



St Hugh's College

GUEST INFORMATION

WE HOPE YOU ENJOY YOUR STAY

A BRIEF HISTORY OF ST HUGH'S COLLEGE

Compared to many Oxford Colleges, St Hugh's is young, having been founded as St Hugh's Hall in 1886 by Elizabeth Wordsworth, the great niece of the poet, who was also Principal of Lady Margaret Hall. A champion of women's education, her foundation of St Hugh's enabled poorer women to gain an Oxford education, beginning modestly with four students in a house in Norham Road.



Elizabeth Wordsworth's father was Bishop of Lincoln and that inspired her to adopt the emblem and coat of arms of St Hugh of Avalon who had been Bishop of Lincoln 1186–1200. His emblem was the Swan of Stowe, said to be his companion who guarded him as he slept.



By the time WWI broke out, St Hugh's Hall was ready for larger premises and a site was purchased, the existing house demolished, and the current Main Building constructed. Since then, St Hugh's has expanded, by both erecting new buildings and by purchasing the Victorian houses that form its perimeter. New buildings have included the Library (1937), Kenyon Building (1965), Wolfson Building (1967), Rachel Trickett Building (1991), Maplethorpe Building (1999) and, most recently, the Dickson Poon China Centre (2014).

St Hugh's Hall was incorporated as a College in 1910 and, in 1920, finally became part of the University, along with the other women's Colleges, when the BA was opened to women.

During WWII, St Hugh's was requisitioned by the military as a hospital for the treatment of head injuries under Sir Hugh Cairns. During this period, huts were built in the grounds to accommodate the patients and the students were re-housed, primarily at Holywell Manor. After the war, a number of patients continued to be involved in a research project on the long term effects of trauma to the brain and the records of this project are now held in the College archive.

St Hugh's admitted male undergraduates in 1986, its centenary year. Now more than a century later, over five hundred undergraduates and graduates attend the College. Famous alumni include Emily Wilding Davison, Barbara Castle, Theresa May, Edna Healey, Aung San Suu Kyi, Mary Renault, Joanna Trollope, Eileen O'Shaughnessy, Margaret Lane, Jane Glover, Myfanwy Piper and Miriam Rothschild.

(Please email archivist@st-hughs.ox.ac.uk if you would like more information on the history of St Hugh's).



THE LODGE

The Lodge is located at the front of College (adjacent to the Main Entrance gates).

The Lodge Porters are here to help you with any problem that may arise during your stay, or if you need any assistance. In the case of an emergency, please contact the Lodge.

Opening Hours: 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

Telephone: +44 (0)1865 274900

Check-Out Time is 10.00am

Please ensure you return your room keys at the Lodge on the day of your departure.
Keys not returned will incur a charge of £25

FIRE PROCEDURES

A Fire action notice is located on the back of the door to your room or on wall by the door to your room.

Please familiarise yourself with these instructions and the location of your nearest fire exit which will be signposted in the corridor outside your room.

Please note our weekly fire alarm test is carried out on Tuesday mornings between 11:00- 11:30. It is not normally necessary to leave the building, but if the alarm sounds longer than 30 seconds then you should evacuate the building using your nearest fire exit.

In the event of a fire alarm or fire, all secured fire doors to corridors, staircases and exits will unlock automatically allowing occupants to safely evacuate the building.

SECURITY

You should always take the precaution of locking your bedroom door and windows whenever you leave your room, even if this is only for a few moments. Also, please ensure that any entrance/exit doors you pass through shut completely behind you.

HOUSEKEEPING

For any queries regarding your stay here, please visit the Accommodation Office, located on the ground floor of the Main Building and open during normal office hours. Please contact the Lodge for any issues outside of office hours.

All rooms are serviced on a daily basis. Toiletries are replenished every day. In order to help the environment, we will only change towels that are left on the bedroom floor.

If you require extra bed linen or pillows, then please contact the Lodge Porters who will be happy to assist.

RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES

Please note that any kitchen facilities in this accommodation block are not intended for any form of self-catering by residential guests.

All electricity sockets our rooms use the standard UK three-pin system. Please do not attempt to use any other type of plug in these sockets. Please always use an appropriate adaptor if you have a different type of plug.

We invite you to explore the beautiful 14 acres of tranquil gardens here at the College.

TELEPHONES

There is a public telephone in the Rachel Trickett Building, near the Library. This telephone can be operated with cash, charge/credit cards, and telephone cards. Telephone cards can be purchased in North Parade.

Family or friends are welcome to leave messages for you at the Lodge for your collection. Please ask them to telephone +44 (0)1865 274900.

FOOD AND DRINK

A Full English Breakfast is served in the Dining Hall daily from 8am – 10am

The Elizabeth Wordsworth Tea Room in the Dickson Poon Building provides hot and cold drinks and snacks on weekdays during term time, including a delicious lunchtime Asian fusion menu.

There are a good selection of pubs, restaurants and cafes nearby:

Pubs

- The Rose and Crown – 14 North Parade, 01865 510551
- The Gardener's Arms – 8 North Parade, 01865 554007
- The Royal Oak – 42-44 Woodstock Road, 01865 310187
- The Rickety Press - 67 Cranham St, 01865 424581

Restaurants

- **Modern European** - Gee's Restaurant - 61a Banbury Road, 01865 553540
- **Bangladeshi** – Jee Saheb – 15 North Parade, 01865 513773
- **Thai** – MVH Oxford – North Parade, 01865 604041
- **Tapas** – Al Andalus – 10 Little Clarendon Street, 01865 516688
- **British** – Browns Restaurant – 5-11 Woodstock Road, 01865 511955
- **Italian** – Branca - 111 Walton St, 01865 556111

Cafes / Delis

- On The Hoof – 5 North Parade, 01865 556266
- St Giles Café – 52 St Giles, 07918 554200
- Taylors Deli – 31 St Giles, 01865 793963
- C- Work Cyber Cafe – 12 New Inn Hall Street, 01865 722044



LEISURE

Tourist Information Centre: 15-16 Broad Street, Oxford (01865 252200)

Opening times (Summer):

- Monday to Saturday 9.30am – 5.30pm
- Sundays and Public Holidays 10am – 4pm

Opening times (Winter):

- Monday to Saturday 9.30am – 5.00pm
- Sundays and Public Holidays 10am – 3.30pm

NOTE: Opening times over Christmas and New Year's might change.

TAXI FIRMS:

- ABC Taxis 01865 242424
- Royal Cars 01865 778866
- City Taxis 01865 703030

Please ask to be collected from St Hugh's College on St Margaret's Road, OX2 6LE

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

From –
Banbury Road – Oxford Ctr Bus No: 2, 2A, 2B, 2C, 2D, 500

Woodstock Road – Oxford Ctr Bus No: 6, S3, 300

For additional information visit www.oxfordbus.co.uk

SPORT FACILITIES:

- The Ferry Sports Centre, Summertown (01865 467060) offers a range of gym facilities including a swimming pool, available on a pay as you go basis.

CINEMAS:

- Odeon, George Street, 01865 723 911, www.odeon.co.uk
- Odeon, Magdalen Street, 0871 2244007, www.odeon.co.uk
- Phoenix Picture House, 57 Walton Street, 0871 9025736, www.picturehouses.co.uk

CHAPEL AND RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS

The College Chapel is available on the first floor of Main Building for any guest who wishes to use this space for quiet contemplation.

Other religious institutions nearby include:

- St Andrews Church, Linton Road, 01865 311212
- St Giles Church, Woodstock Road, 01865 510460
- New Road Baptist Church, Bonn Square, 01865 798235
- Catholic Church of St Aloysius Gonzaga, Woodstock Road, 01865 315800
- Oxford Jewish Congregation, 21 Richmond Road, 01865 514356
- Central Oxford Mosque, Manzil Way (off Cowley Road), 01865 245547

LOCAL ATTRACTIONS & POINTS OF INTEREST

The Ashmolean - the world's first public museum was recently re-opened by the Queen following a £61 million refurbishment. With treasures ranging from ancient Greek and Roman statues to Egyptian mummies - the collection is too vast to list. www.ashmolean.org

Blenheim Palace –Blenheim Palace is considered to be one of the finest baroque houses in the country. A full spectrum of events is hosted within the Palace and grounds throughout the year. These include International Horse Trials, Jousting, Craft Fairs and the Blenheim Triathlon. www.blenheimpalace.com

Bodleian Library - the largest university library in the UK holding over nine million printed items. In its reading rooms, generations of famous scholars have studied through the ages among them 5 Kings, 40 Nobel Prize winners, 25 British Prime Ministers and writers including Oscar Wilde, CS Lewis and JRR Tolkien. www.bodleian.ox.ac.uk

Botanic Garden - the oldest botanic garden in Great Britain. Throughout its 380 year history the Garden has continually evolved and developed to the point that today it is recognised as a classic yet contemporary botanic garden. www.botanic-garden.ox.ac.uk

Cotswold Wildlife Park – situated just outside the historic town of Burford; home to giraffes, white rhinos, lions, leopards and many interesting smaller mammals. www.cotswoldwildlifepark.co.uk

St. Giles Fair (September) - Oxford's traditional street fair. The fair dates back to 1625 when it was a parish festival to celebrate the feast of the patron saint, St Giles. Please visit www.visitoxfordandoxfordshire.com for exact dates.

University of Oxford Colleges - Oxford University is a unique and historic institution. There are 38 colleges; perhaps the most famous is Christ Church whose Great Hall inspired Hogwarts Hall in the Harry Potter movies. www.ox.ac.uk/colleges/index.html

University Parks - 70 acres of parkland on the West bank of the river Cherwell. The Parks include sports areas and a large collection of plants and trees in landscaped surroundings. www.parks.ox.ac.uk