

NEW COLLEGE FRESHERS' GUIDE

2024



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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; many of your questions will be answered somewhere within these very pages. But 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! Finally, please **join the Whatsapp group linked [here](#) and join the [JCR Facebook page](#).**

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

Freshers' President – Oscar Feltham

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Pronouns: He/Him

Bio: Hello I'm Oscar, a second year Historian and I'm the Freshers' President for 2024. Firstly, congratulations on your results and welcome to New College, it is a massive accomplishment and I hope you have all enjoyed your summer and are now all looking forward to getting stuck into university life, especially as you have all chosen the best college in Oxford.



This is the time to be getting ready and excited, your Freshers' team of myself, Neve and Jasmin have been working tirelessly over summer to ensure your first week in Oxford is up to the standard that New College deserves. We have planned a busy week for you all, allowing you plenty of time to meet the people you will be spending a large portion of the next few years of your life with, and we have aimed to make the transition into New College life as smooth as possible.

See you all in October!



Freshers' Reps — Neve Whitehead and

Jasmin Whitehouse

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Pronouns: She/Her

Bio: Hello Freshers! We are Neve and Jasmin, both second year biochemists and we will be your Freshers Reps (Frep) for when you join us in October! Our role is to support Oscar as the Fresher Prez, and help you all ease into the Oxford lifestyle and environment. We will be friendly faces from the very moment you arrive, and for the whole year to come.

We are here to settle any worries you have both before you arrive, and during the entirety of your first year here at New, so please feel free to reach out and get in touch with us should you have any questions that this guide fails to answer!

We look forward to welcoming you into college life and watching you all settle into life here. Until then, make the most of this guide to help give you an idea of what's to come, but also try not to fret, and just get excited!! We promise Oxford is not as scary as it seems, and each and every one of you absolutely deserves to be here! See you in October!



Neve: Hello lovely Freshers! We just cannot wait to meet you all! I know how daunting everything may seem at the minute, and this guide might appear quite overwhelming at first, but I promise it is just here to help, and not to psych you out. Take your time with it, don't try to digest everything all at once! You have already done the hard part with securing your place at the uni, and now it's time for you to get excited and look forward to everything this year has to offer. My year as a Fresher has been genuinely my favourite year ever, and I'm sure it will be the case for you all as well. I know Oxford can seem very intimidating, but everyone here at New has your backs and we just want to make sure you have the absolute best time! Please do not hesitate to get in touch with absolutely any queries you may have, there is no question too big or small. I look forward to seeing you all in October, until then just relax and enjoy your summer - you've certainly earned it!



Jasmin: Hello Freshers! I am so excited to be one of your Frep for this year, and can't wait to meet you all in person. A year ago, I remember being very anxious when I started reading the Freshers' guide - it all became very real, very fast! But I can honestly say Freshers' Week was one of the best weeks I have ever had. I had the privilege of meeting so many different and incredibly interesting people and made some amazing memories.

One of my favourites was dressing up for my first formal dinner (there is a lot of free wine!!) and meeting my wonderful tutors for the first time (which probably would have gone more smoothly without the free wine!) Another highlight was my first 'BOP' i.e. Big Organised Party. These occur three times a term, and have wild and wacky themes, where dressing up is the only thing taken seriously! I must admit, I was a bit skeptical having to dress up as a cow for our Freshers' BOP, but with the spirit of my ridiculous costume, I had the best experience, which I hope will be mirrored at your Freshers' BOP! I also really enjoyed simply exploring the beauty that is New College, a process in which I got lost many times - in fact I once ended up circling the gardens three times before I realised how to get back to the Freshers' accommodation buildings!!

Freshers' Week will be packed with an enormous diversity of events and opportunities like these (hopefully not the getting lost part), which we really hope will capture the essence of your time at Oxford, introducing you to its strange quirks and traditions, the social side to the university, and getting you settled in.

Finally, I also remember feeling nervous before moving to Oxford. What I didn't realise was that everyone else also felt exactly the same- please don't forget that!

The Freshers Team, and everyone at New, will always be there for support throughout the year. So please email us with any questions whenever you need - we are always happy to help!



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; they range from the mediocre to the ridiculously good, and all are ranked from best to worst. In the spirit of fairness, for second years, 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, **Jacob Newby**, 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 borrowed free of charge for a term (you may even be lucky enough to get your hands on the in-demand Picasso).

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

WORK STUFF

- Stationery
- Folders
- Dictionary
- Calculator

- Paper and notebooks
- Any relevant old notes — they can be reassuring to have
- Hole punch/stapler
- Scissors

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 (your costume for the first bop – see page 12)
- 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
- 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)
 - ❑ Don't worry, there will be an opportunity for us all to go and get this together during Freshers' week
- For more info – see [page 44](#)



DO NOT BRING!

- ❑ Toasters, ovens, microwaves, electric paella pans and similar items – these are not allowed!
- ❑ 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 Freshers on Matriculation Day, wearing sub fusc

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. **Jacob Newby**, 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. Unfortunately, there isn't one singular answer to how much work you should do over the summer as this will depend on the tutor and subject. So, your best port of call will be the Academic Affairs Officer, **Rebecca Dent-Young** who can put you in touch with your subject reps. Don't hesitate to ask — 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, but you'll get an email when it's time to do this. It will take the format 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** and a student IT Officer, who is **Elif Ozdemir**, who will be able to answer your questions

See the next page to make sure you've done it all!



ADMIN CHECKLIST

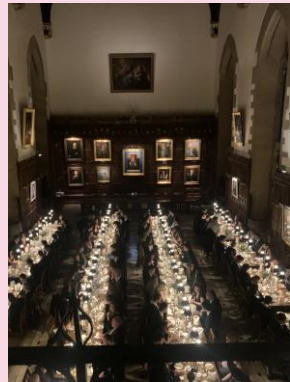
With so many forms and tasks to complete, here is a handy checklist to help you make sure you've done everything you need to! All of the points are hyperlinked to the relevant forms and information:

Your first port of call should be the New College Freshers' information webpage, linked [here](#). Most of the rest of the information linked below can be found on this page.

- ❑ [Apply for your university card](#)
- ❑ [Register for your Remote Access Account](#)
- ❑ [Download Eduroam to connect to University Wifi](#)
- ❑ [Register with the New College Doctors](#)
- ❑ [Register for the Freshers' dinner](#)
- ❑ [Complete disability declaration \(if applicable\)](#)
- ❑ [Check your subject reading list](#)
- ❑ [Join the New College Freshers WhatsApp](#)
- ❑ [Join the JCR Facebook group](#)



ID: NC Fresher historians on their way to their exams



ID: The New College Hall



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>) and the Freshers' information page (<https://www.new.ox.ac.uk/freshers-information>) for more up-to-date information.

WHEN DO I ARRIVE?

If you're an **international student**, you'll find more information in the guide for internationals. Everyone else should arrive at College between 10am and 4pm on Monday of 0th Week. That's the 7th October 2024 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 should head down to the marquee, for a welcome talk by the Warden, after this there will be tours of the college offered by subject reps, as well as subject icebreaker events.



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 4pm, once everyone has arrived, there will be a talk in which the JCR Officers and members of College staff 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, followed by drinks with your whole year at 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 will be emailed to you and there will be reminders for events posted in the [Freshers' Whatsapp](#).

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 and admin stuff as soon as possible, ideally before you get here**, as it makes things much easier later on. Just make sure you check everything off on the [checklist](#)! 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 on Thursday, 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 (Oscar, Neve, Jasmin), as well as our Entz (Entertainment) Reps, Joe and Moe. 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 Gangsta Granny**. Freshers will need to **dress up as Grannies**. 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, inter-collegiate events, a Toga party 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 **Tom Stoker** and **Arabella Whatling**. 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 Radcliffe Camera 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

Exams run by the College at the start of term. Usually, they consist of past papers on the modules that you completed the previous term, sat under exam conditions. They provide a useful way of testing your learning and allow you to do some revision, in preparation for Prelims at the end of the year.



PRELIMS (and MODS)

Prelims and Mods are the first public examinations, held at the end of Trinity (Summer) term for most subjects and at the end of Hilary (Easter) term for Lawyers. Classicists will have Mods in Hilary of their 2nd year. These exams don't count towards your final degree grade but you do need to pass! Aim to do the best you personally can — exams are your chance to show off all you have learnt through the year.



ID: New College students, in sub fusc, on their way to their exams

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.



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

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, **Rebecca Dent-Young** - rebecca.dent-young@new.ox.ac.uk . Everyone around you wants to help you enjoy your subject!



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 £4.95 (this increases to £6.04 if you add a soup and dessert)— with a formal being a little bit extra, at around **£9 but that is for three courses that are served to you**. The system for booking onto meals is explained on page 18, but this is very simple and the majority of people eat in Hall together every night — as it's a great time to reconvene and socialise!

Battels statement: £1,806 for rent (including insurance) but expect to spend around £375 per term on hall evening meals a term (60 nights).

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 £35.

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.

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 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 (<http://food.new.ox.ac.uk>) 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: £4-5	Breakfast in Hall: £0.50-4.00
Pint at Turf Tavern: £4.50-6.50	Dinner in Hall: £3.00-£8.00
Drink in College Bar: £2.50-4.50	Club tickets: £5-£8
Cocktail in OXO (Sun-Thurs): £2.95	Laundry: wash: £2.30; dry: £1.20
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! The University also has a couple of ranges for living costs which you can find [here](#).

If you want any more information about specific costs living in Oxford, email the VP for Operations and Finance, **Emily Henson** – emily.henson@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.

Other helpful resources include:

- 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.
- 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. You can also find information on the New College specific bursaries on this page. Feel free to contact the Student Finance Officer (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. You have the option of booking onto breakfast, lunch and dinner 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!!!



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!

Early hall (informal): 5:30-7:15pm 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
- You will only pay for the courses you eat

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, or you can purchase some from the College's wine cellar just beforehand.
- Both early (3 courses) and formal halls 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, Monday-Friday (open from 6pm on a Saturday)

- Serves alcohol from 6pm



MEALS: BOOKING & PAYING

As mentioned previously, you have the option to book onto Hall for all three meals of the day. All students on catered leases will **NOT** be automatically booked onto any meal in hall and are asked to sign on if they wish to attend early hall (dinner).

Whilst this signing on is encouraged but not compulsory those students with “special diets/medical allergies” should ensure they do sign up for early dinner otherwise kitchen will not prepare these special dishes.

To pay for food in the Bar and 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. **It is essential that you keep this topped up so that you can pay for all your meals!**

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 select the option that says formal booking rather than early hall. Formal bookings for the following week become available every Thursday around midday. 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).

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



ID: New College '22 Freshers' Formal



ID: NCBC members enjoying their post-Summer Eights formal



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.

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 biweekly 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 PS4, Wii and Netflix), big comfy sofas, a kitchenette with free tea, coffee, milk and biscuits, a pool table and table tennis. It also has board games and 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 and there is information on how to do this by the printers.

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), or you can contact the JCR IT Officer, **Elif Ozdemir** (elif.ozdemir@new.ox.ac.uk).



Oxford isn't ALL about the work. There are many other aspects that you can get involved with in order to make the most of over your time here. The next few pages will give you a couple of ideas but this is by no means an exhaustive list!

ENTZ

Entz (short for entertainment) is the term for all things fun in College! The main entz event is a bop. Bop stands for big organised party... and essentially means College club night! The Entz Reps, **Joe Davidson** and **Morwenna Wood**, decide on a night, location, and, most importantly... a theme! Most people dress in fancy dress to match this theme — at the extreme, think body paint, glitter and wigs! There are exciting opportunities for student DJs to perform, so any budding musicians can get involved. Bops happen two or three times a term.

Alternative bops are also organised for those who don't fancy the clubbing scene and/or just want a more chilled night. Previously, these have involved events such as movie nights in the JCR!!

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!

Out-of-college entz consists of your typical club night. The typical 'Oxford Student' nights are Parkend Wednesday and Bridge Thursday, each will typically come 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.

One particularly fun event is the Varsity Ski Trip - this is the annual Oxford and Cambridge ski trip. It has been running since 1922, so has been a longstanding Oxbridge tradition. It is the oldest and largest trip of its kind, and it is sure to be a blast! Contact the College Varsity Rep Phoebe Reid, (phoebe.reid@new.ox.ac.uk) if you have any questions.



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



ID: NC students enjoying a BOP in Plush, this theme was British icons, see if you can guess who people dressed as.



GET INVOLVED

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) including: netball, rugby, mixed hockey and even powerlifting! We would love to see this continue into 2024/25, so be sure to sign up to teams!

The New College and University Freshers' fairs on Thursday of Freshers' week will be a great opportunity to find out about all clubs and societies!

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!!

At University level though, It's worth having a think of clubs you may want to join before arriving at Oxford and researching them. Some sports clubs hold preseason, which you can typically sign up for selection for through their social media or website before arrival if you want to play at University level.

Our college sports grounds are located just a 5-minute walk from College, and have facilities for rugby, football, netball, tennis, squash, basketball and cricket. New College also runs badminton, cricket, croquet, dance, football, hockey, lacrosse, netball, pool, rounders, rowing, rugby, yoga and even paddleboarding! If you want to set something else up don't hesitate to contact the Sports Officers **Tess Ruddell** and **Paul Apostolides**.

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 boat club offer rowing 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: NC M2 after their summer eights campaign



ID: New College RFC celebrating after winning cuppers in 2024



A large number of our teams compete in the annual inter-collegiate competition called Cuppers, and New College generally does very well (winning rugby cuppers in 2023/24). 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, comedians, fashion designers, dramaturgs, string quartets and everything in between! Chat to our Arts Officers, **Freddie Sugarman** and **Joe Rodgers**, for all things arts related. They are the people 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, performed by first years mainly at the Christmas formal. We also have an Arts Week in Trinity term, a highlight of the Arts year!

Follow the arts page on Instagram: @artsnewcollege



ID: The end on New College Arts Week 2024 in the Warden's gardens.

ID: Students performing during New College Arts Week.



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. 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, **Sheen Bendon**, if you're interested.)

OTHER AREAS

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

ENVIRONMENT

The environment is the greatest challenge of our times and there are various ways students at New College can get involved. First and foremost, being connected with nature is the best way to make one want to protect nature. Groups from New College frequently go wild swimming at Hinksey Lake and Port Meadow, which are both around a 25 min walk from college. We will visit these spaces with a litter picker and bin bag to ensure that we leave these spaces cleaner than we found them. New College is lucky to have a large amount of green space on site, and the E&E Officer, **Freya Mills**, is always looking into new ways to utilise this space and get students more involved in our greenspaces. On a uni-wide level, Oxford Climate Society host interesting talks every week with engaging speakers. Freya will also run Eco Drinks at New College, as a space where students can voice their ideas and concerns about the environment at any scale from global to collegiate. In Freshers' Week, there will be a short sustainability talk where students will learn the simple steps that they can take to reduce their environmental impact at New College. Every student will have a recycling info sheet in their room which they can consult throughout the year.



New College's natural environment is second to none! Left, Garden Quad featuring the Northern Lights. 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 or to collaborate on new charitable initiatives, speak to the Charities Officer, **Vivek Aggala** and follow the Instagram page [@newcollegecharities](https://www.instagram.com/newcollegecharities)

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.

This year, get ready to take part in charitable events from your Freshers' week to the final week of Trinity with Sweepstakes, inter-collegiate college bar crawls and a summer concert!



OUTREACH/INREACH

OUTREACH

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, **Eryn Aston**, will be in touch to recruit willing tour guides each week.

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!

Additionally, 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.

Throughout the year, there will also be chances to volunteer with university-wide access and outreach schemes, such as **Target Schools** and **UniReach** and the college provides many resources for you to return to your old school and encourage students there. If you're interested in taking part, please do get in touch with **Eryn** 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 **Alice Robey-Cave**. 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. Alice 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). Keep an eye out on the Whatsapp for a virtual meeting in September about everything to do with Oxford.



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, **Maria Sticlea**) 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, **Max**, ensures that we remain within budget. To get your hands on this cash, simply put in a motion to the Secretary, **Sophia**, 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/> and an [instagram](#)



THE JCR COMMITTEE – ELECTED

EXECUTIVE

President – Maria Sticlea

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Pronouns: She/Her

Bio: Hi! I'm Maria, a second-year PPE student from Romania, and I'll be your JCR President this year! My job is to lead the JCR committee in representing your interests and putting on events that you can all enjoy, as well as collaborating with college to make our voices heard. I know how difficult and stressful the first few weeks of university can be, especially in a new city and surrounded by new faces, but know that we're always here to support you with anything you may need; our Freshers' team has been working incredibly hard to put on events for you to get to know each other and create a welcoming atmosphere, and I'm sure you'll have a great time!



If you have any questions, concerns, or issues whatsoever, just send me or anyone on committee an email or Facebook message - we're all more than happy to help. See you all in a few weeks' time!

Vice President for Operations – Emily Henson

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Bio: Hey, I'm Emily, a second year historian and your Vice President for Operations this year! My job is to make sure everything on the Operations and Appointed Committees runs well. The Operations Committee organise plenty of events throughout the year related to Entz, arts, academic affairs, environmental and ethics, food and bar, sports, charities, and the JCR and domestic officer, so there's something for everyone. We're here to make sure the whole community gets plenty out of their time at New College! If you have any questions, concerns or suggestions, feel free to send me a message on Facebook or an email, and I look forward to meeting all of you in October!



Vice President for Welfare and Equality – Onakanmi Alli

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Bio: Hello Everyone! I'm Ona- A second year Psychology and Philosophy student and I will be your Vice President for Welfare & Equality this year. My role involves overseeing the entire Welfare & Equality committee which is responsible for organising events for many different groups within college. We will be organising a lot of events for freshers week and throughout the year with the primary aim of making everyone feel comfortable within our New college community. It will also be a safe space for you to build a sense of community with the different groups that you belong to. As for now, enjoy the rest of your summer and I am looking forward to meeting you all over the coming weeks!





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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. Whether you have concerns relating to these changes, or existing mental health problems, New College are here to help. This page will give you a short introduction 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 **Tom Stoker** and **Arabella Whatling** alongside other JCR members in the JCR profile section of this booklet.

Freshers' week is a whirlwind; leaving home, meeting new people, overwhelming. Expect highs and lows - it's normal to feel tired and uneasy. This will also be true for Oxford life in general. However, there are many people that can help regardless of your concern. The LGBTQ+ Rep, the Disabilities Rep, the Faith and Ethnic Minorities Rep, Outreach and Inreach Officers and the Peer Supporters are always willing to listen. The College also has peer supporters which are students that have undergone thorough training in order to best listen to your concerns.



ID: NC Christmas Carol service 2024



ID: New College Freshers' Formal, a great experience in Freshers' week

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 Available by appointment during working hours (Monday to Friday, 9-6pm) - email welfare@new.ox.ac.uk to set this up. There are also staff such as Milly Gray (milly.gray@new.ox.ac.uk) and Freyja Madsen (freyja.madsen@new.ox.ac.uk) who are available during the week Monday to Friday by appointment.

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 and The University also offer some helpful resources, such as the Counselling Service.

You will receive a booklet from the students on arrival with points of contact and all the resources available to you.

Oxford University Counselling service. Booked through 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@Northgate](#) (which has its premises at Northgate Health Centre, 15 Market Street, in the very centre of Oxford). 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.



FAITH AND MINORITY ETHNIC

New College boasts an amazingly accepting and diverse body of undergraduates. Many of us celebrate a different heritage and religion from the majority. The JCR's Faith and Ethnic Minorities Officer, **Elianne Gasper**, has the responsibility of making sure that students who identify as being from faith and 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!

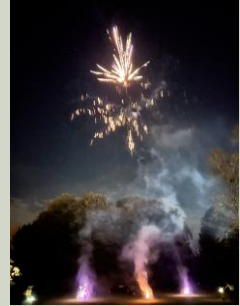
You can also talk to one of our **Peers of Colour in College** who are Peer Supporters with an extra focus on issues that ethnic minorities may face. If you prefer to talk to someone outside of College, peersofcolour@admin.ox.ac.uk is a good place to start.

There are several societies that 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 (all hyperlinked):

[Oxford African and Caribbean Society](#) [Oxford Westernised Asian Community](#)
[Oxford Asia Pacific Society](#) [Oxford South Asian Society](#)
[Oxford University Africa Society](#)

Many more can also be found [here](#).



ID: New College Diwali fireworks

There are also 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 and the communities above run events during Freshers' week and many others throughout the year.

In terms of religious communities within College, there is a Christian Union which holds weekly meetings and Bible studies which are open to everyone within College, whether you consider yourself a Christian or not. The central university CU also runs many events and more info can be found here: www.oiccu.org. 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 and at 5.45pm on weekends. Eucharist occurs on Thursdays. Our Chaplain, **Reverend Dr Erica Longfellow** (erica.longfellow@new.ox.ac.uk) is very friendly and approachable and organises many events throughout the year. 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) are both based in 3OB6.

Some useful links and contacts:

[Oxford Inter-Collegiate Christian Union \(OICCU\) \(Instagram\)](#)

[OUISOC \(Instagram\)](#)

[Oxford JSOC \(Instagram\)](#)

[Oxford Hindu Soc \(Instagram\)](#)

Many more can be found [here](#).



As a College, we've worked 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, **Annabeth Brown**, 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 Arden. They'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) 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 has a hotline: 08000 502020

DISABILITY

The JCR has its own disabilities rep **Tom Boardman** who is there to answer any of your questions and concerns that you may have about Freshers' week and beyond. Freshers' week itself will be as accessible as possible and an access guide will be made available to everyone. This will provide more specific information on the activities during the week. If you have any further questions, get in touch with **Tom** or with the College's disability lead **Freyja Madsen** (freyja.madsen@new.ox.ac.uk).



DEMYSTIFYING OXFORD

Upon arrival in Oxford, you will immediately encounter a slew of weird abbreviations to expand your vocabulary as well as a fair share of traditions ranging from the odd to the completely inexplicable. Here are a couple examples explained below:

CREWDATES

A shared meal between two sports teams/societies. They're typically held at curry houses like Jamal's or Angrid Thai. You pay £15 each, get an assortment of food between you and bring your own booze. Games are played and they usually turn out to be very fun evenings. They're not everyone's cup of tea, but are equally loved by many.



Above: Miscellaneous Crewdate antics



ID: Sub fusc for matriculation

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. You will need this for matriculation - the ceremony where you officially become an Oxford University student. During Freshers week there will an opportunity for us to go and get this together. A couple of shops in Oxford sell this:

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

FORMALS

Three course dinners in 'formal attire'. They're optional every Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday and are usually 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. 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.



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 (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

Prof Michael Burden, Dean.

The Dean is in charge of discipline in College. Info on what can get you 'deaned' is in the *Dean's Handbook* which will be sent to you and can be found on the Dean's pages of the college website

<https://www.new.ox.ac.uk/deans-handbook>.

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

Chapel Website: <https://www.new.ox.ac.uk/chapel>



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** (Assistant to the Home Bursar).

gez.wells@new.ox.ac.uk + 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



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



The Cox and Salvesen Fellows

Dr Beth Dubow is the Salvesen Fellow and will be joined by Dr Tom Metcalf as Cox Fellow from October. Together, they're senior members of the College, and part of the Welfare Team. They live on-site and are available to meet with students to discuss any personal problems you might have regarding life and study in Oxford. Available by appointment during working hours (Monday to Friday, 9-6pm) - email welfare@new.ox.ac.uk to set this up. For urgent support with emergencies, they can also be contacted via the Lodge. Part of their job involves building bridges between the JCR and SCR, so you'll also find that they 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: 01 865 279596 Email: 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



Maintenance

The maintenance team does what it says on the tin. They're here to sort any problems with your rooms. Send a maintenance request to maintenance@new.ox.ac.uk

For non-maintenance concerns with your room, contact Ellen Baker, the Accommodation manager. 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



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

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 + shelby.holmes@new.ox.ac.uk



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: Savile House
- SB: Sacher Building (at the back end of the gardens)
- WB: Weston Buildings (postgrad accommodation + sports grounds)
- GQ: Gradel Quadrangle (mainly home to third years and fourth years)

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 Assistant Dean, Gideon Elford. To obtain this, complete the appropriate forms (as found in the [Dean's pages of the College website](#)) and contact the Dean's Secretary, Jacqui Julier (jacqui.julier@new.ox.ac.uk) to make an appointment with Gideon.

Rooms, both for events and having guests to stay, can be booked via contacting Lily Fowler (rooms@new.ox.ac.uk).



OTHER SOURCES OF INFORMATION

New College Website: www.new.ox.ac.uk

Oxford University Website: www.ox.ac.uk

Porters' Lodge Telephone: 01865 279 500

SOCIALS

New College Freshers' WhatsApp chat: [click this link](#)

JCR Instagram: [@newcollegejcr](#)

JCR Webpage: jcr.new.ox.ac.uk

College Instagram: [@newcollegeoxford](#)

Oxford University Student Union: www.ousu.org

STUDENT NEWSPAPERS

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

The Oxford Student: www.oxfordstudent.com

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

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

Oxford Hub (Oxford's social action/volunteering hub)
www.oxfordhub.org

