A guide to your JCR Committee

What is the JCR?

The ‘JCR’, or 'Junior Common Room', is a term used to describe the physical room in college where we have weekly JCR meetings, welfare teas, FIFA matches etc. As well as this, it describes the body of undergraduates in the college, including everyone from finalists to you! The JCR has a committee made up of students, who are all here to help you out when you need. See below to find out more about the roles:

Euan Huey, President

Hi, my name is Euan. I am 19 years old and originally from near Glasgow in Scotland. I’m a second year at University College reading history. I love to read and listen to music in my spare time.

This coming year I will be the Junior Common Room (JCR) President, which means I am responsible for representing the needs and the interests of the undergraduates at Univ to college staff and fellows. My job is to be available to everyone, so should you have any issues or problem please do let me know, especially in these first few weeks! Ultimately this means my job ends up being simply to support so many of the wonderful people in this guide to
bring their own fantastic ideas to life. Your JCR Committee is a team, but one that rests on the help and support of the whole undergraduate body of Univ – we are all here to help!

I hope this coming week is the start of a magical time here at Univ and remember that as President I am always here to help! You can be in touch via Facebook or email, either Euan.Huey@univ.ox.ac.uk or jcrpresident@univ.ox.ac.uk

**Emilie Olufsen, Vice-President/ Treasurer and International Rep**

Congratulations and welcome to Univ. My name is Emilie and I am a second year mathematician. I’m Danish but living in Luxembourg. And I’ll be your JCR Vice-President/Treasurer for this academic year. Each year, the college allocates the JCR a sum of money that is used to fund the JCR’s activities. This includes sport teams, societies, charities, performing arts as well as general social events, all of which make life at Univ so enjoyable. My main role as treasurer is drafting the JCR budget and to administer the spending of this budget throughout the year. If you have any ideas for new projects, then suggestions are always welcome. The second part of my role is being VP. In this role, I assist Euan in representing your views to the college’s Governing Body and ensure you see the changes you desire, so please get in touch if you have any concerns! I really look forward to meeting you all in October!! If you ever have any questions you can email me at emilie.olufsen@univ.ox.ac.uk. In the meantime, I hope you have a wonderful summer, and we’ll see you very soon.
As well as being your VP/Treasurer, I am also your international representative. As I mentioned before I am a Dane living in Luxembourg, and honestly, I really like being international. I’m here to help you in any way I can and answer all your questions about living in the UK. I’m here both for any logistical and practical help you might need after having moved to a foreign country. But equally importantly I am here to help you out with the strange feeling of living in an unfamiliar culture and being awfully far from home. My principal aim is to make sure you all love being international as much as I do. I hope to see you all at the International meal in Welcome Week, and at the other events I have planned during the rest of the year. If you have any questions at all or would just like a general international chat, please feel free to email me!

Luke Thornhill, Vice-President/Secretary

Hey people!

I’m Luke, a second-year undergraduate studying Classics, and I’m the JCR secretary for this year. It’s my job to keep the undergraduate body at Univ up to date on JCR affairs, which translates, mostly, to writing and circulating the agendas and minutes of upcoming and previous JCR meetings. I’ll also be sending out the JCR newsletter every week, which’ll be full of information that’s relevant even if you have zero interest in student politics. I’ll be keeping my inbox open throughout the year, so do feel free to email me with questions about the JCR, or with things you’d like put in the upcoming newsletter or agenda.
Lucy Walsh, Welfare Rep and Charities Rep

Hi, I’m Lucy. I study History and Politics and I’m from Liverpool! My main role in the JCR is as Welfare Rep. This means that myself and Charlie are responsible for representing the JCR in welfare meetings with college staff as well as most importantly, looking after the welfare of students. You’ll see us at weekly welfare teas, as well as other college events designed to improve the wellbeing of students and raise awareness of common issues students may face. You can always come to either of us for advice and guidance on welfare, or just for a chat and a cup of tea! Roshan and I are also Charities Reps, responsible for selecting and raising money for the college charity (currently Crisis, a charity helping homeless people in Oxford).

Charlie Perry, Welfare Rep

Hey my name’s Charlie and I’m your Male Welfare rep for this year! I am a second year Chemist and also a Peer Supporter here at Univ. My role as a Welfare Rep and a Peer supporter is to be an open ear to anyone who needs a bit of support, to organise Welfare-related events and overall to look after people’s mental health to the best of my
ability here at Univ. If you need anything feel free to contact me whenever at charles.perry@univ.ox.ac.uk

Isabelle Alderidge, Entz Rep

Hi, I’m Issy one of Univ’s Entz reps. I’ll be responsible in making sure Univ is a fun college with lots on and great BOPs – big college parties! The first one will be in Welcome Week – and the theme is When I Grow Up, so come prepared with a great costume of what you always wanted to be when you were younger. There will be events throughout the year and don’t hesitate to be in touch with any ideas for events or themes for BOPs.
Roshan Karthikappallil, *Entz Rep, BME Rep and Charities Rep*

Hey! I’m Roshan, and I’ll be one your Entz reps for this year. Our job is simply to make sure you’re having fun during your time at Univ! We’ve got a bunch of events planned for this year, and we hope there’ll be something for everyone in college. Alongside selling club tickets during freshers week, perhaps our most important duty is to organise Univ’s bops (big open parties usually hosted in Univ’s bar). Look out for us during freshers week!

I will also your BME Rep until the end of Michaelmas! BME stands for Black and Minority Ethnic and is a term I hadn’t heard very much until I started uni. As your BME Rep, I am responsible for ensuring that students from all ethnic backgrounds feel welcome and accepted here at Univ. Feel free to chat to me if you have any queries about what it is like to be BME at Oxford and Univ, and come along to our first BMeal in Welcome Week to get to know your fellow POC. If you’ve got any questions, you can contact me at roshan.karthikappallil@univ.ox.ac.uk

Finally, alongside Lucy I will be 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.
Riley Agutter and Ali Zubaidi, Hall and Accommodation Officers

Hi, we’re Riley and Ali (both second year PPEists) and we are your Hall and Accommodation officers for this coming year.

Basically, for the “hall” part of the position, we’re here to serve as a point of contact for members of the JCR (i.e. you) to express their opinion about food provided in hall which we can then pass on to the head chef who we will meet at the very least on a termly basis. We’re also responsible for organising and creating ballots for at least two formal halls a term (including the very exciting Christmas formals). We’re also, as representatives of the student body, tasked with negotiating with the domestic bursar and head chef on behalf of you, in order to keep food prices in hall as low as possible.

For the “accommodation” part on the other hand, our main responsibility is that of organising the main site and Stavertonia accommodation ballots for students heading into second and third year. And once again, we can also serve as a point of contact for any accommodation-related issues and can bring any such issues up in our regular discussions with the domestic bursar.

If you have any further questions about what the role involves or any general queries about hall and accommodation, feel free to get in touch and we’ll both do our best to answer your questions.
Rory Gaskin, Academic Affairs Officer

Giannis Tyrovolas, IT Officer

As the IT officer my responsibility is to update and maintain the college website. Although not strictly within my responsibilities, I can assist you with simple IT issues. So feel free to contact me about anything on my Univ email.

Michael Ayodeji, Access and Equal Opportunities Rep & Students with Disabilities Rep

Hello and Welcome! I go by the name Michael and I am your JCR’s Access and Equal Opportunities officer. My first year at Univ has been coloured by wonderful experiences thanks to the welcoming, warm and wonderfully inclusive nature of our college. My aim is to maintain and further improve this for you. As access officer, I work with the liberation reps in helping to improve diversity and the experience of those from unique circumstances at Univ. I also support with wider access and outreach efforts which you too can get involved in! These include helping out as a student ambassador, contributing in a variety of ways to provide useful content for prospective candidates through ‘Staircase 12’ - if you’re
interested in getting involved or want to learn more about these schemes, reach out to me and I’ll be more than happy to help.

I can be contacted by email (Michael.ayodeji@univ.ox.ac.uk - it helps if you could please begin your subject title with the following 3 letters “AEO”)

As someone with both obvious and non-obvious disabilities, I can testify as to how inclusive and accommodating our college space can be for people with a wide variety of different abilities. As your rep this upcoming year my foremost concern in ensuring that you are comfortable and feel well supported in your personal and academic endeavours whilst at Univ! Feel free to hit me up anytime if you’re unsure about anything, have any concerns or perhaps just want to have a chat.

I can also be contacted by email (Michael.ayodeji@univ.ox.ac.uk - it helps if you could please begin your subject title with the following 3 letters “SWD”)

Ruqayah Juyel, Women*’s Rep

Congratulations on getting in!!!! I’m Ruqayah and I’m a third-year Law student from London. More importantly, I’m your JCR Women*’s Rep!

I order in free sanitary products for all the gals at Univ (tampons/liners/pads/hot water bottles!) and organise women-related events and projects in the college (like our Women’s Bookshelf in the New Library).

It’s a very very very exciting time to be joining Univ because we’re currently celebrating the 40th anniversary of women being admitted to the college. You’ll have events like our massive Annual Women’s Formal to look forward to! We also do other events throughout the year (last term we had Port and Painting Portraits in the garden)!
I’m also your first port of call for any woman-related issues you may be having and can happily speak to college on your behalf or just lend an ear. If you have any other questions then feel free to email me at ruqayah.juyel@univ.ox.ac.uk or just come up to me at college! I look forward to meeting you all when you arrive!!!!

**Alan Taylor and Tom Hill, Environment Reps**

I'm Alan. I study psychology and philosophy and I'm one of the environment reps. I'm Tom and I study Earth Sciences and am from Plymouth in Devon and am also one of your environment reps. Essentially that means it's our job to make sure the college is as sustainable and environmentally friendly as possible. We also advertise environment-related goings on in Oxford and beyond (and there are a lot!) If you're interested in all things eco, please come and have a chat to either of us. We don't bite!

**Isabella Crispino, Career's and Development Rep**

Hello and welcome to univ! I’m Isabella, a second year history and politics student, and I am your careers and development rep. It’s my job to liaise with the careers office to answer any of your questions, and I’ll be putting on careers related events, like CV workshops, throughout the year. If you ever have any questions, drop me an email at isabella.crispino@univ.ox.ac.uk
Miles Hession and Sonia Jakubiak, LGBTQ+ Reps

Hello everyone! We’re Sonia and Miles, 2nd year PPEists, and we are the LGBTQ+ reps! In our first year here, we found Univ to be a very open and supportive community for LGBTQ+ students. We’ll do our best to make sure that you, freshers, have an equally positive experience.

Our job mainly consists of organising events for and about the LGBTQ+ community. Last year we hosted film nights, crew dates and Tuesday drinks, and we will have some more things happening in fresher’s week and later in Michaelmas. The majority of our events are open to everyone, regardless of whether you identify as LGBTQ+ or an ally.

The most important part of our role, however, is to provide support for any LGBTQ+ students in college. Feel free to reach out to us in Fresher’s week if you have any questions about our role or about any related issues. We are also always open for a chat about the experiences of an LGBTQ+ student at Oxford, so you’re welcome to approach us at any point during the term. You can be sure that we will keep our conversations confidential. There are only two of us and we by no means represent the experiences of the entire LGBT community, but we can direct you to other resources at Oxford which you may find helpful.

You can also email us at Sonia.jakubiak@univ.ox.ac.uk and Miles.Hession@univ.ox.ac.uk with any questions you may have. See you in October!
Ellie English, Class Equalities Rep

Charlie Kniebe-Evans, Sports rep, Fresher’s rep, Varsity Trip rep

Hi, my name is Charlie Kniebe-Evans, I’m from the Wirral and I’m a second year studying Chemistry! I have a couple of roles that you may want to contact me about, feel free to find me at the freshers fair or send me a message if you have any questions about any of the roles!

Sports rep - I am the first port of call for any sporty questions you may have, I can direct you to the relevant captains or help you to set up a new team if it doesn’t already exist. There will be a sports day in welcome week where you will be able to try out some of the sports Univ has to offer.

First year rep - I represent all first years at JCR committee meetings, so if you have any concerns that you would like to be raised, bring them to me. A new rep for this role will be elected soon.

Varsity Trip Rep - Varsity Trip is the ski trip at the end of Michaelmas for Oxford and Cambridge students, I will organise events to give you information about the trip and get you excited for it, which you will hear about in the first few weeks of term!!
**Sam Pelan, Twitter Rep**

I run the JCR twitter account, mainly posting live updates on JCR meetings, but also creating UNIV memes occasionally.

**Izzy Windsor and Nicole Szekeres-Tapp, Tortoise Keepers**

Hello. As the JCR’s elected Tortoise Keepers, we are a pillar of life here at Univ. Every year we enter Univ’s tortoise Percy (named after Percy Shelley, and the Mediterranean variety for all you Tortoise experts out there) into a race at Corpus Christi and one of the other tortoises in the university usually has a birthday party we try and get to. We both do loads of sports so really inspired Percy to not come last this year – progress! You probably won’t see Percy much until Trinity, because he goes into hibernation in the fridge (please note, this is not animal cruelty and is, in fact, a recommended method of temperature regulation), but rest assured this little guy will be back, for one of you to take the reins (or lettuce?) next year!
Top Tips

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

2. Don’t worry about buying sub-fusc before you get to Oxford. Matriculation is after Welcome Week, so you have plenty of time while you’re here to buy it.

3. You don’t need to bring everything with you to University. Univ is in a great location; there are plenty of shops nearby if there is stuff you forget!

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

5. Many students bring a bike to get to and from places in Oxford. It can definitely save time but most things are walking distance from college anyway.

6. Do bring posters and photos to stick up on your pin boards to personalise your room. It can help if you’re ever feeling homesick!

7. Even though there are few student kitchens and most students eat in Hall, it is always useful to keep some mugs, cups, plates and cutlery etc. in your room.

8. Most people attend Formal Hall from time to time, so you may want to bring some formal clothing.

9. Do not worry about buying books before you arrive. We have two great libraries in college and there are many more libraries around Oxford.