

Dear New College MCR Freshers,

I'd like to offer you a very warm welcome to New College and to our Middle Common Room community. On behalf of myself and the rest of the committee, we cannot wait for you to join us. Whether you're arriving from nearby or travelling across the world, starting postgraduate study is a pivotal moment and, as I'm certain you'll soon agree, there is no better place to facilitate this change than at New College, Oxford.

Our college is one of the oldest and most beautiful in Oxford, but what makes it even more special is the people and community.

The MCR is the heart of graduate life, providing constant opportunities to engage with like minded people and pause the demands of academia. It's a community run by students for students, and we're proud of the welcoming and inclusive atmosphere we've built together over the years.

Throughout your time here, you will enjoy a wide range of activities and opportunities – everything from formal dinners and bar nights to exchange events with other colleges, sports, movie screenings, walks, yoga sessions, and more. Whether you're looking to socialise, explore Oxford, or just unwind with a cup of tea, there'll certainly be something for you.

The opening weeks of your time here will be full of opportunities to connect, settle in and forge significant bonds. The full and varied timetable engineered for Freshers' Fortnight will also assist you in navigating around the college and the wider University. It won't take you long to feel at home with your New College family. The MCR Committee, a group of fellow students here to represent your interests and make sure your experience is as rewarding and enjoyable as possible, will be here to meet you during this time. If you ever need help - academic, personal, or otherwise - there's always someone to support you, whether that's our welfare reps, peer supporters, or other members of the graduate or college community.

If you desire a committee role, wish to help organise community events, assist behind the bar or simply enjoy yourself during your relaxation time, I am confident the MCR will meet your needs.

Enjoy your summer, and I really look forward to meeting you all very soon in Michaelmas Term.

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Gregory', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Christopher Gregory
New College MCR President 2025-2026