

Dear New College MCR Freshers of 2023,

Welcome to New College! The Middle Common Room (MCR) will be at the heart of your college community, and I am confident that the memories you make here will stay with you for a lifetime. It is also my honour to be able to greet you as you enter into this new stage of your academic careers.

Founded in 1379 by William of Wykeham, New College is one of the oldest and architecturally striking colleges in Oxford. Our college motto, “Manners Makyth Man,” speaks to the unique environment that has been cultivated here. No matter your background, upbringing, or education, it is your attitude that defines you as a person. Because of this, I have had the pleasure of being surrounded by some of the most genuinely caring, funny, and thoughtful people here in the MCR. I hope you, as our newest members, will also embrace this mantra and feel comfortable being your true selves during your time here.

The New College MCR is the community of all graduate students at the college as well as a student-run organization headed by the MCR committee. In addition to maintaining and developing the physical MCR facilities, we organize a wide range of events for you throughout the year such as: bops, formal dinners, bar and movie nights, exchange dinners with other colleges, competitive and recreational sports, artistic and cultural events, and much more. You will meet interesting and diverse people, widen your intellectual horizons, make lifelong friends, and amass enough silly anecdotes to entertain your colleagues for years to come.

The MCR also provides significant resources for mental, emotional, and academic welfare. Our welfare representative, peer support team, and representatives for various identity groups are here to help you navigate the ups and downs of your journey at Oxford. Please don't hesitate to approach any committee member by email or personally if you have any questions.

Regardless of where you came from or why you are here, your time at New College is sure to be a special experience. I hope you have an amazing time, and I am excited to see you soon!

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