



THE QUEEN'S  
COLLEGE

JCR FRESHER'S HANDBOOK  
2021-22



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## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

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First thing's first - congratulations! If you're reading this, you got into Oxford and will very soon find yourself beginning a new chapter of your life here in Queen's.

Queen's is a truly fantastic college, not only as a space to work and live in, but fundamentally as a close-knit community of like-minded individuals. It consists of not only of you as students, but also postgraduates, your tutors, the college staff, and the many people who have come to call Queen's home over the years. These relationships that you will foster, both with fellow students but also the broader college community, is the bedrock of college life and will provide invaluable support, not only in your first few weeks as a Fresher, but throughout your whole time here at Queen's and beyond.

You've probably received this along with a lot of other information, including various forms, letters, and a few lengthy official looking contracts and documents. Take some time to look over them and try to get them in as soon as possible (unlike me who missed every single deadline as a fresher!). If you have any questions, do get in contact with the College Office or your college 'parents' - yes, it's one of those strange Oxford terms - they're a pair or more of second years, one of whom should do your subject and they would no doubt be keen to help out in any way they can both before and after you arrive.

Your first week here can be intense and hectic and leave you feeling rather overloaded - whether that be from the volume of information thrown at you, homesickness, the expectation to navigate both literally and figuratively what can sometimes be a large and obtuse university, or for some, the expectation of constant socialisation. Not all events are mandatory and the ones that are so are clearly stated on the timetable. However, I would encourage you to use this opportunity to put yourself out there; Fresher's week definitely doesn't define who you'll be friends with in your first few weeks here - let alone for the rest of your degree - but it does provide a unique opportunity to make a new start and meet a large spectrum of different and interesting people before the weight of work sets in.

The Oxford term can be stressful, with at times fairly demanding workloads, which can be made worse by the brevity of the eight week term. Your Moral and Academic Tutors, who you'll meet in fresher's, are here to support you throughout the year. They are likely the people who admitted you to Queen's and believe that you are more than capable of managing it. You may feel that you're not smart enough to be here or that you're not the 'type' that goes to Oxford, and whilst it may be a University that at times feels full of bizarre traditions and imposing old buildings, beneath all of this, fundamentally it is just a normal university full of normal people from a diverse range of backgrounds. It is here where both the University and College is at its best.



This is of course not to say that people at Oxford don't do anything apart from work! Both the College and University at large offers an impressive range of extracurriculars to get involved in, whether that be music, drama, sports, or hundreds of other student societies, which you'll find out more about at both the College and the University Fresher's fair. Go with an open mind, try out a sport you maybe hadn't considered (I never thought I'd end up coxing as a fresher, but here we are!), attend a speaker or debating event, or attend one of the many societies' social events held every week.

It goes without saying that the ongoing pandemic has disrupted a lot of how you likely envisioned the past year would be like and the many rites of passage that usually mark the end of high school. At the time of writing this, restrictions have just been lifted in the UK and whilst there is still a large degree of uncertainty about what exactly the situation will be like come fresher's week in autumn, I do hope that we'll be able to run something normal, or close to it. In the meantime, I hope you enjoy your summer and that it will be slightly less stressful than the year past, and on behalf of myself and the rest of the JCR Committee, I look forward to seeing you in October.

Take care,

James x

P.S. Do feel free to add me on Facebook (under James McGhee), or contact me by email ([james.mcgree@queens.ox.ac.uk](mailto:james.mcgree@queens.ox.ac.uk)) if you have any questions. Also, do make sure you join the JCR Facebook group (here: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/queensjcr2021>, or search for **The Queen's College JCR 2021-2022**) - most important information will go either through here or email, I'd recommend enabling notifications for all posts so you don't miss anything!

## ACCOMMODATION

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All college rooms have single beds and come with a duvet and pillow, so don't worry about taking your own up. They also come with a sink, a wardrobe, shelves, chairs, a coffee table, a lamp and a mini-fridge.

As a fresher, you will be randomly allocated a room either in Front Quad, Little Drawda (which are in the main college site), or in Carrodus Quad, which is an annexe directly opposite the college on Queen's Lane. The rooms in Carrodus Quad are en-suite, whereas the rooms in the main site have shared bathrooms (these are usually shared between ~6 people). Although some people think the en-suites are an advantage, the shared bathrooms are usually bigger and get cleaned for you so there are definitely benefits either way!

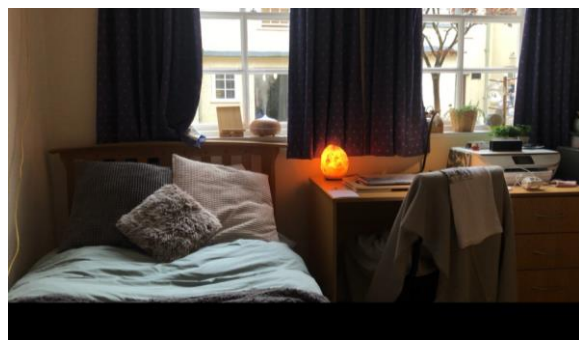


*A typical Drawda room*

Unlike the accommodation at a lot of universities (and even in some Oxford colleges), the rooms are not organised into 'flats' and do not have kitchens or communal spaces. However, during the last year, the rooms were organised into "households" for the purpose of self-isolation - this just means that, if needed, students from a group of rooms close in proximity would isolate together so that no one has to isolate alone. Although the household system will be kept in place for your year, we really hope that no-one will have to isolate!

Additionally, Queen's has a big JCR common room for everyone to use with sofas and a TV, as well as a JCR kitchen. Unfortunately, these were closed last year due to COVID-19 but may be open for use this year so keep your fingers crossed :)

You will find out which room you have been allocated closer to your move-in day, but wherever you end up staying, all the rooms are well furnished and comfortable so there is no need to worry about this. The rooms are also cleaned regularly by your scout, who will also take your bins for you.



*A room in Carrodus*

You will only get to stay in your college room for the duration of the 8-week term, which means that you will have to move all your belongings in and out of the rooms at the beginning and end of each term. There is the possibility of applying for vacation residence should this be something that you need; you will receive more information about this directly from college.

## PACKING LIST

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This list is here only to give you an idea of the things you may need but it is by no means exhaustive! (Within reason) you can bring anything you like but our advice is that LESS IS MORE! At the end of every term, you'll have to pack everything back up and take it home, so you don't want to bring anything you probably won't need!

You'll also find that you figure out what you need as you go along, so don't worry about under-packing during the first term. There are also plenty of places to buy items that you've forgotten in Oxford, so if you do find yourself without something, it isn't a big problem.

### Bedding

- Single sheets (x2)
- Duvet cover (x2)
- Pillow cover (x2)

### Crockery

- Mugs
- Plates
- Bowls
- Cutlery
- Washing-Up Liquid
- Dishcloth
- Tea Towel

### Other

- Towels (x2)
- Washing basket
- Toiletries
- ID
- Laptop/Computer
- Extension Lead
- Mobile Phone
- Room Decorations (plants, cushions, rugs etc.)

### Clothing

- Day-to-Day Clothes
- Formal Wear
- Fancy Dress (for bops, but don't panic they're only as 'all-out' as you want them to be!)
- Winter coats/waterproofs – winter in Oxford tends to be quite cold and wet!

### Useful Paperwork

- Bank Account Details
- National Insurance Details
- Student Finance Information
- Medical Info. (inc. NHS number)



## SUBFUSC

Subfusc is the official academic dress of the university, worn only for matriculation (a rather archaic ceremony in first week admitting you as an official member of the university), examinations and graduation. It usually consists of:

- A dark (usually black) suit with dark socks,  
OR dark skirt with black tights or stockings,  
OR dark trousers with dark socks
- A plain white collared shirt or blouse
- A white bow tie or black ribbon
- Black shoes
- A gown - usually a commoner's gown
- A mortar board (usually carried rather than worn)



*Our VP Jazzi sporting subfusc*

Normally it's bought in part once you're up from Walters, Shepherds & Woodward, Ede & Ravenscroft or the University Shop, with the set of a commoner's gown, mortar board and white bow tie/ribbon costing £25.



*The Queen's College Matriculation, 2020*



## FINANCE

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All undergraduate rooms are charged at the same rate, regardless of where you're straying. As of 2021, the total cost for accommodation per term is £1395. This will be charged to your 'batells', a strange Oxford term for invoices/bills, alongside any money that you spend in the hall and any additional costs you incur throughout the year (such as stash & fresher's week events, for example). Your batells will be sent to you via email usually at the beginning of each term and at the end of the year with instructions about how they are payable to the college.

When you were sent the financial declaration form back in January/February, you may have seen a calculated estimate of the total cost of living in Oxford. This is useful as a rough estimate but is by no means a definite science and what you spend during your time here is determined primarily by you!

Queen's also offers a wide range of bursaries, grants and financial support, so there is no need to worry. These include:

### **Support from the Student Finance Committee**

The college has a student finance committee attended by both undergraduate and postgraduate welfare reps that meets twice a term to consider grant applications for those in financial hardship. The application form can be found on the college website here: <https://www.queens.ox.ac.uk/financial-support>

### **'Academic Support' Grants**

These grants are available to assist you with costs associated with your study such as conference attendance, travel, books, and printing. The college will typically award undergraduates a maximum of £390 per year over the course of a degree. We also offer a book grant programme, which refunds you up to 50% of the cost of essential texts, to a maximum of £100 per year. This is really useful especially for expensive textbooks that you need for the duration of your degrees and is relatively easy to apply for. More information can also be found on the link above.

### **Hawley Fund**

The Hawley Fund is intended to provide our students with funding to pursue opportunities and experiences that may be directly or indirectly related to the recipient's future career plans. The hope is that recipients will use their award to seek out broadening experiences that may help them make good career decisions. These may or may not be directly related to their field of study. The Hawley Fund aims to fund one to two students per year for either 100% or 50% of the total spend. The applications for this grant usually take place in Trinity Term.

## Long distance travel grants

All undergraduates with Home UK fee status who live 125 miles or more from Queen's will be entitled to a non-repayable grant of £100 per term (£300 per year), intended to cover travel costs to and from Oxford.

## Jardine Foundation Scholarship

Queen's is one of the colleges that participate in the scholarship scheme run by the Jardine Foundation, which offers full bursaries for students from Cambodia, mainland China, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, The Philippines, Singapore, Taiwan, Thailand, and Vietnam. For more details, have a look at the Jardine Foundation website.

More information on the Hawley Fund, the long distance travel grant, and the Jardine Foundation Scholarship can be found here: <https://www.queens.ox.ac.uk/finance-and-student-support>

In addition, there are a range of university-wide scholarships that you may be able to apply for, including:

## Crankstart Scholarship

If you are a UK-resident studying for your first undergraduate degree and your annual household income is £27,500 or less, the university will offer you a Crankstart Scholarship. This includes a non-repayable bursary worth up to £5,000 per year towards study and living costs. The Crankstart Scholarship also provides access to funded internships to develop employability skills, volunteering opportunities and social and community building events.

## Oxford Bursaries

If you are a UK student, or an ROI national living in the UK or Ireland, from a lower-income household studying for your first undergraduate degree (or Graduate Entry Medicine) and are not eligible for, or do not take up, a Crankstart Scholarship you will be eligible to receive an annual non-repayable Oxford Bursary to help with the costs of studying and living in Oxford.

For a full range of Oxford scholarships, and for more information, it's worth having a look at this page: <https://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/undergraduate/fees-and-funding/oxford-support>.

## COVID-19

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Unfortunately, it's difficult to say what the situation with COVID-19 will be when you arrive in Oxford. We really hope that you'll get the opportunity to experience a somewhat normal fresher's week, and that you will be able to properly partake in the well-known (and very iconic) Oxford traditions such as matriculation, but we also have to prepare for the possibility that we will be faced yet again with restrictions in October. To give you an idea of what this might look like, we've made a note of some of the changes that were made around college last year:

### COVID-19 around the college

Under the restrictions of the last year, a couple of college facilities sadly had to be closed and replaced with alternatives. This included the JCR (the physical room, not the people - see below), the JCR Kitchen, and the Beer Cellar, the Queen's College bar, which was replaced with an outdoor marquee that you could order drinks to on specified nights of the week. Although this didn't quite replicate the Beer Cellar experience, if it came to it again the marquee was a really good way to socialise at the end of the day. The college gym, located in Carrodus Quad, was also unfortunately closed.

Additionally, we had to make a couple of changes to the operation of the college in order to comply with regulations. The chairs in the hall were set out to allow for social distancing, and plastic screens were put up in between the tables. Despite this not being the expected experience, we were still able to have a number of formal dinners in this way which was great! A similar approach was taken in the library, with every other chair 'out of use', and restricted opening times (this meant that the usual 24-hour opening times were sadly not available, although this probably did benefit my sleep schedule!). Capacity



*70's night in the Marquee!*

limitations were in place in communal spaces, and a one-way system was in place. For tutorials, and extended indoor interactions, masks were also required.

Despite our best efforts to prevent the spread of COVID-19 around college, there were unfortunately cases of students having to self-isolate in their college rooms last year. In terms of essentials, college will be able to provide food and meals and student helpers will be on hand to collect shopping/parcels or anything else you need. We also know that isolating can be an incredibly difficult and lonely time especially with many of you living away from home or family for the first time. The welfare officer will always be around to contact if you need support, and the JCR have arranged for your college parents to be contacted if you do need to isolate at any point just so that you have an extra support network during the period of isolation.

Since we left Oxford in June, there have already been dramatic changes to the current government guidance. This **might** mean that some of the restrictions around college won't be as 'restrictive' or may even be removed completely by the time that you arrive - we certainly hope this will be the case, but at the time of writing there are no guarantees. We also know that not everyone will be comfortable with the easing/lifting of restrictions, and that is completely fine as well.

Regardless, it is still definitely possible to have an incredible fresher's year and make the most of what college life has to offer even with ever-changing and at times very confusing COVID-19 rules, and we promise to do our best to make sure you have a great start to the year!

### COVID-19 in the city

Beyond the bounds of the college, you will probably be well-aware of the impact COVID-19 has had on everyday living. Although we're not entirely sure what this will look like come October, there have been suggestions of a two-vaccine requirement for entry into clubs and other venues. This might be something to bear in mind before arriving, especially since some of the timetabled fresher's week events involve clubbing, although of course there's no pressure to go to these events. If you haven't been able to receive both vaccines beforehand, there are also vaccine centres in Oxford that may be able to accommodate your vaccination.

### COVID-19 in the larger University

For more information about the impact of COVID-19 across more general aspects of university life, there is a dedicated COVID-19 university page that might be useful to look at. The page is regularly updated, so this should also be your first port of call for any changes in the university's current guidance: <https://www.ox.ac.uk/coronavirus/students>.

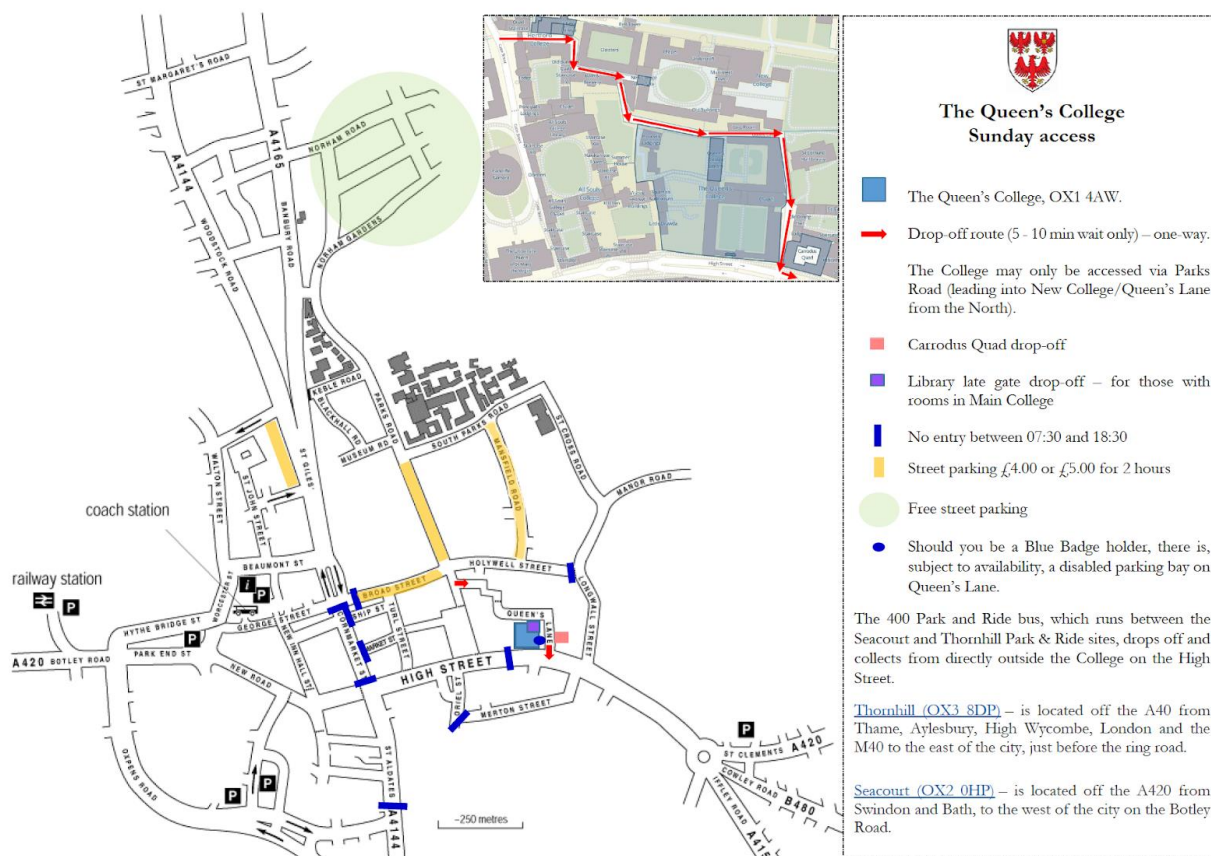


## MOVING IN

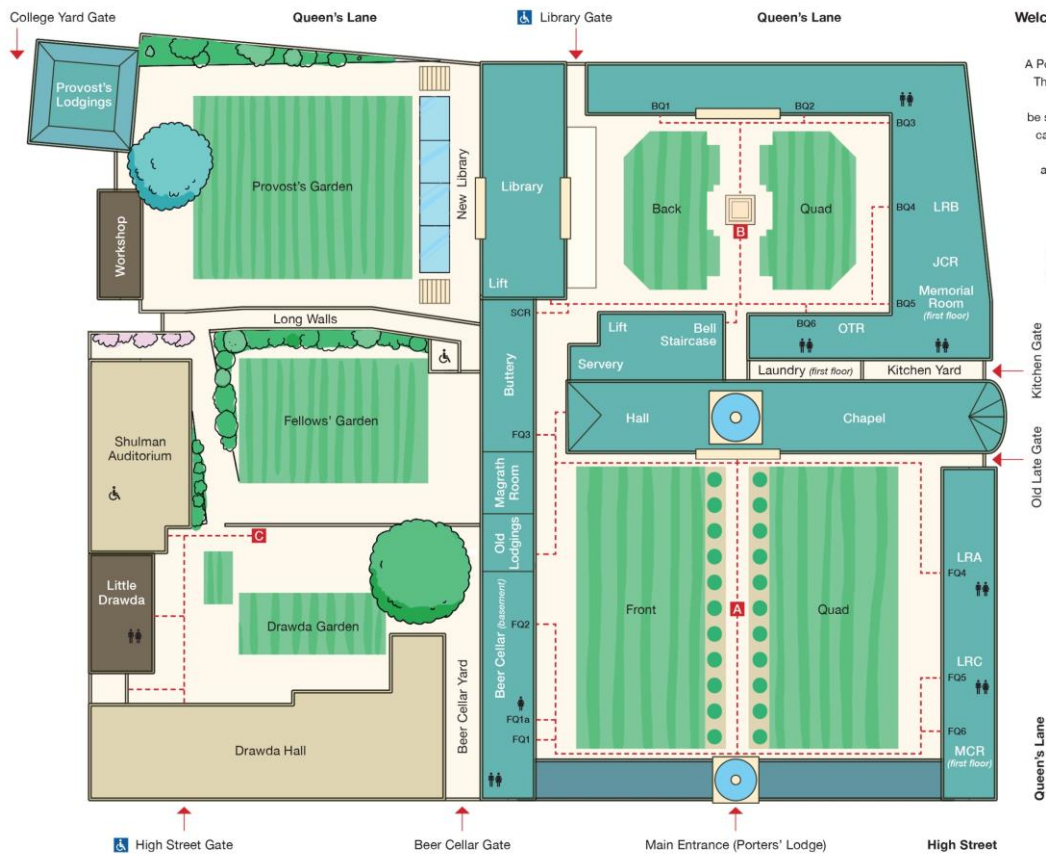
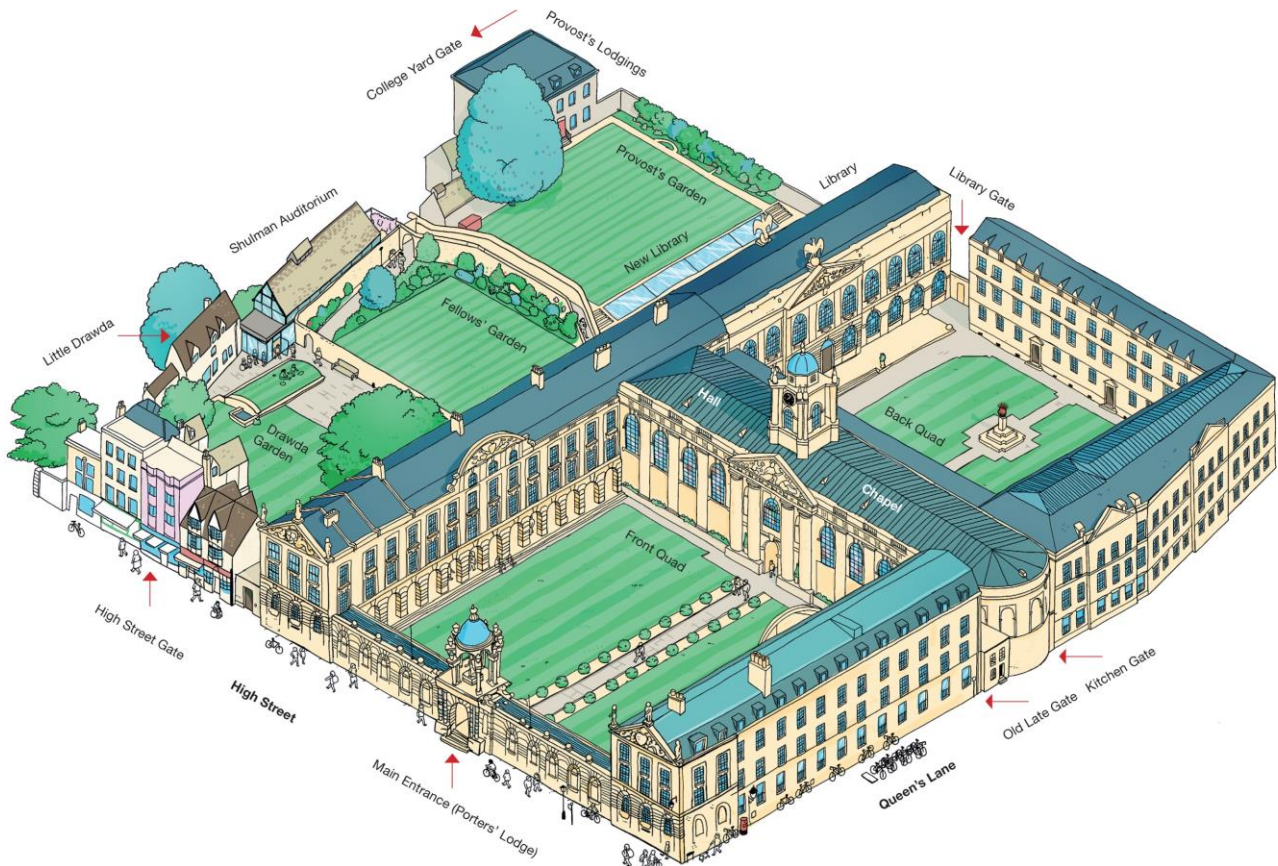
When it comes to your moving-in day, Queen's is a little bit frustrating to access since the front entrance on the High Street can only be accessed by buses, and accidentally driving this way will result in a hefty fine (I learnt this the hard way). When you arrive, it is best to follow the red pathway on the map and park your car opposite the front entrance to Carrodus Quad to unload.

When you arrive, make your way straight to the Porter's Lodge (located just inside the big entrance) and a Porter will sort you out with your room key and 'Bod' card (short for 'Bodleian' card, and used to access pretty much anywhere in the college so keep a close eye on it or you'll have to pay for a new one!). Whilst you're there, you can ask for a parking permit for 30 minutes to unload your belongings. There will be plenty of the JCR Exec on hand to help out so don't worry too much about running out of time to unload everything. Any friends/family members that have come to help will then need to repark elsewhere in Oxford so that other people can unload their luggage too since there's not that much space and no other convenient places to park outside Queen's. There is a lift in Carrodus Quad, so carrying your bags up to the top floor is much more convenient - if you're in the main college, carrying your belongings is definitely more of a workout (and often felt the next day!) but you'll have plenty of help and support.

I know moving day can be stressful and overwhelming, but before you know it, you'll be completely settled in and enjoying everything that Queen's has to offer.



# MAP OF COLLEGE



## Welcome to The Queen's College

A Porter is always on duty in the Lodge. This main entrance is locked between 21.00 and 7.00 but the Porter can be summoned by an external bell or by calling 01865 279120. Visitors can be given entry codes to use the two accessible entrances 24 hours a day.

## Emergencies

Visitors should let the Lodge Porter know if extra assistance is required in the event of an emergency.

## Key

- Fire Assembly Point **A**
- Unisex Toilet
- Female Toilet
- Accessible Toilet
- Accessible Entrance





## THE JUNIOR COMMON ROOM (JCR)

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Confusingly, the JCR is both the physical common in college, located in Back Quad Staircase 5, but also an elected committee of student's involved in representing students to the College

The JCR is normally used to host fresher events, JCR meetings as well as providing a large social space in college to be used by anyone - whether that's to watch TV (more often than not, University Challenge), play FIFA or read a JCR newspaper.

Next to the common room lies the JCR Kitchen, home of the highlight of Queen's social life, JCR tea - held at 4pm every day and usually accompanied by a mass exodus from the library, it offers a variety of food (including our university-famous cheese on toast) for discounted prices. The JCR also offers hobs and a grill for cooking, as well as some kitchenware, but it's worth bringing your own if you plan to cook!

Finally, connected to the other end of the JCR Kitchen is the Old Taberdar's Room (OTR), a quaint wood-panelled room complete with fireplace and sofas; it is commonly used for formal pre-drinks, reading, or napping (if discouraged by college).

The JCR Executive Committee is made up of elected JCR members in specific positions so they can best aid and represent you. When a motion is passed at a JCR meeting it is usually a member of the Exec who negotiates the obstacles and makes it a reality.

The Exec primarily work behind the scenes, dedicating their time to improve life at Queen's for the JCR. Whether this be planning great events throughout the year, running JCR tea, organising bops, lobbying college, or working at a university wide level representing Queen's—they do it. They've helped achieve lower rent, free massages during exams, and more study space just to give a few examples.

During Freshers' Week you will be seeing lots of the Exec ensuring everything runs smoothly, and they'll be wearing matching t-shirts to help you identify them. Please do approach them and ask them anything you might need to know or for help if you need it – that's what they're there for and they all are looking forward to meeting you all. It's important to remember that, as well as having a specific role on the Exec, each member is also a student, who has been through first year before, and who you can go to if you have any questions, related to what they do on the committee, or not. There are elections for various positions every term, so if you want to you can apply for a position this year (by Hilary term, most positions are filled by first years)!



*Back Quad, where the JCR is located*

## DINING

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*Dining in COVID times with  
Perspex screens*

The Hall is open each day for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Breakfast runs each day from 8:15-8:45am and lunch during the weekdays is usually from 12:30-1:30pm, both of which you pay for via bod card (i.e., no need to worry about signing on!) and is served canteen style in the Buttery. The food is usually quite good value, with a full English normally coming for less than a pound and a proper lunch for less than £3! Lunch on the weekend is by sign on via visiting <https://meals.queens.ox.ac.uk>, the highlight being Sunday lunch, one of the most popular meals in college and is a three-course roast for the same price as a normal dinner!

Dinner in College is a bit more structured than other mealtimes and there's usually two sittings each day. Whereas with other meals you can come and go at any time, for dinner you have to show up on time and get your name checked off or you won't be allowed in. Unlike breakfast and lunch, it is a served sit down two course meal and requires signing on before. For about £5, it's very reasonable compared to some other colleges.

Second sitting is particularly strict. The fellows usually dine at the same time, and it's accompanied by a Latin grace and candles on each table. Remember - do bring your gown; don't wear shorts or sportswear and don't use your phone or camera.

Finally, Formal Hall (or JCR Guest Night) happens each Saturday - it's a three-course meal in Hall with usually excellent food and costs about £7. Usually very popular and each person is allowed to take up to three guests - just make sure you have something smart to wear and sign up when tickets are released on Saturday the week before!

If you have any dietary requirements, please make sure you let the college kitchen know so that they can cater for you. Usually, you'll get a card that you can take into hall so that the staff are aware when they're serving your food.



## THE LIBRARY

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The Lower Library and New Library (ground floor and basement respectively) are open 24/7 via bod card access. The Upper Library is open during staffed hours, which during the last term has been 10am-5pm, although this is all very COVID dependent. They should have most books you need, and books can be reserved via logging into SOLO with your single sign on: <http://solo.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/>.

Expect to have a subject specific library induction during fresher's week - the librarians will walk you through how to reserve books, how to return them and where your subject specific collection is.



*The beautiful  
Upper Library*

## LAUNDRY

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There are laundry machines available both in the main site via the door next to the Chapel, and in Carrodus on the ground floor and 3rd floor. There's both washing machines and tumble dryers available but you'll need to provide your own detergent. They're operated by a 3rd party company called Circuit Laundry and you'll need to pay for them either via their app, or by getting a top up card from the Lodge. The dryers can be fairly unreliable so it's definitely worth bringing up a clothes horse just in case! An iron is also available in each laundry room.

## EXTRA-CURRICULARS

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Although you will (probably) have plenty of academic commitments for your course, there will always be time to get involved with clubs, societies and sports as well as participating in different committees. Queen's have a range of college-based sports and societies, and of course there's a range of different university-wide societies that you will be able to sign up for during the Freshers Fair. I would strongly recommend getting as involved as possible, since this is an excellent way of getting to know new people both from your college and from other colleges. It will also give you that much-needed break from your academic work!

### Sports in College

Queen's has either mixed or male and female teams for all major sports:

- Cricket
- Football
- Hockey
- Netball
- Rugby
- Rowing
- Badminton
- Tennis

As well as some not-so-major ones (Croquet, anyone?). They'll all be at the College Freshers' Fair, so you won't miss your opportunity to sign up – if in doubt sign up anyway, it's to gauge interest rather than a full on commitment. There's also a gym in Carrodus Quad (next to Main College) to burn some energy or escape the library.

For Oxford wide sport, visit <http://www.sport.ox.ac.uk>



*The W1 boat, having just 'bumped' in the Summer VII's rowing tournament*

### The 1341 Society

The 1341 society is the Queen's student run charity association. They raise money to contribute towards various college grants, offer subsidised dinner and ball tickets, as well as contribute money to various sporting and artistic endeavours in college. They usually host a lunch or garden party for parents of current students each term – not a bad shout if your parents insist on visiting

## **The Addison Society**

The Addison Society is the Queen's debating society, although admittedly not much actual debating happens! They usually host a few dinners each term and invite special guests to speak at them – this can be anything from journalists to politicians or activists and is entirely run by students. Their dinners are definitely a highlight of the term.

## **The Eglesfield Players**

The Eglesfield Players is the Queen's drama society. They are a major student production company and funding body for Oxford drama and help finance productions all around the city as well as putting on our own shows. They are also there to help any drama enthusiasts get into the thriving theatre scene in the university.

Actors and writers can hit the ground running, with Drama Cuppers (the university-wide, Freshers'-only drama competition) taking place halfway through Michaelmas term.

## **Eglesfield Music Society**

EMS is the oldest college music society in Oxford. They put on many events all year but if you're interested you should look out for the Fresher's Concert in 5th Week, be it to perform, enjoy or to check it out to see if you'd be interested. Jazz night in the Beer Cellar is also a popular one! The society is open to anyone in college with all types of tastes.

## **Queen's Chapel Choir**

If you're more of a singer, the choir might be more up your alley. A high-calibre ensemble, the Chapel Choir performs in chapel services three times a week, tours abroad each year and records CDs regularly.

## **Music in the wider university**

Whilst you're at Oxford there'll be hundreds of opportunities that come your way for music, from symphony orchestras and choirs to funk and rock groups! Whatever your ability there'll be something for you, from college music to professionally conducted orchestras. Oxford University Music Society (OUMS) is the university's central music hub, with both auditioned and non-auditioned ensembles, depending on what you'd prefer. Contact the President at [president@oums.org](mailto:president@oums.org), or come and see them at the University Freshers' Fair, to find out more about how you can get into music at Oxford!

## **Drama in the wider university**

For most actors, writers, theatrical technicians et al., all roads lead to OUDS (Oxford University Dramatic Society – [www.ouds.org](http://www.ouds.org)). Even if you don't want to audition, you might want their help in putting on your own production. If you're more into reviewing than acting, check out the Oxford Theatre Review – [www.oxfordtheatrereview.co.uk](http://www.oxfordtheatrereview.co.uk).

## The Oxford Union

Oxford's university-wide debating society is the Oxford Union, not to be confused with OUSU, [www.oxford-union.org](http://www.oxford-union.org), and is one of the most famous and prestigious debating societies in the world. The university team frequently dominates globally, but if you don't think you're quite up to international standards, the Union also holds weekend workshops.

If you're more interested in watching great speakers, the Union holds weekly display debates in its building on St Michael's Street, and frequently hosts incredible speakers at the top of a range of fields. Recent speakers have included: Shakira, David Cameron, Sir Ian McLellan, Imran Khan, Bill Nighy, and Johnny Depp. The Union building also boasts a well-stocked library and bar. The Union does require membership for most of its facilities, which is a bit steep (around £213 for lifetime membership in Freshers' Week; £236 after that - £26 per term with some concessions) but you don't have to be a member to attend some debates and speakers, or Union Balls. It may be a good idea to wait a bit rather than taking the freshers' offer to see if you really want it.

## IT

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Firstly, make sure you're part of the Queen's JCR Facebook group and **enable notifications for all posts** (link here: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/queensjcr2021>, or search for **The Queen's College JCR 2021-2022**). The Facebook group, as well as email is how most information is distributed relevant for the JCR, as well as for events in the broader university.

You can find the Oxford IT Services getting started guide here: <https://www.it.ox.ac.uk/getting-started>, but the gist of it is that you'll need to set up your Single Sign On (SSO), the account you use to access online University services, complete your online registration before you come up to Oxford. Once you're here, you'll need to set up a remote access password – this allows you to access Eduroam, the University's and College's WiFi provider.

The University offers a large range of software, some free and some discounted; you'll be able to grab Microsoft Office for free as well as other specialist software such as Mathematica and ChemDraw. Find instructions in the guide above.

If you have any IT related concerns you can contact the college's IT office at [it-support@queens.ox.ac.uk](mailto:it-support@queens.ox.ac.uk).



## WELFARE

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### Support in the JCR

Your JCR Welfare Reps: available any time to help with anything/everything. All that is said to us is strictly confidential and we will do our best to help with any issue or point you towards someone who can!

Joshua: [joshua.abioye@queens.ox.ac.uk](mailto:joshua.abioye@queens.ox.ac.uk)

Gionata: [gionata.vernice@queens.ox.ac.uk](mailto:gionata.vernice@queens.ox.ac.uk)

Zara: [zara.watson@queens.ox.ac.uk](mailto:zara.watson@queens.ox.ac.uk)

Come and find us in college, email, or Facebook, we'll always be around somewhere!

Your Equalities Team: here to make sure college is as diverse and welcoming as possible, get in touch with any concerns or ideas you have or any welfare issues you feel they can help with.

Olivia (Equalities) [olivia.coombs@queens.ox.ac.uk](mailto:olivia.coombs@queens.ox.ac.uk)

Katie (LGBTQ) [katie.boyle@queens.ox.ac.uk](mailto:katie.boyle@queens.ox.ac.uk)

Evie (Women's) [evie.rosette@queens.ox.ac.uk](mailto:evie.rosette@queens.ox.ac.uk)

Nadia & Chante (Minority Ethnicities) [nadia.kashoo@queens.ox.ac.uk](mailto:nadia.kashoo@queens.ox.ac.uk) & [chante.price@queens.ox.ac.uk](mailto:chante.price@queens.ox.ac.uk)

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Anna (Disabilities) [anna.jeffries-shaw@queens.ox.ac.uk](mailto:anna.jeffries-shaw@queens.ox.ac.uk)

### Support by College

Jo, the Welfare is employed by the college to be available full time for welfare support and is available at [welfare.office@queens.ox.ac.uk](mailto:welfare.office@queens.ox.ac.uk)

Katherine, the College Chaplain, is here for everyone of all religious faiths or none. Every new fresher will have a five-minute slot in the first week to meet and chat with her; she's always around to help/listen and is a great person to talk to outside the JCR Exec. You can email her at [katherine.price@queens.ox.ac.uk](mailto:katherine.price@queens.ox.ac.uk)

Junior Deans are graduate students who are appointed to help with all welfare matters & are contactable via [decanal.team@queens.ox.ac.uk](mailto:decanal.team@queens.ox.ac.uk).

### The Wider University

Oxford University Counselling Service - a very useful service offering a wide range of help from fully qualified counsellors (individual sessions, group sessions, workshops).

Go to the university website [www.ox.ac.uk](http://www.ox.ac.uk), scroll down to current students and click on the Health and Welfare tab to learn more.

To arrange an appointment, call the service on 01865270300, or email [counselling@admin.ox.ac.uk](mailto:counselling@admin.ox.ac.uk).

Oxford Nightline- a confidential listening service available from 8pm to 8am throughout Oxford term time - 01865270270, [www.oxfordnightline.org.uk](http://www.oxfordnightline.org.uk), or visit the office at 16 Wellington Square.

### OUSU (Oxford Student Union)

Check out their website [www.ousu.org.uk](http://www.ousu.org.uk), their 'Life and Welfare' section is very useful for a number of commonly faced problems.

Student advice service - free and tailored specifically for Oxford students [advice@ousu.ox.ac.uk](mailto:advice@ousu.ox.ac.uk) or drop into the offices at 2 Worcester Street.

Check out Oxford's brilliant, student-run mental health campaign 'Mind Your Head' [www.mindyourheadoxford.org.uk](http://www.mindyourheadoxford.org.uk).

### Sexual Health

Go to Oxfordshire Sexual Health Service's website [www.sexualhealthoxfordshire.nhs.uk](http://www.sexualhealthoxfordshire.nhs.uk). It's very easy to use and gives all information needed about drop in STI checks at your closest GUM clinic as well as how to book appointments.

For contraception, the welfare reps will send out a link to an online form that can be filled in anonymously from which we can pidge you (free!) condoms. The morning after pill can be obtained from Midge, our college nurse (whose hours will be posted in Freshers' Week for the term), or if you pidge your receipt and name to Joshua, Zara, or Gionata you can be reimbursed for the money spent



## THE BODLEIAN LIBRARIES

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*The Rad Cam*

The Bodleian Libraries is the name for the University library as a whole and doesn't include college libraries. Confusingly, this isn't one single library but refers to the many subject libraries spread throughout Oxford, as well as the central lending Library, also known as the Bodleian, but often affectionately known as just 'The Bod'. There's three separate reading rooms include Duke Humphrey's - the most picturesque of Oxford libraries, if terribly dim to work in - yes, they did film Harry Potter here.

The Radcliffe Camera, or 'Rad Cam' is an insta background first, reading room second, is perhaps the most iconic building in Oxford. Strictly speaking the reading room for History, expect mainly to find both the Oxlove hungry undergraduate and those that are clearly only here for the aesthetic.

The two are connected underground by The Gladstone Link; a windowless dungeon and built this side of 1900, it is less popular than most other libraries and far less photogenic than basically any other library in Oxford. Quiet and useful for a distraction-less essay grind, some people swear by it - give it a chance.

Other subject libraries of note are the Vere Harmsworth (for American Studies but also temporarily hosting the science library) which has fantastic natural light all year around; the Taylorian, the languages library with a very grand classical interior; and the Social Sciences Library (SSL), one of the more modern University Libraries, it hosts a lot of texts for PPE and features group working spaces. Do note with COVID it is likely you'll need to book slots in the Library beforehand here: <https://www.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/libraries/book-a-library-time-slot>

## CULTURE

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The Oxford term can sometimes feel awfully short; with only eight weeks it can feel like you're barely here before you're sent back home again and often the last thing on your mind is finding time to go to a museum! Why not spend a weekend looking around the Ashmolean, covering an impressive array of global archaeology and art, with a particularly strong collection of Oxford-based Pre-Raphaelite artists. For more contemporary stuff there's Modern Art Oxford which has fairly frequent new Exhibitions.

If you're interested in the sciences check out the History of Science Museum next to the Sheldonian Theatre, or the Oxford Natural History Museum, at back of which you'll find an entirely different Museum - the anthropological Pitts Rivers Museum. It is an impressive and highly unusual museum (and not without some controversy), with its entire collection arranged by types of objects and tools, rather than any cultural or temporal groupings. Don't worry about price! Most museums and exhibitions have free entrance with your bod card!

For Drama, check out the many, many, many student productions that happen each term at a variety of venues through Oxford. The Oxford Playhouse is also home to a mixture of professional and large student productions.

Whilst Oxford might be dominated by the abundance of choral music, it definitely does not start or end there. There's a large acapella scene, with notable Queens-affiliated groups performing regularly such as The Oxford Gargoyles, a jazz scene generally centred around JazzSoc at The Mad Hatter each Tuesday night and a variety of gigs at venues including The O2 and Freud.

## SHOPS

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There are plenty of shops in the centre of Oxford, which is very handy given the central location of Queen's!

### **For food & groceries**

You can find a number of smaller Tesco's and Sainsbury's along Cornmarket street - these are usually where most freshers go for any food essentials. There is also a Sainsbury's just past Magdalen bridge. These are all about a 10-minute walk from the college, but there's always Hall dinner if you don't fancy making something yourself! If you're in a bit of a pinch, why not try our local newsagent, Honey's, basically right under Carrodus Quad!

If you're looking for bigger supermarkets, there is a bigger Tesco, Aldi & Waitrose a short bus ride away. However, given that you won't have your own kitchen, most freshers find that the smaller shops have all the necessary essentials for microwave/cold meals, so you probably won't need this.



If you're into cooking, it's also worth checking out the fresh produce stalls in Gloucester Green Market on Wednesday through to Sunday!

### For household items

The Tesco on Cornmarket Street has a couple of everyday items that you might have forgotten, but if you're looking for something bigger, there are plenty of shops in the Westgate shopping centre that will have bedding/bathroom items. Westgate is also only a short 10-minute walk from the College so you won't have far to go!

## EATING OUT

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Oxford is filled to the brim with places to eat/drink whatever your budget, so you'll be spoilt for choice if you'd rather have a change of scenery from the hall or don't want to cook – Jazzzi is vegan and has never struggled to find something to eat!

### Coffee

If you don't already drink coffee, you will by the end of your first year and chances are you will spend a lot of hours studying (or procrastinating) in coffee shops! The city has plenty of independent coffee shops, including a couple of my favourites such as the Queen's Lane coffee house which is conveniently right outside the main college, and The Missing Bean. Oxford is also well-stocked with the classic coffee shops - you will often find me having an essay crisis in Pret, which is a popular alternative to studying in the library. It's also a good idea to invest in a 'Keep Cup', since these can be bought into the libraries for that essential caffeine boost - if you don't already have one, these can be bought from the kitchen.

### Food

There are so many options for food, whether you're looking for a light lunch or a dinner. A personal favourite is Najars, which you can find opposite Tesco's on Cornmarket Street. They do incredible hummus and falafel wraps for £3.50! Kaz bar and Zaatar Bakes in Cowley also do delicious dinners. There are also plenty of takeaway food places along Cornmarket Street, which is where half of my student loan went last year!

Other favourites include the Alternative Tuck Shop on Hollywell Street – a particular favourite of mid-lab scientists – and Ahmed's, our local food truck and an essential for post-night out chips.



*The exec & co go to Ahmed's*

## PUBS

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*The Beer Cellar, not often  
seen by natural light*

Whilst Oxford might be known for its history and education, nowhere do these two ideals meet than at the many, many pubs the city has to offer. Start in College: The Beer Cellar offers cheap pints, a slightly grimy (in a good way we assure you) 1970s atmosphere, darts, pool and the cherry on the proverbial cake in the form of the college cocktail, Sex on the Quad. Out of the late gate, northwards up Queen's Lane, sharp right before the Bridge of Sighs and into St Mary's Passage and find yourself at the Turf Tavern. A quaint, if touristy location and often frequented by college members, if entirely out of laziness - expect a spenny pint.

Looking for a wood-panelled, fire-stoked pub? Try the King's Arms on the corner of Hollywell Street (but beware the many Oxford Union hacks that lurk here). Something slightly more intimate with an added bonus of Irish folk music each Sunday evening? The Half Moon off Magdalen Roundabout. Cocktails in an Alice in Wonderland themed Bar? The Mad Hatter down Iffley Road. Finally, cheap pints and quality pizza to end any good pub crawl? Try the White Rabbit by Gloucester Green.

## CLUBBING

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To be frank, Oxford clubbing has been on the downhill for at least the last three years, seeing the loss of PTs, Cellar, old Plush, Emporium, and now COVID has taken the (mostly ironically) beloved Fever from the student body - yes, it's a bit on the nose.

But never fear! Many great Oxford institutions still remain; first and foremost, Hank's - the local college haunt. Somewhere in between a bar and a club it is the first port of call after any bop, college crew date or subject dinner - to quote our JCR President from 2019-2020, 'attendance is mandatory'.



Tuesdays sees the weekly LGBTQ+ at the Plush Lounge off Cornmarket Street, named appropriately, Tuesgays. Wednesday night offers Parkend at Atik whilst Thursday beckons for Bridge Thursdays, unsurprisingly at The Bridge, held generally to be one of the better nights of the week. The O2 and Bullingdon club down the Cowley Road also offer monthly themed and special club nights.

*Jazzi, pretending that  
she's actually been able  
to go clubbing despite  
the pandemic*

## FURTHER AFIELD

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### Punting

In the summer term, the JCR treasurer runs a punt scheme that (almost) everyone contributes £5(ish) to and then you can use a punt on the river whenever you want. It's lots of fun but definitely harder than it looks!

### Green spaces/places to walk

There are plenty of green spaces to escape from the bustle of the city and go for a walk or run or just read a book! Christ Church Meadow, Magdalen Deer Park, University Parks and Port Meadow are all beautiful (Port Meadow is great for a swim and BBQs in the summer) and all Oxford students can get into the Botanical Gardens for free with their Bod Card (would defo recommend!)



*James engaging in an ill-advised afternoon of punt dodgems*



*Christ Church Meadow by sunset*



# THE JCR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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**President: James McGhee**

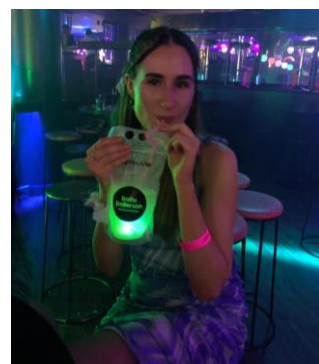


Hey! I'm James (he/him), a fourth year Chemist and I'm your President for the next year. I'm responsible for overseeing Fresher's week, chairing exec meetings, and representing the JCR and student interests as best as I can to college officials. Basically, if you think there's something in college that could be improved, please do get in touch - I'm always happy to meet informally with any member of the JCR whatever the concern. When not in the lab, I can usually be found in college \*somewhere\*, busting my student loan on far too many books from Oxfam, or, more often than not, procrastinating from all sense of responsibility in a pub or coffee shop (depending on time-of-day etc)

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**Vice-President: Jazzie Nieradzick-Burbeck**

Hey everyone, I'm Jazzie (she/her) and I'll be your JCR Vice Pres for the year! I'm a second year Experimental Psychology student, but more often you'll find me pretending to study in the library or procrastinating in Pret so I'm always around for a chat. My role involves sending you all lots of emails, taking meeting minutes (basically glorified notes), organising elections, freshers week and college photos as well as doing \*slightly\* less important jobs than the president. I can't wait to get to know you all in October, and if there's any questions you have about anything Oxford-related or just want to chat in the meantime feel free to add me on fb (just my full name) or instagram (jasmineburbeckx)! :)



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**Social Secretaries: Phoebe Hornor & Martha Rigby**



Hey, we are your Social Secs for next year. Martha (on the left) is a second year biologist and Phoebe (on the right) is a second year History and Politics student. We will be arranging your freshers week, college bops (parties) and all the end of year events. Hopefully we will be able to make sure this year is amazing even if covid sticks around... can't wait to meet you all in October !! if you want to message either of us both our instagrams are just our full names ^^ xxx

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## Treasurer: Arthur Carpenter

I'm Arthur (he/him), I'm a third year studying Maths, and I'll be your treasurer this year! Essentially this means that I manage the JCR's budgets and accounts, and that I'm responsible for funding JCR-related stuff. My work is more behind the scenes than that of some other roles, but like everyone on the committee, I'm always available if you need someone to talk to, or if you have any questions regarding anything to do with Queen's or Maths specifically, or Oxford life more generally - I'm looking forward to meeting you all in October!



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## Welfare Reps: Joshua Abioye, Zara Watson & Gionata Vernice



Hey guys I'm Josh (he/him) a second year chemist and i'll be one of your welfare reps for the next year! Essentially my role is kinda the big brother figure for the JCR. If you're feeling a bit low or stressed out or just really want someone to talk to then I'm your guy. I'd say I'm fairly approachable - I'm like 6'4 but have the face of a toddler :( so please do feel free to talk to me. Besides just having chats with people, I also organise welfare week once a term and organize college families. Hopefully I'll get to meet a lot of you in October but for now focus on enjoying the rest of your summer!

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Hey everyone :) I'm Zara (she/her), I study Law with Spanish Law (second year), and I'll be one of your welfare reps this year! I'm here for you if you'd like a chat, someone to chill with, recommendations for cool walks (or rivers to jump in) and to point you in the right direction for advice and help if you're struggling with anything. Aside from welfare, I'm also involved in Queen's rowing and uni debating so if you'd like to get involved in either of these (which I highly recommend - they're amazing!!) definitely hit me up :))



I hope you all have a great summer and an incredible time at Queen's when you get here; if there's anything I can do to help with that, don't hesitate to let me know!

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Hey, I'm Gionata (he/him and Gionny for short) and I'm also a second year chemist. I'll be the other welfare rep for next year! I'd say I'm quite approachable so if you ever need someone to talk to whether you're feeling stressed or not, I'm your guy :) Hopefully I'll get to see many of you in October but right now enjoy your summer and relax!

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### Access & Outreach Rep: Ash Taylor

Hey! I'm Ash (she/her), I'm a second year medic, and the Access and Outreach rep this year! I'm responsible for recruiting volunteers for taster days, college tours and help run interviews, fingers crossed they're a bit more normal this year. My key aim this year is to help improve diversity within Queen's, helping it seem like an accessible place to study through various means of outreach. When I'm not found spamming the ambassador maillist, you can find me on a coffee run fuelling my \*mild\* caffeine addiction and probably procrastinating some work. If you have any new ideas or questions about A&O or stuff in general, I'm always happy to have a chat! Congrats on getting in and enjoy your summer!!



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### Equality & Opportunities Rep: Livvy Coombs



Hi! I'm Livvy (she/her) and I'm a second year Spanish and Italian student. I'm the Equalities rep, so my role is to work with the Equalities Team to ensure that Queen's is a safe space for all, and that everyone feels welcome and respected. You can usually find me running between the library and Pret (even if you don't like coffee now, you will drink a lot of it when you come to uni). I really look forward to meeting you all and hope you have a great time at Queen's!

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## Food Reps: Roisin Quinn & Katerina Zagurova

Hi, I'm Roisin (she/her) and I'm a second year Classicist. As one of your food reps I'm responsible for all your food needs, from issues with hall meals to organising brunches and BBQs. My aim as food rep is to make the hall more accessible for all diets and introduce a greater range of veggie/vegan recipes so if you have any suggestions do drop me a message. I'm looking forward to meeting you all and I hope you have a great freshers!



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## Charities Rep: Sana Khalil



Hi I'm Sana (she/her) and I'm a second year Physicist. My role starts in Michaelmas and I'll be organising charity events; garden parties, sports competitions to raise money for charity. I will also be in contact with other colleges and external organisations so hopefully we can get some competition/collaboration happening! If you have any questions about Physics or anything in general I'm always happy to chat. I look forward to meeting you next year! :D

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## Sports & Stash Rep: Rosie Jephson

Hi! I'm Rosie (she/her) and I'm a second year studying EP (experimental psychology). My role involves helping people get involved in college sports which are a great way to get to know people and have a range of levels :-). I joined football having never played before & it's been so fun, meanwhile the mighty Queen's mixed hockey team won the college league last year so we're looking to continue that legacy! Even if you're not sporty I'm sure I'll still get to meet you since I'll also be organising your Queen's 'stash' (i.e. merchandise) orders and I'll probably be around college lots. Can't wait to meet you all & feel free to get in touch (insta/facebook) if you have any questions about anything. Have a great summer until then!



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## Arts Rep: Loveday Pride

Heyyyy, I'm Loveday (she/her) and I'm a second year fine artist at the Ruskin. Coincidentally, I am also the Art rep which means I set up events and competitions surrounding the arts. I do try to make the events accessible to everyone, so please don't ever feel like you have had to have professional training to come to a life drawing session we hold - I know I don't! Can't wait to meet everyone and have a fabulous time at Queens!



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## Environment & Ethics Rep: Dan Bowen



Hello there! I'm Dan Bowen and I'm studying Biology, and I'm the Environment and Ethics rep for Queen's JCR. I have chosen to spend my time as E&E rep involving the JCR more with environmental strategies in college and the wider university - I attend talks from academics for tips on how we can become more sustainable and communicate this in an accessible way to the JCR, liaise with college staff about improving the college's biodiversity, and sit on the college's Climate Committee to add a student perspective on how the college can become carbon neutral (if not negative!). Outside of the role, I work with Oxtrees and Decarbonise Oxford to develop strategies for all of the colleges to follow to become more sustainable which feeds directly into my role at Queen's! As well as this, I love to spend time outdoors with my camera and have been quite successful with my photography so far this year! If you have any other questions about the E&E position, environmental societies you can be involved with, or just the general Oxford wildlife vibe just email me or contact me on messenger!

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## Academic Rep: Rani Martin

Hi all! I'm Rani, I study PPE, and I'm the Academic and Careers Rep this year. I'll be helping to organise academic induction sessions and all through the year I'm the person to come to if you want help talking to tutors about academic difficulties. I want you all to enjoy the challenge of academics at Oxford but know that it's okay if you're finding it hard! I also want to make sure you all know about the great opportunities the University Careers Service has to offer. Feel free to tap me on the shoulder if you're having any study trouble, or, we can just chat! I love theatre, sitcoms, and Doctor Who, so I hopefully have something in common with all of you.



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## Webmasters: Sophie Payne & Ciaran Sandhu



Hi guys we're Ciaran (he/him) and Sophie (she/her), both second year Medics (help) and your webmasters for this year. We're not entirely sure what our responsibilities are but generally look to us if you have anything internet/insta related for Queen's JCR. Also just a friendly face if you fancy a chat!

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[ciaran.sandhu@queens.ox.ac.uk](mailto:ciaran.sandhu@queens.ox.ac.uk)

## Internationals Reps: Injune Hwang & Ibrahim Al-Obaidi

Hi guys! We're Injune (he/him) and Ibrahim (he/him), call me Heem, second year mathematician, medic, and your international reps for this year. Injune is from South Korea (an acquaintance of J-Hope's cousin fr), and Heem is from Reading (born in Baghdad, Iraq so dw.)

Major shoutout to Polo, our friend's puppy, the highlight of our photo.



Our job is to make sure that Queen's is a safe and welcoming space for all internationals. With the Covid-19 situation going on, we will be here for you if you need help while self-isolating or have questions in general on travelling overseas (visas, vaccination, PCR tests). We will hopefully be hosting International Freshers' week a week before normal Freshers' week as well. During the summer we will have sent you the International Freshers' guide which would cover most of the questions you have about the UK or Queen's. If you have other questions, feel free to contact us! Search us on facebook as Ibraheem Al-obaidi (extra e there ;) ) and Injune Hwang or message us through instagram! @invi\_br\_2 and @heem207.

Ibrahim is usually awake and in the library/college until the library shuts, and Injune's sleeping patterns are all over the place (awake at 5am when the problem sheet crisis hits), so we're a 24/7 service! (We are joking plz don't call us at 5AM :(( )

Looking forward to seeing you guys soon and hope you guys have a great time at Queen's!

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## Women's Rep: Evie Rosette



Hi everyone! I'm Evie (she/her), a second year biomed student, and your women\*'s rep for this academic year. I am part of the equalities team which is a team of exec members here to make sure college is as inclusive as possible for new and returning members. My role is to provide a safe space for all those that identify as a woman, in college, and to listen to and help with any concerns/issues. I also hope to organise some events for the women of Queen's as well as events for everyone to engage in celebrating women. I am also in contact with the Queen's Women's Network, a fairly new network, with the aim of providing career support and advice for all students at Queen's. I will also be a friendly face around college if you need any help or just for a chat while settling in and throughout your time at Oxford. I hope you enjoy your time at Queen's and I look forward to seeing you in October! Feel free to message me, by finding me on facebook, if you have any questions or concerns :)

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## Class Act & Socioeconomic Rep: Niamh Ward

Hi everyone! I'm Niamh (she/her) and I'll be your Class/Socioeconomic rep for the year. I'm a second year studying English Language and Literature so you can bet you'll find me in the library a lot trying to beat my old friend, procrastination, but I'm always around for a chat if you need me! My role basically means that I'm around to offer support, give advice or listen to any queries/worries from anyone who feels that their socioeconomic situation or the class with which they identify is affecting their university experience, whether this involves pointing you in the direction of financial support within college or simply helping to remove any class/socioeconomic related stereotypes about Oxford students-- stereotypes that really don't reflect the welcoming and supportive environment that you're going to be joining at Queen's! If you have any questions at all then feel free to message me on Facebook or through Instagram (@niamhward\_x). I'm looking forward to meeting you all in October and hope you all have a brilliant time at Queen's :))



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## LGBTQ+ Rep: Katie Boyle



Top of the morning: I'm Katie, LGBTQ+ rep and chagrined linguist. If it weren't instantaneously discernible from that deliberately obnoxious opening, I'm Irish – unfortunately for us all – which basically means that I'm always down for a drink with just about anyone, and I'm genetically drawn to the best pubs in Oxford (none of this half-pints in mason-jars that they try to naturalise in Cowley), so feel free to get me out for a drink when you arrive! It's important for me to clarify that there is a place for queer students not only in college, but in Oxford –

it sounds cliché but fear not; I'm too irretrievably self-aware to do anything pretentious on this front – and that, for those who don't necessarily identify as queer, education (this is Oxford), safety, and discourse abound.

Queer people and literature/media is somewhat societally neglected (it all culminated with *Blue Is The Warmest Colour* imo) and I want to bring this back to college in a big way. Queer events throughout the year will by no means remain limited to those who identify as queer, so pls come along. If nothing else, I can promise good music (gaga's old stuff, chromatica is mostly trash I'm sorry). I'm also responsible for queer equality at a higher level and might send the odd scary e-mail to the JCR mailing list. you're welcome x. Send me a message (pls use my email I'm much too disillusioned to use anything else) if you want to talk about French and German (anything from a good rant to discourse on a book) or Queen's (I'll try my best to provide answers)

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## Minority Ethnic Reps: Chanté Price & Nadia Kashoo

Heyy! We're Chanté (on the right), a second year History student, and Nadia (on the left), a second year Law student, and your minority ethnic reps this year! We are part of the equalities team that work to make sure college is as inclusive as possible and will be particularly responsible for representing the interests of ethnic minorities at Queen's within the JCR. We will also be a part of Confluence@Queen's which is a community of ethnic minorities across common rooms (JCR and MCR) and have some exciting events planned! Within our roles we are so excited to hold social events for ethnic minority freshers and make sure they feel they have a welcoming and close knit community at Queen's. Some events include welfare brunch, ethnic minority dinners, cultural celebrations, and inviting some important guest speakers for key conversations regarding race and inclusion at Oxford. In the meantime, don't hesitate to contact either of us via Facebook or Instagram (chante.price & nadiakashoo)! We can't wait to meet you :)



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## Disability Rep: AJ Jeffries-Shaw



Hey guys, I'm AJ (she/her) and I am a second year studying Classics and I will be your Disability Rep at Queen's this year. I understand how a disability, whether physical, mental or a learning difficulty, can be isolating and affect your studies. Oxford celebrates diversity and inclusivity and accommodates everyone's needs so there is a lot of support available, within college and the university. I am very used to muddling my way through the NHS, DAS, counselling services and other support services, and know how difficult it can be, so hope to, as Disability rep, support others and share my learned wisdom. I hope that you'll feel comfortable

to approach me with any concerns you have or just for a chat, so feel free to shoot me an email or a FB message (Anna Jeffries-Shaw on Facebook) with any concerns (even over the summer) and I'll do my best to help.

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## JCR Chair: Jacob Dawe

Hi everyone! I'm Jacob (he/him) and I'm a second year Physicist. I'll be the JCR Chair for the first term. My role involves sitting in a chair, buying pizza, guiding JCR meetings, and sending emails to collect motions and distribute the results. I would strongly encourage everyone to turn up to JCR meetings - they're a great opportunity to influence how things run within college, and if nothing else, there's free pizza!

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## A GUIDE TO OXFORD JARGON

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### A

#### **Aldates**

Second and third year accommodation, a 10-minute walk from college on St. Aldates Street.

### B

#### **Batells**

This is a fancy word for the college bill. This may include charges for food, drink, dinner costs, event tickets, etc. which you will receive by email. You will get an email at the end of each term to show you your charges, and it will also state the deadline by which you have to pay your bill – if you fail to do so you might no longer be allowed to make purchases in College using your Bod card! You can pay directly online ([meals.queens.ox.ac.uk](https://meals.queens.ox.ac.uk)).

#### **Beer Cellar**

The College-run bar, the beer cellar is generally open every Monday to Saturday from 7-11.30pm during term time. The double advantage of subsidised alcohol prices and the fact that any purchases made in the Beer Cellar can go on batells make it a very popular post-dinner or pre-club destination. Even if you're not up for drinking, the pool table, pub quiz machine, juke box and darts board still make the Beer Cellar a desirable hangout spot.

#### **Berners-Lee Room (BQ 5)**

The Berners-Lee Room (named after Queen's alumnus, Sir Tim Berners-Lee, who invented the World Wide Web) can be used as an alternative study space in college.

## **Bicycles**

Sure, you could survive without a bike, but they are a useful mode of transport to have in Oxford! There are bike racks outside the College in Queen's Lane, some in Carroddus, and some in the College under FQ6. If you need to buy a bike, there are plenty of Bike Shops in Oxford (e.g. Walton Street Bike Shop in Jericho), or you can browse various Facebook groups in which you can look for a second-hand one. You must have bike lights by law (police can give a £50 fine to anyone cycling at night without them), and helmets and bike locks are essentials. You can register your bike with the College Lodge and the University Security Service in case your bike gets stolen as Oxford does have a record for bike theft.

## **The Bodleian or Bod**

I.e., the University Library System - see the section above for more information.

## **Bod Card**

Your Oxford University ID and library card. This card is used for getting into libraries, colleges, paying for food and pretty much everything else you could imagine. If you lose or break the card, just go to the College Office and ask for a replacement. If it's broken, the replacement is free; if you lose it, you'll have to pay for the new one.

## **Bop**

Every fortnight throughout the term, the Entz team organise a 'bop' – a themed party, usually in the Beer Cellar, where everyone gets together to dress up and dance.

## **Bursary (FQ 1a)**

This is a fancy term for the College finance office, where you pay your bills, pick up grant cheques, and deal with any other money questions. If you have questions about your batells, you can ask them here – in person or over email.

## **Buttery (FQ 3)**

This room is opposite the Dining Hall in Front Quad and is where you can buy alcohol before dinners (which will then be charged to your batells).

# C

## Cardo

Cardo is about a ten-minute walk away from Main College, on Iffley Road. It is usually second year accommodation.

## Carrodus Quad/Queen's Lane Quad

Carrodus Quad, also known as Queen's Lane Quad (QLQ), is located on the corner of Queen's Lane and High Street. It is used as undergraduate accommodation, although it does have a gym (see 'Sport and Fitness') and can be a good place to lock up your bike off-road.

## Chapel

Like most of Oxford's historic colleges, the College has a Chapel, which can be found right in the middle of the College between the two main quads (the door in the passage, next to the laundry room!) The services in the Chapel are Church of England, however the Chapel is a non-denominational space, and everyone is free to use the space for reflection, regardless of faith.

Choral services are held three evenings a week, as well as a small service of Holy Communion on Sunday morning. Please get in touch with the Chaplain or the Chapel Clerk (currently Ivan Myachykov) if you would be interested in reading or assisting at services or learning to ring the bells! The Chapel will also be open throughout the day for members of the College and guests to visit, pray, or take some time out. Full details of services will be sent to you by email and in your pidge at the start of each term.

The Chaplain is the Revd Katherine Price. The Chaplain is part of the welfare team and is available to talk to any member of the College, regardless of faith background. All freshers have scheduled (optional!) 5-minute meeting with her in Fresher's week. The Chaplain can otherwise be contacted by email or MS Teams, or drop round to Front Quad 5/2 (ground floor, opposite the lecture room) for a cup of tea and a chat!

## Collections

Mock university examinations set by your tutors at the beginning of each term. These are normally done in Hall, although due to COVID, they're currently being done online until further notice. They don't count at all and are only there for your tutors to make sure you're not falling behind! Confusingly, Provost Collections are also held once a year with

every student - this is where you'll meet with the Provost, the Senior Tutor and your Academic tutor to discuss your progress.

### College parents

Your college parents are two people in the year above or beyond who got college 'married' in order to have kids – you. At least one of your parents will do your subject (or something very similar to it) so you can ask them for any subject advice, suggestions, or last year's essays as you wish. Your parents are also there to give advice outside of your subject and generally just to be a friendly face in the year above. When you have Prelims (first-year exams), your parents are the ones who get you your carnations.

## D

### Dean

The Dean is responsible for the disciplinary aspects of day-to-day student life in College. Welfare and discipline are treated separately, so speak to the Welfare Officer first if you've got an issue you think you might like to raise with the College. The Dean at Queen's is Dr Richard Nickerson ([r.nickerson@physics.ox.ac.uk](mailto:r.nickerson@physics.ox.ac.uk)).

### Domestic Bursar's Office (FQ 1)

Responsible for accommodation in college. The current Domestic Bursar is Marie Bracie and the office is contactable at [db.office@queens.ox.ac.uk](mailto:db.office@queens.ox.ac.uk).

## E

### Entz

Short for 'Entertainment', a term's Entz comprise of the fortnightly bops as well as the End of Term Event, or EOTE. The Entz Team responsible for organising all of this consists of the Social Secretary (elected annually) and two Entz reps (elected termly). 'Entz' events are usually alcohol-fuelled, but if that's not your scene, don't worry – the Entz team also organise alternative entertainment without alcohol to keep everyone entertained.

### Exec

Short for JCR Executive Committee. See main text.



# F

## Fellows

The academic staff of the college (lecturers and professors), informally called dons.

## Formal

Formal Hall, or JCR Guest Dinner, is held on Saturday night and is three course and inexpensive three course meal. Dress up smart and remember to bring wine from the Buttery if you're drinking. You can sign up online at midnight on the Friday night of a week before (see: [meals.queens.ox.ac.uk](https://meals.queens.ox.ac.uk)), but it fills up quickly!

## Fortress

The College's sports ground, accessible via the tow path on the other side of the river to Christ Church Meadow. A 15-minute walk from college.

# G

## Games Room (BQ 5, Basement)

The games room (currently) houses a table tennis table, along with paddles and (usually) table tennis balls. It is open only during term time and closes at 11pm.

## Gown

What it says on the tin, your gown. If asked to wear it, this doesn't mean full subfusc!

## Guest Rooms (BQ and Drawda Hall)

You may book guests into either of the two guest rooms in College. The room in BQ has two single beds, while the one in Drawda Hall has just one. The cost starts at £90 per night for bed and breakfast and there is a maximum stay of three nights. Even after you have left Queen's, you have a lifetime right to book the guest room for yourself if you need accommodation in Oxford. See the Porters to find out the price and to book; note that rooms fill up quickly during term, particularly on weekends!

## Gym

There is a gym available to college members in Carrodus Quad/Queen's Lane Quad. You will need to complete an induction before you can use the gym. This is currently closed until further notice due to COVID-19, but fingers crossed will be able to open soon!

# H

## Hall

The College's dining hall. Often used colloquially to refer to having a meal in college.

## High Table

Where the Fellows sit for second sitting (or occasionally students for special dinners).

# J

## JCR Tea or JCRT

JCR Tea is held every day from 4pm to 4.30pm in the JCR kitchen, next to the JCR itself. Fancy a quick cheese on toast before heading back to the library? Come to JCR Tea – and don't worry, it's all on batells.

# L

## Late/Library Gate

The college front door closes Monday to Friday and Sunday at 9pm, and 8pm on Saturday. After that, entrance to and exit from the college are possible through the late gate (also called the library gate) in the back-left corner of Back Quad leading to Queen's Lane. There is also a late gate on the High Street which leads through to the Drawda Garden on the left of College. During term time, both your Bod card and a code will be needed to open these gates; outside term time, you just need the code. The Porters will provide you with the late gate code upon your arrival at College.

# M

## Marquee

The large marquee in the Drawda garden was set up in 2020 as a way for events to be held outside in compliance with current restrictions. Although we don't know if the marquee will need to be around next year, if it's still hanging around college in October it was a great space to socialise as well as to work in the summer months!

## Matriculation

The formal admission ceremony to Oxford University. The ceremony is held at the Sheldonian Theatre, and attendees have to dress in sub-fusc (see 'Sub-fusc'). In the past, proceedings were entirely in Latin, but now an English explanation and wider welcoming talk follow the brief Latin introduction. Matriculation occurs on Saturday of 1st week and is preceded by the matriculation photograph in BQ.

## Medical Treatment

The college requires that you register with a doctors' practice in Oxford, you should sign up with the 19 Beaumont Street practice online prior to arriving in Oxford, but you can choose to make other arrangements with permission of the Dean. We can use the services of 'Studental' dentist based at Oxford Brookes University, Headington Campus, Colonnade Building, 3rd Floor, Headington Road, Headington, Oxford, OX3 0BP (phone: [01865 689997](tel:01865689997)) for emergency dental treatment under the National Health Service system (NHS). In case of emergencies, the emergency number is [999](tel:999); alternatively, [112](tel:112) can be called, which gives the operator your location.

## Middle Common Room or MCR (FQ 6)

The equivalent of the JCR for postgraduates.

## Music Practice Room (BQ 3)

The Music Practice Room is for any student to use, and it has a piano and music stands. You can get the key from the Porter, where you can also book the room. There is also a music room in Carrodus Quad. The College has a grand piano and a harpsichord in the Chapel. Permission is required, which can be obtained from Professor Owen Rees ([owen.rees@queens.ox.ac.uk](mailto:owen.rees@queens.ox.ac.uk)).

# N

## Nth Week

Oxford's calendar system is quite tricky to get to grips with at first. Because Oxford terms are only 8 weeks long, dates and deadlines are referred to according to what week they're in, rather than the Gregorian calendar. 1st week is the first week lectures and tutorials officially start each term, and 8th week is the week they stop. Beyond these 8 weeks, though, the Oxford calendar continues. In Michaelmas, for example, Fresher's week is in 0th week (the week before official term begins) and in Trinity, Prelims are usually held in

9th week. To confuse you just that little bit more, the week starts each Sunday, so Sunday of 1st week comes BEFORE Saturday of 1st week.

## O

### Old Taberdars' Room (BQ 6)

This wood-panelled room in BQ is an extension of the JCR and may be used, free of charge, for rehearsals and private parties (if booked far enough in advance). If you wish to book it, you must ask permission from the Dean during Decanal hours, which are posted up on the noticeboard next to the Lodge.

### Oxmas

The Oxford University IT Services offers a wide range of computing courses to all Oxford students, as well as a shop selling cheap computers and accessories (disks, ethernet cards, etc.). In addition, there are lots of computers, printers, and scanners for you to use for work, email etc, but these require a special OUCS login, which you can obtain from them. OUCS also administers the University email accounts. Check their website for further details: [it.ox.ac.uk](http://it.ox.ac.uk)

### Oxford University Students Union

Oxford does not have a centralised students' union as such; the role of student representation is covered by the Oxford University Student Union (OUSU) at 2 Worcester Street, Oxford. It deals with many things: you can buy stationery; get advice on legal representation (such as free legal aid); find out about students' rights; find out about student cards and the Safety Bus; receive student counselling; and get advice on medical treatment and form-filling. The Queen's MCR OUSU Representative acts as a go-between for MCR members and OUSU, and any important information will be put up in the MCR or raised at MCR meetings.

### Oxmas

This term is used to describe Christmas in Oxford as the Oxford academic term finishes around the first of December, well before regular Christmas celebrations might take place. The Oxmas season is approximately a month earlier than Christmas but shares all the same festivities and traditions. At Queen's, there are two Oxmas dinner sittings, during which the Chapel Choir sing carols, before an end of term event in the evening.



# P

## Pidgeon holes or pidges (FQ 1a)

Where any mail addressed to you and The Queen's College will be sent, as well as any internal college mail - it's a good idea to check it daily. There is also an internal University messenger ('pigeon post') service, which delivers mail between colleges and faculties. You may use it free of charge for up to three items at a time and normally takes a day or less. Just give the items in clearly marked envelopes/package to the Porter!

## Porters Lodge or Plodge

Located immediately on your left coming in front gate. The Porters are very friendly and know a lot about the workings of the College; if you have any questions relating to finding places or people at Queen's, then ask them. They also look after the keys, distribute the mail, and are responsible for the security of the main College site. They can be found at the Lodge at the front of college (High Street entrance) or contacted by calling [01865 279120](tel:01865279120).

## Prelims

Short for 'Preliminary Examinations', Prelims will, for most of you, be the official first exams you take in Oxford. Most Prelims take place in the last couple of weeks of Trinity term, although some subjects, notably Law/Psychology, have them at the end of Hilary; while this is grumble-worthy, it does mean that you get to enjoy the Oxford in the summer while the rest of your friends slave away in the Library. They don't count towards your degree but are definitely worth working hard for!

## Provost

Dr Claire Craig CBE. The head of the College.

## Punting

A traditional Oxford activity mostly undertaken in the summer, effectively a gondola. The JCR organises a punt levy each summer (about £5 per person) to hire out two punts for the entirety of Trinity Term.

# Q

## **Quad**

The Main College site is split into two main quadrangles, or quads: Front Quad and Back Quad. Most of the rooms you'll need to visit in Queen's (Bursary, College Office – not to mention your tutors' rooms) will be in one of the two quads. A room's location is noted in shorthand, e.g., FQ2/3 means Front Quad, staircase 2, room 3.

# S

## **Scouts**

The term for the friendly College cleaners, who help look after the main site and accommodation.

## **Senior Common Room (SCR)**

The equivalent of the MCR for the senior members of College, Fellows and Tutors.

## **Shulman Auditorium**

Opened in 2011, the Shulman Auditorium is a state-of-the-art lecture theatre/music recital space. It is situated to the West of Front Quad, on the other side of the Drawda Garden/the Fellows' Garden.

## **Single Sign-On (SSO) Credentials**

Your SSO username will be 'quee' followed by 4 digits, e.g., quee0000. Details on how to set up your password will be sent by the University.

## **Stash**

This is the name for any branded clothing be it clothes printed with your college crest or sports kit. Everyone loves stash, especially blues stash which people who play university sports often buy.

## **Sub-fusc**

This is a Latin term that refers to Oxford's academic dress. You have to wear Sub-fusc at Matriculation and for all examinations, including vivas (oral examinations). This consists of a dark suit with dark socks, or a dark skirt with black tights, or trousers with dark socks, and an optional dark coat; black shoes; a plain white collared shirt or a plain white blouse;

and either a black tie, white bow tie, or a black ribbon. For more information, please see [ox.ac.uk/students/academic/dress](https://www.ox.ac.uk/students/academic/dress). There are Facebook Groups for second-hand gowns and caps, or you can go to Shepherd and Woodward, Ede and Ravenscroft or the Varsity shop. Make sure you have your sub-fusc sorted before Matriculation!

## Suspension

Suspension, or colloquially called rustication, is a term used to describe when a student temporarily leaves the university and suspends their studies for welfare or health reasons.

# T

## Terms

The Oxford year is structured by the three terms of 8 weeks each. Weeks are referred to by 0 to 8 (e.g., Week 3 of Hilary). The week before term proper starts is called 0th Week (pronounced nought-th week). Michaelmas (pronounced '*mikkle-mus*') is the first term of the academic year; Hilary is the second; and the third and final term is Trinity. The period between the end of Trinity Term and the beginning of the next Oxford year is called the 'Long Vacation'. Exact dates are given on the University website at [ox.ac.uk/about/facts-and-figures/dates-of-term](https://www.ox.ac.uk/about/facts-and-figures/dates-of-term).



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