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WCR President

Dear incoming student,

Welcome to University College and the Weir Common Room (WCR). As an incoming Univ graduate, you have become a member of the WCR, which is one of Oxford's most active and social graduate communities. Univ is a proudly international, open and diverse group and the WCR Committee and our returning members look forward to having you join us!

Welcome Week, which runs from 4th to 10th October, is always remembered as a highlight of the academic year and I'm sure that this year will be no exception. However, for those arriving slightly earlier we have a wide range of activities from September onwards. These are a great way to meet other graduates at University College while exploring the city at the same time. We hope that you attend as many of the welcome events as you are able to, so that we can meet you in person!

We have endeavoured to plan around the current situation and create a host of safe and socially distanced events through which we will be able to press on into this "new normal"-style year. Although not without its challenges, you will find the WCR to be particularly socially vibrant and supportive this year. From your close-knit households and college "families", through to more outside and alternative events than ever before, we very much hope that the Univ graduate community and wider college society will make you feel at home. If you arrive and are at a loss as to what to do, check out when the WCR Committee are putting on an afternoon social, and come along to meet some friendly faces who will be there to answer questions, help you settle in or just to have a chat over a cup of tea! Please check the timetable of events which will be given to you at registration to find the "meeting point" for each activity – WCR committee members should be easily recognisable and ready to say hello. Please also note that our common room is located in the Mitchell building on the main site of the college, near the old library.

For the most up-to-date information on our activities, please join the Univ WCR 2020/21 group on Facebook. More general information on the WCR, Univ and Oxford may also be found on the Univ website: www.univ.ox.ac.uk. The website also has up-to-date college coronavirus information and a series of useful FAQs which I recommend using as a first port of call.

Finally, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch with the excellent WCR welfare and social teams or any of the committee by email, Facebook or in person. The entire WCR Committee and I are more than happy to help in any way we can.

We look forward to meeting you all!

With best wishes,
Judy