

THE QUEEN'S
COLLEGE

JCR FRESHER'S HANDBOOK
2022-23



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WELCOME LETTER

Welcome to the Queen's college!

My name's Róisín and I'll be your JCR President for your first year at Queen's. The JCR is a committee at every Oxford college that runs in a similar way to a Student Union but on a collegiate rather than University wide scale.

Before I begin to talk about what to expect for your time at Queen's, I thought it important to say congratulations! Your hard work preparing for interviews and exams has paid off and now very soon you'll be starting a new chapter at Oxford.

I know for myself the idea of starting University (and on top of that, that University being Oxford) seemed slightly daunting and that's why we wanted to make you this pack, not only to answer the important questions like packing, accommodation etc but also hopefully to give you a taste of life at Queen's.

I'd say one of the best aspects of Oxford is the collegiate system, as it really means you feel like you're supported in a way that's hard to offer on a larger scale. On top of that, Queen's is notoriously one of the friendliest colleges at Oxford and from personal experience I can say that definitely holds true. Even on a bad day you always know that you can go into the dining hall for lunch or pop by JCR Tea (which we'll talk more about later) and see a friendly face to brighten your day. Not only that, but the vast amount of sports clubs, societies and social events organised by members of the college means whether you're interested in badminton or live jazz sessions there's something for everyone to feel a part of.

I can imagine too there's one thing that's really pressing on your mind at the moment: Freshers week. I hope that your overall feeling at the end of Fresher's week is that you enjoyed yourself but it's completely normal to feel a bit tired out from it too. Often a lot of pressure is put on Freshers week since it's a week packed with both important information from the University and College as well as social events but I'd say in my opinion the most important thing in Freshers week is to be kind to yourself. You're taking a big step in your life, meeting a lot of new people and taking in a lot of information but remember to take some time for yourself (I can promise that missing a couple social events won't define who you will and won't be friends with). It's also ok to admit if you're feeling overwhelmed, and if you are we have a whole host of people to support you and make you feel at ease, from myself to our welfare reps to our Chaplain, our main priority is to make your transition to university and as smooth as possible and to make sure you feel supported.

Looking beyond Fresher's week I thought I'd also mention something Oxford is fairly notorious for: the workload. First, it's important to remember that you're here for a reason. Your academic and moral tutors will have seen countless students pass through Oxford and I'm certain that the reason they asked you to come study here is because

they have every faith that you'll do well here and ultimately, they're on your side, they want you to succeed. They also appreciate that at times the workload can be a bit intense so if ever you feel like work begins to feel a bit too much I can promise you that if you reach out they'll be more than willing to help you. Every student is assigned a tutor called a moral tutor, and that's someone who if ever you have any issues with your academic work they can be your first port of call, and it's their job to not only be your tutor but offer you moral support where you need it. Saying all this you've also come to Oxford because you clearly love your degree, and so I also say really remember to enjoy the work as there's very few places other than Oxford that offer such an amazing, in-depth learning experience.

Lastly, I'd like to say I'm really looking forward to meeting you all! I'll be around at most events during Freshers week to make sure everything is running smoothly and just so you have a friendly face to chat to. If you have any queries, problems or just fancy a chat I'll pop my email and Facebook below (as well as the link to the Queen's Facebook Group which I'd advise you join asap).

Take care,
Róisín

Email me: roisin.quinn@queens.ox.ac.uk
Facebook: Róisín Quinn
<https://www.facebook.com/roisin.quinn.142/>

Link to College Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/thequeenscollegejcr2022/>



*A picture of Roisin to
put a face to the name*

ACCOMODATION

All college rooms have single beds and come with a duvet and pillow, so don't worry about bringing your own. They also come with a sink, a wardrobe, shelves, chair(s), a coffee table (in most cases), 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 are cleaned for you, so there are definitely benefits either way!

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, Queen's has a big JCR common room for everyone to use with sofas and a TV (which is open 24/7), as well as a JCR kitchen.



A room in Carrodus Quad

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 cleaned once a week by your scout, who will also empty your bins a few times a

week.



A room in Front Quad

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 (vac res) should this be something that you need; you will receive more information about this directly from college, so make sure you check your emails for any important deadlines!

PACKING LIST

This list is here 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
- Clothes horse - the tumble dryers can get expensive!
- 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!
- Scarf/hat/gloves - see above!

Useful Paperwork

- Bank Account Details
- National Insurance Details
- Student Finance Information

- Medical Info. (inc. NHS number)
- Reading list(s) you've been sent by your tutors
- Any vacation assignments you need to hand in!

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, unless you're a choral/organ scholar!
- A mortar board (carried rather than worn)



Our VP Eva in sub fusc

Normally it's bought once you're here 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. If you want to be prepared, though, you can also order your sub fusc online- there can be a bit of a rush at the start of term!



Pictures from Matriculation ⁹⁰⁹¹

FINANCE

All undergraduate rooms are charged at the same rate, regardless of where you're staying; however, some rooms qualify for reduced rent, which you will be notified about if it's something that concerns your room. As of 2022, the total cost for accommodation per term is £1508. This will be charged to your 'batells', a strange Oxford term for invoices/bills, alongside any money that you spend on things throughout the year (such as stash, Freshers' Week events and special formals for example). Your batells will be sent to you via email usually at the beginning of each term with instructions about how they are payable to the college.

You will also need to deposit money into your Queen's account to pay for things like hall meals and drinks in the Beer Cellar, and you will pay for these things either by using something called a [Bod Card](#) or booking onto meals, though usually the booking system is only for diners (don't worry about adding this money now, Queen's will give Freshers a one month period to add this money into their account, until then it'll act the same as an overdraft)

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: travel, books, printing and conference attendance. 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.

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.

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.

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

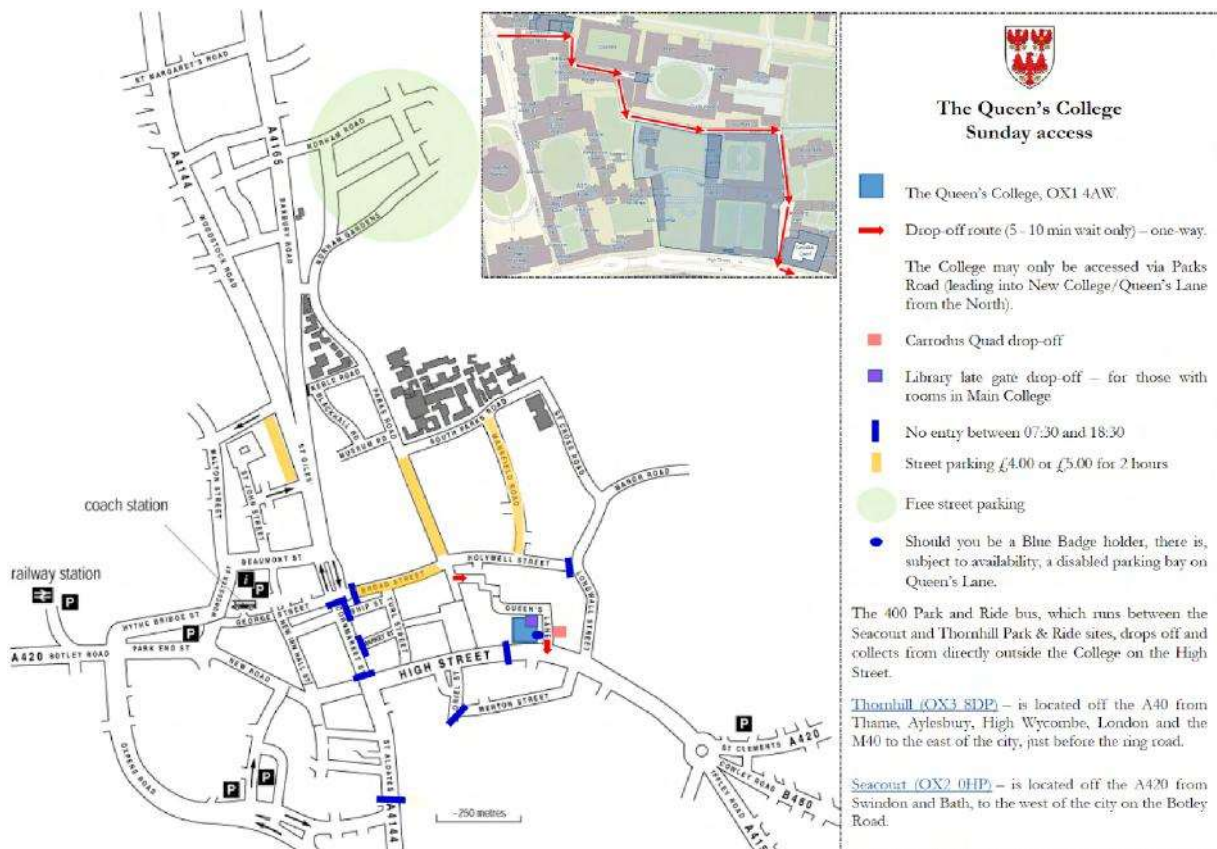
If you are a UK student, or an ROI national living in the UK or Ireland, from a lower-income household studying for your first undergraduate degree (or Graduate Entry Medicine) and are not eligible for, or do not take up, a Crankstart Scholarship you will be eligible to receive an annual non-repayable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

MOVING IN

When it comes to your moving-in day, Queen's is a little bit frustrating because the front entrance on the High Street can only be accessed by buses, and accidentally driving this way will result in a hefty fine. 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 on Queen's Lane to unload.

When you get here, 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 let you know the temporary access code to get into Carrodus Quad. This will later be accessed with your ['Bod' card](#). 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 (there is a car park on St Clement's Street that's a 15 minute walk away!) 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, but there will be plenty of people on hand to help.



the United States.

THE JUNIOR COMMON ROOM (JCR)

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, which we'll discuss in the next section, as well as the famous JCR Tea

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).



Back Quad, where the JCR is located

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)!

THE JCR KITCHEN

As promised: the JCR Kitchen. It may not be the biggest college kitchen, offering a grill 4 hobs and 2 microwaves, as well as a small but mighty nespresso machine along with a stash of JCR supplied nespresso pods, but it hosts an event integral to life at Queen's: JCR Tea (abbreviated to JCRT). JCRT runs every day of the term from 4:00-4:30 in the JCR kitchen, and offers a wide range of snacks from the much sought after Bueno to the deliciously cheesy cheese on toast. Beyond just snacks JCRT is a great place to mix with people you wouldn't usually meet in college and feel like a part of Queen's community. If you fancy earning a bit of extra cash you can also work a JCRT shift during term for £12/hour, though Freshers have to wait till Hilary term to start these shifts.

DINING

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 in at around £1.50 and a proper lunch for less than £3! Brunch is served every Saturday between 10:00 and 11:30, and has been a popular addition since last term! Like weekday lunch, Saturday brunch is paid for via bod card. Sunday lunch requires a sign on by visiting <https://meals.queens.ox.ac.uk> and is a three course roast dinner 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 at midnight 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 and place in front of you, so that the staff are aware when they're serving your food.

THE LIBRARY

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 Freshers' 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*

THE BEER CELLAR



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

The Beer Cellar (or BC for short) is the college bar, located in the basement of FQ 2. It's usually open a few nights a week, serving very cheap drinks (which are paid for via Bod Card, and then added to your termly batells). BC also has its own pool table and darts board, as well as a games machine (featuring thrilling classics like *Are you smarter than a 10 year old?*) and a jukebox. It has also hosted open mic nights with the EMS music society, and is the perfect socialising spot even if you don't drink.

LAUNDRY

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

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 at 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 at 'Summer Eights'

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 decide to come and visit.

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 primarily a funding body for Oxford drama, helping to finance productions all around the city as well as putting on our own shows in the Shulman Auditorium and the gardens.

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, putting on a variety of events throughout the year. They host a termly 5th Week Blues Open Mic Night, an annual summer musical (this year's was *Little Shop of Horrors!*), termly informal concerts, and EMS-Fest in Hilary term, a week-long extravaganza of musical events. EMS has its own weekly A Capella group, orchestra, and jamming group 'off-key', and welcomes musicians with any and every musical interest!

Queen's Chapel Choir

The Choir of The Queen's College, Oxford is among the best college choirs in the University. It consists of choral scholars (singers from Queen's), exhibitioners (singers from other colleges), lay clerks (professionals who sing with the choir) and two organ scholars. The choir sing at three evensong services per week in the beautiful college chapel, which both the public and members of the college can attend. The most popular service is undoubtedly the Christmas carols, and the choir's singing at Christmas dinner is always a highlight. The choir also perform in concerts regularly, and have recently been on a tour to Portugal!

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 ensembles 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, 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). Even if you don't want to audition, you might want their help in putting on your own production, so I'd recommend joining the OUDS Facebook group if you're interested in anything theatrical. If you're more into reviewing than acting, check out the Oxford Theatre Review – www.oxfordtheatrereview.co.uk. VP Eva is heavily involved in OUDS, so feel free to drop her a message if you have any questions about it!

The Oxford Union

Oxford's university-wide debating society is the Oxford Union, not to be confused with OUSU, 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: A\$AP Rocky, Rio Ferdinand, Ian McKellan, Stephen Fry and Anthony Joshua. 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 might be a good idea to wait a bit rather than taking the Freshers' offer, to make sure it's something that you're interested in.

IT

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

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!

Rosanna: rosanna.milner@queens.ox.ac.uk

Saul: saul.clachar-briscoe@queens.ox.ac.uk

Oisin: oisin.byrne@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.

Ailish (Overall Equalities Rep) ailish.gaughan@queens.ox.ac.uk

Poppy & Ice (LGBTQ+) poppy.dorlandt@queens.ox.ac.uk & i-cenay.trim@queens.ox.ac.uk

Holly (Women's) holly.milton-jefferies@queens.ox.ac.uk

Angelica & Soumia (Ethnic Minorities) angelica.kanu@queens.ox.ac.uk & soumia.bouda@queens.ox.ac.uk

Yun & Isabel (International) yun.son@queens.ox.ac.uk & isabel.lee@queens.ox.ac.uk

Elliot (Class and Socioeconomic) elliott.armstrong-reed@queens.ox.ac.uk

Support from College

Sybilla, the Welfare Officer, is employed by the college to be available for welfare support. She can be contacted at welfare.office@queens.ox.ac.uk, and you can make an appointment with her during her office hours to discuss anything welfare related.

Alice, the College Chaplain, is here for everyone, regardless of your religious belief. 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. You can email her at alice.watson@queens.ox.ac.uk.

Junior Deans are graduate students who are appointed to help with all welfare matters. There is one situated in Carrodus Quad, and they are on call 24/7; if you ring the College Lodge on 01865 279120, a member of the decanal team can be sent to your room directly. The Junior Deans can also be contacted by email, at 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, scroll down to current students and click on the Health and Welfare tab to learn more.

To arrange an appointment, call the service on 01865 270300, or email counselling@admin.ox.ac.uk.

Oxford Nightline- a confidential listening service available from 8pm to 8am throughout Oxford term time - 01865 270270, www.oxfordnightline.org.uk, or visit the office at 16 Wellington Square.

OUSU (Oxford Student Union)

Check out their website 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 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.

Sexual Health

Go to Oxfordshire Sexual Health Service's website 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. You can also be reimbursed if you need to purchase the morning after pill, by sending your receipt and name to Rosanna, Oisin or Saul.

THE BODLEIAN LIBRARIES



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 called just 'The Bod'. There's three separate reading rooms including Duke Humphrey's, which is the most picturesque of Oxford libraries, if terribly dim to work in - and yes, they did film Harry Potter here.

The Radcliffe Camera, or 'Rad Cam', is an insta background first, reading room second, and is perhaps the most iconic building in Oxford. Strictly speaking the reading room for History, it's usually packed during term-time with Oxlove hungry undergraduates pretending they're the main character.

The Rad Cam and the Bod are connected underground by The Gladstone Link. Unsurprisingly - given that it's a windowless dungeon built this side of 1900 - it is less popular than most other libraries and far less photogenic than basically any other library in Oxford. However, it's usually quiet, so can be useful for a distraction-free essay grind session, so 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 which hosts a lot of texts for PPE and features group working spaces.



The Bod

CULTURE

The Oxford term can often feel awfully short. With only eight weeks, it can feel like you've barely got here before you're sent back home again, so finding time to go to a museum is usually the last thing on your mind! However, Oxford is home to several museums, so it's worth trying to visit a few of them if you ever have a free afternoon. Don't worry about price - most museums and exhibitions offer free entry with your bod card!

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 the 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.

For Drama, check out the many, many, many student productions that happen each term at a variety of venues through Oxford, from the small Michael Pilch studio on Jowett Walk to the largest amateur theatre venue in Oxford, The Oxford Playhouse. The New Theatre, just off Cornmarket street, also regularly hosts touring productions, and you can often get tickets for just £15.

Whilst Oxford might be dominated by an abundance of choral music, it definitely does not 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

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 decent-sized Tesco (with an infamous Tescalator) 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

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 – Jazzi 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 Fret, 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 or Best Kebab Van, our local food trucks and an essential for post-night out chips.

PUBS

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

Although Oxford has a bit of a reputation for its lack of social life, this really isn’t true. Though the clubs might not be the best in the world, there’s many a great night to be had in any of them - and they’re all within walking distance of Queen’s, so you never have to worry too much about how you’re going to get home.

First and foremost, Hank’s is considered the local college haunt. Somewhere in between a bar and a club, it has often been the first port of call after any bop, college crew date or subject dinner - to quote our JCR President from 2021-2022, ‘attendance is mandatory’.



VP Eva on the ‘cheese floor’ in Atik

Tuesdays sees the weekly LGBTQ+ at the Plush Lounge off Cornmarket Street, named appropriately, Tuesgays. The Bullingdon Club (affectionately nicknamed 'Bully') also has Fluorescent Adolescent club nights on a Tuesday which, despite sometimes being a bit raucous, always have great music if you're an indie/britpop lover. 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 on Cowley Road also offers monthly themed and special club nights, including a silent disco.



Meeting The Beast from The Chase in Atik (I'm not sure why he was there either...)

CREWDATES

A Crewdate is an Oxford tradition usually for the purpose of mixing with people you wouldn't usually meet. They're typically held at either Temple Lounge, Ahmeds or Angrid's Thai. We thought we'd give you a brief guide to them here as usually there's a full Queen's crewdate at the beginning of term for mixing with other people in your subject, called 'Subject Settlers.'

Cost:

- £15 (cash): this will cover food, fees for bringing your own drink and the cost of cleaning up afterwards, as they can get quite messy

What to bring:

- 1) *Your own drink*: Whether that be a mixer and spirit (we recommend premixing it quite weakly), beer, wine or a soft drink of your choice, you'll need a drink with you to participate in the games at the Crewdate. Also, remember you don't have to drink if you don't want to, so don't feel any pressure to bring something alcoholic. If you feel nervous bringing something non-alcoholic, we really recommend *M&S alcohol free wine*, it's only £3, very discrete and one of the nicest alcohol free alternatives.
- 2) *Easily removable shoes*: Especially shoes you don't particularly like. We'll explain this more later
- 3) *Pennies*: look at the next section

Crewdate terms and games:

- 1) *Pennyng*: At a crewdate, you'll be drinking out of a plastic cup provided by the restaurant. A common game that people tend to play is throwing coins into each other's cups. If your cup is caught in the penny throwing, you usually finish your drink; for this reason we suggest not filling your cup too much
- 2) *Shoeing*: This is where the easily removable shoes come in. Another common crewdate game involves one person putting a shoe on their head at any time,

which means that everyone else has to do the same. The last person to put a shoe on their head has to 'do a shoe', meaning drink out of their shoe. For this, we'd say either pick shoes you don't like, or ones you can easily clean. However, if you wear an easily removable shoe, it's very unlikely you'll have to do one of these!

- 0) *Sconcing*: Not everyone participates in this part of crewdates but we thought you should be aware of it. If someone has a story about one of their friends they think is particularly funny, they can stand up and say: '*I sconce anyone whose done x*' (x being that story), and the person who they are referring to usually has to take a sip of their drink. It's similar to never have I ever.
- 1) *Earthquake*: In this if one person gets under the table then everyone has to get under the table, and the last person to do so has to 'do a shoe'

It's important to remember with all of this, though, that **if you don't feel comfortable doing any of these things, you don't have to**. A crewdate is mostly just for mixing and meeting new people (they're particularly common between different sports teams). They can be very enjoyable, and offer a great way to meet people outside of your college.

FURTHER AFIELD

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. Booking a punt is easy, and it's a great activity to get out of the library and while away a summer's afternoon. But it's definitely harder than it looks - as these pictures of VP Eva getting stuck in a tree demonstrate...



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, but Port Meadow is particularly great for a swim and a picnic in the summer! Additionally, all Oxford students can get into the Botanical Gardens (just before Magdalen Bridge on the High Street- a short walk from college) for

free. I (Eva) would definitely recommend making use of this - I didn't realise I could until right at the end of Trinity term, and it's a perfect quiet spot to study or socialise!



Christ Church Meadow by sunset

THE JCR COMMITTEE

President: Róisín Quinn



Hey! I'm Róisín (pronounced Ro-sheen) (she/her), I'm a third year Classicist 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. If you ever need to chat about life in college or are a classicist in need of advice you can definitely find me in the JCR kitchen at 4pm for JCRT or sat by the big window looking out on the Provost's garden in the lower library. I look forward to meeting you all and do send me an email if you have any concerns beforehand.

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Vice-President: Eva Bailey

Hi, I'm Eva (she/her) and I'm the current JCR Vice President! I'm a second year English and French student, and I like to try and do as many different things as humanly possible, so I'm usually somewhere in college if you ever want a chat. My role is to run student elections every term, organise the room ballot for everyone who isn't a fresher, represent the JCR in termly meetings with college staff, and organise sports and matriculation photos. You'll probably get to know who I am pretty quickly because I'll be sending you lots of emails (apologies in advance!). I'm heavily involved in EMS and Oxford drama (OUDS), so if you have any questions about juggling music and drama alongside your degree, feel free to drop me a message on Facebook (Eva Bailey) or Instagram (@eva.bailey24)! I'm also happy to answer any questions about confusing Oxford jargon or just life as a Fresher in general. I'm so excited to meet you all in October!! :)



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Social Secretaries: Louis Simms and Charlie Rowan Hamilton



As opposed to our loud-mouthed Entz reps, we, Charlie Rowan Hamilton (he/him, cuddlee) and Louis Simms (he/him, cuddler), are the ones who will actually be doing something next year. As your Social Secretaries, our job is to oversee anything and everything socialising related from college bops to Beer Cellar pub quizzes - running your college social lives. As second year historians we have little better to do than to ensure every event will meet the dizzyingly-high standards of The Queen's college Oxford. Ultimately, you freshers are going to love meeting our college community and we are going to do whatever we can to facilitate that process. Hugs not included.

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Treasurer: Dan Kelly

Hello! I'm Dan (he/him), and I'm a second-year maths student, although I try not to let that get me down. I will be your JCR treasurer for the coming year which means I take responsibility for distributing the funding that the JCR gets from college, and for communicating these decisions to you all. Mostly, that means making sure that your wonderful committee reps have the money they need to make your first year as enjoyable as possible. But, if you have an event or project during the year for which you need funding, do get in touch and the JCR may be able to provide some support. At the least, you will be able to motion for some money in one of our general meetings. Equally, I'm happy to answer any non-financial questions about the JCR or college life in general! You can reach me by email (below), or just add me on Facebook (Dan Kelly). Look forward to meeting you all in October!



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Secretary: Will Davis



Hello there, I'm Will, the current secretary of the JCR. For my sins, I'm also a second year doing Ancient and Modern History so I have all the energy and, most importantly, free time of a humanities keen bean to bring to the position. My job revolves around admin and communication, which unfortunately means I'll be living in your inboxes rent

free. I take the minutes of JCR meetings

and distribute them to the JCR and I'll also be running a weekly bulletin for all the things happening within college, and they are legion. If you have any notices you want to add to the bulletin or questions about Queen's and the JCR as a whole don't hesitate to drop me a message on Facebook (William Davis) or email me. Have an amazing summer, it'll be great to see you all come Michaelmas. And as always, Teddy's delenda est.

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Welfare Reps: Rosanna Milner, Oisin Byrne and Saul Clachar-Briscoe



Hi I'm Rosanna (she/her) and I'm one of the 3 JCR welfare reps! My role is basically to be a friendly face around college, who you can come to about any and all issues. As a welfare team, we also organise fun events to keep everyone happy and healthy, particularly in Welfare Week to combat the infamous Oxford '5th week blues'. I'm a second year music student and EMS (music society) president so please get in touch if music is your thing!! I'm also involved in college sports and societies so ask away about college related things! My DMs (@rosannamilner_) are open for any worries or queries you might have over summer. Looking forward to meeting you all! :))

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Hi, I'm Oisin (he/him), a second year English and Spanish student, and I'll be one of your 3 welfare reps for next year! (I have literally no photos by myself, so here's me on the left with our esteemed VP). Us welfare reps have various jobs, such as organising events throughout term (and particularly during the dreaded stagnation point of 5th week) in order to help you de-stress and have fun. But perhaps our most important role is to be a team of people around college you can talk to about anything, virtually or in person, so that we can either help you work through your issues, or point you in the right direction by informing you about college/uni-wide resources which might help. If you have any questions, feel free to message me on Instagram ([_oisin_byrne](#)) or Facebook, and I look forward to meeting you all in Fresher's Week!



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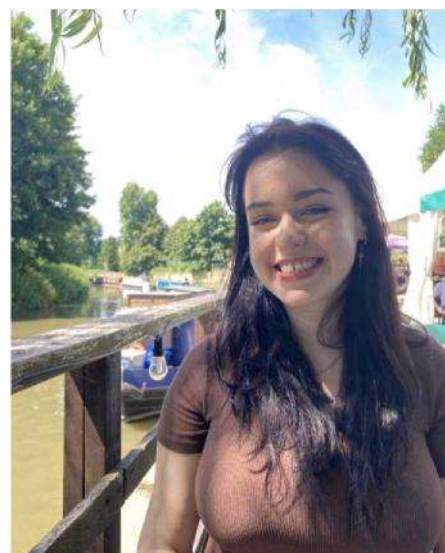
Hello! My name is Saul (he / him) and I'm a second year biologist. As part of the trio that is the welfare team, it's my role to be an approachable figure to come to regarding any issues you might be facing during your stay in college. It's also my job to direct you to any resources that could support you in times of need, as figuring out what steps to take in seeking help can be a daunting process. As a welfare team, we work to put on events in college, mostly during the notorious 5th week of term. When I'm not patrolling the Queen's College library pretending to work, you'll mostly find me trying out some of the sports the

university has to offer. You can reach me on instagram (@saulbriscoe) or shoot me an email with any questions or concerns you might have. Congrats and looking forward to meeting you!

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Access & Outreach Rep: Alicja Kwiecinska

Hello! I'm Alicja (she/her) and I am a second-year medic. I am the Access and Outreach representative for this year! My role involves sourcing volunteers for outreach events around the college and helping with interviews. I really hope to improve diversity at Queen's through my work and make it more accessible to potential students. You can always find me in the library where I will be looking very busy but be actually procrastinating my work. If you have any questions or ideas about A&O (or in general anything about Queen's) I'd love to have a chat about it! You can message me on Instagram (@therealalicja) or on FB. Congratulations on getting in, have a lovely summer and see you at Queen's!



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Equalities Rep: Ailish Gaughan



Hey, I'm Ailish (she/her) and I'm a second year History student. I'm your Equalities Rep this year, which means I'll be working with the Equalities committee who you'll be introduced to below (: My job is to ensure all students feel that Queens is actively a place they feel safe, respected and supported. You'll be seeing lots of Equalities events in Freshers Week, including Anti-Racism workshops, consent workshops, and also teas and brunches for you to get to know more friendly faces around college. These will also be followed by lots more events we hope to organise throughout the year! I'm happy to help with any questions, queries or thoughts you might have about Equalities, Queens, or just to chat, and you can find me on Instagram (@ailish.gaughan) or Facebook . Otherwise you'll likely find me

consuming caffeine somewhere in Oxford, avoiding essays at the boathouse, or maybe even in a library? Looking forward to meeting you all soon! See you in October x

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Chair: Harry Brook



Hi everyone, I'm Harry (he/him) and I'm a second year HENGuin (which means I study History and English and also have no self respect), and I will be your JCR chair for Michaelmas term. I will lead our fortnightly meetings in the JCR in a constitutional, democratic, fair, respectful and entertaining way. I have attached the only photo I have of me in a chair. I hope I'll help to make the JCR and JCR meetings a safe and inclusive space, and we'll keep them lighthearted and fun as well; it's (usually) not that deep. I look forward to meeting you all at a JCR meeting or two.

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Entertainment (Entz) Reps: Anna Vines and Eve Scollay

Hello hello fabulous freshers! We, Eve (History and Politics, she/her; right) and Anna (German and Linguistics, she/her; left), have the essential job of organising events better than any other college (we assure you it won't be a challenge for us) and making sure you are having your best EVER Michaelmas term at Oxford (also categorically not a challenge as it is your first). Most importantly, we are two pairs of ears for your suggestions. If you're just DYING for a theme or particular event, let us know!! We want to please the people. Do note that we are also far more fun, charismatic and modest than Charlie and Louis though they will try to charm you in their own unique ways. Can't wait to meet you all in October!



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Food Reps: Cameron Hutchinson and Ellen Laker

Hello Freshers! We, Cameron (History, He/ Him) and Ellen (Biomedical Sciences, She/ Her) are your Food Reps. We are the main point of contact between the Dining hall and undergraduates. We are more than happy to answer and resolve any issues or queries that may arise regarding food, whether that be diet related, allergy related or just a simple question. We also organise JCR Tea and encourage as many of you as possible to come along; it is a great way to meet other students in different years and will provide you with a much needed break from your studies. We will look forward to meeting you all at the Fresher's BBQ!

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ellen.laker@queens.ox.ac.uk **Charities Rep: Hannah Davie**



Hi! I'm Hannah (she/her), and I'm a second year Philosophy & French student. My job is to fund-raise for charity through social events, advertise anything that's happening with charity locally, and run a poll at the end of each term asking students which charity they'd like the charity budget to. I will be running in-college events and promoting local events anyway, but if there's a particular charity you'd like to help out, or a particular message you want to get out there, feel free to email me/message me on Facebook and we can try to arrange something. One love



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Sports & Stash Rep: Dan Gunn

Hi everyone, I'm Dan (he/him) and I'm a third year Biomedical Sciences student. My role within the JCR involves organising orders for Queen's branded stash and sports clothing. I am also copresident of QCAFC so feel free to come to me with any sport/football related questions/queries.

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Arts Rep: Angus Wood

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Recreational Rep: Gionata Vernice



Hiya! I'm Gionata (he/him), and I'm a third year Chemistry student. I will be, with great honour, your Recreational Rep for this year! My job is making sure the JCR has the right sort of recreational equipment such as the newly bought PS5 (or for the old school gamers, the Wii), board games, decorative eagles to rep Queens (see pic above). Lastly, as a fairly active JCR member, I like to make sure the JCR motion budget is rinsed enough by the end of term. If you have any queries/any suggestions on what stuff to buy next for the JCR don't be afraid to slide into my DMs :) Fatah,(IG: gionata.vernice)

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Environment & Ethics Rep: Dan Bowen



Hi everyone, I'm Dan (he/him)! I'm moving into my 3rd year of Biology here at Oxford, and I am the Environment and Ethics rep! This means I attend the college's carbon, garden and sustainable food committee meetings, talk to college staff about how we can reduce emissions and improve biodiversity at the college, and am involved with a few other societies outside of college too. As well as being involved within the university and college, I also love to get out around the parks and meadows with my camera and do a bit of photography! Any environmental questions or suggestions, please do get in contact!

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Academic Rep: Zoe Edwards



Hi! I'm Zoe Edwards (she/her/hers); I am a second-year PPEist and your Academic and Careers Representative. I'm from the US and I am also involved with the economics UJCC, which is the student outreach and feedback mechanism for the economics department at Oxford. I'll be helping to organize academic induction sessions and academic feedback sessions throughout the year. I'm always available if you have any questions about academics, are having academic difficulties, or just need some advice or a chat. Feel free to reach out to me at my email, my instagram (zoe.i.e), or on facebook. I can't wait to meet

you all—congrats on getting in and have an amazing summer!

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Webmasters: Evie Rosette and Niamh Ward

Hi everyone, we're Evie (left, she/her) - third year Biomedical Sciences - and Niamh (right, she/her) - third year English. We're your webmasters for this year! Our goal is to revive the JCR website and make it a usable alternative to Facebook and emails as we know it's not fun to be spammed with loads of emails. Make sure to follow the JCR Instagram page as well (@thequeenscollegejcr :) Unlike lots of other members of the committee, most of our work will be behind the scenes but we are always available if you have any questions or need someone to talk to - subject or internet related or not. You can email us or reach out on facebook or instagram (@evie.rosette, @niamhward_x). We look forward to seeing you in October but for now enjoy the rest of your summer!



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Internationals Students Reps: Isabel Lee and Yun Son



Hi freshers, we, Isabel (left - she/her, 2nd year PPEist) and Yun (right - she/her, 2nd year classicist) are your international welfare reps! Our role is to make all internationals feel at home at Queen's, make sure everyone settles in smoothly & to be a friendly face! Get ready for lots of picnics, events collaborating with other international reps to get to know other internationals outside Queen's and dinner sessions at Za'atar Bake. If you have any questions at all message us on FB/ instagram! (@isabel.lee or @yunxson). Please have a restful summer to get ready for an eventful Michaelmas!!!

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International Outreach Rep: Faith Leong

I'm Faith, your international outreach rep! I'm also involved in the Singaporean community in Oxford and work on access opportunities in many capacities. I'm a second year history student, and am mostly found procrastinating and probably drinking tea. I enjoy dance, golf and travelling, and do all of the above extremely chaotically. Moving to Oxford and settling into uni was definitely a challenge for me, so drop me a message at @fabulousfullstop on instagram anytime, and I'd be happy to help in any way I can!



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Women's Rep: Holly Milton-Jefferies



Hey, I'm Holly (she/her) and I'm a second year English and French student alongside our lovely vice pres ! I'm your women's rep for this year, which is another role that makes up the equalities committee, dedicated to making Queen's as inclusive as possible. My job is to represent all those who identify as women in college, and act as a port of call and a friendly face that you can come to if you have any specific concerns. I'm hoping to organise events raising awareness about women's issues and keeping you up to date with anything relevant going on around Oxford.

I'm also in contact with the Queen's Women's Network, a group of past members of the college who offer career support to all Queen's students. I'm really happy to answer any questions or have a chat so feel free to add me on Facebook or Instagram (@h0llymj) ! Looking forward to seeing you lovely lot around college, but for now have a great rest of your summer, you've earned it :))

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Class & Socioeconomic Rep: Elliot Armstong-Reed

Hey, I'm Elliot (he/him) and I'm the current Class and Socioeconomic Rep! I'm a second year History and Spanish student, so you'll usually find me wandering aimlessly around college when I should really be in the library. I'm part of the Equalities Committee, which means I'm involved in making sure Queen's is as welcoming, friendly and inclusive as possible, and in particular for those who are worried that their socioeconomic situation or the class they identify with

might affect their experience here. I'll be around to offer friendly advice, point you in the right direction if you need support, and hopefully dispel any negative stereotypes about

Oxford in the process! It goes without saying that coming to Oxford can be daunting, so please don't hesitate to drop me a message (@elliotlluke on Instagram, or just my full name on Facebook) if you have any questions or concerns, whether they be JCR-specific, History/Spanish related, or just about uni in general :) Can't wait to meet you all in October and in the meantime enjoy your summer!



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LGBTQ+ Reps: I-Cenay Trim and

Poppy Dorlandt



Hi! We're Poppy (she/they, left), a second-year medic, and I-Cenay/Ice (she/her, right), a second year classicist, and we're your LGBTQ+ reps! When Poppy isn't antagonising over their choice of degree, she can be found in the BC and around college for anything from

a friendly face to wave at awkwardly to someone to get a Sex

on the Quad with, and when Ice isn't finding ways to make her degree even gayer she'll probably be doing laps around college looking for someone to procrastinate with.

Our roles are to help create an open and accepting environment within college – it is vital that everyone in our community, no matter gender or sexuality, is able to express themselves freely, voluntarily and without discrimination, and to discover themselves as well as their new environment. We hope to achieve this through social events throughout the year as well as educational events such as talks/seminars – we'd love to bring queer history into college for everyone, including allies, to attend. For a little insight, in Trinity we

hosted LGBTQ+ welfare snacks and chats, a Eurovision watch party and an LGBTQ+ crewdate with St Johns and St Peters! We'll always be available and happy to chat about anything, LGBTQ+ related or otherwise, so you can always drop either of us a message on Facebook (Poppy Dorlandt, I-Cenay Trim), Instagram (@xp.oppyx and @_theycallmeice) or via our emails! We look forward to meeting you all very soon! Enjoy summer :)

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Ethnic Minorities Reps: Angelica Kanu and Soumia Bouda



Hey Freshers, we, Soumia (2nd year law) and Geli (2nd year chemist), are your EM reps! Our role is to support, encourage and promote diversity within Queen's; whether through meetings with the provost (head of college) or through events. We have so many ideas for events and linkups so make sure to watch this space! For now make sure to join all the relevant facebook groups and make sure you are looking out for the confluence dinner which is to take place in 3rd week of Michaelmas which is going to be a great opportunity to have a formal and meet new people (after all, it's how we met). If you have any questions you can message us on fb or instagram (___soumia) (gelikanu). Enjoy summer and we can't wait to meet you <3

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Trans Rep: Ruskin Harding

Hi, I'm Ruskin (any pronouns), I'm the trans rep for both Queen's and the university-wide LGBTQ+ Society, as well as ace/aro rep on the Student Union's LGBTQ+ Campaign. I'm in fourth year (very intimidating) and study Japanese. You can message me to find out about community events or to apply for Queen's' gender expression fund, which can partially reimburse transition-related costs such as binders or laser hair removal.

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Keeper of the Bees, Boars and Eagles: Mikolaj Marszalkowski



Hi everyone! My name is Mikolaj (he/him) and I'm a second year Biology student. Frankly, I'm honoured to be included in this since my position largely does very little and has a history of being a bit of a ceremonial/joke one. Officially, there's not much the Keeper of the Bees, Boars and Eagles has to do, except document every eagle sighting on Queen's grounds. Apart from that, the other people on this list have far more important jobs and I would recommend going to them with specific issues! I'd like to try and boost the biodiversity in the college and to help JCR members be aware of conservation and wildlife-related stuff going on around Oxford. Other than that, I'm always up for answering any questions or going for a drink. Feel free to add me on instagram

@mikolaj.marszalkowski or email me (below). Don't be afraid to get in touch if you have any worries before term starts, and I'm more than happy to answer questions relating to general Oxford, university, Biology, LGBT+ issues (though see above for our fantastic LGBT+ reps) or anything you might be worried about! Looking forward to meeting everyone in October. :)

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Student Union Rep: Luke Mitchell

Hello! I'm Luke (he/him) and I'm a second year music student, and the SU rep. I described the role in my hustings speech as being like Toby in the Office, that is to say powerless and inexplicably on the fringe. A more positive leaning is that I have a more advisory role, and mainly my role is to present the work the SU does to the JCR, and perhaps more importantly articulate the JCR's concerns to the SU where they can be of assistance, or where the JCR isn't happy with how the SU is functioning - this could be deciphering the SU meeting votes to show a point where Queen's students could significantly affect the running/structure of the SU in a vote. Often there isn't much to say so I make rambling addresses about Ancient

History. I'm also one of the two college organ scholars, and spend a lot of my time avoiding this responsibility with conducting/playing/trouser buying beyond Queen's. I

also have an approachable window in Back Quad 1/2 and will happily spend yet more of my time talking to anyone who happens to hover there.

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A GUIDE TO OXFORD JARGON

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 and other miscellaneous items. 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).

Beer Cellar (BC)

The College-run bar. The beer cellar is generally open every Monday to Saturday from 7-11.30pm during term time. The subsidised alcohol prices make it a very popular post-dinner or pre-club destination. Even if you don't want to drink, the pool table, pub quiz machine, juke box and darts board still make the Beer Cellar a desirable socialising 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 a 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 Carrodus, 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 to get your hands on a cheaper 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 - Oxford does have a record for bike theft.

The Bodleian or Bod

The University Library System - see the section on Bodleian Libraries for more information.

Bod Card

Your Oxford University ID and library card. This card is used for getting into libraries, colleges, and annex accommodation, and is also your way of paying for food, and buying drinks in BC. You'll collect your Bod Card at some point during Freshers' Week. 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 at the cost of £15.

BOP

BOP stands for Big Organised Party, and a bop is a free college party organised by the entz team. They're usually in BC, and will often have a fancy-dress theme - think dress as your type, British Icons, Disney characters!

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 currently second year accommodation.

Carnation

It is traditional in Oxford for students taking exams to wear carnations, which are typically purchased by your college parents (more on that in a bit!). White is worn for the first exam, pink is worn for the exams in the middle, and a red flower is worn for the last exam.

Carrodus Quad

Carrodus Quad is located on the corner of Queen's Lane and High Street. It is currently used as First Year accommodation, and is home to the free college gym (see 'Sport and Fitness'), a large music practice room that you can book out, and a small teaching room. It also has a bike rack, so makes a good place to lock up your bike off the street.

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 (on a Wednesday, Friday and Sunday), as well as a small service of Holy Communion on Sunday morning. Please get in touch with the Chaplain or the Chapel Clerk (currently Conor Boyle: conor.boyle@queens.ox.ac.uk) 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 Alice Watson. The Chaplain is part of the welfare team and is available to talk to any member of the College, regardless of faith, background or beliefs. All freshers have scheduled (optional!) 5-minute meetings with her in Fresher's week, which is a lovely chance to have a chat and get things off your chest. 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!

The Chapel is also where rehearsals take place for the college orchestra and A Capella group, run by the Eglesfield Music Society. It's also hosted the termly EMS concerts, and makes for a beautiful venue with an informal vibe!

Collections

Mock university examinations set by your tutors at the beginning of each term. These are normally done in Hall, or other rooms around college. They don't count at all (but you can get some monetary reward if you do well in them) and are only there for your tutors to check your progress, and for you to get some exam practice in before you sit your Prelim exams at the end of the year.

College parents

Your college parents are two (or more!) people in second year who got college 'married' during their first year (this really doesn't mean anything, but it's a fun excuse to solidify a friendship!). 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, so don't be afraid to ask them questions! When you have Prelims (first-year exams), your parents are the ones who get you your carnations.

Crewdates

Mixer dinners, often between different sports teams, which involve various games and icebreaker activities. See our section on Crewdates for more.

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).

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.

E

Entz

Short for 'Entertainment'. The Entz team comprises two Social Secretaries (elected annually) and two Entz reps (elected termly). They're responsible for organising college bops and the End of Term Event, or EOTE. They are also the brains behind a lot of your Freshers' Week events!

Exec

Short for JCR Executive Committee. See the section entitled 'Junior Common Room' for more information!

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 an inexpensive three course meal. Every JCR member is allowed to bring up to three guests, so it's a perfect occasion to show your family and friends the best of Queen's food! Dress up smart and bring your own wine (if you want to drink). You can sign up online at midnight on the Friday night of a week before (see: 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, it has also hosted several college events throughout the year.

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 black gown. If you're asked to wear it, this doesn't mean full subfusc - just the gown over your normal clothes is fine!

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. You will need to complete an induction before you can use the gym. It's not massive, but it's definitely very functional, and it's completely free.

H

Hall

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

The table where the Fellows sit for the second sitting of dinner. It's located along the back wall of the dining hall.

Hilary

The second term of the academic year, from January to March.

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? JCR Tea offers a perfect study and snack break, as well as a chance to socialise with other members of college.

L

Late Gate(s)

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 gates. There's one located in the back-left corner of Back Quad, leading onto Queen's lane, and another on the High Street just past college, leading through to Drawda Garden. Each of these gates can be accessed by tapping your Bod card on the key pad.

M

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 the ceremony is accompanied by individual and group photographs taken in college.

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](#); alternatively, [112](#) can be called, which gives the operator your location.

Michaelmas

The first term in the academic year, from October to December.

Middle Common Room or MCR (FQ 6)

The equivalent of the JCR for postgraduates.

Music Practice Rooms (BQ 3 and Carrodus Quad)

The Music Practice Rooms are available for any students to use, and they're equipped with a piano and music stands. There is an online booking form which will be emailed to you during Freshers' Week. After booking, you'll need to collect the key from the Porter's Lodge, and return it at the end of your session. The College also has a grand piano and a harpsichord in the Chapel. Permission is required to use these, which can be obtained from Professor Owen Rees (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 using a typical 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 often 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 (often called the OTR for short) is an extension of the JCR. It's open 24/7, and has comfy sofas, making it a nice alternative study spot to the library - particularly if you want to work with other people! The OTR can also 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.

OUCS (IT Services)

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

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 Students 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 Student's Union Rep in the JCR committee (currently Luke Mitchell) acts as a go-between for JCR members and the Students Union, and any important information will be relayed in JCR 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 sings 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 it 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 when coming in through the main doors - but the Lodge is soon to be refurbished, so it might look a little different when you arrive! 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, ask them. They also look after the keys, distribute the mail, and are responsible for the security of the main College site. This also means looking after you, the students: the Porters can call you a taxi free of charge if you're struggling to get back to college after a night out, for example, and there's always a Porter on duty through the night if you have any issues. 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 first official 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 - think of them as a way of getting used to University exams before you move on to the rest of your degree.

Provost

Dr Claire Craig CBE. The head of the College.

Punting

A traditional Oxford activity mostly undertaken in the summer; effectively a gondola, which is moved by pushing a big metal pole along the bottom of the river. The JCR organises a punt levy each summer (about £5 per person) to hire out two punts for the entirety of Trinity Term, which can be booked out at your leisure.

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. Your scout will empty your bins for you, and will clean your room once a week. Students often get their scouts a little thank you gift at the end of term.

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, and can be accessed via the Drawda 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. Make sure you remember your password - you'll probably end up needing to log in to your email/other University systems every day.

SOLO

SOLO stands for Search Oxford Libraries Online, and is the online catalogue of every library book available in Oxford. If you're searching for a specific book, SOLO will tell you which library you need to visit to find it. There are also some books and resources that have been made available online, and these can also be accessed through SOLO. Your SOLO login will be your SSO details.

Stash

This is the name for any branded clothing ordered through the College or University. It includes things like hoodies/sweatshirts printed with the college crest, the infamous college puffer jacket, tote bags and sports kit. Keep an eye on your emails for stash order deadlines.

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. There are Facebook Groups for secondhand 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 is a term used to describe when a student temporarily leaves the university and suspends their studies for welfare or health reasons. (To avoid confusion: the term 'rustication' is strictly a financial term, used to describe when a student is forced to leave College because they have not paid their batells.)

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. Exact dates are given on the University website, and can be found here: ox.ac.uk/about/facts-and-figures/dates-of-term.

Trinity

The third and final term of the Oxford academic year, from April to June, and typically when exams take place.

V

Vacation

The periods between terms, often shortened to just 'vac'. The period between Michaelmas and Hilary is termed the Christmas vac, the period between Hilary and

Trinity is termed the Easter vac, and the period between the end of Trinity Term and the beginning of the next Oxford year is called the 'Long Vacation'.

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