our JCR has had a Secretary, but basically, I'll be making sure that JCR meetings can run smoothly and keeping you all updated with what's going on behind the scenes so you can quickly get to grips with how things work here. As an ethnic minority state school student, I know how tough and intimidating the transition to Oxford can be, but I would encourage everyone to get involved and try new things, and our friendly JCR committee will do everything we can to help make the change as easy as possible. Feel free to reach out (you can message me on Facebook!) if you have any questions or concerns now or stop me for a chat around college when term starts - looking forward to meeting you all!



## COMMUNICATIONS, WELFARE & EQUALITY

**Welfare Officer (Women and Transfeminine) – Sofie Procter**

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**Bio:** Hi everyone! I'm Sofie, a second-year psychology student, and I'm really excited to be your welfare rep, alongside the fabulous Aiden! Starting university can be quite a daunting experience so we're here to help make the transition as smooth as possible and look out for you all - remember that we probably experienced many of the struggles you will! We'll organise welfare teas and other fun events, to make sure you are having some downtime and will always be here if you need a chat, hoping to offer confidential advice where possible. I look forward to meeting you all in October - please don't hesitate to stop me and say hi if I'm passing you in College! Feel free to reach out before then if you have any questions or anything you are concerned about, and we will try our best to help.



**Welfare Officer (Male, Transmasculine and Minority gender) –**

**Aiden Dillon**

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**Pronouns:** He/Him

**Bio:** Hey everyone, my name is Aiden, I am in my second year of Oxford studying French. I will be one of the two welfare officers for your year; we have the same responsibilities and knowledge so there is always one of us to go to. I am gay, from a Working-Class background and suffer from mental illnesses so if you feel like you want to talk to someone regarding those aspects, I am your anxious gal. As for what I'll be doing, I will always be a listening ear whether you just want someone to talk to about life or you have specific welfare issues.



To get to me, you can email me or you can talk to me or Sofie at a welfare tea which we host. We also run the New College 'Cookie Fairy' Facebook page which you can message and ask us to send your friend a cookie and/or a compliment for free! Also, every 5th Week we will host a couple of events such as something artsy or musical for what is called the '5th week blues'. Please get in touch with me before you start if you want to know what College or students can offer for your wellbeing, but otherwise I can't wait to be meeting you all soon!



**LGBTQ+ Officer – Sophie Jones**

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**Bio:** Hi everyone! I'm Sophie, a second-year PPE student, and I'm so excited to be your LGBTQ+ Officer this year. My job is to make sure that the LGBTQ+ community in College is as welcoming and comfortable as possible, and hopefully a lot of fun too! Throughout the year I'll be running gay drinks every week, as well as some bigger events, including an LGBTQ+ formal and events for LGBT History Month. I also want to make it easy for you guys to find information about uni-wide events going on, like the annual Glitterball and more identity-focused events like the OULGBTQ+ BisexualITEA.

On the welfare side, I'll be working with the Welfare Officers, the Trans Officer, and the new Sexual Health Officer, and I'll always be available to listen to, and help with, any issues or queries you might have. Please feel free to drop me a message or an email if you have any questions or worries, or just fancy a chat, and I can't wait to meet you all in October!

**Outreach Officer – Gabriel Pang**

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**Pronouns:** He/Him

**Bio:** Heya everyone:)) I'm Gabriel, a second year Philosophy and French student, and I'm going to be your Access and Outreach Officer this year! My job (alongside Malwina, your Inreach officer) is to ensure that everyone here, regardless of background or identity, feels welcome and included in the New College community. The 'outreach' part of my role means that my job is more of an outward-facing one: I'll be encouraging you all to get involved with school visits and Q&As for prospective applicants, especially those from 'non-traditional Oxford backgrounds'.



I know that coming to Oxford is quite an intimidating thing, so please feel free to drop me a message if you have any worries or any questions about what it's like here at New College. I can't wait to meet you all in October! <33



**Inreach Officer – Malwina Kozłowska**

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**Pronouns:** She/Her

**Bio:** Hi everyone! I'm Malwina, a second year studying French and Beginners' German and I'll be your Inreach Officer this year. My role will be about making sure that everyone feels welcome and included at New College, particularly those from non-traditional Oxford backgrounds (this includes, but is not limited to, state school students, first gen, low income, young carers, etc.). I hope to organise lots of social events, both within College and with other colleges, so that we can create a supportive access community within New College, but also to give you all the opportunity to branch out and meet people from similar backgrounds across the whole uni.

I will also be continuing the tradition of an access parenting scheme, which runs in a similar way to your College families, but will be aimed specifically at access students, who will be paired with second years from non-traditional backgrounds. You will probably receive emails from me with more information on bursaries, grants, travel awards, and other financial support over the year, but if you have any financial questions, or general concerns or worries about Oxford, no matter how big or small, please don't hesitate to reach out on Facebook or to email me – I'll always be up for a chat! I can't wait to meet you all in October and I hope you all enjoy the rest of your summer!

**Womxn's Officer – Alice Nightingale**

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**Pronouns:** She/Her

**Bio:** Hey everyone! I'm Alice, I'm a second year reading English and I'll be your Womxn's Officer this year, which means I represent all self-identifying women in New College. I'll keep you updated on College and uni-wide events and opportunities with which you can get involved. I'll be regularly holding Sip and Solve (a study group for women with free snacks!) as well as organising a big celebration for International Women's Day. I also have a budget to reimburse you for certain period products — I'll tell you more about this in Michaelmas. Feel free to message or email me, and I'm looking forward to meeting you all in October!



**Faith and Ethnic Minorities Officer – Vivian Gu**

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**Pronouns:** She/Her

**Bio:** Hello! My name is Vivian. I am a second-year PPEist, and I will be your Faith and Ethnic Minorities Officer for the coming year :) I'm here to make sure that students from all backgrounds feel at home and welcomed on campus. I hope to host many gatherings for students from faith and ethnic minority backgrounds this year and really build a community within and between colleges. I will also share information on relevant university-wide events and societies.

Please let me know if there is anything I can do to make your life in College more accommodating. Feel free to reach out to me with any suggestions or concerns! I look forward to meeting you all.







**Disabilities Officer – Helena Trenner**

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**Pronouns:** She/ Her

**Bio:** Hi! I'm Helena, a second-year English student and the Disabilities Officer. Congrats on making it this far! My job will essentially be to ensure that your experience at New College is as amazing as any of your peers'. Moving into university is not easy (although it is fantastic) and having a disability, visible or invisible, can make it harder. Hopefully, I will be able to mitigate some of that hardship. As a dyslexic and chronically ill person, I have tried my best to create an inclusive and open environment. However, I know there are problems that I cannot predict; if you encounter anything problematic, I am more than happy to help (or direct you towards whoever can help). Regardless of whether you think of yourself as disabled or not, you deserve the same College experience as your friends.

Please feel free to email me with any concerns, especially to do with Fresher's Week: access needs, housing, support, anything. The more aware I am of your needs in advance, the more I can do to combat problems before they arise. Once in College, you can also come up to me whenever; I am easy to recognise by the cane and pink mobility scooter. I will also be easy to find on nights out as my cane lights up like a helpful beacon (a disability bat signal, if you will) so if you need any help navigating Fresher's Week nightlife and beyond, I am here for you.

**International and Overseas Officer – Daniel Shapiro**

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**Pronouns:** He/Him

**Bio:** Hi there! I'm Daniel Shapiro, a second-year Biology student from Albuquerque, New Mexico in the United States, and I will be this year's International and Overseas Officer. My goal is to ensure that all international students have a smooth transition upon arriving in Oxford, and that they are supported during their first year. I will be in contact with international freshers before the start of term to ensure that the process of arriving in the UK goes smoothly. I will host international student events such as city walks, game nights, pub crawls etc. throughout the year to create a strong sense of community and belonging.

I am always happy to answer any questions about being an international student at Oxford – feel free to reach out to me on Facebook Messenger (Daniel Shapiro) or email – and once I am back in Oxford, I am always happy to go for coffee or a pint and chat! I can't wait to meet you all and I hope that we can bring the international community at New College together and help the incoming students have an amazing first year!



## OPERATIONS AND FINANCE

**Academic Affairs Officer – Rhodri Williams**

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**Pronouns:** He/Him

**Bio:** Hi! I'm Rhodri, a second year studying Biomedical Sciences, and I'm the academic affairs officer this year. My role is to help students raise any academic issues that may arise during the year and ensure that relevant support is provided. Additionally, as academic affairs officer I will be organising some of the arrangements for the interview period and open days, so I'll be looking for keen student helpers! Please message/email me if you ever have any academic concerns, and I'll be arranging feedback forms and sessions throughout the year to make it as easy as possible for you to reach out!



**Arts Officer – Beatriz Rilo****Email:** [maria.rilosanchez@new.ox.ac.uk](mailto:maria.rilosanchez@new.ox.ac.uk)**Pronouns:** She/Her

**Bio:** Hi! My name is Bea, I'm a second year PPEist from Madrid and I'll be your Arts Rep this year! My job within College will be to put together and organise arts-related events, as well as to inform anyone looking to get into university-wide arts (student journalism, drama, radio, etc.) on the vast number of opportunities available at Oxford. New College provides a wide range of yearly events (Arts Week, pottery brunch, etc.) as well as facilities, such as an Art Store, from which you'll be able to borrow pieces to decorate your room, a camera, and a sewing machine. I'm also looking forward to listening to any suggestions on how we can improve the art scene in College or accommodate for any art forms you may be interested in! Have a lovely summer and see you in October!

**Entz Officers – Aryan Gupta and Sky Stewart-Roberts****Emails:** [aryan.gupta@new.ox.ac.uk](mailto:aryan.gupta@new.ox.ac.uk) and [sky.stewart-roberts@new.ox.ac.uk](mailto:sky.stewart-roberts@new.ox.ac.uk)**Pronouns:** He/Him and She/Her

**Bio:** Hi there, we are your Entz (entertainment) officers for your first year at New College. This means it is our job to make sure you get the perfect work life balance and get involved with events we throw for the College. Oxford might be a lot of work but it's also a tonne of fun if you want it to be! We help by planning themed college club nights known as BOPs (some of the best nights of your year guaranteed), live music evenings, and some bigger events like the infamous New College Boat Party and garden party in Trinity term. There are also lots of non-drinking events and alternatives at every night so everyone can enjoy and get involved.

This year we are also helping plan an eventful and exciting Fresher's week with the Freshers committee to get you used to the busy life of Oxford and give you the downlow on how to get the best experience from first year. We hope this has given you a little insight into social life at New College and you are looking forward to arriving! Drop us any questions or wonderings, happy to chat about anything, see you in October!

**Sports Officers – Jess Hurley and Noah Miller****Emails:** [jessica.hurley@new.ox.ac.uk](mailto:jessica.hurley@new.ox.ac.uk) and [noah.miller@new.ox.ac.uk](mailto:noah.miller@new.ox.ac.uk)**Pronouns:** She/Her and He/Him

**Bio:** Hi everyone, we're Jess and Noah and are the JCR sports officers. Jess studies English and Noah studies Biochemistry, and we've both found that we've had loads of time to fit in sports around our degrees this year and would encourage you all to do the same! With lots of rugby and rowing experience under our belts (amongst other sports) we're here to help you with any sports-related questions you may have, but please feel free to approach us over any query you may have!



New College has excelled in the sports scene in the past year with the ladies coming second rugby cuppers final, the men winning the rugby cuppers final, the ladies netball team and mixed tennis teams also clinching wins. We can't wait to meet you all and get another phenomenal year of cuppers underway!!





**Housing and Facilities Officer – Danny Hussain**

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**Pronouns:** He/They

**Bio:** Hi Guys! I'm Danny and I will be your Housing and Facilities Officer for the next year. I am a second year studying Psychology and Philosophy. My role is really anything to do with accommodation and facilities in New College, including balloting, vacation storage, laundry (and everything in between). You'll get to know me a bit better in Hilary when I run your housing ballot, but until then feel free to email me with questions about anything to do with living and working in College. Once you've settled in I'll be your first point of call when you have any issues or queries regarding your room or College facilities, or if you'd like to borrow one of the JCR air mattresses. I cannot wait to meet you all in Michaelmas :)

**Charities Officer – Eliza Copland**

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**Bio:** Hi, I'm Eliza, a second year Biochemist and I will be your charities rep! I'll be organising lots of fun events that raise money throughout the year, such as: world cup charity sweepstakes, bring your teddy to dinner day and loads more ideas to get excited about! You can always come to me if you have an idea for something that can raise money, and I'll do my best to make it a reality!! I'm also your source of any volunteering and fundraising information, in order to make it easier for you to give back in your free time! There are loads of great charitable opportunities to get involved in at New College, so we should be able to have a really great time while making a difference. I'm always too ready for a chat so please get in touch with any questions about charities or if there's absolutely anything at all that you'd like to talk about!! Can't wait to meet you!!



**Environment and Ethics Officer – Phoebe Reid**

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**Pronouns:** She/Her

**Bio:** Hi! I'm Phoebe and I'm going to be your E&E rep for the coming year! My job is to make College as sustainable as possible. This year I want to get everyone involved by holding some fun events in college together with the entz and charities reps and improve the food waste situation in Hall. I also want to try and make sustainability a day-to-day focus within College life, making it an easier option. New College is such an amazing place, I can't wait for you all to get to know it and for us to get to know you! Please let me know if you have any questions or ideas and have an fab summer!!



**Food and Bar Officer – Tom Ricketts**  
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**Pronouns:** He/Him

**Bio:** Hi all, I'm Tom a second year Ancient and Modern History student and Food and Bar Rep for this year. The Bar is a great space in College to work, play darts or grab a drink and there will be events in the bar in fresher's week and through the rest of the year like pub quizzes, live music and hopefully getting live sport set up for the World Cup! I'm also hoping to improve college food to get meals that we like and are good for the environment served more often. If you've got any ideas for a new New College cocktail, or anything food or bar related feel free to drop me a line.



**JCR Officer – Jakob Hobbs**

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**Pronouns:** He/Him

**Bio:** Hello, I'm Jakob, a second-year Classicist and your JCR Officer! The JCR is a fantastic place to attend events, socialise, and relax and it is my mission to make the space as inviting as possible. My role involves ensuring that facilities and furniture are kept in good condition, keeping the JCR kitchen well-stocked, and coordinating events, particularly during Freshers' week. If you would like to learn more about the JCR space just drop me an email! Regardless, I look forward to meeting you all next term :)



## THE JCR COMMITTEE – APPOINTED

**Stash Rep – Jenny Hayes**

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**Bio:** Hi! I'm Jenny, I'm a second year studying French and Spanish, and I'll be your Stash Rep for this year! If you didn't already know, stash is clothing with the New College logo on it. I'll be working on getting it out to you as soon as possible (so you can finally get your hands on the infamous puffer jackets!) so keep an eye out for updates on the JCR Facebook page later this term :))







**Band Room Officer – James Harvey**

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**Pronouns:** He/Him

**Bio:** Hello! I'm James, and I'm the band room officer. This means I deal with the use of the band room equipment by members of the college, either for personal use or for College events. As such, if ever you feel you want equipment for the band room to satisfy your musical needs, or you've noticed some equipment has gone faulty, I'm the person to talk to! The band room currently features mics, a full drum kit, a Yamaha keyboard and an acoustic guitar, and it's located opposite the wine cellar (right by the JCR). The band room embodies the more musical side of college, and it's a great place to practice without fear of being too noisy to your neighbors, so if you have any questions about it please don't hesitate to message me.

**Bike Rep – Ella Craddock**

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**Bio:** Hi I'm Ella, I'm a second year French and German student and I'm going to be your bike rep next year! Basically New College owns a few bikes (I have aspirations to acquire more) which you can use to get about town/explore/go to lectures and stuff. I want to make them super easy to use and book so that anyone who wants to have a go at biking around can. If you have any vaguely bike related questions or funky ideas feel free to find me in freshers or drop an email!!!!



**Tortoise Custodians – Emily Fraser and Mukhtar Quraishi**

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**Pronouns:** She/Her and He/Him

(Tessa is He/Him)

**Bio:** Hi, we are Emily and Mukhtar and we're your tortoise custodians for the upcoming year! We'll be taking care of the College tortoise Tessa this year, as well as running his social media accounts and preparing him for the annual tortoise race. You can all sign up to help us look after Tessa next year. The three of us look forward to meeting you all soon! :)



**IT Officer – Lily George**

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**Pronouns:** She/Her

**Bio:** Hi! I'm Lily and I'm a second year doing Maths and Computer Science, and I'll be your IT officer this year! My job as IT officer means that I run the JCR website, as well as being available to help with any of your IT related problems. Feel free to send me an email or a message literally anytime and I'll try to help no matter what the issue is!



**Wine Stewards – Mary Vickers and Tony Zhang**

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**Pronouns:** She/Her and He/Him

**Bio:** Hi! We're Mary and Tony, second-year English and PPE students who will be your wine stewards this year. As guardians of the only student-run wine cellar in Oxford, we've put our lives and the JCR's solvency on the line to source & provide you with the tastiest wines for every formal. Whether you're looking for a replacement for Zesty White or a seasoned wine snob, we guarantee you'll find something unexpected yet delicious in the cellar. Especially as we don't make a profit, our wines are better value than anywhere else in Oxford. The cellar is conveniently located just under the JCR and is open from 6:40 before every formal. We also host wine-related events, including the ever-popular termly wine and cheese nights.



**Mint Julep Quarterperson – Callum Haynes**

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**Pronouns:** He/Him

**Bio:** Hi, I'm Callum, a second year Chemist and I am the Mint Julep Quarterperson this year. This role is part of a New College tradition that began when William Trapier visited New College in 1845 and requested a Mint Julep drink. This cocktail of bourbon whisky, mint and sugar was not known in New College, which led him to leave an endowment which would provide a Mint Julep for every New College member each year. This is a really fun day in Trinity term and is a tradition that I look forward to upholding.



# OTHER ASPECTS OF COLLEGE LIFE

## WELFARE

While starting University is such an exciting experience, and one that you are hopefully looking forward to, it can also be a difficult transition. You may have to adjust to greater independence and managing a social life alongside the workload may take some getting used to. Whether you have concerns relating to these changes, or existing mental health problems, New College are here to help. This is a quick introduction to some resources that you may like to check out before you start, but please don't hesitate to contact one of the welfare officers if you have any concerns before you arrive – you can find the contact details for Aiden Dillon and Sofie Procter alongside other JCR members in the JCR profile section of this booklet.

Freshers' week is no doubt a whirlwind experience; moving away from home comforts and friends to meeting so many new people at once can be quite overwhelming. You will probably experience many highs and lows throughout the week – remember that it is completely normal to feel exhausted and overwhelmed by the unfamiliarity. If you are to be feeling down during this week, please reach out to someone with your concerns, however big or small; New College want to help.



ID: Freshers at Matriculation  
Credit: Patrick Mayhev



ID: Welfare tea in the gardens (Credit: Harriet Nokes)

We understand that often you may want someone who can relate to the issue that is upsetting you, like not fitting in, for example. This is why we have multiple roles on the JCR committee which are devoted to representing certain groups and are always willing to chat: the LGBTQ+ Rep, the Disabilities Rep, the Faith and Ethnic Minorities Rep, Outreach and Inreach Officer (for those from an Access background), and the Peer Supporters.

However, sometimes you might rather not speak to other students about your welfare concerns, so the College have multiple staff members who can help. **The Cox and Salvesen fellows**, who live in College, are great people to go to, offering a listening ear and advice where possible. There are also staff for academic concerns, for example, if you are struggling to balance the workload with a social life.



Finally, there are many more resources available to you. New College offer a free subscription of Headspace which you can contact for access to on arrival. The University also offer some helpful resources, such as the Counselling Service, who can be contacted when you start. Don't feel you have to remember all this! You will receive a booklet from the students on arrival with points of contact, as well as more resources that you may wish to look over during Freshers' and the rest of your degree.



Your Welfare Reps – Aiden and Sofie  
(Credit: Sofie Procter)



ID: More welfare teas

This short introduction to Welfare at the College may seem pessimistic, but we just want to emphasise that, while university is an amazing experience and an opportunity to potentially meet friends for life, it may have its low points and you are definitely not the only one experiencing this. You may find that you can support yourself during these times, but we are always here to help if not. Good luck for move-in day and we cannot wait to meet you all!!

Oxford University Counselling service. Booked through [counselling@admin.ox.ac.uk](mailto:counselling@admin.ox.ac.uk)  
Oxford Nightline, an anonymous listening service  
- 01685 270 270

## HEALTH (= WEALTH)

A large part of welfare is also taking care of your physical health. We have an in-College nurse and an affiliated GP surgery, [28 Beaumont Street](#) (which has now somewhat confusingly moved premises to Northgate Health Centre, 15 Market Street, in the very centre of Oxford) You don't have to worry about registering yet, you'll be guided through this process at the start of Michaelmas. There are also some vaccinations you should have had before you arrive (most of you will have had them while at school), but College will again advise you further on this.





# ETHNIC MINORITIES

New College boasts an amazingly accepting and diverse body of undergraduates. Many of us celebrate a different heritage from the majority. The JCR's Faith and Ethnic Minorities Officer, **Vivian Gu**, has the responsibility of making sure that students who identify as being from an ethnic minority background are fairly represented in College, aiming to voice any concerns that these students may have. The Faith and Ethnic Minorities Officer also organises various social events like crewdates, games nights, movie nights, and dinners for students hailing from an ethnic minority background. Keep an eye out on the JCR Facebook page for these events!

New College, and Oxford, in general is a very friendly community with acceptance being the expected norm. We are proud of the diversity and affection we show towards one another as part of New College. If you have any questions or concerns whatsoever, feel free to reach out to Vivian. You can also talk to one of our **Peers of Colour in College** who are Peer Supporters with an extra focus on issues that ethnic minorities may face. If you prefer to talk to someone outside of College, [peersofcolour@admin.ox.ac.uk](mailto:peersofcolour@admin.ox.ac.uk) is a good place to start.

There are also several societies at the University that you can get involved with to help you feel a bit more at home. These societies host numerous events throughout the year, many in celebration of cultural holidays – like Diwali, Lunar New Year, Eid, and more. Oftentimes, these societies also invite speakers from ethnic minority backgrounds, who reflect on a variety of issues ranging from personal experiences to global crises.

Some of these societies include:

Oxford African and Caribbean Society (<https://www.oxfordacs.org/>)

Oxford Asia Pacific Society (<https://www.facebook.com/oxfordaps>)

Oxford University Africa Society (<https://oxforduniversityafricasociety.com/>)

Oxford Westernised Asian Community (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/oxwac>)

Oxford South Asian Society (<https://sites.google.com/view/oxford-south-asian-society>)

Many more can be found at <https://www.ox.ac.uk/students/life/clubs/list>.



ID: New College Diwali fireworks



# FAITH AND SPIRITUALITY

University is a time for discovering new things. This can include further exploring your own religion, learning about other ones, and meeting new people in religious communities (both inside and outside of College). Oxford aims to welcome everyone, regardless of their faith. One of the most exciting things about going to university is being in such a diverse environment, where you can explore new avenues.

New College hosts students of many different faiths, who are there to speak with you if you have questions or need support. Some of them are involved in University-wide societies of faith, all of which are friendly, welcoming communities. A few examples include the *Oxford Inter-collegiate Christian Union (OICCU)*, the *Islamic society (ISOC)*, the *Jewish Society (JSOC)*, and the *Hindu society (HUM)*. Often, communities of faith can take on a welfare role and act as support networks, providing many with a place where they feel at home. Getting involved with these communities can lead to unexpected discoveries by giving you a chance to explore something you may have taken for granted. The above societies put on events throughout the year, with a particular focus in Freshers' Week to help ease the transition into life in Oxford.

In terms of religious communities within College, there is a Christian Union, run by \_\_\_\_\_. The CU holds weekly meetings and Bible studies which are open to everyone within College, whether you consider yourself a Christian or not. There are also many university-wide CU events, including lunchtime talks, the relaxed discussion group 'The Search', and pub socials. You can find out more about these at [www.oiccu.org](http://www.oiccu.org). Oxford has many, many amazing churches, so feel free to get in touch if you have questions about finding a church here, or if you would like a friend to go along with. You can also sign up for Freshaway (the university-wide pre-Freshers' CU residential) 23rd-25th September - this is an amazing opportunity to make friends before term starts ([www.oiccu.org/freshaway](http://www.oiccu.org/freshaway)). Send the CU an email at [christian.union@new.ox.ac.uk](mailto:christian.union@new.ox.ac.uk) if you have any questions at all!

At New College, we also have a Muslim prayer room on campus that students can gain access to by asking the Porters for the key. Additionally, there is the central University of Oxford prayer room by the Museum of Natural History. Hall also serves Halal food at least 3 days every week and provides accommodations during Ramadan. The *Chapel* also plays an important role at New College, being a place of reflection, worship, and regular services by our world-renowned choir. Evensong is at 6.15 pm everyday apart from Wednesday. Eucharist occurs on Thursdays.

Our Chaplain, **Reverend Dr Erica Longfellow** ([erica.longfellow@new.ox.ac.uk](mailto:erica.longfellow@new.ox.ac.uk)) is very friendly and approachable, organising morning prayers (plus free breakfast), discussions over lunch every week ('Soul Food'), Christmas tree decorating... and many other events throughout the year. See the chapel termcard or contact the chaplain for details. The Chaplain is very happy to support the welfare of students and always willing to see members of College on any issue, whatever their belief or faith background.

The Chaplain and the Assistant Chaplain, Rev Susan Bridge ([susan.bridge@new.ox.ac.uk](mailto:susan.bridge@new.ox.ac.uk)) are both based in 30B6.

Some useful links and contacts:

**Oxford Inter-Collegiate Christian Union (OICCU):** <http://www.oiccu.org/> + [Instagram](#)

**OUISOC:** <http://ouisoc.org/> + [Instagram](#)

**Oxford JSOC :** <http://www.oxfordjsoc.co.uk> + [Instagram](#)

**Hindu society:** <http://www.oxfordhumsoc.com/>

A far more comprehensive list is available on the University of Oxford website, under 'Religion and Belief' at:

<https://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/eop/religionandbelief/faithsocietiesgroupsorreligiouscentres/#d.en.31129>



# LGBTQ+

As a College, we've worked hard to create an accepting, warm atmosphere. As such, it's a place we hope anyone will feel comfortable identifying as LGBTQ+. The JCR has its very own LGBTQ+ Officer, **Sophie Jones**, who is responsible for representing the community, facilitating events, and ensuring the interests of the whole JCR are represented to the College. They organize regular events such as gay drinks, crew dates and dinners in Hall to come together and also raise money for LGBTQ+ focused charities. If you have any concerns or questions, don't hesitate to chat to Sophie. She'll be in touch towards the end of the Summer Holiday to touch base and start to coordinate rainbow families, in which you can apply for your very own gay parents within College!

Outside of College, there are Rainbow Peers across the university, who are trained to support LGBTQ+ students across all Colleges. The LGBTQ+ scene is well established throughout Oxford. Every Tuesday evening the uni-wide LGBTQ+ society ([www.oulgbtsoc.org.uk](http://www.oulgbtsoc.org.uk)) hosts drinks at a different College bar. After a couple of hours there, those who fancy staying out longer inevitably end up at Plush's weekly 'Tuesgays' night.

For other support, [Stonewall](http://www.stonewall.org.uk) has a hotline: 08000 502020



Bracelet Making



LGBTQ+ picnic



LGBTQ+ formal



# DEMYSTIFYING OXFORD

Oxford can seem a daunting place. There's plenty of quirks and peculiarities that, initially, can seem like an pretentious barrier concocted to keep it exclusive. Perhaps some of them are. But most are pretty fun. Here are some of the traditions and lingo broken down for you to help ease your transition.

## CREWDATES

A shared meal between two sports teams/ societies. They're typically held at curry houses like Temple Lounge, Jamal's and Angrid Thai. You pay £15 each, get an assortment of food between you and bring your own booze. Rules tend to vary but all crewdates involve '**sconcing**'. Someone at the table stands up and says 'I scone anyone who (has done a certain embarrassing thing)'. Then whoever has done it has to stand up and drink. Kind of 'Never have I ever ...' but cloaked in Oxford speak. They're not everyone's cup of tea, but are equally loved by many.



Above: Miscellaneous Crewdate antics

## SUBFUSC

The quirky '**academic dress**' worn for both matriculation and exams. It's effectively a **dark suit**, **mortar board** (funny graduation-style hat), **gown** and **necktie** (different for male and female. It can be bought from the providers below, either online before you arrive or in-person. There's plenty of time to get it before matriculation – the ceremony where you officially become an Oxford university student.

[Shepherd and Woodward](#)  
[Walters of Oxford](#)  
[Varsity Shop](#)

## FORMALS

Three course dinners in 'formal attire'. They're optional every Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday. They might sound like an intimidating prospect but are actually great fun. They're the same price as the standard meal in College, people bring along their own wine/ other drinks and 'formal attire' only requires you wear your **gown**. That can be with trackies/ shorts and a t-shirt – it's very relaxed. The only other etiquette is that with cutlery you work inwards. I.e., use the outer knife and fork for the starter, then the inner ones for the main.

## BLACK TIE

Black suit. White shirt. Black bow tie/ regular tie. It can be a black-tie specific jacket and shirt but there is not requirement that it is. Once again, it tends to be a nice opportunity to dress up but nobody is scrutinizing who wears what. In the image left, it is modelled by alumnus Hugh Grant.



Sub fusc for matriculation





# COLLEGE STAFF

The college family doesn't end with the students. There's a whole host of people working behind the scenes to make your transition to uni life as smooth as possible. Get to know these people, in particular those involved in your day-to-day life (the scouts, porters and catering staff). 4 Old Buildings is the administrative hub of College and is where you'll find the Bursary, Home Bursary, Academic administration, Catering Manager, and Dean's secretary.



## ***Miles Young, Warden.***

The main man. The warden is the head of the College. He'll be keen to get to know you at various points throughout the year. In the first term you'll have lunch at his lodgings and in Trinity he'll meet with you to check in on how you're doing. Equally important is his dog Reglise – a College treasure!

[Wardens.office@new.ox.ac.uk](mailto:Wardens.office@new.ox.ac.uk)

## ***Prof Michael Burden, Dean.***

The Dean is in charge of discipline in College. Info on what can get you 'deaned' is all in the [Dean's handbook](#).

[Michael.burden@new.ox.ac.uk](mailto:Michael.burden@new.ox.ac.uk)



## ***Rev Dr Erica Longfellow, Chaplain.***

Erica is a Church of England Priest and is responsible for services in the (beautiful) chapel. She is, however, here to support and listen to people of all religious persuasions. Chapel services are held daily and can be a perfect opportunity for a wind down, listening to our exceptional College choir.

[Erica.Longfellow@new.ox.ac.uk](mailto:Erica.Longfellow@new.ox.ac.uk)



## ***Gez Wells, Home Bursar***

Gez is the operational brains behind College life – overseeing accommodation, domestic, catering, security etc. He's supported in this by **Emily Meeson** (PA to the Home Bursar).

[Gez.wells@new.ox.ac.uk](mailto:Gez.wells@new.ox.ac.uk) + [Emily.meeson@new.ox.ac.uk](mailto:Emily.meeson@new.ox.ac.uk)



## ***Dr William Poole, Senior Tutor***

Will is responsible for undergraduate teaching and academic matters in College.

[William.poole@new.ox.ac.uk](mailto:William.poole@new.ox.ac.uk)



### **David Palfreyman OBE, Bursar.**

David is the man with the money. The College, outside of wider university provisions, has financial support available for students that need it. Should you need these services, an appointment can be arranged through his secretary.

[Bursar@new.ox.ac.uk](mailto:Bursar@new.ox.ac.uk)



### **The Cox and Salvesen Fellows**

Welcome to New College! We're Andrew Ramos and Annabella Massey, the Cox and Salvesen Junior Research Fellows. Together, we're senior members of the College (working in Cancer Immunology and Chinese Studies, respectively), and part of the Welfare Team. We live on-site, and we are available to meet with students to discuss any personal problems you might have regarding life and study in Oxford. To arrange a meeting with one of us, just send an email to [welfare@new.ox.ac.uk](mailto:welfare@new.ox.ac.uk). For urgent support with emergencies, we can also be contacted via the Lodge. Part of our job involves building bridges between the JCR and SCR, so you'll also find that we host regular social events, including an event for new students during Michaelmas Term.



### **Freyja Madsen, Academic Registrar**

Freyja seems to do a million things. Above all, she is your first point of call with queries about academic life. She is also a member of the Welfare Team, the College's Disability Support Co-Ordinator, and one of the College's Harassment Officers. If you don't know who to speak to with a query, Freyja's your person.

Tel: 01865 279596 Email: [tuition@new.ox.ac.uk](mailto:tuition@new.ox.ac.uk) Office: 4OB5



### **Jonathan Black, Tutor for Welfare**

Jonathan's role is to oversee the provision of student support within the College and lead the wider welfare team. He is also Director of the Oxford University Careers Service.

[jonathan.black@careers.ox.ac.uk](mailto:jonathan.black@careers.ox.ac.uk)



### **Maintenance**

The maintenance team do what they say on the tin. They're here to sort any problems with your rooms. Send a maintenance request to [maintenance@new.ox.ac.uk](mailto:maintenance@new.ox.ac.uk)

For non-maintenance concerns with your room, contact Ellen Baker, the Accommodation manager. [ellen.baker@new.ox.ac.uk](mailto:ellen.baker@new.ox.ac.uk).



### Porters

You'd be forgiven for mistaking the porters' lodge (plodge) for GCHQ – some porters certainly wouldn't look out of place in a Hollywood spy thriller. Their mission (that they have chosen to accept) is to keep all of us safe. They're also tasked with shutting down your raucous parties. They're a friendly bunch that you'll get to know well and they're there to assist you.

Don't hesitate to ask them for help.

Tel: 01865 279500 Email: [nc-porters@corelli.new.ox.ac.uk](mailto:nc-porters@corelli.new.ox.ac.uk)



### Jo, College Nurse

Jo is our on-site healthcare representative. She's worked as a mental health nurse since 1999. She's available for confidential discussions on issues concerning emotional, physical, sexual, and social health and wellbeing. She's also there to refer and signpost more specialist services for those that require them.

[NewCollegeNurse@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk](mailto:NewCollegeNurse@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk)

### Kitchen Staff

Headed up by **Brian Cole** (far right), the Kitchen Team work around the clock to ensure you're fed. **Sam Cruickshank**, our head chef, is seen here preparing dinner for a formal.



### Outreach Team

Our head of Outreach & Communications **Daniel Powell** works alongside our Outreach Officer **Shelby Holmes**. They are both proudly from Wales! Together they run the College's outreach work, such as the *Step Up* scheme. Over the year, they'll be in touch about opportunities to be a part of this work – for example, going to visit your old school.

[daniel.powell@new.ox.ac.uk](mailto:daniel.powell@new.ox.ac.uk) + [shelby.holmes@new.ox.ac.uk](mailto:shelby.holmes@new.ox.ac.uk)

### Scouts

This is the army of lovely people who have the daunting task of cleaning your (often) diabolically messy rooms. This happens once a week.



# FAQS

## WHAT DO ROOM ABBREVIATIONS MEAN?

Each building is divided into staircase – building – room number. Hence ‘9OB3’ is room 3, on staircase 9 of old buildings.

The different building abbreviations are as follows:

NB: New Buildings (The home of all freshers)

HW: Holywell Cottages (at the library end of New Buildings)

OB: Old Buildings (home to most tutors’ rooms and some second years)

H: (above) Hall (home to some second years)

LW: Houses on Longwall street (street that leads to Magdalen)

NCL: Houses on New College Lane (next to the Bridge of Sighs)

BH: Bodicote House (Grey building on Longwall street)

SH: Saville House

SB: Sacher Building (at the back end of the gardens)

WB: Weston Buildings (postgrad accommodation + sports grounds outside of main College site)

## I’M LOCKED OUT OF MY ROOM!!

It happens to everyone – go to the porters’ lodge and they’ll provide a spare key.

## CAN I SMOKE IN COLLEGE?

You can’t smoke in any indoor location, but outside there are 2 smoking zones. First, the designated area on the Slype. Second, in the Gardens but not within 37 metres of Old Buildings. You can also smoke outside College on Holywell street. You will be given a map detailing these areas in the *Dean’s Handbook*, so don’t worry about not knowing these locations right now!

## HOW DOES EVENT AND ROOM BOOKING WORK?

To hold events of more than 10-people in College, you need permission from the Dean’s assistant, Gideon Elford. To do this, submit the appropriate forms (as found in the [Dean’s pages of the College website](#)) to the Dean’s secretary, Jacqui Julier ([Jacqui.julier@new.ox.ac.uk](mailto:Jacqui.julier@new.ox.ac.uk)).

Rooms, both for events and having guests to stay, can be booked via contacting Emily Meeson ([rooms@new.ox.ac.uk](mailto:rooms@new.ox.ac.uk)).



# OTHER SOURCES OF INFORMATION

New College Website: [www.new.ox.ac.uk](http://www.new.ox.ac.uk)

Oxford University Website: [www.ox.ac.uk](http://www.ox.ac.uk)

Porters' Lodge Telephone: 01865 279 500

## SOCIALS

JCR Instagram: [@newcollegejcr](https://www.instagram.com/newcollegejcr)

College Instagram: [@newcollegeoxford](https://www.instagram.com/newcollegeoxford)

JCR Freshers' Facebook: [click this link](#)

JCR Webpage: [jcr.new.ox.ac.uk](http://jcr.new.ox.ac.uk)

Oxford University Student Union: [www.ousu.org](http://www.ousu.org)

## STUDENT NEWSPAPERS

Cherwell: <http://www.cherwell.org/>

The Oxford Student: [www.oxfordstudent.com](http://www.oxfordstudent.com)

The Oxford Blue: <https://www.theoxfordblue.co.uk/>

The Isis: <https://isismagazine.org.uk/>

Oxford Tube: [www.oxfordtube.com](http://www.oxfordtube.com)

Oxford Hub (Oxford's social action/volunteering hub)

[www.oxfordhub.org](http://www.oxfordhub.org)

