



UNIVERSITY COLLEGE WELCOME WEEK 2026



Welcome to Univ! This timetable contains all you need to navigate Welcome Week at Univ.

Activities marked in **YELLOW and EMBOLDENED** are organised by the college and/or your subject tutors. **Attendance is compulsory at these activities and should take precedence over all other commitments.** For some of these events, particularly the Library Inductions, Sexual Consent Workshops, Equality, Diversity and Inclusivity Workshops, and Academic Transition Support sessions, students have been divided into small groups by subject. Please read the timetable carefully to check that you attend the correct event. An appendix is also included that provides a subject-by-subject overview of the schedule for these events.

Activities marked in **BLUE** are organised by the JCR (or another student organisation such as the Oxford SU), and you are free to take part as much or as little as you would like.

Activities followed by 🍷 are evening events (18.00 or later) that are planned to include BOTH alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks. Activities followed by 🍷 are evening events (18.00 or later) that do not include alcoholic drinks. Some events may be photographed/filmed by college staff and/or JCR Committee and may be shared on college/JCR websites and/or social media platforms. See final page for notes, including how to opt out of this*.

You will be notified of any Departmental/Faculty induction events for your subject that you **must** attend by your Department or Faculty. These usually are timetabled on Thursday and Friday, but some inductions may take place at other times. 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](#).

Your subject tutors may also contact you to organise subject meetings during Welcome Week.

Short 30-minute webinars have been scheduled into your timetable to introduce you to the University's Bodleian Libraries and how they can help you on your course. These will take place via Microsoft Teams. There is no need to register; just click the link in your timetable to join the webinar at your preferred time. 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). If you have any accessibility requirements you would like to declare, please contact usered@bodleian.ox.ac.uk.

During Welcome Week, any alterations to the following college timetable, as well as any last-minute additions, will be displayed on large notice boards in the JCR. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the JCR President, Amelia Sinclair, at jcr.president@univ.ox.ac.uk. The Lodge can be reached at 01865 276602.

A short message from the JCR, who themselves were freshers just last year: *We know Welcome Week is a very exciting time, and you will have heard lots of stories about fun activities going late into the night. However, you need to look after your mental and physical health too, and no-one's able to do all the optional activities we put on! Ultimately, it'll be a week of great memories and fun times regardless of the optional activities you do, so give yourself the space to rest and recuperate – you won't be missing out!*

For info on staying safe when on nights out please visit:

<https://www.ox.ac.uk/students/life/community/nights-out>

SUNDAY 4th OCTOBER

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WELCOME!

Arrive from 12 noon on Logic Lane*

**Freshers arrive and are met by the JCR Committee. Freshers should be in College by 4.00 pm, but are welcome to arrive any time from 12 noon onwards.*

When?	What?	Where?
12.00-16.00	University and College registration Bring your photo ID with you (passport, ID card, driving licence) Moving in Pick up your keys and get settled in!	JCR
16.30-17.00	Welcome to Univ Welcome from the JCR President and the Senior Tutor	Hall
17.15-19.00	College Family Dinner Join your college parents for your first night's dinner!	Meet in Hall
19.30-21.00	Pub Quiz 🍺 🍷 Get quizzical in the first Univ Quiz of 2026! (Bring your own drink if you wish.)	Hall
21.00-23.00	Freshers – Social Mixer 🍺 🍷 Meet your fellow Freshers and socialise.	Hall/Bar
From 22.00	Evening Activities 🍺 🍷 Check the boards at the Lodge and Univ Entz's social pages to see what the night has in store.	
From 23.00	Tea, toast and biscuits 🍷 Relax and unwind in the JCR after your first night.	JCR



MONDAY 5th OCTOBER

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When? What?

Where?

8.00-9.00	Breakfast	Hall
9.30 - 10.00	Welcome from the Master and Key College Officers	Hall
10.00 - 11.00	Senior Tutor's Induction	Hall
11.00 - 11.15	Tea Break	
11.15 - 11.45	Keeping Safe in Oxford Maths & Sciences	Swire Seminar room
11.15 - 12.00	Introduction from Welfare Team: Humanities & Social Sciences	10 Merton St Lecture Theatre
12.00- 12.30	Keeping safe in Oxford: Maths & Sciences	Swire Seminar room
12.00- 12.45	Introduction from Welfare Team: Humanities & Social Sciences	10 Merton St Lecture Theatre
12.45 - 13.30	Lunch	Hall
14:00 - 14:25	Decanal Induction & Meet the Junior Deans: Maths & Sciences	Swire Seminar room
14.25 - 15.10	Domestic Bursary Induction: Maths & Sciences	Swire Seminar room
14.00 - 15.00	Skills for Success as a Student Part 1: Humanities & Social Sciences	10 Merton St Lecture Theatre
15.10 - 15.40	Tea Break	
15.40 - 16.05	Decanal Induction & Meet the Junior Deans: Humanities & Social Sciences	Swire Seminar room
16.05 - 16.50	Domestic Bursary Induction: Humanities & Social Sciences	Swire Seminar room
15.40 - 16.40	Skills for Success as a Student Part 1: Maths & Sciences	10 Merton St Lecture Theatre
17.45 - 18.30	Dinner	Hall
18.30-19.45	Staircase Tea ☕ Say hello to the students on your staircase. We'll provide the biscuits!	Your Staircase
20.00-22.00	JCR (Just Chill and Relax) in the JCR 🍷 Join us for some snacks and soft drinks for a chilled big night in of games!	JCR
20.00-23.00	Univ Challenge 🍷 A Univ tradition! Bring a drink of your choice for some organised Univ Entz fun. Univ inspired challenges around college with second years.	Meet in Hall
From 22.00	Tea, toast and biscuits 🍷 Relax and unwind in the JCR after your second night.	JCR

TUESDAY 6th OCTOBER

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When?	What?	Where?
8.00-9.00	Breakfast	Hall
8.00-12.00	JCR Drop-in Informal Q&A with 2 nd years in JCR	JCR
9.15-10.00	How to get the most out of the tutorial system with Dr Andrew Bell, Senior Tutor	Hall
10.00-11.15	Sexual Consent Workshop Physics, Law	Swire Seminar Room
11.30-12.15	Skills for Success as a Student Part 2: Maths & Sciences	Swire Seminar Room
11.30-12.10	Library Induction Classics (Literae Humaniores), CAAH, Chinese and Modern Languages	Univ Old Library Foyer
12.15-13.30	Lunch	Hall
12.00-14.00	Christian Union Lunch Meet Univ's Christian Union rep, ask questions and chat with other Christians in college. (Other religious groups are represented at the Freshers Fairs.)	Green Room
12.30-13.30	'AfTEAnoon' in JCR Join us for a Univ weekly staple where students from all years get together to enjoy some free snacks and drinks in the Common Room! Also an opportunity to meet our JCR Welfare Reps!	JCR
13.00-14.15	Sexual Consent Workshop History, History & Politics, Ancient and Modern History, History and Modern Languages, AMES (Egyptology and ANES) and Chinese	Swire Seminar Room
14.30-15.15	Skills for Success as a Student Part 2: Humanities & Social Sciences	Swire Seminar Room
14.00-14.40	Library Induction Physics	Univ Old Library Foyer
14.40-15.20	Library Induction Chemistry and Biochemistry	Univ Old Library Foyer
15.20-16.00	Library Induction Maths and & joint schools and Computer Science & joint schools	Univ Old Library Foyer
15.30-16.45	Sexual Consent Workshop PPE, Earth Sciences and Music	Swire Seminar Room
16.00-17.30	Univ Scavenger Hunt Explore your new home with a few challenges along the way!	Meet in JCR
14:15-15.15	Oxford Tour – The Essentials Tour some of the most important places for students in the City of Dreaming Spires.	Meet at Lodge

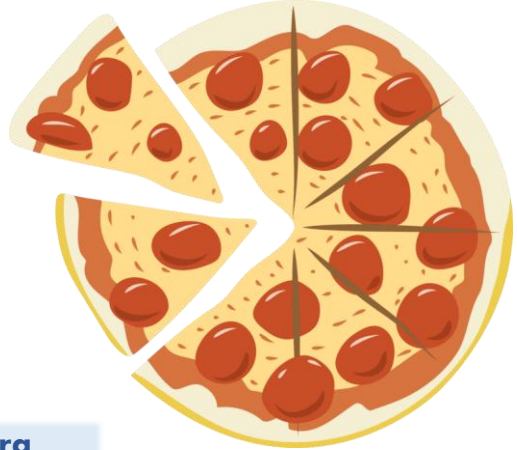
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17.00-18.30	Class Act Pizza and Movie Meet your Access and Equality Reps and socialise with fellow students over pizza and a movie.	Goodhart Seminar Room
17.45-18.30	Dinner	Hall
18.30-20.00	RAEM (Racial And Ethnic Minorities) takeaway night 🍕 Meet the RAEM reps and enjoy some takeaway food from a variety of different cultural cuisines! Open to all JCR members!	Goodhart Seminar Room
21.00-23.00	PS5 tournament 🎮 Come and spend an evening competing with your fellow students on the JCR PS5.	
From 22.00	Tea, toast and biscuits 🍪 Relax and unwind in the JCR.	JCR
From 23.00	Evening Activities 🍷 🍕 Check the boards at the Lodge and Univ Entz's social pages to see what the night has in store.	

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You may see Lyra, the College cat, patrolling the grounds of Univ



WEDNESDAY 7th OCTOBER

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When? What?

Where?

8.00-9.00	Breakfast	Hall
9.00-12.00	Chapel Choir Auditions Email giles.underwood@univ.ox.ac.uk to sign up for a 10 min slot	Chapel
9.00-9.40	Library Induction Earth Sciences, AMES, Medicine and BMS	Univ Old Library Foyer
9.15-10.30	Sexual Consent Workshop Classics, CAAH, English, EP & PPL	Swire Seminar Room
9.40-10.20	Library Induction English Language & Literature and Engineering Science	Univ Old Library Foyer
10.00-10.30	Bodleian Libraries welcome/induction webinar 1 If you are unable to attend this webinar, please attend the webinar on Thursday.	Online Click here to join (LINK TBC)
10.20-11.00	Library Induction – Law and Music	Univ Old Library Foyer
11.00-12.00	SU Freshers' Fair Visit the Oxford Student Union's biggest Freshers' Fair, with societies and much more! You will need a special wristband to enter the fair, so keep an eye on your pigeonhole before the big day	Examination Schools
12.15-13.30	Lunch	Hall
13.00-14.00	Equality, Diversity and Inclusivity Workshop – Modern Languages, English, Law, Music, PPE, Earth Sciences, EP and PPL	Swire Seminar Room
13.00-14.15	Sexual Consent Workshop - Engineering, Chemistry	10 Merton St Lecture Theatre
13.45-14.25	Library Induction - History & joint schools, Ancient and Modern History (AMH)	Univ Old Library Foyer
14.30-15.30	Oxford Tour – The Essentials Tour some of the most important places for students in the City of Dreaming Spires.	Meet at Lodge
15.30-16.10	Library Induction PPE, Experimental Psychology (EP), Psychology and Philosophy (PPL)	Univ Old Library Foyer
15.30-16.45	Sexual Consent Workshop – Biochemistry, Maths & joint schools, Computer Science & joint schools and Modern Languages	10 Merton St Lecture Theatre
16.30-17.00	An Introduction to Music at Univ 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. If you can't make this event, but are interested in learning more about music at Univ, please contact the Director of Music, Giles Underwood, at giles.underwood@univ.ox.ac.uk , who will be happy to meet with you or answer any queries. You can find further information at https://intranet.univ.ox.ac.uk/music .	Chapel

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17.00-18.00	Chapel Choir Rehearsal (Incoming Choral Scholars only)	Chapel
17.00-18.00	Beaumont Elms Surgery Live Q & A session Introduction to the college GP surgery led by Dr Jayne Haynes, with Q+A. Register HERE : https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/65c63f9d-78ee-4563-8caa-60fdd5b17ec6@37c354b2-85b0-47f5-b222-07b48d774ee3	Online via Teams
17.45-18.30	Dinner	Hall
19.00-21.00	Pizza and Piano 🍕 🎵 Join University College Music Society at the inaugural Master's Lodgings Concert for 2026, including fantastic music and free pizza!	Master's Lodgings
21.00-22.30	International Welcome Event 🍕 🎵 We know it can be difficult to get settled in and we are here to help! Come and share your experience and any concerns you might have if you have moved from abroad. Expect snacks, drinks and lots of international music. International Student Reps will be around to solve any questions you may have regarding life in Univ/Oxford/UK. We hope to see you there! This event is open to all students.	Goodhart Seminar Room
19.00-23.00	Games Night 🎮 Come to the JCR for an exciting night of games!	JCR
19.00-23.00	Darts taster session 🍷 🎯 Come to the bar to try out darts!	Bar
From 22.00	Tea, toast and biscuits 🍪 Relax and unwind in the JCR.	JCR
From 23.00	Evening activities 🍷 🎵 Check the boards at the Lodge and Univ Entz's social pages to see what the night has in store.	

*Univ Chapel Choir is an auditioned choir made up of members from the JCR and WCR. If you would like to audition, then please email the Director of Music, Giles Underwood, at giles.underwood@univ.ox.ac.uk to book a 10-minute slot. The audition will consist of a piece of (preferably) Western classical music which you choose and some sight-reading. Previous choral experience is recommended, but not essential. Alternative times for auditions can be arranged with Giles if this clashes with a compulsory event. please email Giles Underwood giles.underwood@univ.ox.ac.uk indicating your availability, voice range (SATB), and a song (with score copy) you wish to perform, ideally Western classical.



THURSDAY 8th OCTOBER

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When?	What?	Where?
8.00-9.00	Breakfast	Hall
9.15-9.45	Bodleian Libraries welcome/induction webinar 2 If you are unable to attend this webinar, please attend the webinar on Wednesday.	Online Click here to join Link TBC
9.45-11.30	Freshers Fair Discover Univ's societies at our very own Freshers' Fair!	Hall
11.45-12.45	Equality, Diversity and Inclusivity Workshop Biochemistry, CAAH, Maths, Comp Sci & joint schools, Physics, History, AMH, HML & HPol and AMES	Swire Seminar Room
12:15-13:30	Lunch	Hall
14.30-15.30	Equality, Diversity and Inclusivity Workshop - Classics, Chinese, Engineering, Chemistry, EP, AMES, Medicine and BMS	Swire Seminar Room
15.30-16.30	Oxford Tour – Green Spaces Visit some of Oxford's beautiful green spaces on this tour, ending in Port Meadow.	Meet in Main Quad
16:30 – 17:00	JCR drop in Come and meet the JCR exec with any questions or issues you may have.	JCR
18.45-19.15	Pre-dinner Drinks 🍷 🍷 In a tutor's office or in Alington Room as notified	Various/Alington Room
19.15-21.15	Altschul Dinner 🍷 🍷 🍷 (All freshers are expected to attend) The Freshers' Formal Hall is a chance for you to enjoy a lovely three-course meal in College with your tutors. Dress code: formal wear (smart dress/jacket and tie/whatever you like so long as it's smart), but no gowns/ <i>sub fusc</i> will be required yet because you have not matriculated.	Hall
21.30-23.00	Mocktail making 🍷 Try your hand at bartending by creating and trying your very own non-alcoholic cocktails (mocktails)!	JCR
21.30 – 23.00	Open Mic & Gig Night 🍷 🍷 A Univ staple; join us for our first open mic event and for performances by student bands	Bar
From 22.00	Tea, toast and biscuits 🍷 Relax and unwind in the JCR.	JCR

FRIDAY 9th OCTOBER

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When?	What?	Where?
8.00-9.00	Breakfast	Hall
11.00-15.00	Open Picnic in Port Meadow Join us for a picnic in Port Meadow, one of the largest open green spaces in the city. It's home to horses and cattle with the River Thames flowing through the meadow! We will provide snacks and refreshments but feel free to bring along your own lunch or snacks too.	Meet at Lodge (For those not coming along on the Oxford Green Spaces Tour, the first chaperoned group will leave from the Lodge at 11.00)
12.15-13.30	Lunch	Hall
12:30-13:30	Disabled Students Lunch Meet fellow disabled students over lunch. All forms of disability are valid and welcome!	Butler Room
13.30 – 15.00	Tiddlywinks Taster Session	JCR
14:30 – 16:30	Islamic Society drop in 🍷 Come and meet your fellow Muslim students, visit the prayer room, ask questions and chat with other Muslims in college. Everyone welcome. (Other religious groups are represented at the Freshers Fairs.)	Green Room
17.30-19.00	College Pair-ents 🍷 Pair up with a second family and meet new friends. Talk to your college parents about where you'd like to go!	Various of Hall
17.45-18.30	Dinner	Hall
19.45-20.45	Ice Skating 🍷 Get your ice skates on for some fun at Oxford Ice Rink! We will be leaving for the ice rink at 19.15.	Meet at Lodge
20.00-22.00	Switch in JCR 🍷 Come to the JCR for a thrilling night of games	JCR
From 22.00	Evening activities 🍷 Check the boards at the Lodge and Univ Entz's social pages to see what the night has in store.	
From 22.00	Tea, toast and biscuits 🍷 Relax and unwind in the JCR.	JCR

SATURDAY 10th OCTOBER

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When?	What?	Where?
11.30-13.30	Brunch	Hall
12.15-16.00	UCBC Rowing Taster and BBQ Try your hand at rowing at the University College Boat Club Taster. Chaperoned groups will depart from the lodge to the boathouse at 12.15 and 13.15 and 14.15	Univ Boathouse
17.30-18.30	Hot Chocolate or Ice Cream? Come along as we go out to one of Oxford's finest establishments for a cup of hot chocolate or some ice cream. You get to decide!	Meet at Lodge
20.00-22.30	Movie Night 🍿 A night in to enjoy a good film with classic movie snacks!	Swire Seminar Room
20.30-23.00	BOP (White lies Bop) 🍹🍷 The Univ JCR's first bop of 2026/2027! Write your white lies on a white t-shirt for a evening in the bar.	Bar
20.30-23.00	Bop Recovery Room 🍷 Take a break from the bop here.	Green Room

SUNDAY 11th OCTOBER

When?	What?	Where?
11.30-13.30	Brunch	Hall
11.30 -13.30	LGBTQ+ Brunch 🍹🍷 Meet your fellow LGBTQ+ students.	Alington Room
14.00-18.00	Univ Sports Day (joint with the MCR) Get your first experience of Sports at Univ. The first chaperoned group will leave the Lodge at 14:00.	Univ Sports Grounds Sports Ground Location: https://maps.app.goo.gl/c2EvncMJ43htKw8Z6
15.30-17.15	Chapel Choir practice Followed by tea and cakes	Chapel
17.45-18.45	Freshers' Evensong Join us in our beautiful chapel to experience Univ's evensong service. There will be readings and music from our incredible choir.	Chapel
19.00-20.00	Post-Evensong Pizza 🍹🍷 The weekly evensongs are followed by drinks and pizza. Come and meet our chaplain Andrew Gregory, who looks after faith and welfare matters.	Alington Room
19.30-20.45	JCR Meeting 🍷 You know what tastes better than pizza? Democracy. Luckily, we have both at the year's first JCR meeting.	Swire Seminar Room

MONDAY 12th OCTOBER

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When? What?

18.30-19.30

Welcome Event for Black Students

An opportunity for Black students at Univ to meet Black students from neighbouring colleges: Christ Church, Corpus, Merton, Oriel and Pembroke.

Where?

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SATURDAY 17th OCTOBER

Timing tbc

Freshers' Photo and Matriculation

Meet at the Lodge

Matriculation is the mandatory formal ceremony to make you a member of the university (if you haven't matriculated in a previous programme). You are required to turn up in academic dress. More details to follow by email.

*GDPR Information for Events Photos and Videos 📷

As part of University College, we adhere to the College Privacy Policy, which provides a general guidance for collection, processing and storage of 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 JCR, acting as part of University College, has a legitimate interest to retain records of events, which may include video, audio, images, or transcripts including you as an attendee.

N.B. If you would rather we do not use photographs or recordings of you in this way, please email jcr.secretary@univ.ox.ac.uk at any time, or let any photographers know at the event and we will ensure that your image is not used.

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](#)

College Boat Club
[@univbc](#)

College Access and Outreach
[@univstaircase12](#)

College Bar Deals
[@univcollegebar](#)

College Music
[@univ_music](#)

College Chapel Choir
[@universitycollegechoir](#)

College Library
[@univlib](#)

College Sports
[@univ_sport](#)

Information on how to contact other College societies is available at <https://www.univjcr.com/student-societies>

