

# WCR Graduate Welcome Week Timetable 2025

Congratulations of joining the University College, or Univ in short! We are the Weir Common Room (WCR), the body for postgraduates in Univ. Together with the College, the WCR committee will lead a whole host of events during the welcome week!

If you have any questions, issues or just fancy a chat, you can contact any of the following.

- Karen Franklin (*Graduate Studies Officer*) - [graduate.admission@univ.ox.ac.uk](mailto:graduate.admission@univ.ox.ac.uk)
- Ben Willis (*WCR President*) - [benedict.willis@univ.ox.ac.uk](mailto:benedict.willis@univ.ox.ac.uk)
- Lodge Porters – [lodge@univ.ox.ac.uk](mailto:lodge@univ.ox.ac.uk), also reachable by phone: 01865 276602.



**Do you know?** The WCR is also referred as the *Middle Common Room* (MCR). The WCR also refers to the physical space where postgraduates meet.

For University advice on your safety during night outs, please visit <https://www.ox.ac.uk/students/life/community/nights-out>.

**Events listed here may be subject to updates.** Here are a few ways to receive the latest information from us! We hope you enjoy the freshers' week!



WhatsApp  
*Link previously sent\**



Instagram  
[@univwcr](https://www.instagram.com/univwcr)



Website  
<https://wcr.univ.ox.ac.uk>

\*If you have not receive the WhatsApp link, please DM us via the Instagram with your College email and we will send you the WhatsApp link!

Guide on how to use this timetable is on Page 2. The actual timetable begins on Page 3. Additional event information on the last page.

## Mandatory Events

**Attendance is mandatory for some of the College events.** If you are unable to attend any of the mandatory college events due to religious observance, please email Karen at [graduate.admissions@univ.ox.ac.uk](mailto:graduate.admissions@univ.ox.ac.uk) for alternative arrangements.

Please also check with your department/faculty for any events outside of this timetable they are expecting you to attend. As agreed among the University, departments and each college, you should expect the department/faculty events to take place at the following:

6 Oct (Mon)	7 Oct (Tues)	8 Oct (Weds)	9 Oct (Thurs)	10 Oct (Fri)
09.00-17.00	09.00-17.00 <i>and beyond</i>	N/A	13.00-18.00	09.00-13.00

## How to use this timetable?

Events are colour-coded as below:

### YELLOW - College

### Blue - WCR

### Green - College Societies

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- For events marked by faculties (**Humanities**, **MPLS**, **Medical Sciences** and **Social Sciences**), you only need to attend the one associated by your faculty. Check <https://www.ox.ac.uk/about/divisions-and-departments> for more information.
- Some events are held virtually using Microsoft Teams. You will get the best experience by joining via the [Teams desktop app](#), but you can join via a browser too (Google Chrome is recommended).
- 🍷 means **both** alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks are served
- ☕ means **only** non-alcoholic drinks are served
- 📷 means the event may be photographed/filmed by college staff and/or WCR Committee and may be shared on College/WCR websites and/or social media platforms. See final page for notes.

## Events Booking

Booking is required for the following events.

### Auditions for the College Chapel Choir (8<sup>th</sup> Oct, from 9am-12pm):

To book a 10-minute slot, please email Giles Underwood ([giles.underwood@univ.ox.ac.uk](mailto:giles.underwood@univ.ox.ac.uk)) indicating your availability, voice range (SATB). and a song (with scores copy) you wish to perform (ideally classical),

### Joint Punting Social with Clarendon (11<sup>th</sup> Oct, from 3.10pm to 5.45pm)

Sign up at <https://forms.office.com/e/NQmm9ELG9t>, freshers have priority.



**\*Do you know?** The Chapel Choir is an auditioned choir made up of JCR and WCR members and sings for the weekly evensong and occasional concerts. Learn more by following their Instagram [@universitycollegechoir](https://www.instagram.com/universitycollegechoir) or [visit their website](#).

The choir rehearses on  
- Weds, Fri: 17.15-18.20  
- Sun: 15.45-17.15, followed by tea.  
Evensong on Sunday 17.45-18.45.

Perks include but not limited to:  
- three **FREE** singing lessons per term,  
- guaranteed seat in Christmas Formal,  
- an annual summer tour!

## Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October

11.00-12.00

### **Tour of Univ** 📷

*Meet @ Weir Common Room*

Starting in the WCR, the committees will bring you around the college – your new home for at least the next year! We'll show you where all the useful things are (libraries, bar, gym, music room etc..) and regale you with some of the rich history of the College! Also, it will be a nice opportunity to meet some other graduates!

12.00-16.00

### **University and College Registration**

*Weir Common Room*

Bring your passport/photo ID to receive your University Card (known as *Bod Card*) and register if you haven't already. You will also be able to collect your room keys from the Lodge if you are in College accommodation.

17.00-18.00

### **WCR Meet and Greet** 🍷 🍹 📷

*Weir Common Room*

No better way to start the 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.

18.00-

### **Staircase Tea**

*Your accommodation*

Take this chance to social with your other housemates who are living in your accommodation. Living off site? Don't worry, just tag along with other freshers :)

## Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October

17.00-17.30	<b>Sub Fusc Shopping Trip</b> <i>Meet @ Lodge / Shepherd and Woodward</i> For all those that want to start their Oxford life in style – we will take you shopping for your <i>sub fusc</i> . You can also get the sub fusc yourselves at <a href="#">Shepherd and Woodward</a> , <a href="#">Walters of Oxford</a> , and <a href="#">Ede and Ravenscroft</a> (slightly more expensive).
17.30-19.00	<b>Tour of Oxford</b> 📷 <i>Meet @ Lodge</i> A short tour of our favourites in the city centre to help you with your orientation. We will walk around other colleges and point out where you find the library and good eating spots.
19.30-20.30	<b>Mandatory Graduate Induction with Drinks Reception</b> 🍷🍹📷 <i>10 Merton Street Lecture Theatre</i> Introductions by the Tutor for Graduates and Senior Tutor. Come along and meet a few College staff and chat over wine and soft drinks. A representative from the Oxford SU will also be present.

## Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October

Departmental events may be scheduled beyond 17.00.

**Any departmental events scheduled today must take priority.**

19.00-22.30	<b>Scavenger Hunt</b> 📷 <i>Meet @ Lodge</i> As a long-time tradition of the WCR, join us for an evening of high jinks and discovery, all with the aim of orienting yourself around Univ and Oxford and making new friends.
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## Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October

09.00-12.00

### College Chapel Choir Auditions

*Chapel*

**Please contact Giles Underwood in advance**

[giles.underwood@univ.ox.ac.uk](mailto:giles.underwood@univ.ox.ac.uk) to book a 10-minute audition slot. The audition consists of a performance of a (preferably classical) song of your choice and some sight-reading. Previous choral experience is recommended, but not essential.

10.00-10.30

### Bodleian Library Induction for Taught Postgraduate (PGT) Freshers\*

Virtual: <https://go.glam.ox.ac.uk/bodleian-welcome-webinar>

A 30-minute webinar to introduce you to the central university libraries (known as the *Bodleian Libraries*) and how they can help you. It will take place via Microsoft Teams. No need to register, just click the [link](#) to join. Please contact [usered@bodleian.ox.ac.uk](mailto:usered@bodleian.ox.ac.uk) if you have any accessibility requirements you would like to declare.

11.00-12.00

### Women's Brunch ☕

*Weir Common Room*

This is a safe space to ask all questions you might have all sort of concerns, including college sanitary products (yes, they are free!) and contraception. Feel free to come along for some coffee and pastries even if you have no questions!

*Events on 8<sup>th</sup> October continues on the next page.*



**\*Do you know?** You can also attend a tour of your subject library. Details are on our [Getting Started webpage](#) where you can also watch a brief welcome video. For details of the library/libraries for your subject area, and to watch a brief video about the subject library, visit our [Libraries web page](#).

## Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October (continued)

14.00-15.00	<b>Induction for AcaDeMe@Univ: Academic Development and Mentoring Scheme</b> <i>Goodhart Seminar Room</i> <i>Aimed at Taught Postgraduates, but all graduate freshers are welcome.</i> Come and meet Dr Georgina Bartlett, the Lecturer in Academic Skills, to get advice on how to succeed academically in your postgraduate course at Oxford. And learn how the programme can support you with workload management, essay writing, and revision throughout your degree.
15.30-16.30	<b>Mandatory Equality, Diversity and Inclusivity Workshop</b> for <span>Medical Sciences</span> and <span>Social Sciences</span> <i>Swire Seminar Room</i>
16.30-17.00	<b>Music @ Univ Information Event*</b> <i>Chapel</i> Learn what opportunities are available to do music in Univ.
17.00-18.00	<b>Beaumont Elms Doctors Surgery Live Q and A session</b> <i>Virtual: Links to be emailed</i> A general Q&A session for the surgery. <i>Please note that this is not a Doctor consultation.</i>
20.00-22.00	<b>Pub Quiz</b> 🍺🍹📷 <i>Weir Common Room</i> Test your new knowledge about the college and Oxford.



**\*Do you know?** Music groups are directed by our Director of Music, Giles Underwood ([giles.underwood@univ.ox.ac.uk](mailto:giles.underwood@univ.ox.ac.uk)). To learn more, you can visit our [Music @ Univ website](#) or the Music Society Instagram [@univ\\_music](#).

## Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October

09.00-10.00	<b>Mandatory Equality, Diversity and Inclusivity Workshop</b> for <b>Humanities</b> and <b>MPLS</b> <i>Swire Seminar Room</i>
09.45-11.00	<b>Univ Freshers' Fair</b> 📷 <i>Hall</i> Univ members organised over 30+ societies and sport clubs on a range of disciplines. Check what they have to offer. You can also learn more by contacting them (details at the end of this timetable) or visit <a href="https://wcr.univ.ox.ac.uk/societies">https://wcr.univ.ox.ac.uk/societies</a> .
11.00-12.00 (entry slot)	<b>Oxford SU Freshers' Fair</b> <i>Examination Schools</i> There are also a lot of societies available for members across the University. Take your pick! <b>Remember to bring your bod card and avoid bringing bags.</b> Learn more at <a href="https://www.oxfordsu.org/freshers/">https://www.oxfordsu.org/freshers/</a>
21.30-22.30	<b>International Welcome Event (joint with JCR)</b> 🍷🍹📷 <i>Goodhart Seminar Room</i> We know it can be difficult to get settled in and we are here to help! Come and share your experience and concerns you might have if you have moved from abroad. Drinks and nibbles will be provided.
21.30-23.30	<b>Open Mic Night with UCMS</b> 🍷🍹📷 <i>College Bar</i> Our Music Society is organising an Open Mic for you to come and shine! Feel free to perform anything you want! (Please note numbers are limited so get there on time).

## Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October

Please be aware that College exams (known as *Collections*) will be taking place in nearby rooms so noise should be kept to a minimum.

13.00-13.45	<b>Mandatory Meet the Domestic Bursary</b> for <b>Humanities</b> and <b>MPLS</b> 90 High Street Lecture Theatre* (Meet @ Lodge if you are unsure of the room location)
13.45-14.15	<b>Mandatory Meet the Domestic Bursary</b> for <b>Medical Sciences</b> and <b>Social Sciences</b> 90 High Street Lecture Theatre* (Meet @ Lodge if you are unsure of the room location)
14.15-14.45	<b>College Library Induction</b> for <b>Humanities</b> Meet @ the Old Library All other graduates: meet at the Old Library at 2.45pm
14.45-15.15	<b>College Library Induction</b> for <b>MPLS</b> <b>Medical Sciences</b> <b>Social Sciences</b> Meet @ the Old Library
15.15-16.30	<b>Mandatory Sexual Consent Presentation</b> for <b>Humanities</b> and <b>MPLS</b> 90 High Street Lecture Theatre* (Meet @ Lodge if you are unsure of the room location)
16.45-18.00	<b>Mandatory Sexual Consent Presentation</b> for <b>Medical Sciences</b> and <b>Social Sciences</b> 90 High Street Lecture Theatre* (Meet @ Lodge if you are unsure of the room location)
21.00-00.00	<b>BOP – Past v Future with Worcester</b> 🍷🍹📷 Weir Common Room / College Bar (TBC) 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 on brand.



\*Enter through the Shelly Memorial then go upstairs for one floor for the 90 High Street Lecture Theatre. Meet at lodge if you are unsure of the room location.

**Do you know?** BOPs (Big Organised Parties) is the name we call College themed parties. Our advice for dresses is to be creative – you can dress well by decorating your clothes with a bit of art. You shouldn't need to spend much for dresses in a BOP! If you do need advice on how you dress – ask your friends, housemates, or even give a shout in the WhatsApp chat :)



## Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October

**11.15**-16.00

### **Rowing Taster Session with the Boat Club (UCBC)\*** 📷

*Meet @ Lodge / University College Boathouse*

You can't study at Oxford without having a go at rowing! Come and see our amazing boathouse, meet the members of the *biggest* College society and have a go with the ergs (and rowing if weather permits)!

There will be chaperoned groups leaving the lodge at 11.15am, 12.15pm, 1.15pm and 2.15pm. Check the WhatsApp group for details.

Boathouse location: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/ntqcxo4umdp5x5DE9>

14.00-15.00

### **Afternoon Tea** ☕

*Weir Common Room*

Stop by for a lazy afternoon tea with traditionally British tea, scones and clotted cream.

**15.10**-17.30

### **Punting with the Clarendon Scholars** 🍷 ☕ 📷

*Meet @ Lodge / Magdalen Bridge Boathouse*

The WCR and Clarendon Scholars is organising a punting social, with 16 places expected for WCR members! The event is free but please do bring your own snacks and drinks!

**Sign up here before 8<sup>th</sup> Oct 23.59pm:**

<https://forms.office.com/e/NQmm9ELG9t>

Magdalen Bridge Location:

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/onzwyrPJTwpSmbd6>

## Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October

Other College sport trials or taster sessions may take place on Sunday. More details are available during the Freshers' Fair on 9 Oct (Thurs).

14.00-18.00	<b>Univ Sport Day (Details TBC, joint with JCR)</b> 📷 <i>Meet @ Lodge / Univ Sports Ground</i> We are in the process of planning a Sports Day with the JCR. <b>More details to follow on the website / Instagram / WhatsApp group.</b> Sports Ground Location: <a href="https://maps.app.goo.gl/c2EvncMJ43htKw8Z6">https://maps.app.goo.gl/c2EvncMJ43htKw8Z6</a>
17.45-18.45	<b>Freshers' Evensong</b> 📷 <i>Chapel</i> Join us in our beautiful chapel to experience Univ's evensong service. There will be readings and songs from our incredible Chapel Choir.
19.00-20.00	<b>Post-evensong Pizza</b> 🍷🍕 <i>Alington Room</i> The weekly evensongs are followed by drinks and pizza. Come and meet our Chaplain who look after faith and welfare matters.
20.00-21.00	<b>WCR Social</b> 🍷🍕📷 <i>Weir Common Room</i> Join us for the first WCR Social of term, a regular event in which we unwind from a stressful week! Come here for some wine, cheese and games, or good vibes!



**\*Do you know?** UCBC is one of the largest College boat clubs, and our crews have consistently reached top 5 in the annual Torpids and Eights races. You can learn more by follow their Instagram [@univbc](https://www.instagram.com/univbc).

## 1<sup>st</sup> Week events

### Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October

- 18.30-19.30      **Welcome Event for Black Students (Details TBC)**  
*Christ Church – Deanery Office*  
An opportunity for Black students at Univ to meet Black students from neighbouring colleges, including Christ Church, Corpus Christi, Merton, Oriel and Pembroke.

### Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October

- 18.45-19.15      **Altschul Pre-Dinner Drinks** 🍷🍹📷  
*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.
- 19.15-21.45      **Mandatory 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). As you have not been matriculated yet, no gowns or *sub fusc* are needed.

### Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> October

- 12.00-15.00      **Mandatory Freshers' Photo and Matriculation\*** 📷  
*Meet @ Lodge*  
Matriculation is the formal ceremony to confer your membership to the University, if you haven't done so. You are required to turn up with your *sub fusc*. More details to follow by email.

## Missing an event?

If you are aware of a freshers' event missing, or you are a committee of a College society and you want to promote your events at the last minute, you are more than welcomed to email [wcr.externalaffairs@univ.ox.ac.uk](mailto:wcr.externalaffairs@univ.ox.ac.uk) or DM our Instagram [@univwcr](https://www.instagram.com/univwcr), so that we can promote the events for you.

## Getting Involved

The WCR committee continues to lead social events with college and societies. Check out our website or social media to learn more!

We are also in need of more committees to run the WCR. Perks include formal subsidies and opportunities to polish your organisational skills, which would be beneficial for your career. Please speak to any of the committees if you are interested in helping!



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Website  
<https://wcr.univ.ox.ac.uk>

## GDPR Information for Events Photos and Videos

As part of the University College, we adhere to the College Privacy Policy, which provides a general guidance of how we collect, process and store your personal data, including event photos and videos. The policy is available at <https://www.univ.ox.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/University-College-Oxford-Privacy-Policy-05.pdf>. You can also learn about your legal rights with your personal data.

The WCR, acting as part of the University College, has a legitimate interest to retain a record of the event, which may include video, audio, images or transcripts that includes you as an attendee. Please let us know if you would rather it did not use photographs or recordings of you in this way. You can do this by emailing [wcr.externalaffairs@univ.ox.ac.uk](mailto:wcr.externalaffairs@univ.ox.ac.uk), or let any photographers know at the event.



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## Keep in Touch with the Wider College Community

You can also follow the following Instagram accounts, which are maintained by the College and/or our members.

College Official  
[@univcollegeoxford](https://www.instagram.com/univcollegeoxford)

College Ball 2026  
[@univball2026](https://www.instagram.com/univball2026)

College Access and Outreach  
[@univstaircase12](https://www.instagram.com/univstaircase12)

College Bar Deals  
[@univcollegebar](https://www.instagram.com/univcollegebar)

College Music  
[@univ\\_music](https://www.instagram.com/univ_music)

College Boat Club  
[@univbc](https://www.instagram.com/univbc)

College Library  
[@univlib](https://www.instagram.com/univlib)

College Sports  
[@univ\\_sport](https://www.instagram.com/univ_sport)

College Chapel Choir  
[@universitycollegechoir](https://www.instagram.com/universitycollegechoir)

Information for how to contact other College societies are available at <https://wcr.univ.ox.ac.uk/societies>.