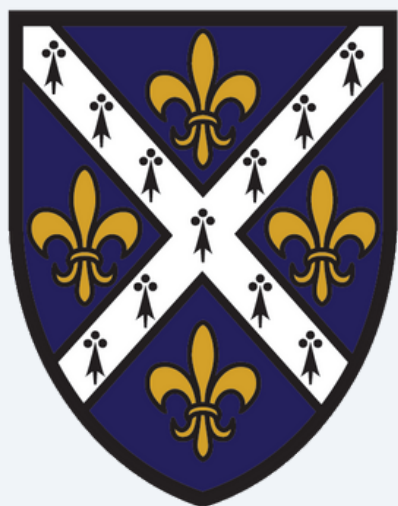


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St Hugh's
FRESHER'S
GUIDE



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Editor's Welcome

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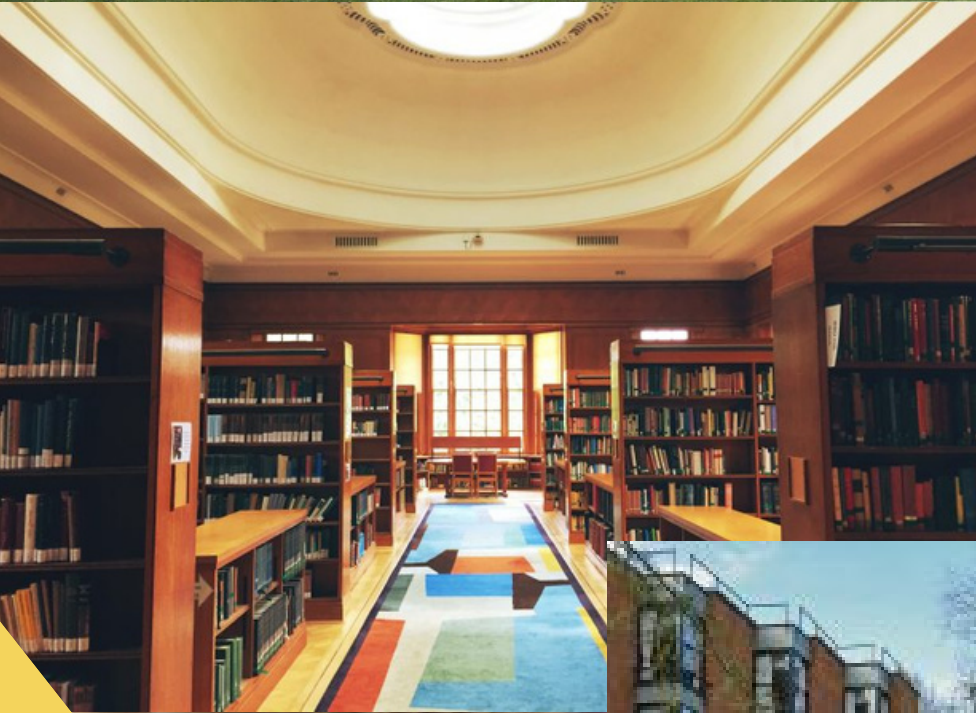
Congratulations on getting into to the best university in the world, **extra congrats on getting into its best college.** We have written (/ *adapted from previous years*) a guide to your first month or so in this wonderful place and we hope you find it an invaluable resource in getting to know a little bit more about Hugh's and all of the great societies, people and experiences that it has to offer.

But regardless of whether you read this from cover to cover, skim its first few pages or don't even glance beyond this welcome, we can guarantee that your next year at Hugh's will truly be memorable like no other.

Your editors,

Alex Orr (@o.al3x) and Monty Pierce Jones (@montyppj)





St Hugh's Rowing Society presents

Matriculation After Party



After the ceremony, come to St Hugh's Bar for lots of drinks, snacks, pictures, and the most important part of your Oxford initiation: Pint Boat Races

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YOU



What to Bring

Clothing

- Formal clothes for matriculation and exams (to go with subfusc)
 - White shirt, black trousers/shirt, black shoes, black tights/socks
- Relatively smart clothes for formals/events
 - Collared shirt/blouse, smart shirt/skirt, tie, jacket, etc
- Slippers/sandals/crocs (!!)
- Funny outfits for bops
- Sporting attire (if you actually play sports)

Cooking

- Cooking utensils (if you can actually cook)
 - Cutlery, plates, bowls, mugs, pans, etc

Laundry

- Laundry powder/pods
- Clothes hangers

Miscellaneous

- Extension lead
- Caffeine
- Alcohol
- A bike (and a strong bike lock)
- A valid ID



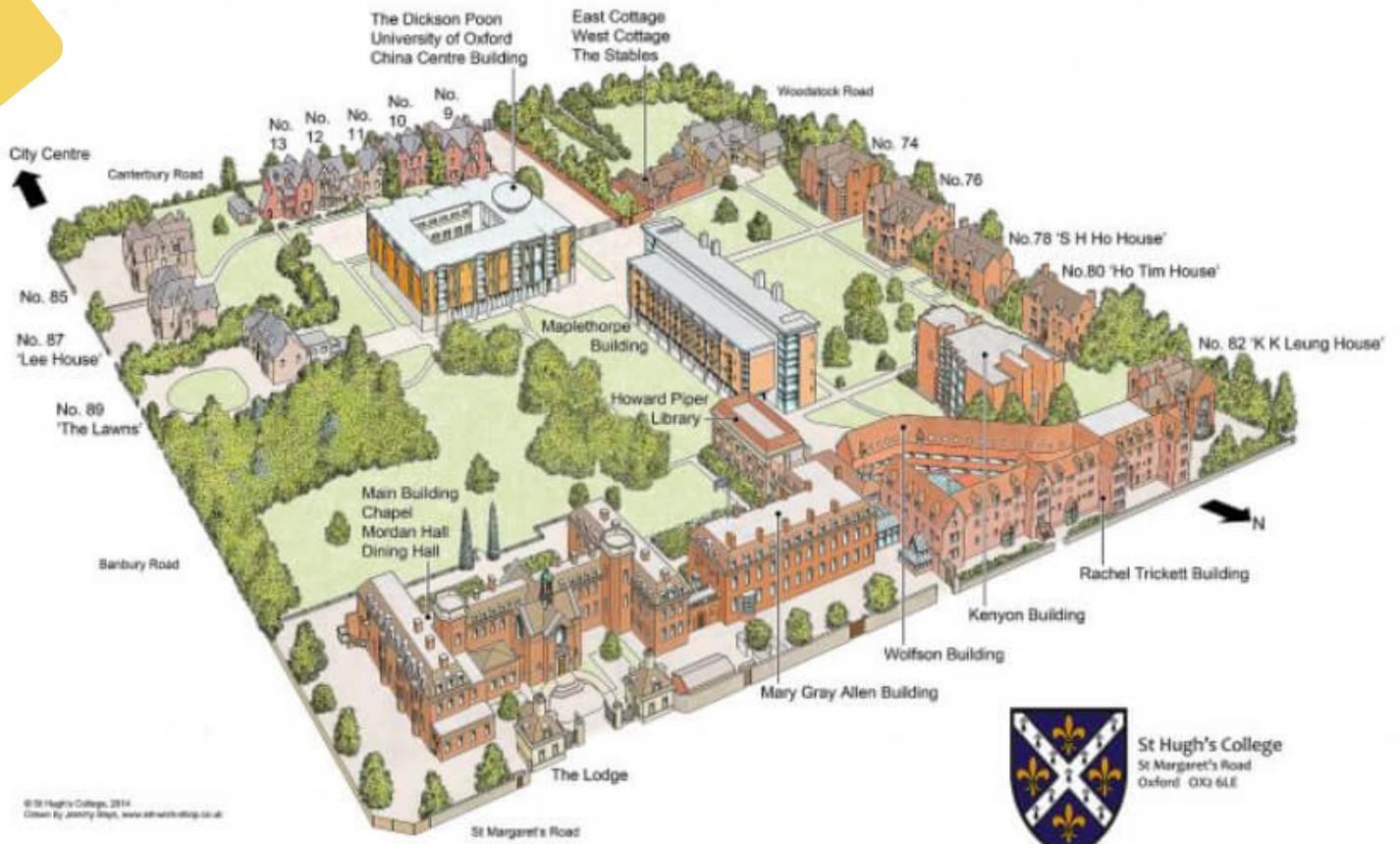
Tips for Freshers' Week

What you'll need:

- A bag for all the (rarely useful) free stuff that you'll acquire at the Freshers' Fair
 - A phone (ideally with a UK number) for scanning the many QR codes dotted around the fair (specifically the free Domino's one)
- An ID for club nights, bars, pubs, etc *for those who wish to partake* (you'd be surprised by how many people forget this one and have to make a mad dash home in the first few days!) - and for opening bank accounts!
- The ability to remember which course you're studying and (even worse) which A-levels you took (this will form the basis of basically every conversation)



HUGH'S



History

Our college was founded in 1886 by Elizabeth Wordsworth (great-niece of *that* Wordsworth) as a much needed environment in which poorer female undergraduates could thrive. Hugh's was made possible by money left to Elizabeth by her father, and thus was named after St Hugh of Avalon in honour of him (as they were both once Bishop of Lincoln).



Many of Hugh's alumni have been trailblazers for female achievement in their respective fields: Theresa May, Lady Kofoworola Ademola, Barbara Castle, Amal Clooney, Aung San Suu Kyi, Emily Davison, Rebecca Front and Ruth Lawrence are just some of the notable people who once flicked through a St Hugh's Freshers' Guide™, as you are right now.

During WWII St Hugh's College became St Hugh's Military Hospital (Head Injuries): between 1940 and 1945, over 13,000 patients were referred to Hugh's. Being at the crossroads of research and emergency medicine meant that it would come to garner a seminal place in the history of neurology, neurosurgery and rehabilitation medicine.



In the year of its centenary, 1986, St Hugh's allowed male undergraduates to study here for the first time. Today, St Hugh's is fully coeducational and is one of the largest colleges in Oxford, with almost 900 students.



Accommodation Main

If you've been allocated Main as your accommodation next year, congratulations on securing the best building for Freshers. Built in 1916, not only will you be living in the historic centre of St Hugh's but also its social hub. With both floors reserved exclusively for Freshers, there's really no better place to be.

Each floor is arranged into three corridors of rooms centred around a landing and main kitchen, with a "temporary kitchen" and "temporary dining room" ultimately proving to be the accommodation's real hidden gems. Assert dominance by claiming your floor as the location for pre-drinks... what's better for a game of ring of fire than the ever-present scent of an over-loaded fridge? Or if that's not your style, the kitchen and temporary dining room offers the perfect place for all wholesome forms of socialising.



Those lucky enough to be allocated Main Building will be sharing the 6 showers, 6 toilets and 1 and a half kitchens with 25 other Freshers. Though considering most people's inability to cook/pinch for Hall food (very nearby!), there's rarely any competition for space in the kitchens, with 3x (somewhat ineffective) 4-hob ovens, 4 fridges (dotted around the entire floor and admittedly hotly-contested in some quarters), 2 freezers, 2 kettles, 2 microwaves, a toaster and many generously-sized cupboards.

So, expect lots of sharing, but a room of your own. With a bed, desk, desk chair, armchair, wardrobe and cupboards, main lights and lamps, and a bin; your room gives you everything you need to never see another student if that's what you desire! And if you never want to go outside, Main is ideal, with the JCR, library, hall, chapel and bar mere corridors away. All-in-all, there's no better place than Main to live the Hugh's experience to the very fullest.

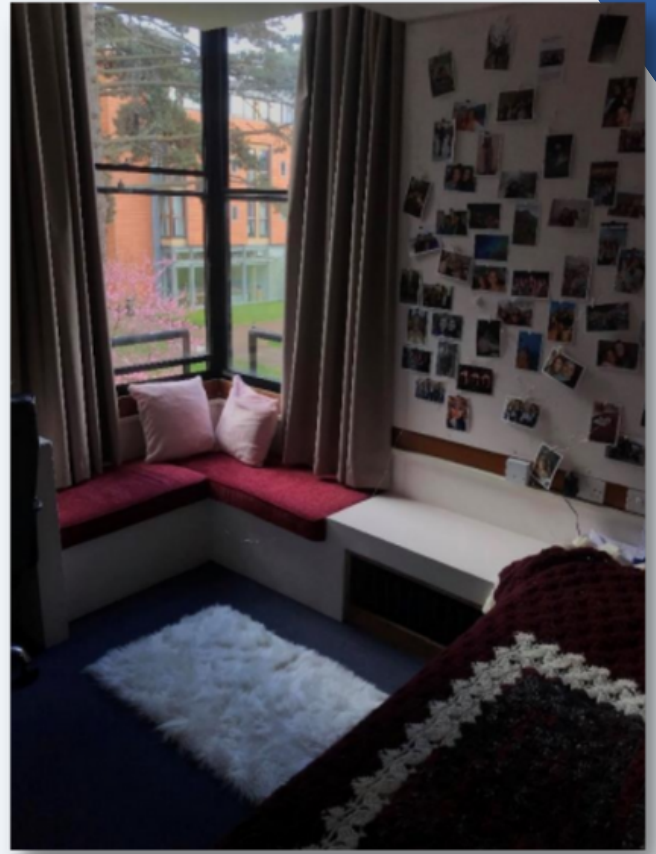


Accommodation Kenyon

Kenyon captures perfectly the radical anti-establishment sentiment championed by St. Hugh's in its brave refusal to be located within even a mile of Oxford's city centre. The unabashed brutalism of architect, David Roberts, offers Freshers a one-of-a-kind student living experience. Indeed, not every college can cope in the same way, with another of Roberts' works demolished by New College for its radical authenticity. Thankfully not at Hugh's however, with Freshers able to reap the benefits of its minimal yet spacious design ever since.

Those blessed to find themselves in Kenyon will be sharing a kitchen with their floor of 8 people, along with 2 toilets and at least 1 shower and 1 bath per floor. Also, like Main, KB tends to be reserved exclusively for Freshers, making it by far one of the most sociable accommodations, with its esteemed corridors centred around a central staircase (great for 'house' parties!).





In the haven of your own room, you'll enjoy great natural lighting (even in the basement), ample storage space, a comfortable window seat, and most importantly, a sink. And like the cold water which runs freely from the taps of The Kenyon Building's many sinks, you will emerge from the bowels of this place every morning feeling fresh, invigorated by its unique anarchism.

Kenyon's main attraction though continues to be its 'Death Slide', a particularly popular source of amusement for Hugh's students who've had a little too much to drink after a bop or night out. For those lucky enough to end up in Kenyon next year, you'll have nothing less than a brutally good time.



Accommodation

Maplethorpe

If you're one of the group of Freshers chosen to live in Maplethorpe, thank your lucky stars. The upper echelon of St Hugh's accommodation, Maplethorpe boasts en-suite bathrooms for every room, huge kitchens and extremely close proximity to the slightly pricey but highly scrumptious Dickson Poon cafe.

Each corridor is comprised of eight rooms and one communal kitchen, with two fridges, two freezers and more than adequate cupboard space for everyone, as well as a central dining table for those more sociable among you. Although not reserved entirely for Freshers, staircase IV, and all of its 24 rooms, are indeed solely comprised of fresh-faced first years so you'll have no trouble making friends or socializing.



More importantly however, Maplethorpe offers by far the most spacious rooms for Freshers, with the luxury of a double bed a unique feature which most Hugh's students don't get to experience until 3rd year. Within the bedrooms, you'll benefit from one of the biggest desks known to humanity, a shelving unit with four shelves, a desk chair and a sofa chair of some sort. In addition, the stunning natural light afforded by Maplethorpe's large windows and peaceful serenity offered by its thick walls make it by far the most comfortable place to live in Hugh's.

What's more, with the laundry room just a short walk downstairs and the centre of Oxford a crucial few metres closer than for those in Main and Kenyon, Maplethorpe truly does provide you with everything you'll ever need, and of course the envy of those other Freshers not lucky enough to grace its modern, open halls.



Hall



Studying at Oxford can be tough! And sometimes, after a long day, you don't have enough energy to cook yourself a substantial meal. Not to worry, as this is why we have Hall which guarantees you a meal of decent quality!

During the week, you can eat breakfast, lunch, and dinner in Hall. On the weekends, they serve a delicious brunch. Additionally, about once a week, there is a formal night in hall. If you're not feeling fancy, then there is often an early meal you can attend beforehand.

As many people will tell you: breakfast is the most important meal of the day, and if you are going to Hall for breakfast, then you won't be disappointed. They have everything from full English breakfasts, fresh fruit, cereal, and a personal favourite of mine - warm waffles with syrup.

When it comes to lunch and dinner, there is often a vegan/vegetarian option, and a meat option. A couple of banging meals to look out for are the lasagna and the crispy chicken burger.



All meals are paid for using your bod-card. To add money to your bod-card you can simply use the Upay system which is basically an app that the college uses.

Now you may be worried that all this eating is going to rinse your bank account, but don't fear, because the pricing in hall is very reasonable. Meal prices tend to range from about £2-4, bearing in mind that the portion sizes are kinda chunky.

Another worry you may have is that you'll have to dress up in your formal attire every time you want to go down to have a meal. Don't panic! We're not like Christchurch, we eat meals like normal people. The only time you'll be expected to dress semi-formally is when attending formal hall.

Speaking of formal halls, these are one of the unique experiences that you'll be able to enjoy when attending Oxford. I would recommend going to at least one of these whilst you are here. You are served a three-course meal at a very fair price (usually around £11) and you get to look very boujee with all of your friends.

Finally, one last thing I need to mention is Dicky P or, to say its full name, the Dickson Poon building. This place has a pretty killer lunch menu, catering for the meat-eaters and veggies among us. The prices at this place are a little higher than in the hall, but they do serve my absolute favourite dish of all time - the famous bang bang chicken.

Ben Moisan (he/him)
3rd year Biochemistry



Formals



Here at Hugh's, you have the option to attend Formal Hall once a week (usually Tuesday evenings). They are generally quite relaxed – you can attend with a group of friends from Hugh's or invite guests from other colleges for a three-course meal in the dining hall. Unlike at some colleges, you are not required to wear gowns, although the format remains fairly similar. The food is something to look forward to and is always delicious and often quite extravagant given the reasonable price of £11: cheaper than most formals elsewhere. Check out [@chefs_at_sthughs](#) on Instagram to see what's on offer! A few times a year, Hugh's will also host themed formals, such as one for Christmas, and for these, tickets are highly sought after and often sell out within minutes!



Dickson Poon

Ah, the joys of the Dickson Poon building, endearingly referred to by Hugh's students as 'Dicky P'. At its heart lies the Wordsworth Tea Room, which offers some of the best lunch options and reasonably-priced coffee in all of North Oxford. They keep it simple with one meat and one non-meat (usually vegan, always delicious) option every weekday, often Asian fusion, as well as paninis and sandwiches for picky and hungover students alike. Dicky P's one drawback is admittedly the price, especially in comparison to the relatively cheaper hall food, often costing students up to £7 for a main meal and a coffee. However, if you're ever lucky enough to have a tutorial in there, there's nowhere better to capitalise on your tutor's generosity than Dicky P.

The rest of the building is comprised of graduate accommodation and a number of meeting/conference rooms/possible tutorial locations (!) along with a small enclave of the Bodleian libraries, meaning you can have your books shipped directly to Hugh's if you really can't bear another one of those mammoth walks into the city centre. And if you're ever lucky enough to be allowed up, the view from the roof is well worth the trek up Dicky P's steep, spiral staircase.



Groceries

If you really are able to resist the urge to dash down to Hall at every opportunity and do actually make use of the spacious kitchens at Hugh's, you're in luck! That is, if you can face the unavoidable 20 minute walk to add to your recipe's already lengthy preparation time.



In fact, in either direction, you'll probably become well-acquainted with a Tesco of some sorts. Heading into the centre of Oxford, the Tesco Metro on Magdalen Street is very well-stocked, not just with food and toiletries, but also a slightly unnecessary yet highly eccentric escalator, known as the 'Tescalator' to the regulars. Its one flaw does obviously lie in the uncomfortable walk/weights session back to college afterwards: always take a backpack!

In the opposite direction, but unfortunately at a similar distance, Summertown possesses an array of smaller supermarkets (Tesco, Co-op, M&S and Sainsbury's to be precise) while also taking you out of the often chaotic hustle and bustle of Oxford. Don't expect to find all of the ingredients for your next attempt at a Heston Blumenthal, but also don't expect to queue either.





Lastly, if you want something quick and easy, there's also a small Nine 2 Nine newsagent on North Parade, just a couple minutes walk from Hugh's. So if you're just looking for milk or eggs, you won't need to make those same kind of time sacrifices. On the other hand, the financial sacrifices may prove somewhat stinging.



Indeed, overall, cooking at Hugh's, either by yourself or with friends, offers a really good opportunity to disconnect from the hectic lifestyle that befalls an Oxford student and acts as the perfect therapeutic buffer to any academic stress thrown your way.



Library



St. Hugh's possesses one of the most expansive libraries in all of Oxford with a number of excellent study spaces, for both silent and collaborative work. Regardless of where you're working, you'll be surrounded by books, masterfully arranged into different rooms for different subjects. The system for finding the books you need (on SOLO - the Bodleian Libraries website) can prove pretty confusing at first but there'll usually be a librarian on hand to help you get your hands on the most ancient and/or esoteric of textbooks.

Initial entry to the library is granted via your BOD card, and the experience of a door opening to that small *beep* never grows old. At the entrance is where you'll find the 'collaborative' section of the library, sometimes referred to as 'The Fun Library'. This is the place to go if you have work to do.





Further along the ground floor, you'll find rooms dedicated to the sciences (the 'East Room') and humanities (the 'Fulford Room'), often adorned by one of the two college cats, Biscuit and Flapjack. Heading up the stairs, the 'Upper Reading Room' offers the most quintessential Oxford library experience that you'll be able to enjoy at Hugh's. Inside, there are a number of desks for silent study, made slightly less unbearable by the room's grand interior and high ceiling.

What's more, unlike the Rad Cam or other libraries in the centre of Oxford, the Hugh's library is open 24/7 so you really can suffer an essay crisis at any time of day or night. All that being said, you can just take your books back to your room. With a generous loan time of 2 weeks, the ability to renew online and no overdue fees, the main incentive of sticking around the library remains the camaraderie and the knowledge that we'll all get through the next all-nighter together.



College Bar & JCR

There are many advantages to socialising within college - it's cheaper, and involves a lot less walking. After a day of working, and constrained by a student budget, the college bar is the perfect place to be, especially if you don't want to experience the scary reality that is 'the outside world of Oxford' for an evening. Tucked beneath the JCR, the bar is a great place to meet people, as well as being host to some of the best event nights of each term, from yoga and board games to karaoke and the famous Bops. For each bop, the bar staff develop a new 'bop juice' which proves particularly popular. Nevertheless, the college bar remains the best place for a wholesome night in, whether you're drinking alcohol or not.

Equally, the JCR (the physical room, rather than the group of people) itself is a good space to socialise. There are pool tables, a rather odd-ball selection of board games, BT Sport, and multiple games consoles (Wii, PS4, Switch). The JCR also plays host to the welfare teas held by the welfare team on the days after bops. Even more importantly, bi-weekly JCR meetings take place here where St. Hugh's JCR members are able to submit funding requests and policy motions to be discussed by the committee and voted on by members. Everyone is very welcome to get involved! As such, the bar *and* the JCR both prove to be the social and political hubs of college.



College Gym

If you're someone who really has the time to properly maintain their fitness as a university student (unlike most), the college gym might be just for you! Membership is £33 per term, or £65 for the year (although senior members of Hugh's boat club get free membership). The gym is located below the JCR and beyond the college bar, meaning it's very central and accessible from all Freshers accommodations. Remember to bring your BOD card, however, as it's required for entry, pending a brief induction session.

The important bit, however, is the available equipment! In the gym, you'll have access to six rowing machines (can you tell why there's a stereotype?), two treadmills, an indoor bike, some weights (both bench-based and free medicine balls), a few resistance machines (chest press, shoulder press, pulldown machine and leg press) and some yoga mats. These are spread out over three small rooms, each of which has a fan (because an underground gym without ventilation would be... Interesting) and iPod docks (if you're ancient enough to know how to use them).

It's a decent gym, but if you're looking for something more serious, or a wider range of equipment, it might be best to look further afield (for information on Oxford's most popular gyms, see p.52-53).



Chapel



Located on the first floor of Main Building (just above the doors that you [potentially] skip through in pure happiness when you first arrive) is the Chapel. It's a multi-faith space, is open to everyone and plays an important role in the College life of many students. Supposedly, there are bells that chime every hour but this remains more of a legend than a verifiable fact. Aside from the bells, you might also hear the organ or the heavenly harmony that is the choir as they prepare for the weekly service, which happens every Sunday. These usually follow the structure of an Anglican evensong, but there are regular multi-faith services. And hey, free dinner, so you're more than welcome to attend whatever your religious beliefs may, or may not, be!

If you happen to be interested in singing, but don't want to sell your soul to a university society, then the College choir has rehearsals twice a week, which might be a lower level of commitment for you. There are choral awards and organ scholarships available for those that are musically inclined (you get paid, more vacation residence and a nice gown).

As is tradition in a lot of the colleges, the Chaplain is also a key part of the welfare team, and available to help with any of your concerns (although it should be noted that this role is entirely separate from religion).



Laundry



For those Freshers lucky enough to find themselves in Main (the best Freshers' accommodation) next year, doing laundry can prove to be somewhat of a thankless task. Those in Maplethorpe and Kenyon have a far easier time of it, with a laundry room located in both basements. In both though, a wash costs £2.20 and it's £1.20 to use the dryer (many people bring a drying rack), with payment made via contactless (card/phone). You'll also need your own laundry powder/pods so you don't end up with a load of moist yet still unclean clothes.

The laundry rooms are open 24 hours a day, with a weekly midnight wash proving highly preferable to a thrilling Sunday afternoon battle. Regardless, always set a timer so you don't return to find your clothes rudely dumped on the grubby floor and the machine you were using already halfway through another wash.



Bikes

If you're one of the people that (actually) chose St Hugh's, you made a great choice! Secondly, however, you probably also did so with the knowledge that it's at a fair (/far) distance from the city centre, and often from a lot of what Oxford has to offer (not to mention lectures and tutorials). As such, a bike can be a very useful tool in getting around, ensuring that you actually get to that 9am lecture on time while still enjoying that blissful extra 15 minutes of sleep.

There's no need to panic if you don't already own a bike (or don't want to ship it to Oxford) as second-hand bikes can be found and bought easily on Facebook marketplace. New bikes in Oxford, however, cost about the same as a degree and are far more likely to be a target for thieves across the city

If you do decide to have a bike with you in Oxford, then a secure lock (college recommends the solid D-lock ones, often along with a secondary cable lock to secure the wheels) is a necessity, and you should try to use it as much as possible! Helmets are also vitally important, especially on that early ride to a 9am Friday tute. And, of course, owing to the joy that is British weather, gloves may be useful for Michaelmas/Hilary, or you may end up struggling to feel your hands.

Another important thing to note is that you have to register your bike with the college. It's a simple process of talking to the lodge and applying some stickers, but if you don't the college may remove your bike in one of the infamous bike culls...



Storage

The storage situation at St Hugh's proves somewhat of an enigma for most students. As far as we know, there is indeed some sort of College store onsite where you can leave personal possessions over the vacations. Note, however, that this supposedly excludes 'food, electrical appliances, fridges, money, musical instruments, jewellery, photographic equipment, clocks, televisions, watches, computers and works of art'. The last one I'm sure will be a disappointment for many.

Furthermore, if you're a UK student, you can only store two boxes worth of stuff. Conversely, international students can have up to five boxes (a fact of which I am slightly envious). Don't fret though - that's apparently one of the most generous out of all the Oxford colleges, so that's another tick in the box for St Hugh's, right? What's more, there's no size requirement for a storage box, it just has to be box shaped. So get creative! Although I've been told that a skip might be overkill.

Vac Res

In a similar vein, there's the matter of occupancy over the vacation. Every student is entitled to 21 nights free of pseudo-sleep at college, although note that's over the (first) three years of your course (Fourth years get a further seven in their last year). Anything more than that and you'll need to pay - it's about £27 a night, if memory serves. And there will be forms to fill out - they're emailed out are easy to obtain, simply requiring an explanation as to why you think you should be staying over the vacation. The downside to the whole scheme (particularly for usual Maplethorpe residents) is the fact that you're not guaranteed your own room for the period of your stay.



US



JCR Committee

Freshers' Rep - Spyros Spyromilios



Dear Freshers,

Firstly, congratulations on getting into Oxford and especially for getting into the most fun, inclusive and welcoming college, St. Hugh's. So sit back, relax, and enjoy this fantastic accomplishment!

So far, I can honestly say that Oxford is a fascinating environment to study, full of opportunities, but not without its challenges. I know first-hand how different Oxford may be from anything you've ever encountered before. Many of you will undoubtedly experience 'Imposter Syndrome' at some point during your stay here, but don't let that stop you from having a bit of fun! Remember that you, like every other Oxford student, deserve to be here. You belong here.

Who am I? My name is Spyros, this year's Freshers Representative. I am a second-year Historian, and I grew up and went to school in Athens, Greece. Besides that, I am a big fan of sports, music, and dancing.



The second aspect of my job is to organise your Freshers' Week, which offers a unique yet delightful start to university. You will have moved away from home, perhaps for the first time, and may not know anyone at the college or even at the university. This is nothing to be concerned about; the St Hugh's community is very welcoming and eager to meet all of the newcomers. Aside from meeting fellow Hughies (Students at St Hugh's), there will be a range of freshers' events including fairs, game nights, music events, workshops, and sports tasters. Sorry, I can't disclose any more spoilers at this moment (but keep a watch on the FB Group for a timeline)!

Of course, you may have some anticipatory excitement on the way to Oxford, but the moment you arrive, you will immediately feel at home. In the excitement of freshers' week and your first term (Michaelmas) at Hugh's, you will have the ability to meet many great people, from college and further afield. As a result, you will begin on an exciting adventure that won't be without its difficulties but will also provide a plethora of great experiences and memories that you will treasure for the rest of your life.

If you have any questions that haven't been answered by the Freshers' Pack, just email (spyridon.spyromilios@st-hughs.ox.ac.uk) or message (Spyros Spyromilios on Facebook or Instagram) me or anyone from the fresher's committee. We are all so excited for you to come to the best college in Oxford and for us to get to know each and every one of you.

See you soon!



JCR Committee

President - Carolyn Dickson



Hi! My name is Carolyn (they/them), and I'm a 2nd year PPL student - and your JCR President for this year. My main role is liaising between the JCR and College, and representing the views of the JCR in College decisions and deliberations. I sit in on too many committees to count, coordinate the work of the JCR Committee, and spend a bit too long seeking out the best bad jokes for my weekly JCR email!

I'm excited to be working with an amazing committee, and you can message or email any of us if you have any questions or concerns about life in College - we'll do our best to sort it out!



JCR Committee

Vice-President - Mehrdad Halali



Hi! I'm Mehrdad (he/him) and I'm the JCR Vice President. My job is mostly with food, accommodation, and helping other JCR members if they need any. I help organise themed formals, negotiate on the number of tickets, and do the room ballot, a process which decides who gets what room. Feel free to message me if you have any questions or you need anything!

Secretary - Shariq Haidery



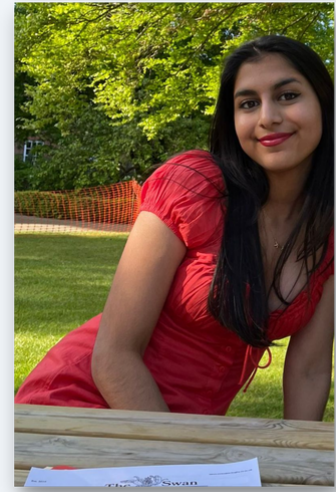
Hey everyone, I'm Shariq (he/him), a 2nd year PPEist from Manchester. I'll be your JCR Secretary, a role which involves the thrilling art of minuting, but more importantly includes me compiling and introducing motions you guys might want to pitch, managing Travel Grant money, and representing College in Student Council meetings.

I think it's really important for you guys to feel comfortable and engaged with student life through the JCR; whether it's requesting money for a snazzy event you have in mind, or if it's getting College to enact important changes, you guys really do have a voice and I want to do my best in making sure it gets heard. The way you guys can do this is by emailing me a 'motion' you want to discuss at the next JCR meeting (see the hyperlink further down if you're unsure on how to do this).



JCR Committee

Welfare Reps



Hey, we're your 2022 Welfare Reps; Connor Fitchett, Jess Clucas, and Ria Mann. We run the welfare events throughout the term, send out welfare supplies, and hopefully just act as people you can come to with any welfare related issues! Normally we would host welfare teas several times a term on Sundays after bops (free food!!), and the 5th week of term is always a designated 'welfare week' to stave off the dreaded '5th week blues', where we hold lots of very wholesome events (again, free food!). We also have mysterious links to the college Cookie Fairy, who you can message with requests for cookies for your friends! Can't wait to meet you all in October!

Ria is the Freshers' Welfare Officer, Jessica is the Women and Trans-feminine Identities Welfare Officer and Connor is the Male and Minority Gender Welfare Officer.



JCR Committee

Treasurer - Will Robson



Hi, I'm Will (he/him), a 3rd year PPEist from London, and I'm the JCR Treasurer.

My role is basically handling anything to do with JCR finances - this involves setting the budget and keeping a record of expenditure, as well as doing all of the admin involved in transferring money to the right places. I also do my best to make sure we don't go over the budget, which unfortunately involves scrutinising any motions asking for funding regardless of how good the cause is - sorry in advance for this!

Alongside Jakub (Sports & Societies Rep), I also handle the distribution of Blues Funding (money paid to students playing sport at university level to help with some of the costs) and money for our college clubs and societies. If you have any questions about these, or anything at all related to JCR finances, feel free to get in touch.

LGBTQ+ Rep - Libby Peet

Hey, I'm Libby (she/her), a second year law with french law student from Nottingham and I'm so excited to take on this role. I look forward to creating a more diverse and inclusive LGBTQ+ space here at St Hugh's, by putting on fun events as well as carrying out structural improvements. I'm also always up for a chat about sexuality and gender, and strive to be a friendly face around college for all those part of our community.



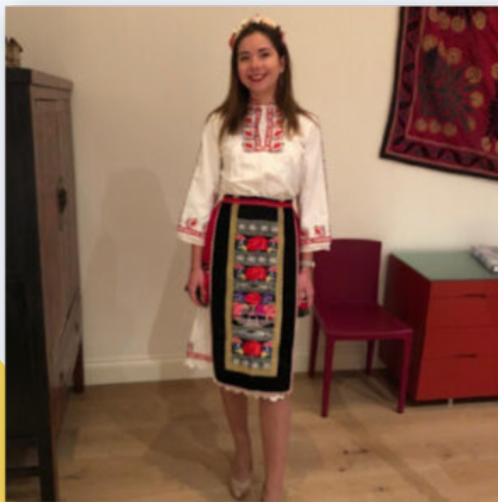
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Access Officer - Kimberly Achebo-Awusu



Hi my name is Kimberley (she/her) and I'm your Access representative. My aim is to widen participation and encourage prospective students from underrepresented backgrounds to apply to St Hugh's more specifically but to the Uni of Oxford more generally. I do this by trying to debunk any myths about Oxford through various outreach events such as school visits to St Hugh's and other Q&A based sessions. My goal is to also make students from underrepresented backgrounds at St Hugh's feel as welcomed as possible. Overall I want to promote the idea that Oxford is for everyone! If you want to talk to me about any of this or give me any tips or suggestions please reach out to me! :))

International Students' Rep - Vera Prokopieva



Hello everyone, my name is Vera (she/her) and I will be the international students' rep for the next year. I do Human Sciences and am currently in my second year. I come from Sofia, Bulgaria and my goal is to improve the college experience for overseas students dealing with all kinds of difficulties as well as to bring our cultural diversity to the forefront. We have a lot to learn from each other so I look forward to organizing events that will showcase the incredible community we have.



JCR Committee

Entz Reps - Sonila Islami + Maja Janusz



Hi!!!!!! We are Sonila (she/her) and Maja (she/her), we are your Entz reps for 2022. Our job is to keep you entertained over the next three terms. We will be trying to run as many fun activities as possible for you in the form of mad bops (fingers crossed we'll see their return very soon), pub quiz nights, karaoke, games nights and more. Suggestions for events we could run and ideas for new bop themes are always welcome so please message us with these and be sure to follow the St Hugh's entzstagram to keep everything Entz at the top of your feeds!

Charities and Communities Rep - Ibs Laughton



Hi, my name is Ibs (she/her) and I'm a second-year Experimental Psychologist! My job as Charities and RAG rep essentially involves raising money and awareness for different charitable organisations, as well as running charity events in college. My main aim is to get as many people involved as possible, and I'd love to hear from people who have any ideas about fundraisers they want to run as well as charities they want to support!



JCR Committee

Environment & Ethics Rep - Annie Liddell



Hiya, I am Annie (she/her), a 2nd year studying Human Sciences. I am often found cooking vegan food and trying to persuade people to eat it, vegan cheese is still not proving a challenge. During my time in this role I want to continue working towards making sustainability a greater priority here at Hugh's.

I would love to hear from you about new EnE ideas and changes you'd like to see. Feel free to message me with suggestions, or just to have a chat, any ideas and suggestions would be great!

Sports and Societies Rep - Jakub Seneši



Hi, I am Jakub (he/him), 2nd year Arch & Anth student and your current Sports & Societies Rep. I am the point of contact in case you want to set up a new society, need help to get it going or if you are looking for some sport equipment. Together with our Treasurer, we take care of fair distribution of funds for clubs, and students representing college on university level. I am also responsible for sports equipment storage, punting in Trinity term and I can help you with access to sports grounds. Don't hesitate to contact me with any questions related to clubs and societies!



JCR Committee

Director of Digital Operations - Ben Moisan

Hi my name is Ben Moisan (he/him), I am a second year biochemist and I am this year's current DODO (Director of Digital Operations). I am responsible for running the JCR Facebook group, I post weekly reviews about the food served in the hall and I edit the JCR website!

If you have any queries, please feel free to contact me via email or on Facebook!



Careers & Academic Affairs Rep - Juliette Imbert



Hey! My name's Juliette (she/her) and I'm a second-year Biomed student. As the Academic Affairs & Careers rep, I'm responsible for chasing up tutors who haven't returned Collections, organising study skills/CV workshops, and making sure that students can get as much out of the library as possible. I'm also hoping to make you aware of events run by the Careers Service and am planning to organise some talks by alumni - I'm open to suggestions if there's a specific career or sector you'd like to learn more about!

I'm also very welfare-oriented, so if you have any worries, if you feel unsupported academically, or if you're confused about your career/internship options, don't hesitate to contact me!



JCR Committee

BAME Rep - Zarah Yesufu



Hey! I'm Zarah (she/her), a second year English lit and lang student from NW London! As BAME rep for this year, I am very excited to continue creating and cultivating a cultural safe space within Hughs, one in which people can express themselves and the intersectionality of their individual experiences. Come along to the events I will be hosting, many of which are collabs with other reps and colleges!

Always here for a chat, so feel free to contact me through email or Facebook messenger if not in person!

Disabled Students' Rep - Alex Hartless

Hi, I'm Alex (she/her)! I am a second year ppeist and this year's Disabilities Rep.

My role includes supporting and representing the disabled students of St Hugh's and encouraging greater awareness about disability in St Hugh's wider community. I am passionate about promoting access and advocating for my fellow disabled students.

If you have any questions about accessibility or life as a disabled student at St Hugh's, please feel free to contact me via email or Facebook!



Sports and Societies



Sports & Societies

Contemporary Music Society

The St Hugh's Contemporary Music Society aims to foster an inclusive and collaborative environment to all those who enjoy music in St Hugh's, whether you are a performer, artist, or just someone who enjoys listening to music. We differ from the regular Music society as we have a focus on music that is more modern. Whatever taste in music you have is welcome here, whether you like indie rock, jazz fusion, death metal, alternative hip hop or even if you're just a massive Swiftie.

We will be hosting numerous events such as open mic nights, music pub quizzes, discussions about your favourite records and more. Additionally, we will be renovating the band room with new amps and equipment.

Feel free to come along and get involved whenever you want!

-Richard Li (he/him) [richard.liest-hughs.ox.ac.uk]



Ultimate Frisbee

Can you hold a frisbee? Subsequently throw that frisbee in something approaching a straight line? Move in 2 of 3 dimensions (3 of 3 a bonus)? Then if anything you're overqualified for ultimate frisbee.

Ultimate frisbee is super chill and a great way to get some exercise without noticing you're exercising (the dream), meet people in your own and other years, and have a lot of fun. We have a match every Sunday morning in Uni Parks (a 10 minute walk (the park, not the match)) and it's pretty low commitment, you can dip in and out as you like (but we'd love to have new full-time team members!). Currently there's no training, but we could run optional sessions this year if people fancy - perhaps one day we could bring some tactics to a Hugh's ultimate frisbee match. We can dream.

Ultimate frisbee is what you make of it - if you throw yourself around and really go for it you'll have a great time - come to our taster session in fresher's week and try it out! (And message/chat to me if you have any questions).

-Joe Young (he/him) [joseph.young@st-hughs.ox.ac.uk]



Sports & Societies

Spikeball

Meet spikeball, AKA 360 degree trampoline volleyball. Are you sold yet? Maybe this will convince you:

Envision repeatedly hitting a small ball onto a net, basking in the sun shining down on kenyon lawns, whilst conveniently forgetting about that rapidly approaching essay deadline. With spikeball the fun is never far away, just grab three of your friends and head out onto kenyon lawns to experience this thoroughly enjoyable - and occasionally mildly competitive - game for all ages (yes, those elderly fourth years are as obsessed with spikeball as the rest of us). Get ready to convince yourself time and again that no, you don't need to write that essay, and yes, you do have time for a "quick" game of spikeball. If that doesn't convince you, then hearing about St Hugh's proud - if very recent - history of spikeballing excellence should do the trick. Our three dynamic duos dominated cuppers without breaking a sweat, securing a clean sweep of 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the hotly contested 2022 championships.

Whether you're looking to become the Federer of spikeballing, or just spikeball, want to chill and have fun, St Hugh's Spikeball society is the place to be.

We look forward to seeing you all playing spikeball with us very soon!

-Katie Curtis-Smith [katie.curtissmith@st-hughs.ox.ac.uk]

The West Country Society

West Country Soc is launching this Michaelmas, and you can look forward to some gurt lush crewdates and cider/cheddar socials, among other events. If you want the get involved feel free to message Bronwen Price (co-president). We can't wait to welcome those with a connection to/appreciation of the West Country this year!

-Bronwen Price [bronwen.price@st-hughs.ox.ac.uk]



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Class Act

Class Act is a student union campaign that aims to support and represent students from working class, low income, first generation, and state comprehensive school backgrounds, as well as care leavers and estranged students. Throughout term they run socials, and also organise class act families: For more information you can contact Bronwen Price (St Hughs Class Act Rep).

-Bronwen Price [bronwen.price@st-hughs.ox.ac.uk]



Cricket

If you would like to play some cricket during Trinity term, look no further than St Hugh's Cricket Club, 2022 league semi finalists. We are always looking for new players, however experienced (even if you've never played before) as we just want to get a full team out each game. We'd probably have one game each week during Trinity term plus, if there is enough interest, a couple of net sessions during the term. Even if you have never bowled or batted before and just want a laugh and some free beer, join the facebook page (St Hugh's Cricket Club) and maybe next year we can win the league.

-Max Williams [max.williams@st-hughs.ox.ac.uk]

Squash

Squash is a great sport for high intensity and endurance. As with any college sport, anyone can play, whatever experience, and if you're looking to play without the commitment that comes with university sport, college squash is the place to be. We play during the Michaelmas and Hilary terms using the courts at Wolfson College. Generally there is one training session a week (one for complete beginners and then another for players who have played a bit before) and the courts are also free a couple more times a week if you want to just go down and play. We have a 5 person team which competes in the inter college league and Cuppers if you are interested in a bit of competition too. If you're interested in maybe joining in, join the facebook page (St Hugh's Squash Club) and you can get involved.

-Max Williams [max.williams@st-hughs.ox.ac.uk]



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SHFC - Men's

Hi all! I'm Jack, current social sec of SHFC, responsible for your initiations, crewdates, (hopefully) trip abroad and other drinking related stuff. We play against the other colleges for the 1st two terms in 11-a-side, and there is 5-a-side in trinity term as well. So, whether you're the second coming of Lionel messi, or you have never kicked a ball in your life, make sure to get involved (especially if you're a 'keeper, we really need a 'keeper...).



We have a 1s and 2s team, both of which are pretty chilled out and full of sound lads, you'll fit right in. While we can take the footy quite seriously at times, quite a few people use it as an excuse for socialising and drinking- you can do either or both, just as long as you play! We will be holding a taster session for all abilities to come down and get involved in at some point in freshers week, would be great to see as many of you there as possible. The rest of the lads and I look forward to meeting you. Come on you yellows!

-Jack Morgan [jack.morgan@st-hughs.ox.ac.uk]

SHFC - Women's

Hey! My name is Jess and I'm doing PPL in third year. I'm the current captain of the St Hugh's Women's Football team. Being part of the team is one of the best decisions I've made at Hugh's, with a very chill training once a week in St Hugh's, matches every Sunday, lively socials and trips abroad its very chaotic but fun! You in no way have to be amazing at football or even have to have played it before coming (most of the team didn't play before uni) you just need to bring the enthusiasm! Hope to see you all on the pitch!!

-Jessica Clucas [jessica.clucas@st-hughs.ox.ac.uk]



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The Oxford Union

The Oxford Union is a prestigious debating society. The union hosts individual speakers, and last term welcomed names such as Anthony Joshua and Alan Sugar. There are enthralling debates every Thursday evening, as well as a variety of debate workshops for a range of abilities. Furthermore, the Union has a wide range of study spaces, including a library. Keep a keen eye out for this term's open period!

-Bronwen Price [bronwen.price@st-hughs.ox.ac.uk]



Oxide Radio

Interested in hosting and producing your own radio show, or helping others with theirs? Join Oxide Radio, the University's official student radio station to learn how to make and broadcast high quality radio programs with no membership fee! No matter what your interests might be (music, arts, news, etc) join Oxide and take advantage of our professional recording studio equipped with high quality microphones and a mixer plus decks for DJ sets! We broadcast your shows live on our website (as well as recording them for later) and are fully licensed to play music. You'll meet like-minded people who share a passion for radio and your specific interests at our social events, and gain fantastic practical experience for any of your future media endeavours! No show is too weird/niche! Follow us on social media for more and look out for us at Freshers' fair!

-Leo Brnicanin [leo.brnicanin@st-hughs.ox.ac.uk]



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The Swan

Hello Freshers! The Swan is Hugh's college newspaper and has been since 2010. Despite this long and storied history, we are incredibly open and will accept pretty much anyone and anything. Interviews, updates on the cats, fake ads, sports scores, drawings, creative writing, anything and everything Hughs related has a place. Email us at swan-news@st-hughs.ox.ac.uk if you're interested or find us at the college freshers fair. Can't wait to meet you all!

-Maggie Wilcox [margaret.wilcox@st-hughs.ox.ac.uk]



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Gyms

Buzz Gym



Say what you will about Buzz Gym, but the numbers speak for themselves - open 24 hours the gym is always filled with gym-goers of every type, whereas you'd be lucky to see two people enter Puregym on a good day. The facilities at Buzz are excellent - plenty of machines for cardio, a spin room and a track and field area means you can pretty much do whatever exercise you want bar going swimming. The best part of the gym however, as most people will attest to, is the free weights section. It truly is a gym bro's paradise: the sheer volume of squat racks, bench presses and dumbbells available mean there's always a spot free, even at peak times. Don't let this put you off if you're a bit newer to the gym though - both the staff and members are friendly and encouraging, and can help you out with whatever you need. Have a look out for the Buzz Gym stand at the freshers fair- they offer discounts and a chance to meet personal trainers.

-Ben Hughes



Gyms

PureGym



Welcome to PureGym - just past Westgate shopping centre lies the beating heart of fitness at Oxford. Admittedly, Buzz Gym is just round the corner, but who goes there? PureGym is the place to be, whether this is your first gym membership, or you consider yourself an avid gym-rat. Spread over two floors, PureGym has a TARDIS-like feel with the endless array of rooms - from the spin class and functional zones upstairs, to the free weights and cardio area downstairs. From powerlifters to football players, all types of strength and conditioning are catered for. The training staff and manager Dean are generally really helpful and friendly. If you are looking for personal training you can't really go wrong, but Marcin and Angelina come recommended. Overall, PureGym has something for everyone, including free fitness classes included with the membership, which is already pretty cheap. These are great if you are just starting out and want to learn some new exercises and routines, or just want somebody to push you. Whilst PureGym has all the failings of a typical commercial gym - busy at peak times, smelly male changing rooms, and too many cardio machines - it is, I believe, the best Oxford has to offer.

-Luke Wyles



Libraries

The Radcliffe Camera (aka the RadCam)



The Bodleian (aka the Bod)



Libraries

Department Libraries



Taylor Institution Library
(Modern Languages)



Radcliffe Science Library



Sackler Library
(Classics, Art History,
Archaeology)

And many
more...!



Clubs

Bridge



ATIK



Clubs

Plush



Bullington



Best Pubs

Near Hugh's



The Rose and Crown

The Victoria



Jericho Tavern



Best Pubs

In the centre of Oxford



Turf Tavern

The King's Arms



Four Candles (Wetherspoons)



Glossary

Blue

An award given to Varsity sports players (those who make it into the university level squads and play against Cambridge. It also used to describe the players themselves e.g. "I wish I were a Blue."

Bop

Essentially a party organised by students, usually with a theme and fancy dress. Each college has between two and four of these each term. Some colleges host them internally whilst others will rent clubs.

Collections

Mock-style exams set by college tutors at the beginning of term.

Dean

A Fellow responsible for supervising the conduct and discipline of the Junior Members of the College. To be 'deaned' is to be sent to the Dean.

Entz

So this basically stands for fun events – like bops – organised by student reps but no one is quite sure whether the word itself is an abbreviation of "entertainment", "events" or "entertainment events".

Fellow

A senior member of a college – usually a tutor.

Finals

Exams that count towards your degree. They're not necessarily all taken at the end of your course.



Glossary

Fresher

A first year student.

Formal Hall

A formal dinner at college that takes place every Tuesday (for the JCR) at Hugh's. Three courses, usually delicious, and very good value.

Isis

The part of the River Thames that runs through Oxford.

Junior Common Room (JCR):

(1) The undergraduate student body at your college; (2) The physical room in which members of the JCR hang out, pre-drink, have sleepovers, play FIFA and accidentally fall asleep. Sometimes in that order.

Junior Dean

People in charge of keeping Hugh's quiet and peaceful. Also a verb, ex: "I got Junior Deaned last night for hosting a party gone awry."

Matriculation

A ceremony at the beginning of your first term in which you are formally inducted into the University. It involves getting dressed up (see sub-fusc), listening to some Latin, and then celebratory drinking.

MCR

Middle Common Room. Like the JCR, but for graduate students.

Michaelmas/Hilary/Trinity

Autumn term/Spring term/Summer term. No clue why they're called this.

Mods

First-year exams for some subjects (e.g. Law) and second-year exams for certain other subjects (like Classics) which have no first-year exams. See prelims.



Glossary

Noughth (0th) Week

The week before the beginning of Full Term.

Porter

The college gatekeeper/security guard/personal counsellor/kebab sharer depending on college and individual disposition. They may look intimidating, but tell them you're a prospective applicant and they'll let you in to look round colleges.

Prelims

First-year exams for most subjects.

Rustication

The withdrawal of the right of access to the land, buildings and facilities of the University, including teaching, exams and all related academic services, for a fixed period of time or until specified conditions are met. It usually occurs as a result of a major disciplinary offence.

SCR

Senior Common Room. Like the JCR and the MCR, but they have a really nice coffee machine and it's only for Dons/Fellows.

SOLO

Oxford's online library catalogue (vital).

Tute

Short for tutorial. Small group teaching sessions, usually weekly session, with a given tutor. Can be a bit scary at first but generally acknowledged to be one of the best things about Oxford when you get into the swing of things.

Vacation

What Oxonians (and Americans) call the holidays. Often abbreviated to 'vac', they take place after each term for Christmas, Easter and Summer (a.k.a. Long Vac).



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NHS Non-emergency

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