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President's Welcome

Welcome to Univ!

I'm Amelia (she/her), a second year PPE student from London, and your JCR President for the coming year.

Congratulations - you've earned your place, and I hope you're excited. If you're also slightly nervous, that's completely normal, and almost everyone here has stood exactly where you're standing.

Univ is a great place to land. It's one of the friendliest colleges in Oxford, it's right in the middle of town, and the college system means that however chaotic the rest of the university gets, you always have somewhere to come back to.

As JCR President I represent all the undergraduates to College - everything from rent discussions to making sure the JCR has everything it needs. I do it alongside a committee who put on welfare teas, BOPs, formals and a great deal else. You'll meet all of them in the pages that follow.

Mostly, though, I'm here to be asked things. If something's confusing or worrying you, please get in touch - before you arrive or once you're here.

Have a lovely summer. See you in October!

You can reach me at jcr.president@univ.ox.ac.uk or amelia.sinclair@univ.ox.ac.uk

What is the JCR?

The 'JCR', or 'Junior Common Room', means two things.

Firstly, it's the body of undergraduate members of the college - all of us, from first years to finalists. The JCR also has a committee, made up of students, who are here to help you out and to run everything from Welfare Weeks to BOPs for everyone to enjoy.

Secondly, it's a physical room in college, reserved for those members. Our common room is a lively, comfortable space that hosts our welfare teas and much more. One area has a piano, table football, TV, Nintendo Switch and PS5, along with a kitchen and plenty of comfy places to sit and relax. The other has tables for working or playing games. The JCR is on the small, historic Logic Lane, which runs right through Univ.

How can I get involved?

JCR meetings happen every week or two during term, usually on a Sunday evening. They're the main way most students take part in Univ's student democracy, and they have a few key parts.

The first is motions: students propose something and the JCR votes on it — a motion to fund a student project, for example. The second is elections, or hustings where the vote happens later, where you can put yourself forward to join the committee.

There's also free pizza!

You'll find more about JCR meetings, including our standing orders and election timetable, at www.univjcr.com.

Executive Committee

Preet Kaur - JCR VP/Secretary

Hi! I'm Preet (she/her), a second year Classicist and this year's JCR VP/Secretary. My job involves supporting the JCR President, Amelia, and being a key point of contact between the wider JCR and college staff.

As Secretary, you will receive emails from me with details of our fortnightly JCR meeting agenda and minutes, and any other info regarding these meetings. These meetings are a great opportunity for everyone to get involved in college matters and have their voices heard, so I would encourage you all to attend and give your opinions!

If you have any questions or would like to propose a motion, please contact me at jcr.secretary@univ.ox.ac.uk. Enjoy the rest of your summer and I can't wait to meet you all in October :)

James Backhouse - JCR VP/Treasurer

Hi everyone! I'm James (He/Him), a second year PPE student from Tunbridge Wells. As JCR treasurer, I'll be responsible for creating a budget and funding all the clubs, societies and initiatives set up by students at univ! I highly recommend getting involved in everything the JCR has to offer, from sports and creative societies, to welfare and entz events.

Personally, they've made an enormous difference to my first year, so definitely go to as many things as possible. Come along to JCR meetings to have your say about where JCR money should go!

Outside of being treasurer, you'll see me a lot in week zero as your fresher's rep, and if you choose to take up rowing (highly recommended), I'll be your vice captain, responsible for organising outings.

jcr.treasurer@univ.ox.ac.uk

Welfare, Equality and Diversity Group

Esme Hallam - Welfare Rep

Hi! I'm Esme (she/her), a second year PPEist from Cambridge, and one of your welfare reps this year! Scott, Hermione, and I will be here to help and offer any support or guidance you might need this year, as well as running some great welfare events to give you a well-deserved break from the more hectic aspects of Oxford.

Whether you want someone to point you to someone in Univ's brilliant welfare team for any support, or if you just want some advice or someone to talk to, then please reach out! My email is esme.hallam@univ.ox.ac.uk, and we also have the welfare email jcr.welfare@univ.ox.ac.uk, or you can usually find me around college or at the boathouse if you're looking for a friendly face!

Hermione Mattimoe - Welfare Rep

Hi I'm Hermione (she/her) a second year English Lit student from West London. Along with my fellow welfare reps, Scott and Esme, I'm here to organise the termly welfare week in 5th week, where we schedule lots of trips and activities to lift people's moods mid term. I'm also around to give guidance on , or answer questions about welfare support and Univ more generally.

We're also planning on making better use of the Univ welfare Instagram to promote events, so keep a look out for welfare week updates. If you want to talk or want advice more broadly my email is hermione.mattimoe@univ.ox.ac.uk and I'm also available at the welfare email listed in Esme's bio.

Welfare, Equality and Diversity Group

Scott Sellars - Welfare Rep

Hey! I'm Scott (he/him), a second-year Earth Sciences student originally from Glasgow, but now living just outside of Oxford. Together with Esme and Hermione, I'm here to help you feel at home in the Univ community and offer support whenever you need it. Oxford is an incredible place to study, but can also feel overwhelming at times, especially when you're settling in or juggling lots of different commitments. We're here to support your wellbeing with a range of relaxed activities, such as welfare teas.

Whether you have a specific concern, want some advice, or just fancy a chat, please don't hesitate to get in touch. You can email me at scott.sellars@univ.ox.ac.uk, or come and say hello if you see me around college – I'm always happy to talk

Zeb Jenkins-Hall - LGBTQ+ Rep

Hi! I'm Zeb (he/him) a second-year PPEist from London. As LGBTQ+ rep I will be working to support the welfare and safeguard the interests of our community, as well as ensuring everyone can live their authentic selves! There are a host of queer events in Oxford: for those of you unsure of where to find them QueerFest at Wadham and Tuesdays are good places to start!

I will also be organising LGBTQ+ themed events throughout the year as well as Pride Month and LGBTQ+ History Month Formal. If you have any question, concerns, suggestions or just want to talk, reach out to me at zeb.jenkinshall@univ.ox.ac.uk.

Welfare, Equality and Diversity Group

Tsvety Mihaylova - Class Equality Rep

Hey everyone! My name is Tsvety (she/her). I'm a second year CAAHist and your Class Equality rep for Michaelmas Term. My primary role is to represent students from all class backgrounds at Univ and to ensure that the college continues to break down class-related barriers to making the most of your time here. Coming from a working-class background myself, I know Oxford may seem quite daunting, but the student body is incredibly diverse and open, so I promise you are bound to find belonging here.

There are also heaps of support available both from the university and college which exist to make your studies as obstruction-free as possible. Please do reach out at tsvetislava.mihaylova@univ.ox.ac.uk with any questions or concerns whatsoever. I would be more than happy to chat about anything. Welcome to Univ!

Max Rosenfeld - Students with Disabilities Rep

My name is Max (he/him), I'm a 3rd Year Med student, and until the end of Michaelmas, I'm the rep for Students with Disabilities. Very simply, I know how hard it is to manage Oxford with a disability, and I'm here to help in any way I can. Please reach out with absolutely anything, from exam requirements to smaller everyday struggles. No ask is too small :)

Reach out at [@maxrozenfeld_](https://www.instagram.com/maxrozenfeld_) or max.rozenfeld@univ.ox.ac.uk - and join the students with disabilities WhatsApp community (link in the JCR group chat) to hear about any events we plan. Input always welcome!

Welfare, Equality and Diversity Group

Naomi Nemicklas - International students' reps

Hey everyone! I'm Naomi (she/her), a second-year historian. I was born in and grew up in Ukraine but moved to Canada for high school, and I'll be your international student rep for the 2026/27 year. I am so excited to meet you all and continue forming a really lovely international student community at Univ! I'm hoping to organize freshers week socials, inter-college mixers, and international student formals to make Oxford feel like home. I hope to make your transition to uni just a little bit easier, as it is always a bit of an adjustment! I am so excited to meet you and get to know you all, so if you see me around, please do say hi!

Activities group

Entz reps

Nancy Hayes

Fabian Wolsey-Pont

Alex Tollit

Hi everyone, and welcome to Univ! We're Alex (he/him, 2nd year Chemist), Nancy (she/her, 2nd year Earth Scientist), and Fabian (he/him, 2nd year Russianist), and we're delighted to be your Entz Reps this year.

Our aim is to help create a fun and inclusive social scene where everyone feels welcome. Over the course of the year we'll be organising a wide variety of events from lively nights out and BOPs (Big Organised Parties) to relaxed daytime socials and everything in between. Whether you're hoping to meet loads of new people, try something different, or simply take a break from work with friends, we hope there'll be something that catches your eye.

One of the best parts of this role is getting to hear what people want from college life, so we'd really love your input. If you've got an idea for an event, suggestions for something we could do differently, or any questions at all, please feel free to get in touch. You can email us at jcr.entz@univ.ox.ac.uk, or just stop us around college for a chat, we're always happy to hear from you!

We'll be sharing all our events and updates on Instagram at @univentz_, so give us a follow to stay in the loop. Expect event announcements, reminders, photos, and the occasional behind the scenes moment throughout the year.

We're really looking forward to meeting you all and helping make your time at Univ full of great memories, new friendships, and plenty of laughs. See you soon!

Activities Group

Rosie Lawson - Arts Rep

Hi, my name is Rosie (she/her), I'm a third year Mathematician, and Univ's Arts rep! My role is to support JCR members in their creative pursuits, run events, and handle our Arts fund. The art and drama scene has absolutely defined my experience at Univ, and I hope to introduce it to you through college events and by signposting you to university wide activities you can get involved in too.

Some things to look forward to are OUDS cuppers, paint and sips, and an infamous annual performance of one the works of Shakespeare! If you have any questions about arts in Oxford, feel free to e-mail me at rosie.lawson@univ.ox.ac.uk. See you in October!

Sebastian Collins - Sports Rep

Hey everyone! I'm Sebastian (Seb) (sebastian.collins@univ.ox.ac.uk) a third year Ancient and Modern History student from Durham. As Sports Rep I help promote and support sports at Univ. There's a huge variety of sports on offer, both in college and across the university from football and darts to water polo and ice hockey!

At Univ, we're super lucky to have brilliant sports facilities very close by, including a squash court and a college gym on main site (underneath Goodhart and Master's Lodgings!) as well as a sports ground for football, rounders and cricket, and shared tennis and netball courts (not to mention, our boathouse!) so you'll never run out of things to do in your free time!

College sports life is extremely fun, engaging and active. Last year we went on a Sports day to our sister college in Cambridge (Trinity Hall), this year they will be coming to Univ!

If you have any questions about college or university sport (including financial support for University athletes), feel free to email us at jcr.sports@univ.ox.ac.uk or dm @univsports_ on Instagram!

Activities Group

Freshers' reps

James Backhouse

Hi guys! I'm James (he/him), a second year PPE student from Kent. Congrats on coming univ - you're about to begin some of the best years of your life. As fresher's rep, my responsibility will be making sure your time at uni gets off to a smooth start. I'll be available on the fresher's group chat to answer any and all questions you might have about univ, studying at Oxford, and uni life in general.

During fresher's week, we're going to arrange all sorts of fun activities - think scavenger hunts, challenges, socials and tournaments. Personally, this is where I made loads of the friends that have made my first year so much fun, so get involved in everything!!

Preet Kaur

As well as being JCR VP/Secretary, I am also this year's Freshers Rep along with James. Alongside sending out emails regarding JCR meetings, I shall be around during Freshers Week to answer any questions you might have about settling into Univ - and if we can't answer your questions, we will help point you in the right direction to someone who can!

Feel free to email me at any point during your first year with any queries as you adjust to uni life! My email is preet.kaur@univ.ox.ac.uk.

Advocacy group

Sebastian Collins - Charities Rep

Hi guys! I'm Sebastian, a third year Ancient and Modern History student from Durham. As your Charities and Communities Rep I help organise Univ's participation with Charities. I manage the charities budget to make a positive impact.

I help coordinate fundraisers, donate directly and platform Oxford based charities to increase engagement. If you have any ideas or want to fundraise or support a charity close to your heart please get in touch! Email me at: sebastian.collins@univ.ox.ac.uk

William Morris and Lucia Gates - Ethics and Environment Reps

Hello! We are Will (he/him), second-year from Manchester, and Lucia (she/her) fourth year. Our role as Environment and Ethics representatives will carry into 2026, and we're looking forward to helping reduce Univ's ecological impact. Our mission for this year is the establishment of Univ Gardening - if you are interested, get in touch and get involved! (william.morris@univ.ox.ac.uk, lucia.gates@univ.ox.ac.uk)

Operations group

Jack Buckley - Academic Affairs Officer

Hi! I'm Jack, a fourth-year Computer Science student and your Academic Officer for the year. As Academic Officer, I'm your point of contact if you're struggling academically and need support or intervention from the college. I also represent all undergraduate students on academic matters, ensuring your views and concerns are heard.

Finding your feet academically can be challenging, especially at the start, and it's completely normal to need advice or support. Whether you're facing academic difficulties or have questions about the academic skills sessions and other support available at college, don't hesitate to reach out - jack.buckley@univ.ox.ac.uk

Scarlet Fu - IT Officer

Greetings! I'm Scarlet (she/her), a second year Physicist from Hong Kong. I'll be your IT officer for the year! My main job is looking after the JCR website at <https://www.univjcr.com/>, and I'll also be doing most of the background IT stuff that goes in the JCR. I'm also happy to take any ideas for online tools that might be useful to the JCR!

This year, my main goal will be to improve the general accessibility of the website. If you have any ideas or concerns or queries, please feel free to email me at sze.fu@univ.ox.ac.uk, or find me at any time in college (Just not when I'm rushing for a tutorial)!

Operations group

Hall and Accommodation reps

Rosanna Graves and Joseph Highmoore

We are Roseanna, a fourth-year Experimental Psychologist, and Joe, a fourth-year Chemist- your hall and accommodation reps for this year. We're here to act as a contact point for all things regarding food and accommodation between undergraduate students and the college.

We will be organising special themed formals for you to enjoy throughout the year, and arranging the room ballots for all students continuing to live in college accommodation next year. Ahead of this, we hope to organise open houses and compile a database with pictures and descriptions of all of the types of rooms available to help you make an informed decision about where you will be living.

If you have any questions about hall and accommodation, please feel free to reach out to us at roseanna.graves@univ.ox.ac.uk and joseph.highmoor@univ.ox.ac.uk

Packing List

Here are some suggestions from the JCR on what to bring with you when arriving into College. It's not an exhaustive list but should cover the essentials!

For an extremely comprehensive version we recommend the list linked [here](#). It is important to bear in mind that on a 'short contract' you most likely will have to move most things out of college at the end of each term.

Household Essentials

- Bedding: duvet, duvet cover, pillow, pillow case, fitted sheet (most rooms will have single beds but college will inform you if this isn't the case)
- Toiletries: toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo, etc.
- Towels Hangers for shirts/coats
- Laundry detergent

Admin and Academic

- Bank cards/cash
- ID: passport and/or driving license
- Medical details
- Passport style photos
- Stationery: pens, correction fluid, etc.
- Paper/notepads
- Folders (to store work)
- Subject specific equipment: exam suitable. E.g. calculator for STEM students, etc.

Technology

- Laptop/computer and charger
- Phone charger
- Extension cable
- Ethernet cable (optional)

Clothes

- Casual clothes (warmer clothes for autumn and winter)
- Fancy dress (for BOPs)
- Bring a white t-shirt you don't mind drawing on for the first BOP!
- Formal clothes (for Formal Hall and events like Balls)

Food

- Some plates and bowls
- Cutlery; fork, knife spoon, etc
- Glasses (plastic/glasses/mugs)
- Tea towels and dish clothes
- Kettle (some rooms and all kitchens already have kettles)

- Bottle opener
- Washing up brush

Optional

- Pins for your pinboard
- Posters, photos, other pinboard suitable decorations
- Cuddly toys
- Musical instruments (college can sometimes provide keyboards but music scholars get priority!)
- Bike (not a necessity in First Year, but very worthwhile from Second Year - helpful this year if your department is quite far from Univ).

Packing List

What NOT to bring

- A car - Oxford is a walking/biking/public transport city
- Pets - we already have a cat and a tortoise!
- Blu-tack - it messes up the walls
- Fire hazards including candles - College not literally being on fire is something we all appreciate

Sub Fusc

What is sub fusc?

Sub Fusc is Oxford's academic dress which is worn at Matriculation (the ceremony for formally joining the University) and for Examinations. Your gown is also worn over your clothes at formal hall at College

*These items can be bought from shops in Oxford (Ede & Ravenscroft, Shepherd & Woodward) so no need to worry about them until you arrive!

It consists of...

- Dark suit with dark socks, OR dark skirts with black tights, Or dark trousers with dark socks
- Plain white collared shirt or white blouse with sleeves
- Black shoes
- Dark jacket, if required - worn underneath the gown
- *White bow tie, black bow tie, black fellorent tie, OR black ribbon
- *An academic gown (Freshers wear a commoners gown)
- *a mortar board

Social Media and Communication

Whatsapp

Univ has a Whatsapp community which has an announcement page, as well as your year's group chat. Make sure you scan the QR code at the end of the guide to join!

Facebook

Facebook is also widely used across Oxford for communication. University societies use Facebook to share events and information so make sure you join the groups you're interested in. There are also helpful groups such as 'OxTickets' where you can sell and buy tickets among other things.

Instagram

The JCR will use its Instagram pages to announce events and keep you up to date with Univ life. You can also DM them with any suggestions or concerns. Many Univ and Oxford wide societies also have Instagram pages. Follow @univjcr_, @univ_welfare, @univentz_, @univsport_, @univ_music_ and more!

.tbc (formerly Youni)

The JCR is also using an app called .tbc which centralises all the events around Oxford to try and deal with the fact that so many social media platforms are used. Set up an account and follow the Univ JCR page!

The JCR Website - www.univjcr.com

For more information about life at Univ, visit the JCR website. There is information about our college sports teams, the JCR committee, welfare, access and much more. On the website you can also find the reimbursement form that can be used to reimburse any period products or condoms you buy.

Tech Info

SSO

Your Oxford SSO (Single Sign On) is an eight letter username (e.g univ1234) plus a password set by you.

You must also have MFA (multi-factor authentication) set up which adds another level of security when you login.

Your SSO gives you access to your University Outlook (email) inbox as well as Microsoft services including Word, Teams, Excel, etc. These can be downloaded for free onto your computer.

Canvas is another service used by many departments/faculties at Oxford to upload reading lists and other resources accessible via your SSO.

You also have a 'remote access account' which is used for you to login to the Universitywide WI-FI service Eduroam. You will receive instructions for how to set up your SSO and Remote Access accounts prior to your arrival. Follow the instructions carefully and remember your passwords!

Bod Card

All students are issued a University Card when they arrive. This card, often referred to as your 'Bod Card' , is really important. You use it to access buildings and libraries around the University and College as well as being used to pay for meals in the Buttery at College. Make sure you look after it!

Printing

In Univ, printing is done over the web – log in to <https://webprint.univ.ox.ac.uk> with your SSO, go to the WebPrint section, select your settings and upload your files. You can then scan your bod card at any printer and it will print for you. Printers are currently found in the: 10 Merton Street Basement, JCR & MCR, and 90 High Street Lecture Room Lobby

Intranet

The Univ Intranet can be accessed by logging into <https://intranet.univ.ox.ac.uk/> with your SSO. It has information on many aspects of the college including accommodation and various policies, as well as weekly hall and formal menus. It is also the place to go to top up your bod card balance to pay for meals, make bookings for formals and the squash court.

Map of College

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OXFORD

- 14A - 18 Merton Street
- Milne House
- 12 Merton Street and Swire Seminar
- Merton Street
- 10 Merton Street and New Library
- Goodhart Seminar Room
- 9 Merton Street
- Logic Lane
- Merton Street
- 1st Floor: Alington, Butler and Green Rooms
- Cecily Court
- Bostar Hall
- 83 - 85 High Street
- Goodhart
- Master's Lodgings
- Master's Garden (Private)
- Radcliffe Quadrangle
- Durham Buildings
- Logic Lane
- High Street
- Main Quadrangle
- Chapel
- Kitchen Buttery
- Dining Hall
- Mitchell Building
- Main Library
- Kyball House
- Helen's Court
- Fellows' Garden
- Lodge
- Shelley
- New Building
- Old Bursary
- Winter Common Room and SCR
- 2, 4 and 5 Magpie Lane
- 90 and 91 High Street
- Magpie Lane

Google Map inset

- New College
- All Souls College
- University College, Oxford
- Seat of learning established in 1249
- Queen's Ln
- Longwall St
- High St
- Merton St
- Rose Ln
- Merton College
- Merton College Fellows' Garden
- Mob Quad
- Oxford Botanic Garden

[Click for Google Map](#)

Accommodation guide

90/91 High Street

Some of the rooms in 90/91 High Street are typical student rooms consisting of a bed, desk, mini-fridge, sink (not always present) and cupboard. Other rooms are slightly different because they don't have a desk or mini-fridge in. Your desk, along with a mini-fridge, will be located along the corridor in the shared study space, along with your three other roommates' desks and mini- fridges. 90/91 High Street also has a kitchen and kitchenette.

The Old Bursary

The Old Bursary is attached to 90/91 High Street but functions independently. There are three floors, with two rooms and a bathroom (including a toilet and shower) on each floor. A combination of first, second and third years may be living in this building.

Each room here has a sink, mini-fridge and microwave, as the nearest kitchens are a bit far.

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Main Quad

Main quad rooms are most often assigned to first years. They are the oldest accommodation in Univ. They are most often shared sets; you will have a room and a shared study with another person. The rooms will have a sink in them. A mini fridge and a desk will be in the shared study. The size of the room varies. All rooms are single beds.

Radcliffe Quad

Rad Quad lies directly adjacent to Main Quad. It was built later than Main Quad, but in the same style. You can access Rad Quad from Main Quad or Logic Lane. A combination of first-years and third- years live here. As well, all students on main site access laundry facilities at Rad Quad through staircase 11. Similar to Main Quad rooms, you can expect in Rad Quad rooms with single beds, sinks, cupboards, minifridges and shared sets too.

Accommodation guide

Durham Buildings (DB1 and DB 2)

DB1 (Durham Building 1) and DB2 (Durham Building 2) are located on Logic Lane opposite Rad Quad. The JCR is also located in DB2. Rooms in DB1/DB2 are decently sized typical student rooms. You can expect shared bathrooms as well as sinks, mini-fridges and desks in your rooms. Showers in DB1 are next the kitchen in basement. Residents in DB1/DB2 also have the privilege of immediate kitchen access with there being one kitchen in DB1, a kitchen on the second and third floors of DB2, and the JCR kitchen on the ground floor of DB2.

83,84,85 High Street

83/84/85 High Street can initially seem like a bit of a maze until you find your way around! Most bedrooms are standard single rooms with a sink, mini- fridge, desk and a cupboard. Like all High Street facing rooms, they have a great view!

Accommodation guide

Goodhart

Goodhart rooms are normally reserved for 3rd and 4th year students but some rooms are reserved for first year students. Students with access needs will often be allocated to rooms in the Goodhart building. All rooms in this building are equipped with an en-suite bathroom. Most rooms have a double bed, but some are single beds. All are attached to a kitchen. They are very spacious rooms and there is a lift.

Kitchens at Univ

Univ has several kitchens across main site. All students will have access to a kitchen, even if their room is not directly next to a kitchen. If you're not sure where you have kitchen access, email Shane Pledge who runs the accommodation team. There are more modern kitchens in the Goodhart building which have induction hobs so please bear this in mind when buying saucepans etc. Other kitchens are located in 90/91 high street, DB1 and DB2.

Photo Album

Photo Album

Life at Univ

Post

Every member of the JCR has their own 'pidge' (pigeonhole) where letters are delivered by the porters. Pidge are also used by friends and tutors to deliver messages or work. As well as 'pidges', college also has a parcel locker (Packcity) located near the Goodhart building. Parcels, including Amazon packages, are delivered to the locker and you receive an email to collect

Laundry

On Main Site in College, the laundry room is located in the basement accessible from Staircase 11 in Radcliffe Quad. The laundry room has washing machines, dryers, ironing facilities as well as some space for airdrying in the adjacent drying room. The washing machines and dryers cost a few pounds (£2-3) per cycles and take contactless card payment (inc. Apple and Android pay).

Food

The Buttery operates on a pay-as-you-go system. In order to pay for your meals you can top up your Bod card through the Univ Intranet, where you will also pay your battels (bills)

The Buttery Opening Hours are as follows:

Monday - Friday

Breakfast: 8-9am

Lunch: 12:45-1:30pm

Dinner: 5:45-6:30pm

Saturday/Sunday

Brunch: 11:30am-1:30pm

Jargon Buster

There are quite a few words/terms which are unique to Oxford University - consider this your mini dictionary!

Battels: The termly charges made to you by college. Includes accommodation, food, etc.

Bod: Short for Bodleian, the main university library

BOP: 'Big Organised Party' held in College bar usually with a theme

Buttery: The college kitchens where meals are collected from

Collections: Informal subject tests usually at the beginning of term

First Public Examination: Either Prelims or Mods. Often abbreviated to F.P.E., the first university examinations you sit

Formal: A traditional meal held in college, suit or smart dress required. Need to sign up.

Hilary: Often shortened to HT, the second of the three Oxford terms, running from January to mid-March.

Master: The head of the college (referred to as the head of house) of University College. The current master is Baroness Valerie Amos.

Matriculation: The formal process of admitting new students to the university. Takes place on the Saturday of 1st week in Michaelmas.

Michaelmas: The first of the Oxford terms, from early October to early December.

Porter: Vital members of college staff who are a combination of receptionists and security staff. They also know everything that goes on in college. Can be found in the Porters' Lodge, often shortened to the Plodge.

Trinity: The third Oxford term, in summer. From late April to mid-June.

Tutor: Someone who teaches a student on an individual basis or in a small group. Gives tutorials.

Tutorial: Class either on a one-to-one basis or with one or two other students. Students must undertake preparatory work for each tutorial, including background reading, essay-writing and problem solving. What makes Oxford Oxford! Often shortened to 'tute.'

Scout: a cleaner who manages your accommodation area (e.g DB1).

Vac: A nickname for the 'vacation' or holidays.

Univ: University College (also known as the best college in Oxford)

Scan to Join our Whatsapp Community!

Univ Freshers 26/27

WhatsApp group

Scan or upload this QR code using the WhatsApp camera to join this group