



University College WCR Graduate Welcome Week 2023

Welcome all!

The WCR committee are so excited to welcome you to Oxford and will be leading a whole host of events during Welcome Week to help introduce you to Oxford and Univ. And don't forget to join the Univ WCR 2023/24 Facebook group and our WhatsApp group. If you have any questions, issues or simply fancy a chat, feel free to email the WCR president, Naroa (naroa.ibarraizpurua@univ.ox.ac.uk). Important note (because this can be confusing): in the case of Univ, MCR and WCR are the same thing! They refer to the graduate community as well as the common room.

Please check with your department/faculty for any events they are expecting you to attend; departmental/faculty events take precedent but if you are free please do come along to any of the college events. The timetable for the division of events, agreed between the university, departments and each college, is:

	09.00-13.00	13.00-17.00	17.00 onwards
Monday 2 October	Dept/Fac	Dept/Fac	College
Tuesday 3 October	Dept/Fac	Dept/Fac	Dept/Fac
Wednesday 4 October	College	College	College
Thursday 5 October	College	Dept/Fac (until 6pm)	College
Friday 6 October	Dept/Fac	College	College

Facebook group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1233897143993080/>

If you are observing any of the Jewish Festivals during Welcome Week, please see the notice board in the WCR (Graduate Common Room) for information issued by the University Jewish Chaplaincy.



Sunday 1st October

- 12.00pm **University and College Registration** (*Junior Common Room*)
until Bring your passport/photo ID to receive your University Card and register if you haven't
4.00pm already. You will also be able to collect your room keys from the Domestic Bursary if
you are in College accommodation.
- 2.30pm **WCR Meet and Greet** (*Univ MCR*)
No better way to start freshers week than with a welcome event in the WCR,
where you will be able to meet the WCR committee, current and new Univ grads
alike! Drinks and nibbles will be provided, so do come along!
- 4.00pm **Tour of Univ** (*Univ MCR*)
Starting in the MCR, come along to take a tour of the college, your new home for at
least the next year! We'll show you where all the useful things are (laundry rooms,
libraries, the bar...) and regale you with some of the rich history of the college!
- 6.30pm **Family Dinner** (*Discuss with your parents*)
Come and meet your college parents who will take you for dinner and answer any
questions you've got about your course and life at Univ! An excellent opportunity to
get to know some of the senior members of the MCR.

Monday 2nd October

- 4.30pm/ **Sub Fusc shopping trip** (*Lodge/Shepherd and Woodward, High Street*)
5.00pm *If you have any departmental events scheduled, these must take priority.*
Meet us at the Lodge to go shopping for gowns, mortar boards, etc (i.e., the
components of sub fusc) at Shepherd and Woodward on the High Street. This is just
to make your sub fusc purchasing experience easy for you, so please feel free to
purchase sub fusc at another time if that is best for you.
- 5.30pm **Tour of Oxford** (*Lodge*)
Meet us at the Lodge for a tour of Oxford. We will show you all those important
landmarks and all those hidden gems that otherwise you might only hear about after
months!
- 7.30pm **Tutor for Graduates and Senior Tutor's Graduate Induction, with Drinks Reception** (*10
Merton Street, Lecture Theatre*)
Introductions by the Tutor for Graduates and Senior Tutor. Come along and meet a few
College staff and chat over wine, soft drinks and a few nibbles.
****Attendance is mandatory****



Tuesday 3rd October

If you have any departmental events scheduled today, these must take priority.

7.00pm **Scavenger Hunt** (*Lodge*)

Join us for a night in town collecting as many points as possible in our amazing Scavenger Hunt. The winning team will be awarded an equally amazing prize. We'll finish the evening at the King's Arms, an excellent opportunity to meet and chat with fellow graduates in an informal setting.

Wednesday 4th October

11.00am **Women's Brunch** (*Univ MCR*)

Join us in the MCR for a delicious brunch (possibly with some prosecco) and meet the fellow women in college. This is a safe space to discuss all things women-related, including the provision of sanitary items and access to contraception in the UK.

12.30pm **Tour of Univ** (*Univ MCR*)

Starting in the WCR, come along to take a tour of the college, your new home for at least the next year! We'll show you where all the useful things are (laundry rooms, libraries, the bar...) and regale you with some of the rich history of the college!

1.00pm **Equality, Diversity and Inclusivity Workshop** (*Swire Seminar Room*)

Medical Sciences and Social Sciences Divisions ****Attendance is mandatory****

3.30pm **Equality, Diversity and Inclusivity Workshop** (*Swire Seminar Room*)

Humanities and MPLS Divisions ****Attendance is mandatory****

4.30pm **Music @ Univ Information Event** (*Univ Chapel*)

Come to the Univ chapel for an insight into the opportunities available to you to join the various choirs and other music-based groups at Univ, followed by Choir rehearsal. Any further queries please contact the Director of Music, Giles Underwood giles.underwood@univ.ox.ac.uk

5.00pm **19 Beaumont Street Doctors Surgery Live Q and A session** (*virtual-Teams*)

A link will be emailed to all Graduate Freshers if you have any questions to ask the surgery. (Please note this is a general Q&A session, not a Doctor consultation)

8.00pm **Pub Quiz** (*Univ Bar/Univ MCR, tbd*)

Join us for our annual WCR Pub Quiz! There are treats for the winning team and the team with the best name!



Thursday 5th October

- 9.45am **Univ Freshers' Fair (Hall)**
Come and have a look at Univ's clubs and societies!
- 11.00am **Oxford SU Freshers' Fair (Examination Schools)**
A fair of all the University's clubs and societies. There are millions of them (well, almost).
Take your pick!
<https://www.oxfordsu.org/freshers/>
- 5.30pm **Tour of Univ (Lodge)**
Meet us at the Lodge for a tour of Oxford. We will show you all those important landmarks and all those hidden gems that otherwise you might only hear about after months!
- 9.00pm **International Welcome Event (Univ MCR)**
The International Welcome Event is an event open to all MCR/JCR students. It will serve a double purpose. International Student Reps will be around to solve any questions International Students may have regarding life in Univ/Oxford/UK. Additionally, we aim at creating a network for International and Domestic students in Univ. Expect snacks, drinks and lots of international music. We hope to see you there!

Friday 6th October

- 1.00pm **Meet the Domestic Bursary (Goodhart Seminar Room)**
Humanities and MPLS Divisions ****Attendance is mandatory****
- 1.45pm **Meet the Domestic Bursary (Goodhart Seminar Room)**
Medical Sciences and Social Sciences Divisions ****Attendance is mandatory****
- 2.15pm **Library Induction**
Come along for a chat with Univ Library personnel. All graduates are expected to attend.
 - All Humanities graduates: meet at the Old Library at 2.15pm
 - All other graduates: meet at the Old Library at 2.45pm
- 3.15pm **Univ Chapel Choir Auditions (Univ Chapel)**
Univ Chapel Choir is an auditioned choir made up of members from the JCR and WCR. If you would like to audition, **then please contact Giles Underwood in advance** giles.underwood@univ.ox.ac.uk) The audition will consist of a piece of (preferably) classical music which you choose, and some sight-reading. Previous choral experience is recommended, but not essential. Further information about Music at Univ can be found here <https://intranet.univ.ox.ac.uk/music>
- Univ Community Choir meets on Tuesday evenings, and is not auditioned. No experience is necessary! It sings all varieties of music, including jazz, pop and world music. Please email its leader, Carys Lane (carys.lane@btinternet.com) if you are interested in joining. Members of the Chapel Choir are also invited to sing in the Community Choir if they wish.



- 3.15pm **Sexual Consent Presentation** (*Goodhart Seminar Room*)
Humanities and MPLS Divisions ****Attendance is mandatory****
- 4.45pm **Sexual Consent Presentation** (*Goodhart Seminar Room*)
Medical Sciences and Social Sciences Divisions ****Attendance is mandatory****
- 9.00pm **BOP – Theme: Back to the Future** (*Univ MCR*)
The event of the week! Our first graduate bop (this is what we call a college party in Oxford) kicks off in the Common Room at 9pm. Come along dressed as your futuristic self or your hero of the future.

Saturday 7th October

- 12.15pm **Rowing Taster Session with UCBC** (*Lodge*)
You can't study at Oxford without having a go at rowing! Come and see our amazing boathouse, meet the members of the biggest society in college, and have a go! All welcome, and novices strongly encouraged. If you'd prefer you can take a walk and meet us there for 12.30pm.
- 5.00pm **Afternoon tea** (*Univ MCR*)
Having a lazy Saturday after the bop? We hear you. Join us for a relaxing cup of tea and some nice sweet treats in the MCR.
- 8.00pm **Pub Night** (*Lodge*)
Meet at the Lodge at 8pm and we will head over to one of Oxford's many historic pubs. An excellent opportunity to meet and chat with fellow graduates in an informal setting.

Sunday 8th October

- 11.30am **BAME brunch** (*Univ MCR/Hall*)
Join us in the MCR to meet fellow BAME students at Univ, where we will then head down to hall for a lovely Sunday brunch!
- 1.00pm **Freshers picnic** (*Lodge/University Parks*)
Come join us for a casual picnic and maybe some games at University Parks (often shortened to 'Uni Parks'). Just bring yourself and feel free to contribute to the picnic if there's something you'd like your fellow grads to try! Also, feel free to bring any outdoor games you fancy. If you'd rather meet us there – meet us at the Parks Road entrance at 1.15pm. Note: this activity will depend on the weather, let us hope it is sunny!
- 5.45pm **Freshers Evensong** (*Chapel*)
Join us in our beautiful chapel to experience Univ's Evensong service. There will be readings and songs from our incredible choir. This event is followed by pizza in the Alington Room.



8.30pm **WCR Sunday Social** (*Univ MCR*)

As every second Sunday during term time, join us for wine (and other non-alcoholic drinks) and cheese and other nibbles.

1st Week events

Tuesday 10th October

5.00pm **Welcome event for Black students** (*Corpus Christi College – meet at Univ Lodge at 4.50pm to walk to CCC with Undergraduate students or go direct to CCC Lodge*)

An opportunity to meet students from neighbouring colleges: Christ Church, Corpus Christi, Merton, Oriel and Univ.

7.00pm **Inter-college LGBTQ+ social** (*Univ MCR/tbc*)

Hang out with queer grads of one or two other colleges and make some new friends in the wider Oxford community. Option to go out to Plush, Oxford's queer night club afterwards.

Wednesday 11th October

6.45pm **Altschul Pre-Dinner Drinks** (*Various/Hall*)

Your College Advisor may be in touch to arrange drinks before the Altschul Dinner. These drinks might be held in their office. Keep an eye on your inbox. If you don't hear from them, do just come along to Hall for a drink before dinner.

7.15pm **Altschul Dinner** (*Hall*)

This is the formal dinner at which all new graduates are officially welcomed to the College. Dress code: formal wear (smart dress/jacket and tie/whatever you like so long as it's smart. Black tie/tuxedo not required). Please note that you do not need to wear gowns/sub fusc.

****Attendance is mandatory****