First of all, on behalf of the entire JCR Committee, I would like to extend huge congratulations to all of you for meeting your offer! The JCR Committee and I are extremely excited to meet you, and I hope that you are just as excited to come up to Oxford. My name is Maninder, although most people call me Mani, I’m a second year studying Computer Science and Philosophy and I’m going to be your JCR President for this academic year. The ‘JCR’, or 'Junior Common Room', is a term used to describe both the physical room in college where we have weekly JCR meetings, welfare teas, FIFA matches etc. as well as the body of undergraduates in college, including everyone from finalists to you! Meetings in the JCR are an open space for anyone to raise any concerns and discuss motions regarding the way the College and JCR are run. Everyone is welcome and there is always free pizza!

In my role as JCR President, it is my, alongside the rest of the committee’s, job to make sure that concerns raised in meetings and discussions are materialised and that any results from such interactions are implemented and raised to college committees and the governing body. This includes everything from rent prices to anything concerning academic or non-academic factors of your life at Univ. It is also my job to ensure that all other committee members are doing their job to make your
experience at Univ is the best that it can be! Most importantly, and of most immediate concern to you, I will be organising your Welcome Week with the Welcome Week committee to make sure that you have lots to do and that your transition to Univ is as smooth and hassle-free as it is enjoyable.

Don’t hesitate to email me at maninderbir.sachdeva@univ.ox.ac.uk or drop me a message on Facebook with any concerns that you may have. I will be available before you come up as well as throughout the year to answer any questions that you may have, or point you in the direction of some else who can. Also, I would recommend that you join the JCR Facebook page called ‘Univ JCR 2017-2018’.

Vice-President and Treasurer
Gabriel Levie

Well done on meeting your offer; welcome to Univ! I’m Gabriel, and I’m from Belgium. I am a second year PPE student and VP/Treasurer for next year, which involves responsibility for the JCR budget.

The budget is given from College to the student body to spend on all sorts: UNIV sports teams, societies, charities, plays etc. which are all organised and led by students. Come with your ideas on how best to spend it, and I shall help out! I also help allocate the funding for student hardship and the Blues Fund (University-level sports).
As VP, I'll also be helping Mani to represent your views in meetings with College's governing body. Looking forward to seeing you all in October! If you have any questions in the meantime, drop me a line at gabriel.levie@univ.ox.ac.uk

Vice-President and JCR Affairs
Jessie Smith

Congratulations and welcome to Univ! I'm Jessie and I'm a second year English student. I will be one of the JCR Vice Presidents and secretary for this year so I'm here to help make sure the JCR runs effectively.

I'm responsible for preparing the agenda and circulating the minutes of the JCR meetings, which happen every other Sunday. All members of the JCR are encouraged to come along these meetings - we provide democratic ideals and pizza!

Drop me an email at jessica.smith@univ.ox.ac.uk if you want to see something discussed about the college. You'll also receive a weekly newsletter from me with information on events and opportunities taking place in Univ and throughout Oxford. I'll be working towards making the JCR as accessible and effective as possible, so feel free to send me an email with any questions or ideas you might have!
Welfare Officers
Flo Barker and Rob Marsh

Hello, we’re Rob and Flo and we’re your JCR welfare reps for this academic year. Our job is to make your time here as happy and healthy as possible, and to ensure that all the correct provisions are in place should you need any support along the way. Within Univ there is a great network of students and staff appointed to support you - check out the welfare booklet for details on the schemes and individuals who are here to help. Welfare at Univ offers everything from condoms to cake!

Throughout the year we will be running regular events where you can take a break and relax, look out for emails and Facebook posts about these.

We can be contacted at any time via email at robert.marsh@univ.ox.ac.uk or florence.barker@univ.ox.ac.uk with any concerns that you might have. Whilst we don’t know the answer to everything, we will be able to point you in the right direction of people who do!
Charities and Communities reps
Lowenna Ovens and Malin Hay

Hi! We’re Malin and Lowenna and we’re this year’s Charities and Communities Reps. We organise all things fundraising at Univ, and co-ordinate with RAG (‘Raise and Give’), the Oxford-wide charities organisation, which puts on lots of exciting events every year. In addition, we’ll be organising some charities events in college to raise money. We’ll be advertising at the start of term, so keep your eyes peeled if charity is something you’d like to be involved with!

Entz reps
Kitty Hatchley and Ollie Matthews

Hi we’re Kitty and Ollie, your entz reps for this year - we're two fun loving people whose mission is to ensure you have a fun time! We'll be selling club tickets during
freshers week and organising bops throughout the year - the centre of every univites social calendar. Whether you prefer clubbing, chilling in college or movie nights, it's our job to make sure everyone's needs are catered for.

Academic Affairs Officer
Ben Watcham

Hello and congratulations on making it to Univ! I'm Ben, a second year medic, and I'll be your Academic Affairs Officer for this year.

Whilst it might seem daunting coming to study at Oxford, I can assure you that you will receive plenty of support whilst here to help you in coping with your workload. I'll be here throughout the year to deal with any concerns you have regarding your studies or your tutors, and will be reachable at my email address benjamin.watcham@univ.ox.ac.uk to deal with any academic worries or questions you have before arriving at university.

As well as being on hand to deal with any academic issues and queries you have throughout the year, I will be available for advice on subject changes, special exam requirements etc. I will also be holding feedback sessions for every subject in Hilary term, where you can have the chance to voice your opinions on the way your course is run at Univ, and get your views passed on to the Senior Tutor.
Hi I’m Conrad, and I’ll be your IT Officer for the coming academic year.

Whether you would consider yourself tech savvy or not, starting university can present a number of technical challenges that you could really do without when your main concern is getting used to your new environment, adjusting your routine to suit your workload, and meeting lots of new people. It’s my job to make sure that this transition works smoothly, and to ensure that the college meets your needs throughout the year.

I will also be taking over the running of the JCR website, which can be found at www.univjcr.co.uk My aim is for this to be a central hub for contacts and sharing important information within the JCT, as well as a resource bank for documents that you may need through the year.

If you have Facebook, then please make sure you join the ‘Univ JCR 2017-18’ group – but don’t worry if you don’t have Facebook, as all essential information will be distributed over email, which the college requires you to check daily. If you have anything you would like to see on the website, or any questions about IT at Univ or at Oxford in general, please do not hesitate to contact me at conrad.will@univ.ox.ac.uk
Welcome to Univ! As your hall and accommodation officers we're in charge of two very important aspects of student life, where you eat and where you sleep! Don't worry, we're going to work to ensure that Univ continues to provide high quality meals! We will also be here for any problems you have with your rooms as well as the yearly ballot. Please get in contact if you have concerns about either of these and look out for our upcoming surveys on food and accommodation.

This is the last you'll see of me in this booklet, I promise, but I am also proud to be your Disabilities Rep for this year.
If you have a disability, please also check the Welfare booklet for further information about the support that you can receive from the college and the University, but if you ever need advice relating to disability, please do not hesitate to contact me in confidence at any time. It is my job to ensure that both the JCR and the college pay adequate attention to the needs of the disabled community, so if anything comes to your attention that needs to be addressed, please let me know and we can work together to it out.

I will also be working this year to raise awareness of disability-related issues; so do look out for events in college and the wider university! I would like to say that making the transition to university for anyone is challenging – coming to university with a disability adds a new dimension in the early stages of term. I will be on hand to help you feel at ease in Oxford and will do my best to help you adjust to your new surroundings. Your tutors, your peers and the college staff will all be sensitive to any needs that you have, but if something isn’t right, do not be afraid to speak up about it. I’m always just a Facebook message away, or drop me an email at conrad.will@univ.ox.ac.uk

Access and Equal Opportunities rep
Meghan Griffiths

My name is Megan and it is my role to make sure everyone feels supported and welcomed at Univ no matter what background they come from.
Hopefully, any intimidating stereotypes you have of Oxford will soon be dispelled, but I will be here if they aren’t or if some other worry crops up. This involves liaising with other JCR members and the college itself, as well as always being available to talk. I can also put you in touch with networks around the university that may be beneficial (for example, as secretary of the first generation society).

The other element of my role is to increase diversity for Oxford’s future as well, whether this be through encouraging people to become student ambassadors or to simply write a book review on staircase 12 [staircase12.univ.ox.ac.uk] Please feel free to approach me at college whenever, or contact me at megan.griffiths@univ.ox.ac.uk

International Students’ rep
Gabriel Levy

Hi, I'm Gabriel, from Belgium. I am a second year PPE student and I look forward to meet you all. As international students’ representative, I'm here to make your transition into this new country as smooth as possible. This entails dealing with storage, and answering all your practical questions about moving to the U.K. Having gone through this experience myself last year, I can understand the difficulties that you may go through and I am always available to help you. Please don't hesitate to reach out and message me or email me at gabriel.levie@univ.ox.ac.uk
Hey everyone! My name is Maninder and as well as JCR President, I am also your BME Representative! I am here to make sure that Univ is a welcoming and supportive environment for students from all ethnic and religious backgrounds.

If you have any issues in college, the University or in Oxford, I am here to help. As BME Rep, I make sure that there are a variety of events such as BMEal and Ethnic MinoriTea etc. as well as inter-college ones, which act as open spaces for anyone to discuss any issues that they may have. I will also keep you up to date with events run across the University that celebrate Oxford’s huge range of cultures and backgrounds, such as the Oxford Holi Festival or Cowley Road Carnival.

If you have any questions or would like to get involved with the events, you can contact me at maninderbir.sachdeva@univ.ox.ac.uk See you soon!

Women's rep
Anjelica Smerin
Hi I'm Anjelica and I'm your women’s rep for the first term this year.

I'm your first port-of-call for all things women-related: I organise the free sanitary product scheme we have in college and keep you up to date with any activism or events for women going on within the university. I’m also a trained first responder, which means I’m able to hear disclosures of sexual assault, and am also around for a chat about anything you want, at any time!

Looking forward to meeting you all when you arrive in October! If you have any questions or worries please feel free to email me: anjelica.smerin@univ.ox.ac.uk

LGBTQ+ reps
Maria Alfaro and Shiv Shah

Hello! We're Maria and Shivaike (Shiv), your LGBTQ+ Reps at Univ! The Univ LGBTQ+ scene is warm and welcoming, and it is our job to organise events in college targeted at all parts of the diverse community. Termly events include everything from talks by academics on queer issues, to the entirely jovial night out to the local LGBTQ bar, Plush, and weekly Tuesday Night queer drinks.

We are always on hand to offer any support to members of the Univ community, especially to people struggling with their queer identity. Not only can we offer a safe
space to talk about any issues, but we can guide people to great university resources such as the Rainbow Peers scheme and the It Happens Here campaign’s guidance also.

However, our job is not just supporting people in time of need, but also keeping you all informed of University wide LGBTQ+ events, such as Queerfest, the yearly queer bop at Wadham, and the LGBTQ+ ball, the annual celebration of all things queer. If you have any questions about anything at all, then feel free to email us at shivaike.shah@univ.ox.ac.uk or maria.alfaro@univ.ox.ac.uk and there is also a Facebook group that you can be added to if you’re interested in Univ LGBTQ+, which you can join at various Fresher’s Week events. Enjoy your holidays, and we can’t wait to meet you all!

Sports rep
Lara Drew

Hello! I’m a second year Classicist, and as your JCR sports rep it’s my job to make sure you all know what great sporting opportunities you have on offer in college. Sport is a great thing to get involved with at university to make friends and relieve stress.

At college level it gives you the chance to play at a competitive level or just enjoy a game with friends, and the socials are good fun too! Univ is a fantastic sporting
community: you don’t have to have played any of the sports before, and everyone is very welcoming to players of all abilities.

I’m also Women’s Captain of University College Boat Club (which you should definitely join!) If you have any sports-related questions, feel free to contact me or the relevant captains in the sports booklet, and watch the JCR page for team groups and events.
Your Freshers’ Committee

We have a large Freshers’ Week Committee who helped to draw together the Welcome Week timetable and will be around all week to help you move in when you arrive and to run the entertainment and other events. They will all be wearing bright yellow t-shirts, so you won’t be able to miss them!

1. If you haven’t already, have a look at our amazing ‘Alternative Prospectus’ (found here: www.univ.ox.ac.uk/prospectus)

2. Don’t worry about buying sub-fusc before you get to Oxford. Matriculation, unlike at Cambridge, does not fall during Welcome Week.

3. You don’t need to bring everything with you to University. Living in the heart of Oxford means that anything you might need during your time at Univ is usually not far away, and often comes with a student discount.

4. Try and prepare a costume ready for our traditional 0th Week Freshers’ Bop, themed ‘Dress up as your subject’. If not, there’s plenty of time to pull one together when you’re here!

5. If your department is far away, or you like sleeping in, you might want to think about bringing an old bike with you, or at least a helmet and lights if you intend to purchase a bike in Oxford (something quite easily done during Welcome Week). If you are lucky however, the Porter often gives away bikes that have been left in college by grand-aunts. As a college we also have a bike hire scheme for those who need to use a bike infrequently.

6. Bring posters and photos to stick up on your pin boards, as well as plenty of cushions and other bits and bobs to personalise your room. Everyone at some point during their first term at Oxford will feel a little home-sick, so it is nice to have a few things around to remind you of home.
7. Also, even though there are few student kitchens and most students eat in Hall, it is always useful to have some mugs, cups, plates and cutlery etc. in your room. They come in particularly helpful if you are in a rush and need to eat food in your room, or if you are hosting a little get together.

8. Most people attend Formal Hall relatively infrequently, so you do not need to bring lots of formal clothing for this purpose.

9. Do not worry if you cannot read every book on your reading list from cover to cover unless it specifically tells you to do so. Reading lists offer a selection of books to cater for different interests and their availability in local libraries. Find a few that you enjoy and read them intelligently.