

Welcome to St Hugh's College



Notes and introductions for new graduate students
2022-23

The Principal, The Rt Hon Lady Elish Angiolini DBE QC, is Head of House at St Hugh's College.

Warmest congratulations on securing your place at St Hugh's College.

You have been selected from among the brightest and most talented students of your generation to be a member of St Hugh's and of Oxford University. The Fellows and I are proud that you will be joining us and we hope that you will be proud to become a member of this College.



St Hugh's is a very special warm community. It is an academic community where you have the opportunity to meet, discuss and collaborate with scholars in other fields. It is a social community and home where you could make some of your friends for life and where there are opportunities to get involved in a wide range of lively activities. It is a supportive community, with access to help, advice and guidance, if you need it.

I very much look forward to welcoming you when you arrive here.

Warmest best wishes and congratulations again,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E. Angiolini', written in a cursive style.

Elish Angiolini
Principal

The Senior Tutor, Professor Robert Vilain, is responsible for overseeing academic matters.

Congratulations on beginning your career as a graduate student at the University of Oxford and at St Hugh's College. We have admitted you because of your ability and potential, and have no doubt that you will all be highly successful in your studies. We very much look forward to welcoming you in person to St Hugh's in October.

At the start of term, you will be contacted by your College Advisor. Every graduate student at St Hugh's is assigned a senior member of the College as an Advisor – this is in addition to your Supervisor, who is appointed by the University and is responsible for guiding and monitoring your academic progress. Advisors also monitor progress, but they are chiefly responsible for helping you develop a relationship with the College as well as with your University Department or Faculty. Do please answer all the communications you have from them, and make yourself known in person as soon as the opportunity arises. They will be able to answer many of your questions. You may approach them at any time if you have queries.

You will find amongst the information distributed to you a copy of the College's *Student Handbook*, together with some information regarding medical registration. I would like to draw your attention now to the importance of registering with a doctor in Oxford as soon as possible. The process is simple: you should visit the Summertown Health Centre's website ([Homepage - Summertown Health Centre](#)) and register your status as a student. If you are an International Student, you will be asked to bring your passport and BRP card to be scanned at a session in early October.

If you have questions, please don't hesitate to contact us (college.office@st-hughs.ox.ac.uk) – the College Office will be your first port of call for most queries throughout your time at St Hugh's. We take care of registration, graduate progression (GSO) forms, examination arrangements, and much more. If in doubt, use that email address and someone will be able to help you! The Office is led by the Academic Registrar, Thea Crapper (thea.crapper@st-hughs.ox.ac.uk). She is also the College's Disability Contact, so please contact her if you would like to know more about the support available to students.

With best wishes for your whole time in Oxford,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Robert Vilain', with a horizontal line underneath.

Professor Robert Vilain
Senior Tutor

The College Nurse & Wellbeing Coordinator, Sarah Dragonetti, is in College every weekday during term

I am available to help you manage health problems and illness, and will be able to refer you elsewhere when necessary. I can give advice on injuries and do dressings/remove stitches and care for wounds. I can also give you advice on contraception and the emergency pill, and am very happy to give support and advice for emotional and psychological problems or just drop in to my surgery in MGA for a chat! And please note that all consultations are absolutely confidential.



Email: nurse@st-hughs.ox.ac.uk

The Nurse's Surgery is on the first floor of the Mary Gray Allen Building (MGA), but room visits can be arranged if stairs are a problem; surgery times are posted on the College website. The College Doctor holds a weekly surgery in College on Monday mornings, bookable by emailing the College Nurse.

REGISTERING WITH THE COLLEGE DOCTORS

Before you arrive at St Hugh's you are required to register with a doctor in Oxford; register with our College Doctors at Summertown Health Centre by visiting their website www.summertownhealthcentre.co.uk/st-hughs-registration-form. If you need to visit your home doctor during the vacations, you should not re-register, but make an appointment as a temporary resident, keeping your registration at Oxford.

EMERGENCIES

If you need urgent medical assistance, the UK emergency number is **999**; if you live in College, you can also ask the Lodge (+44 (0)1865 274900) to call for an ambulance on your behalf; the Lodge should always be informed when any Emergency Service has been summoned.

OUT OF HOURS SERVICE - 111

If you need non-emergency medical advice during the evenings or at a weekend, ring the 24hr non-emergency helpline 111.

TRAVEL VACCINATIONS

Students who may need travel vaccinations should make an appointment at Summertown Health Centre. Please remember that some travel vaccinations are chargeable and must therefore be arranged through a Pharmacy. It is best to book as early as possible before you travel. For more information, please visit www.fitfortravel.nhs.uk/home

PATIENT ACCESS APP

The Patient Access app is a useful tool for booking appointments and ordering repeat prescriptions. Please ask Summertown Health Centre.

OPTICIANS

Opticians accepting new patients in Oxford can be found online. Opticians services are not usually covered by the NHS; an initial sight test costs about £25 and you must make an appointment in order to be seen. Separately, the Eye Hospital is a specialist unit at the John Radcliffe Hospital (JR) in Oxford and deals with medical/surgical problems and procedures only. As with all hospital appointments, you need to be referred there by the GP.

DENTAL SERVICES

All adults usually have to pay standard NHS charges. 'Studental', based at Oxford Brookes University, provides a comprehensive NHS service to all students: www.studental.co.uk.

Extra Information for Overseas Students

REGISTERING WITH THE NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE (NHS)

In order to access free healthcare in the UK, you must register with our College Doctors at Summertown Health Centre or, if you prefer, another GP in Oxford. You should register at the start of your course; students cannot register with the NHS if they are within six-months of their planned departure from the UK, unregistered students would have to pay for a private appointment (c.£50-£150). For this reason, it is essential that overseas students register as soon as possible after arriving in Oxford.

GETTING YOUR PRESCRIPTIONS

Many overseas students find that their prescriptions are not available in the UK. Check in good time that your prescriptions are available, so that alternatives can be arranged if necessary. Please remember that you may need to pay for your prescription.

NHS NUMBER

If you require your NHS number for any reason, please email the College Nurse.

TERMINOLOGY

GP: General Practitioner (also known as doctor or physician)

A&E: Accident & Emergency Unit (also known as Hospital Emergency Room)

NHS: National Health Service

Health Centre (also known as GP Practice, Doctor's Surgery, or Clinic)



Sarah Dragonetti
College Nurse & Wellbeing Coordinator

The Chaplain, the Revd Dr Shaun Henson, also an academic, is away on a full-time University teaching and research assignment in 2022-23. Our Interim Chaplain, soon to be appointed, is available to members of College in any kind of need, to offer friendly support in strict confidence.



I expect that you may feel both excited and daunted as you begin your studies at the University of Oxford. The strangeness passes quickly, and meeting other people here in exactly the same position as you makes quite a difference. As everything becomes more familiar, you will begin to enjoy reading for an Oxford degree.

As your Chaplain, I am available to all who want to speak with me about any kind of matter – whether you have faith (Christian or any other), no faith at all, or are uncertain about such matters. As a member of the College welfare team, I am here for all of you. Please see me as a friend. You can be assured of confidentiality, and of a kind reception. If I cannot help, I am happy to refer you to a colleague.

I am in College most weekdays, and on Sunday afternoons and evenings during term. My room is 24 in the Main Building, adjacent to the Chapel on the first floor. To arrange a meeting please contact me by e-mail.

Amidst all of the change and excitement of Oxford life, please use the Chapel as a place of quiet to gather your thoughts, whatever your beliefs or viewpoints. The Chapel is central to the College on the first floor above the main entrance, and is always open. There are materials at the back to help you think or pray.

We celebrate diversity at St Hugh's, and have a dedicated **Multi-faith Prayer and Quiet Room** for those who want a separate space for prayer, meditation, or contemplation. The space is located in house 89 Woodstock Road, room 12. Various multi-faith activities are planned for this year.

Chapel activities centre on a service of Evensong or Eucharist (Mass) each Sunday at 6.15pm. We have an active **Choir**, which is always ready to receive new members. Our aim is to have a new Organ Scholar each year (*applicants welcome*), and we offer six Choral Awards annually. After Chapel services we have sherry and juice, and a free Chapel Supper to which all present are invited. Details of speakers are given in the term card.

I trust that your years at St Hugh's will be exciting, happy, and fulfilling ones. I look forward to meeting you.

With all good wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Shaun Henson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'S'.

Bruce Lawrence oversees the strategic direction of the Alumni and Development Office and builds and maintains special relationships for the College.



Congratulations and welcome to the St Hugh's College family where you are joining a prestigious, diverse and supportive community of over 10,000 alumni around the world. From BAFTA and Academy Award winners, Nobel Laureates, Prime Ministers and Guinness World Record holders to Arctic explorers, literary giants, international human rights advocates and equality pioneers, Hughsies have transformed the word as we know it.

At St Hugh's we want our alumni to continue to feel part of our family, a sentiment fostered as students here. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce you to the Development Team and the services we provide to alumni as well as current students.

We offer a variety of special events, private tours, interesting talks and lectures, as well as dinners and reunions in College. Some of our events are open to current students as well and we hope you will join us. We send out regular communication bulletins highlighting the achievements of our current students, alumni, and Fellows, showcasing their groundbreaking and fascinating work. We love sharing the experience of current students with our alumni so please share any interesting stories or photos of your time here.

Founded in 1886 to provide an excellent education to women who were otherwise excluded from Oxford, the College raises funds today to ensure that bright and capable students have the opportunity to study at St Hugh's, regardless of their financial situation. We work with our alumni and donor community to support a variety of scholarships and bursaries for undergraduate and graduate students, as well as the student hardship fund. We also raise support to endow academic posts, as well as maintain and renovate our buildings and our beautiful gardens, among many other projects that support and improve your collegiate experience.

Although our main focus is alumni, we do offer services for current students. With over 10,000 alumni located around the world in a variety of employment sectors, we can assist in connecting you with alumni through a mentoring relationship. We also provide the chance to network with alumni at certain events, including our 'Business Breakfast Series' and offer employment opportunities through our annual Telethon.

As you begin your journey at St Hugh's, please know that we are here for you every step of the way. You can reach the Development Office in MGA 2, at development.office@st-hughs.ox.ac.uk, and on +44 (0)1865 613839.

Bruce Lawrence
Director of Development



The Middle Common Room (MCR) Committee would also like to welcome you to St Hugh's. The MCR is both the room itself in 87 Banbury Road, and the graduate community. The students elected to the Committee are there to represent you within St Hugh's and to bring you a wide range of social events throughout the year - starting with Freshers' Week in October.

To get a glimpse of what is going on at St Hugh's, you can join the Facebook Group **St Hugh's MCR Freshers 2022** (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/sthughsmcr2022>). We look forward to personally welcoming you all to St Hugh's upon your arrival, and we hope you enjoy the rest of your summer!

Edie Guo, President of the MCR, on behalf of the MCR Committee