



A guide to your JCR Committee

What is the JCR?

The “JCR”, or “Junior Common Room”, is a term with two meanings. The first meaning refers to the body of undergraduate members of the college, including everyone from finalists to first years (you!). The second is the physical room in college reserved for use by those members – our common room is a lively and comfortable space, hosting our meetings, welfare teas and much more. The JCR has a committee made up of students, who are all here to help you out!

How do I get involved with the JCR?

JCR meetings occur around every week or two during term time, typically on Sunday. These meetings are the main way most students are actively involved in Univ student democracy and have a few key components. One such part is the proposal and voting upon of motions – for example, a motion to fund a student project could be proposed and voted upon. The second is elections or hustings (in cases where voting takes place later), where students can put themselves forward to become part of the committee.

You can find out more about JCR meetings, including standing orders and our election timetable, at univjcr.com.

Executive Committee

Shermar Pryce (he/him)

PRESIDENT

Salutations! I'm Shermar, a second-year studying PPE, and I will serve as your JCR president this year. This means I lead the undergraduate body, acting as the chief representative of student interests at all levels of college administration. I also preside over the JCR committee, assisting members in accomplishing their goals and carrying out their duty to improve the student experience here at Univ.



I also serve as one of the JCR's RAEM representatives. I help ensure Univ is a welcoming place for students of all ethnicities, cultures, and religions. This involves organising events that celebrate the diverse range of backgrounds students studying here have.

I, along with the rest of the committee, will endeavour to ensure that your time at Univ is as enjoyable and fulfilling as possible. If you possess any queries about anything Univ or Oxford-related, feel free to contact me at sherman.pryce@univ.ox.ac.uk or jcr.president@univ.ox.ac.uk. If I cannot provide direct assistance, I can certainly refer you to someone who can.

I look forward to meeting you all in October and sincerely hope your experience here at Oxford will be as delightful as it has been for me.

Jasvin Khurana (he/him)

VICE-PRESIDENT/TREASURER

Hello! My name is Jasvin and I am a second year PPE student from southwest London. As the JCR VP/Treasurer, I have two roles; firstly, I act as a 'right-hand' to the President (Shermar) in addition to heading the 'Entz' division of the committee (sports, arts, entz and charities). Secondly, I am responsible for organising the yearly budget - the college gives us a sum of money, which I then allocate to the various



clubs, societies and sports that Univ has to offer. In effect, I am in charge of the expenditure that goes on within the JCR. In addition, I, alongside the President, lead the discussions surrounding rent with the college for 2023/2024.

If you have any questions about the JCR, life at college or PPE, or have any suggestions regarding the budget (or anything, really), drop me an email at jasvin.khurana@univ.ox.ac.uk or jcr.treasurer@univ.ox.ac.uk. I look forward to seeing you guys around the college!

On a more light-hearted note, Katy Griffiths (second year Earth Scientist) and I run assassins, a game we hold in the latter half of Michaelmas, don't worry too much about it for now but look forward to running around fake-killing people :)

Max Bolton (he/him)

VICE-PRESIDENT/JCR AFFAIRS;
SPORTS REP; JCR ARMOURER

Hi! I'm Max, a second year PPE student from Essex. I'm this year's JCR secretary which basically means I keep minutes for the meetings and send them out (hopefully on time), as well as running things like the JCR newsletter and assisting the pres and tres with their interactions with the College.

As sports rep I am also the point of contact for any sporting questions you may have, including around setting up or joining college sports teams, or equipment requests. In addition to this, I am this year's stash rep, which means I'll be organising a college merch (puffers!) order at the start of term.

Please don't hesitate to message me if you have any questions! My Oxford email is max.bolton@univ.ox.ac.uk, or for anything more official you can contact me at jcr.secretary@univ.ox.ac.uk.



The welfare, equality, and diversity group

Ayesha Ali (she/her)

FEMALE WELFARE REP

Hello! My name's Ayesha, I'm a second-year medic and also this year's welfare rep alongside Max. This means that we'll always be there for anyone who wants to talk, whether it be about worries/questions you may have, or if you just want a chat! We're here to support you and help you get the most out of the welfare resources available to you. Our role also involves organising welfare events such as weekly Welfare Teas and all of the activities in Welfare Week each term. No matter what you want to talk about, please feel free to come and say hi at any point or email us at jcr.welfare@univ.ox.ac.uk. If you'd like to email me personally, I'm always available at ayesha.ali@univ.ox.ac.uk too!



Max Israel (he/him)

MALE WELFARE REP

Hello! I'm Max, a second year studying History and Russian. Together with Ayesha, we are your Welfare Reps for this coming year. What that essentially means is that we are the people you are always welcome to come to if you have any problems, questions that you might not want to ask other people, or just want a friendly chat. I'm sure that you will love Oxford, but I recognise that sometimes uni and the workload can get a bit overwhelming. I hope that the many events we promise to organise (as well as the termly Welfare Weeks!) will help to ensure you have the best first year. Enjoy the rest of your A-level summer and see you in October!



You can contact me via email at max.israel@univ.ox.ac.uk

Kira Baughan (she/her)

ACCESS AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES
REP; CLASS EQUALITY REP

Hey, I'm Kira (she/her), a second year Historian, and I'm the JCR's Access and Equal Opportunity Officer, as well as the Class Equality Rep. Oxford, can be a daunting place for those who may not be traditionally familiar with universities, or from an underrepresented background. My job is to give everyone a level footing and to ensure there are no issues faced around access. As class equality rep I also make sure that there is a community for those from working-class backgrounds, state comprehensives, or first-generation students via events and get-togethers. I'm also Univ's Class Act Rep, a Uni wide initiative for working-class students, so I can be your first point of contact if you have any questions. Ultimately, I'm someone you can reach out to with any problems and queries around access and equality, and I will do whatever I can to help!

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Lana White (she/they)

DISABLED STUDENTS REP

Hiya! I'm Lana, a second-year PsychPhil (PPL) student from Doncaster. One of my defining personality traits is my cat (feel free to ask me for photos of Kiki, she is my pride and joy), but apart from that, I am a member of the pole sports soc and the Univ board games soc and highly recommend both of them. It's my job as Disabled Students Rep to be a figurehead for issues regarding accessibility across college and to magnify disabled students' voices. I'm also here to offer advice, answer questions, or just listen if you need to talk to someone with similar experiences. If you want to talk or have any issues to do with disabilities in college, drop me an email at alannah.white@univ.ox.ac.uk (If I don't reply to you within a week, please send me a follow-up email, I have ADHD and sometimes to reply)



Jane Barraclough (she/her)

WOMEN*S REP

Hey, I'm Jane, the women's* rep for the JCR! As your rep I provide free sanitary products for students, as well as organising women's* related events in college like a formal dinner in celebration of International Women's Day. I'm also co-President of Univ's femsoc, the 1979 society, which organises even more great events. I'm always keen to hear more ideas so if there are any events you'd like to see next year, particularly in fresher's week, please let me know :) - my email is

jane.barraclough@univ.ox.ac.uk Can't wait to meet you all!



Rohan Tse (he/him)

RAEM REP

Hi, I'm Rohan, a 2nd year physicist, and alongside Shermar, I am one of your Racial and Ethnic Minorities (RAEM) reps. We are responsible for making college a welcoming and inclusive place for people of all racial and ethnic backgrounds. We like to celebrate culture at Univ, organising events such as Diwali drinks, a Lunar New Year celebration and the RAEM dinner which we will be holding in Freshers week. More importantly, we're here for a chat if you were ever to have any worries or concerns while settling in or throughout term. Moving to Oxford can be a daunting experience for people of certain backgrounds, so we want to make sure ethnic minorities are well represented within the JCR and ensure your smooth transition to life at Univ.



Feel free to contact us at: rohan.tse@univ.ox.ac.uk, shermar.pryce@univ.ox.ac.uk

Katy Griffiths (she/her)

LGBTQ+ REP; FRESHER'S REP

Hi, I'm Katy, I study Earth Sciences and I'm from near Manchester, I'm your freshers and LGBTQ+ rep. I am involved with Univ's Board Games society and Poker society, and like to read and play with makeup. As Freshers Rep I act as a voice between first year and the JCR, and am involved in the organisation of Freshers week. As LGBTQ+ Rep I am in charge of hosting events, along side the other liberation reps, for students looking for alike people to try and create a safe space. This includes organising events such as having the Uni-wide Tuesdays hosted at Univ, and organising cross college events such as crewdates.



Santiago Arce (he/him)

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS REP

Hello! I am Santiago, but you can just call me Santi! I'm a second-year physicist and the undergraduate International Students' rep. I was born and raised in Spain but have also spent a few years living in Lincoln (UK), so I am very familiar with the difficulties of moving to and living in a foreign country.

I am here to answer any questions you may have, everything from visas to moving and storage. I also understand that it can be overwhelming to be thrust into a new cultural environment, so I am happy to answer any questions you may have about the intricacies and quirks of British culture. I also organise an International meal during Freshers week as well as various events throughout Michaelmas term. Outside my committee role, I am Univ's 'Pancake Maestro'. This position has me make pancakes weekly for the Univ community. It's a blast so I recommend you come by if we manage to keep it going this year too.



Feel free to email me at (Santiago.arcecarpio@univ.ox.ac.uk), if you have any international student related questions or concerns. I really look forward to meeting you this Autumn!

The Entz group

Alice Blackmore (she/her)
& Jamie Etheridge (he/him)

ENTZ REPS

Hi! I'm Alice and I'm a second year modern languages student, making up half of the Entz team alongside Jamie! We'll be organising social events both inside college (like BOPs), as well as outside college (club nights with other colleges) and many more. We're planning lots of events this year, but do get in touch if you have any questions or ideas for Entz this year (BOP themes, event ideas or literally anything).



Hi! I'm Jamie and I'm also a second year modern languages student. We're both very excited to be your Entz reps this year, bringing the Univ community together and making sure everyone feels welcomed and at home. Outside of BOPs and club nights, we're also planning larger events at venues around Oxford and garden parties in the summer - so there's lots to look forward to!

Our emails are alice.blackmore@univ.ox.ac.uk and jamie.etheridge@univ.ox.ac.uk if you wish to contact us both before and during term!

Molly Bartlett (She/her)

CHARITIES AND
COMMUNITIES REP

Hi! I'm Molly, a second year PPEist from Southampton and I'm your current Charities and Communities Rep. My role consists mainly of organising fundraising events at Univ and co-ordinating with other student charity organisations across the University including Oxford RAG, the SU's main charity fundraising branch. If you do have any ideas about charities you'd like Univ to support, fundraising events you'd like to see or just to learn about some of the great volunteering opportunities available across the University then please don't hesitate to reach out!



Feel free to contact me at my email molly.bartlett@univ.ox.ac.uk

Can't wait to meet you all soon!

Naomi Man (she/her)

ARTS REP

Hi, I'm Naomi!

As Arts Rep, I organise activities and workshops, alongside assisting our "Visitor for the Arts" in organising and advertising events. These have previously included a talk by the creative director of the Globe Theatre, as well as a drag workshop. I think maintaining accessibility to arts and creative activities is very important to people's wellbeing – I think embracing that in the coming year will be extremely important.



The Operations group

Kate Whitaker (she/her) & James Trenaman (he/him)

HALL AND ACCOMMODATION REPS

Hi! We're James (second year PPE), from Newbury, and Kate (second year Law), from Doncaster, and we are your Hall and Accommodation reps for this coming year.

Our job is to be your representatives when it comes to the living experience within college. For the "hall" side of the position, we're here to serve as a point of contact for members of the JCR (that's you) to express their opinion about the food provided in hall, which we can pass on to the kitchen team. This covers the normal daily service and formal dinners, and so we're also responsible for organising events like the very exciting Christmas formal.

For the "accommodation" side of our role, our main responsibility is organising the ballot system for rooms in second and third year (although you don't need to worry about this yet and we'll contact you later in the year about it). We're also the main point of contact between the JCR and college management for any accommodation-related issues, so please do get in touch if ever you need any help.

If you'd like to ask us any questions or raise an issue, either before you arrive or once you've settled in, then feel free to email us at james.trenaman@univ.ox.ac.uk, kate.whitaker@univ.ox.ac.uk, or jcr.accommodation@univ.ox.ac.uk and we'll do our best to answer your questions.



Ben Solomons (he/him)

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS OFFICER

Hi! I'm Ben (he/him), a third year Maths & Computer Science student from Luton, and this year's JCR Academic Affairs Officer! I live in Luton, where I spend an excessive amount of time playing keyboard, computer games, and extremely bad football.

As your Academic Affairs Officer it's my job to represent the JCR on all matters involving academics, including sitting on the college's Academic Committee and meeting with our Senior Tutor to voice opinions/concerns. If you have anything you want to discuss involving academics (or indeed, anything JCR/College/Maths/CS-related) and you'd like to talk to a student rep, you can email me at benjamin.solomons@univ.ox.ac.uk or jcr.academicaffairs@univ.ox.ac.uk. I look forward to meeting you all!



Ned Stevenson (he/him)

IT OFFICER

Hey there. My name is Ned (he/him), a second year computer scientist from Cambridge. I am the captain of the rugby team for this year, enjoy poker and gaming and I'm the JCR's IT officer at the moment at Univ.

That means that I control everything that goes onto the Univ JCR website and make sure it's up to date as society contacts, committee members and sports captains are brought into those positions. You can contact me at edward.stevenson@univ.ox.ac.uk if there are any ideas that you have for new features to go on the website, bugs in the layout of any pages or missing information. That kind of thing. The website should be informative for people outside the college wanting to learn about the JCR and as useful as possible for people at the college so whatever needs to be done, let me know!



Will Hough (he/him)

ENVIRONMENT REP

Hello! It's Will, a second year Engineering Science student from Dorset. I am the JCR Environment rep and am also a big fan of climbing (I run the college climbing club too!). My role as environment rep involves making sure the JCR and College are as environmentally conscious as possible. This entails attending the college's monthly climate committee meetings with ideas on improvements and feedback from students, creating occasional update



newsletters for the JCR to help with transparency and subsidising eco trashing materials for members of the JCR! Feel free to approach me in person or via email (will.hough@univ.ox.ac.uk) with any ideas or questions, I am always happy to hear them!

Flora Wilson (she/her)

PHOTOGRAPHER

Hi everyone, I'm Flora. I am a second year studying classics and this year I'll be the JCR photographer. I've loved my time at Oxford so far and have been involved with the musical side of college, as well as photographing events across the university like the Union ball. As JCR photographer I'm going to be at events like BOPs, sports matches, concerts, and karaoke evenings – there are a lot of activities going on, but I'll try to photograph as many as I can!



These photos will go onto our (private) JCR Facebook group and some will make it onto the website. If you would not like to be photographed, please email me at flora.wilson@univ.ox.ac.uk.

Morgan Healey (he/him)

SERVICES CZAR

Hi everyone! I'm Morgan, I'm a second year mathematician from Gloucester. I'm currently the Pizza rep for the JCR, which means that it's my job to buy pizza for the fortnightly JCR meetings. Meetings are usually held in the common room and there's lots of pizza available for anyone who turns up.



Top Tips

1. Do have a look at Univ's amazing "Alternative Prospectus" (found at: <https://www.univ.ox.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/Alt-Prospectus-2021.pdf>)
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. Regularly check your emails! Between your main and Oxford email addresses, you will receive a lot very important emails over the next few months. It is essential to a smooth transition that you pay extra close attention to your inboxes.
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.