



NEW COLLEGE
OXFORD

MIDDLE COMMON ROOM

Oxford, September 1st 2026

Dear Freshers,

First of all, I would like to say congratulations on being offered a place at Oxford University and at New College!

You have worked really hard to be here and you will find yourselves surrounded by many people who did so too. You'll get to know many brilliant, smart and impressive people, which will be a lot of fun, but at times you might come to feel some impostor syndrome. In these moments remember that here you will not stand out for how smart you are, but by how kind you are. Kindness is accessible to all and is the building block of a healthy and thriving community such as New. Our college is not primarily a group of beautiful buildings bound by a rich history, but fundamentally a friendly, encouraging and loyal family, of which you will become part from the moment you are admitted to the University on matriculation day.

During your degree, the Middle Common Room (MCR) will be your home, a place to meet new people, have fun, relax, rant about the hard essay you are working on, or share your excitement at a new project. The MCR runs a busy social calendar with many events. There is always coffee, tea and biscuits available in the MCR for a break from study. Our members also run the famous "Salon", where you can present your work to the rest of the community to have feedback and share your topics of interest. There are activities for all interests and tastes, and if something is missing we are happy to support you in creating something new.

Finally, and most importantly, the MCR Committee and I are here to help you make your experience of New the best possible. Please, if you have any questions, concerns, ideas, projects, are having a tough time or just wanna have a coffee and chat, do come see me, I'm always around College and happy to talk and help you. Count on me and our fantastic Committee. We are very excited to have you join New and are here for each one of you, so do count with our help always. Once again, congratulations and welcome!

Sincerely yours,

Diego Ramirez A.
MCR President