

WCR Graduate Welcome Week Timetable 2026

Congratulations on joining University College, or Univ for short! We are the Weir Common Room (WCR), the body of postgraduate students at Univ. Together with the College, the WCR Committee is leading a host of events during Welcome Week!

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

- Karen Franklin (*Academic Services Manager*) — graduate.admissions@univ.ox.ac.uk
- Gabriel Pereira (*WCR President*) — gabriel.pereira@univ.ox.ac.uk
- Lodge Porters — lodge@univ.ox.ac.uk, also reachable by phone: 01865 276602.



Did you know? The WCR is also referred as the *Middle Common Room* (MCR). WCR also refers to the physical space dedicated to postgraduates in the Mitchell Building (at Univ's main site).

Events listed here are subject to change. You can keep up with the WCR via the following channels (especially WhatsApp)!



WhatsApp
*Link previously sent**



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



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

Mandatory Events

Attendance is mandatory for some of these events. If you are unable to attend any of the mandatory events due to religious observance, please email Karen Franklin (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 times:

5 Oct (Mon)	6 Oct (Tues)	7 Oct (Weds)	8 Oct (Thurs)	9 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

- For events marked by division (**Humanities**, **MPLS**, **Medical Sciences**, **Social Sciences**), you only need to attend the one associated with your own. 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 also join through a browser (Chromium-based browsers such as Google Chrome, Edge, and Brave are recommended).
- 🍷🍹 means **both** alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks will be served
- 🍹 means **only** non-alcoholic drinks will be 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 event.

Auditions for the College Chapel Choir, (Wednesday 7th October, from 9am–12pm):

To book a 10-minute slot, 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.



***Did you know?** The Univ 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](#) or [visiting their website](#).

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

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



Sunday 4th October

11.00–12.00	Tour of Univ 📷 <i>Meet @ Weir Common Room</i> Starting in the WCR, we will bring you to explore our college! We'll show you where all the useful things are (libraries, bar, gym, music rooms, etc..) and regale you with some of the rich history of the college. This is also a great opportunity to meet fellow graduates!
12.00–16.00	University and College Registration <i>Weir Common Room</i> Bring your passport/photo ID to receive your University Card (known as <i>Bod card</i>) and register if you haven't already. You will also be able to collect your room keys from the lodge if you are living in college accommodation.
17.00–18.00	WCR Meet and Greet 🍷 🍷 📷 <i>Weir Common Room</i> Come meet the WCR Committee, current, and new Univ grads alike! Drinks and nibbles will be provided.
18.00–20.00	Staircase Tea <i>Univ Accommodation</i> Take this chance to socialise with your Univ housemates. Living off-site? Tag along with other freshers!

Monday 5th October

17.00–17.30	Academic Dress Shopping Trip <i>Meet @ Lodge</i> Academic dress, including a gown, is essential at formal university ceremonies as well as examinations in some degrees (see more info here https://www.ox.ac.uk/students/academic/dress). Join us on a trip to one of the shops selling academic dress near Univ! You can also purchase this in your own time from Shepherd and Woodward , Walters of Oxford , and Ede and Ravenscroft (slightly more expensive).
17.30–19.00	Tour of Oxford 📷 <i>Meet @ Lodge</i> A short tour of our favourite spots in the city centre to help you find your bearings!
19.30–20.30	Mandatory Graduate Induction with Drinks Reception 🍷 🍷 📷 <i>10 Merton Street Lecture Theatre</i> Introductions by the Tutor for Graduates and Senior Tutor. Come along to meet some of the college staff members and chat over wine and soft drinks.

Tuesday 6th October

Departmental events may be scheduled beyond 17.00.

Any departmental events scheduled today must take priority.

19.00–22.30	Scavenger Hunt 📷 <i>Meet @ Lodge</i> 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 7th October

09.00–12.00	College Chapel Choir Auditions <i>Chapel</i> Please contact Giles Underwood in advance giles.underwood@univ.ox.ac.uk to book a 10-minute audition slot. The audition consists of a performance of a (preferably Western 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 Postgraduate Taught (PGT) Freshers* <i>Virtual: LINK TO BE PROVIDED</i> A 30-minute webinar to introduce you to the central university libraries (known as the <i>Bodleian Libraries</i>) 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 if you have any accessibility requirements you would like to declare.
11.00–12.00	Women's Brunch ☕ <i>Weir Common Room</i> This is a safe space to raise all questions and concerns you might have, including about college sanitary products (yes, they are free!) and contraception. Coffee and pastries provided!

Events on 7th October continues on the next page.



***Did 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 7th October (continued)

14.00–15.00	Induction for AcaDeMe@Univ: Academic Development and Mentoring Scheme <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. Learn how the programme can support you with workload management, essay writing, and revision throughout your degree.
15.30–16.30	Mandatory Equality, Diversity, and Inclusivity Workshop for Medical Sciences and Social Sciences <i>Swire Seminar Room</i>
16.30–17.00	Music @ Univ Information Event* <i>Chapel</i> Learn what opportunities are available to do music at Univ.
17.00–18.00	Beaumont Elms Doctors Surgery Live Q and A session <i>Virtual: Links to be emailed</i> A general Q&A session for the surgery. <i>Please note that this is not a doctor's consultation.</i>
19.00–21.00	Pizza and Piano with UCMS 🍷 🍷 📷 <i>Master's Lodgings</i> Join University College Music Society at the inaugural Master's Lodgings Concert for 2026, including fantastic music and free pizza!
21.00–22.30	International Welcome Event (joint with JCR) 🍷 🍷 📷 <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.



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

Thursday 8th October

09.00–10.00	Mandatory Equality, Diversity, and Inclusivity Workshop for Humanities and MPLS <i>Swire Seminar Room</i>
09.45–11.00	Univ Freshers' Fair  <i>Hall</i> Univ members host over 30 societies and sport clubs — come see what they have to offer! You can also learn more by contacting them (details at the end of this timetable) or visiting https://wcr.univ.ox.ac.uk/societies .
12.00 – 13.00 (entry slot)	Oxford SU Freshers' Fair <i>Examination Schools</i> There are also many student societies across the university beyond Univ. Take your pick! Remember to bring your Bod card and avoid bringing bags. Learn more at https://www.oxfordsu.org/freshers/
20.00–22.00	Pub Quiz    <i>Weir Common Room</i> Test your knowledge about the college, the university, and more!
21.30–23.00	JCR Gig night    <i>Univ Bar</i> Come along to the Univ Bar to enjoy a gig night organised by our undergraduates.

Friday 9th 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.

13.00–13.30	Mandatory Meet the Domestic Bursary for Humanities and MPLS <i>Venue to be confirmed</i>
13.45–14.15	Mandatory Meet the Domestic Bursary for Medical Sciences and Social Sciences <i>Venue to be confirmed</i>
14.15–14.45	College Library Induction for Humanities <i>Meet @ the Old Library</i> All other graduates: meet at the Old Library at 2.45pm
14.45–15.15	College Library Induction for MPLS Medical Sciences Social Sciences <i>Meet @ the Old Library</i>
15.15–16.30	Mandatory Sexual Consent Presentation for Humanities and MPLS <i>Venue to be confirmed</i>
16.45–18.00	Mandatory Sexual Consent Presentation for Medical Sciences and Social Sciences <i>Venue to be confirmed</i>
21.00–00.00	BOP — Heroes and Villains 🍷 📷 <i>Weir Common Room / College Bar</i> The event of the week! Our first graduate BOP (what college parties are known as in Oxford) kicks off in the Weir Common Room at 9pm. Dance the night away dressed as a hero if you're a fresher, and as a villain if you're a returning student! Creativity encouraged when choosing an outfit.

Saturday 10th October

11.15–16.00	Rowing Taster Session with the Boat Club (UCBC)* 📷 <i>Meet @ Lodge</i> You can't study at Oxford without having a go at rowing! Come and see our amazing boathouse, meet the members of the <i>biggest</i> college society, and have a go with the rowing machines (ergs) and rowing on the water 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 ☕ <i>Weir Common Room</i> Stop by for a lazy afternoon tea with traditionally British tea, scones, and clotted cream.

Sunday 11th October

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

14.00–18.00	Park Walk 📷 <i>Meet @ Lodge</i> Meet at the Univ Lodge to go for a long walk to the beautiful Christ Church Meadow or Port Meadow (destination to be decided)
17.45–18.45	Freshers' Evensong 📷 <i>Univ Chapel</i> Join us in our beautiful chapel to experience Univ's evensong service. There will be readings and music from our incredible choir.
19.00–20.00	Post-Evensong Pizza 🍷 🍷 🍷 <i>Alington Room</i> The weekly evensongs are followed by drinks and pizza. Come and meet our chaplain Andrew Gregory, who looks after faith and welfare matters.
19.00–21.00	Pizza Night 🍷 🍷 📷 <i>Weir Common Room</i> Join us for the first WCR pizza night of term, a term-time favourite!



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

1st Week events

Date and time to be confirmed	Welcome Event for Black Students (Details TBC) <i>VENUE TBC</i> An opportunity for Black students at Univ to meet Black students from neighbouring colleges, including Christ Church, Corpus Christi, Merton, Oriel, and Pembroke.
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Wednesday 14th October

18.45–19.15	Altschul Pre-Dinner Drinks 🍷 🍹 📷 <i>Hall</i> 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 the dining hall for a drink before dinner.
19.15–21.45	Mandatory Altschul Dinner 🍷 🍹 📷 <i>Hall</i> 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 is smart. Black tie/tuxedo not required). As you have not been matriculated yet, no gowns are needed.

Saturday 17th October

TBC	Mandatory Freshers' Photo and Matriculation* 📷 <i>Meet @ Lodge</i> Matriculation is the 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.
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Missing an event?

If you are aware of a freshers' event missing or are in the committee of a college society, and would like to promote your events at the last minute, you are more than welcome to email our social secretaries (wcr.entertainment@univ.ox.ac.uk).

Getting Involved

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

There are also vacant roles in the WCR committee. Perks include a guaranteed spot in the coveted Christmas formal as well as opportunities to change life at Univ for the better. Please speak to any of the current committee members if you are interested in joining!



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



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

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 WCR, 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.



If you would rather we do not use photographs or recordings of you in this way, please email wcr.externalaffairs@univ.ox.ac.uk at any time, or let any photographers know at the event.

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

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

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

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

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