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WCR President

Dear new Univ graduate members,

I am writing to welcome you to University College, often called Univ, and to its Weir Common Room (WCR, also known as the MCR), comprising the graduate students here at Univ. Our community is a friendly, diverse, international group, and the returning members are looking forward to welcoming you into the fold.

The WCR is run and organised by the WCR Committee. You can learn more about the various Committee members, their roles, and other aspects of graduate life on the Univ WCR website (<https://wcr.univ.ox.ac.uk/>).

We always aim to make Univ feel as much like home as quickly as possible, so we have a busy programme planned for Welcome Week (aka Freshers' Week). We really encourage all of you to attend as many events as you can during this week, as it's a great opportunity to meet lots of new people, both new to the college and returning. For those of you arriving earlier, we also have events running in the week before Welcome Week, so that you can start meeting people and settling into life in Oxford as soon as you arrive. The timetables are available in your online welcome packs. These events are run by WCR Committee members, so you will have the chance to meet the different WCR officers and ask any Univ- and Oxford-related questions you may have before term begins.

For the most up-to-date information on our activities, join the WhatsApp group (you have been emailed the QR code separately). Our dedicated WCR website is also updated regularly. More general information on the WCR, Univ, and Oxford can be found on the "Learn@Univ" tab on the Univ website (<https://www.univ.ox.ac.uk/learn-at-univ/>). The college website also has a dedicated space for "New Student" information and a series of useful FAQs (<https://www.univ.ox.ac.uk/learn-at-univ/new-students/>).

Finally, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me (wcr.president@univ.ox.ac.uk) or the rest of the WCR Committee members by email. We are more than happy to help you in any way we can, and even if we do not have all the answers, we can point you towards the appropriate people. We want to make your start in Oxford as smooth as possible!

I look forward to meeting you very soon!

Best wishes,

Gabriel