



## 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:



### **Dag Yosief, *President***

Hi! Firstly, congratulations and welcome to Univ. I hope that you are enjoying your summer as much as possible in these strange times. This year I will be the Junior Common Room (JCR) President. This means that I am responsible for representing the interests of the undergraduate community at Univ to senior college staff and

making sure that your voices are heard when decisions affecting us are made. A big part of my job is also being available to anyone who has any questions or

concerns, especially at the start of term. Being available is even more important now, as the college prepares to re-open, if you have any worries about the arrangements, please feel free to get in touch. As a second-year PPE student I should have plenty of free time! And as President I am here to help, you can get in touch via Facebook or email, [dagmawi.yosief@univ.ox.ac.uk](mailto:dagmawi.yosief@univ.ox.ac.uk) or [jcrpresident@univ.ox.ac.uk](mailto:jcrpresident@univ.ox.ac.uk)

I hope that the start of term will be an enjoyable start, to a memorable time at Univ.

### **Martha Storey, *Treasurer/Vice-President***



Hi! I'm Martha and I'm from Dewsbury in Yorkshire. I'm a second year studying maths and philosophy, and I will be your JCR Vice-President and Treasurer for this year. The college gives the JCR some money every year, to be allocated between sports, societies, charities, and social events - all things that make Univ such a great place to be. My main role is to

produce a budget, and oversee how this money is spent throughout the year. I am also the JCR Vice-President, so will be helping Dag to represent your views to the college, and try make any changes you want to see. I am really excited to meet you all in October, please get in touch if you have any concerns or questions - my email is [martha.storey@univ.ox.uk](mailto:martha.storey@univ.ox.uk) , alternatively just find me on facebook. I hope your summer is going as well as possible, and that when you get here things are starting to get back to normal.



**Eleanor Scott, Secretary/Vice-President**

Hi! My name is Ellie, I'm from Manchester and I'm a second year Law student. I will be your VP/Secretary for the next academic year. It's my job to keep the undergraduate body at Univ up to date on JCR affairs, meaning I'll be writing the agendas and minutes of meetings and circulating them to everyone. I'll also send out the JCR newsletter every week,

which will have loads of information on Univ societies, charities, and events. In addition to my role as Secretary, I am also VP, which means that along with Dag and Martha, I'll be representing the JCR's views in meetings with Univ's Governing Body, discussing topics such as accommodation prices and storage over the vacation.

Feel free to ask me if you want anything added to the upcoming newsletter or agenda, or if you need help proposing a motion and want something discussed by the JCR. You can reach me via Facebook or email, either

[eleonor.scott@univ.ox.ac.uk](mailto:eleonor.scott@univ.ox.ac.uk) or [jcr.secretary@univ.ox.ac.uk](mailto:jcr.secretary@univ.ox.ac.uk)

I'm really looking forward to meeting you all in October! I hope you have a great summer and enjoy welcome week!



**Uri Shine, Welfare Rep**

Hey my name's Uri and I'm your male welfare rep for this year. I am in my second year studying psychology and philosophy. Together with Toni, I will be around to have a chat with anyone who needs some support, or who would like to know more about the welfare provisions that Univ and Oxford have to offer. Toni and I will also be organising welfare teas and we will overlook all things welfare.

If you need anything or would like to organise a time to speak, please feel free to contact me anytime at [uri.shine@univ.ox.ac.uk](mailto:uri.shine@univ.ox.ac.uk)



**Toni Ledda, Welfare Rep**

Howdy! I'm Toni, I'll be your female welfare rep this year. You'll probably see me most often at welfare tea, please message me if you have any food requests, please also message me if there's anything you want to chat about. It's literally my job, nothing is too small a problem! You can find me on facebook or email me at [Antonia.ledda@univ.ox.ac.uk](mailto:Antonia.ledda@univ.ox.ac.uk)



**Angus Parker, LGBTQ+ Rep**

Hello and welcome to Univ! I am a second-year classicist and one of the LGBTQ+ reps. We organise events in college like LGBTQ+ formal and Tuesday drinks, and we are here also to offer support for the LGBTQ+ students in college. If you ever need some support, don't hesitate to reach out to me or Jade. Of course, we will observe strict confidentiality. Can't wait to see all of you in October! You can contact me on email via

[angus.parker@univ.ox.ac.uk](mailto:angus.parker@univ.ox.ac.uk).



**Jade Powell, Entz Rep and LGBTQ+ Rep**

Hey, my name's Jade. I'm a second year physicist and I'm from West Midlands! I will be one of your Entz Reps and LGBTQ+ Reps.

As Entz Rep I'll be responsible for keeping up Univ's fun reputation by organising bops (college parties held in our bar.) These are themed events and we encourage dressing up in line with the theme, so remember to bring some fancy dress ideas! We've got

lots of other ideas planned to ensure there is something for everyone. Feel free to come up and say hi if you see us about!

My other role is LGBTQ+ Rep, where I will do my best to ensure that there is a positive, open and supportive atmosphere in Univ, much like myself and Angus experienced as freshers. My main role will be to support any LGBTQ+ students in college, so feel free to message/talk to me during the year, in freshers week, or even if you have any questions before you arrive (conversations will be confidential.) We will also be organising LGBTQ+ events such as Tuesgay drinks, film nights with snacks and crewdates with other colleges LGBTQ+ communities - we're always open to other suggestions for events too!

See you in October! Feel free to get in touch with me through Facebook or email, at [jade.powell@univ.ox.ac.uk](mailto:jade.powell@univ.ox.ac.uk)



**David Conneely, Entz Rep**

Hey, I'm David and I'm going to be one of your Entz reps this year! We're in charge of making sure there's lots of fun events going on in Univ during term and in particular we'll be organising the college BOPs, which are big themed parties for everyone in college which usually take place in the college bar.

We've got a load of other events planned for this year and will be trying our hardest to make sure there's a ton of opportunities to have a good time no matter what the situation with the pandemic is when we start back. If you have any ideas for BOP themes or anything else Entz related we'd love to hear them!

**Erin Kyei and Lauren McGivern, *Hall and Accommodation Officers***



Hi, we're Lauren (2<sup>nd</sup> year chemist) and Erin (2<sup>nd</sup> year Earth scientists) and we will be your Hall and Accommodation officers for the upcoming year, which basically means we communicate any queries or concerns from the JCR with college on anything Hall and Accommodation related. This includes meeting with the head chef to discuss any opinions on the food, acting as a point of contact for any issues with accommodation and negotiating pricing with

both the chef and domestic bursar.

Aside from communicating on behalf of the JCR, we are also in charge of organising special formals, at least 2 a year (which will hopefully still be able to go ahead but of course depends on what Covid is doing) and organising the accommodation for second and third years at both Stavertonia and the main site. Both involve creating ballots so if you ever have any "generating random numbers on excel" queries we should be the first ones to call.

If you ever have any questions about hall or accommodation feel free to contact us and we'll do our best to help.



**Saoirse Genoni, *Women\*'s Rep***

Hey, I'm Saoirse, the women\*'s rep for Univ! I'm 3rd year English (HuGE commitment tbf). As your rep I order (free) sanitary products for the student body, post stuff on the women\*'s page on Facebook (be sure to join!) including interesting events in Oxford and some subscription thangs, and I organise some relaxed women\*'s events in college too. Am always around for a chat - do get in touch with any queries

or concerns (FB, email – [Saoirse.genoni@univ.ox.ac.uk](mailto:Saoirse.genoni@univ.ox.ac.uk) , or just approach me), looking forward to meeting you!



**Sofija Petrovic, *International Rep***

Hey everyone, welcome to Univ! My name is Sofija and I am a second-year PPE student. I'm from Serbia and Germany, but I grew up in Greece, so I've been surrounded by different cultures and languages my entire life. I am here to help with any questions or problems you may find yourself having after moving to a foreign country. My main objective is to ensure that everyone feels welcome at Univ, so please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any question about being an international student or if you simply need a chat or miss your family. Moving to a foreign country is a big transition and it can be challenging at first. However, it is also incredibly rewarding, as it is an amazing opportunity to meet people from all over the world. The international community at Univ is lovely, and I am excited to meet you all in Welcome Week at the international events coming up.



**Emily Corne, *IT Rep***

Hi, I'm Emily (she/her). As the IT officer I update the college website. I'm also here to help with any IT related issues and point you in the right direction for any questions that I can't answer, so feel free to contact me about anything on my Univ email!

**Guy Smith, Returning Officer and Class Equality Rep**



Hi! I'm Guy Smith. I'm from Liverpool (Up the Reds) and going into my second year for History and Politics.

In the coming year I will act as Returning Officer for Univ, which means I'll be ensuring that all of the JCR elections run smoothly, and efficiently. If you have any feedback on the JCR elections/voting processes, then don't hesitate to get in touch.

I will also be continuing my position as Class Equality Rep going into Michaelmas 2020. If you need any advice or see any areas that of college life that you believe I should spend time on then again, please don't hesitate. As a part of this I'm also involved in the Oxford-wide Class Act campaign.



**Anjali Jawa, BME Rep**

Hi! I'm Anjali, and I am the current BME Rep for Univ's JCR. Basically this means that I do my best to make sure Univites from ethnic minority backgrounds have a voice and feel comfortable in Univ. I'll definitely organise an informal meal or two for us all to go out and get to know each other in your first few weeks,

but I've also done some fundraising for BME related charities and passed motions that make sure our JCR is doing its best to be a welcoming space for everyone and to take a stand against things that don't. If you have any questions about anything related, drop me an email

at [anjali.kawa@univ.ox.ac.uk](mailto:anjali.kawa@univ.ox.ac.uk)!



**Boyan Popov, Freshers Rep**

Hey everyone, I'm Boyan. I'm a second year undergraduate reading PPE, and your freshers rep for the first part of the year.

As freshers rep, I represent all first years at JCR meetings and so am one of your ports of call if you want anything raised with either the JCR

or even College more broadly. Feel free to contact me on my Univ email address [boyan.popov@univ.ox.ac.uk](mailto:boyan.popov@univ.ox.ac.uk) if you have any problems, queries, questions or even just want a chat.

**Sonia Jakubiak, Careers and Development Rep**

Hi everyone! My name is Sonia and I'm a 3<sup>rd</sup> year PPEist. As the Careers and Development Rep, I stay in touch with the University's Careers Service and keep everyone updated on interesting events and opportunities. Although I may not be the most knowledgeable person when it comes to cover letters or internship applications, I'm happy to direct you to some useful resources on that topic. Regardless of whether you're still trying to decide on your career path or looking for ways to strengthen your CV, there's lots of guidance available and all you need to do is ask. Feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions, I'm more than happy to help!

## 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. 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.
5. 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!
6. 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.
7. Most people attend Formal Hall from time to time, so you may want to bring some formal clothing.
8. Do not worry about buying books before you arrive. We have two great libraries in college and there are many more libraries around Oxford.
9. Keep an eye on the University's response to the pandemic and its arrangements for the term ahead : <https://www.ox.ac.uk/coronavirus#>
10. Facebook is very heavily used by many societies and groups to organise and advertise events. It isn't the sole way of finding out about events but it's definitely the most commonly used one. Even if you have never had Facebook before, it may well be worth getting it when you arrive at Oxford.