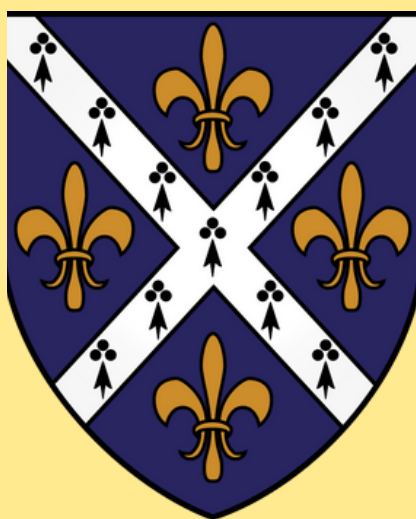


St Hugh's College


**FRESHERS'
GUIDE
2023**





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Editor's Welcome

Dear Freshers,

First of all, I'd like to say congratulations for getting into the best university in the world, and an even bigger congratulations for making it into its best college!

Following results day, I remember anxiously waiting for more information about stuff like what my room might look like, what clubs and societies I was going to be able to join, how the hall food system works; the list goes on. When the freshers' guide arrived in my inbox, it not only answered my queries but also made me even more excited to get started. I hope this guide can do the same for you.

Looking forward to meeting you all in freshers' week! (guaranteed to be a good time, trust me)

Your editor,
Georgina Morrow (she/her)

p.s. for all things netball and ski trip - I'm your girl!



You



What to bring

Clothing

- Sub fusc (see the 'Academic Dress' page on the University's website – you receive an order form for this)
- Formal clothes for matriculation and exams (to go with sub fusc)
 - White shirt, black trousers/skirt, black shoes, black tights/socks
- Smart clothes for formals/events
 - Think dresses, shirts, dinner jackets and nice trousers, heels/boots/smart shoes
- 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



Our 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.

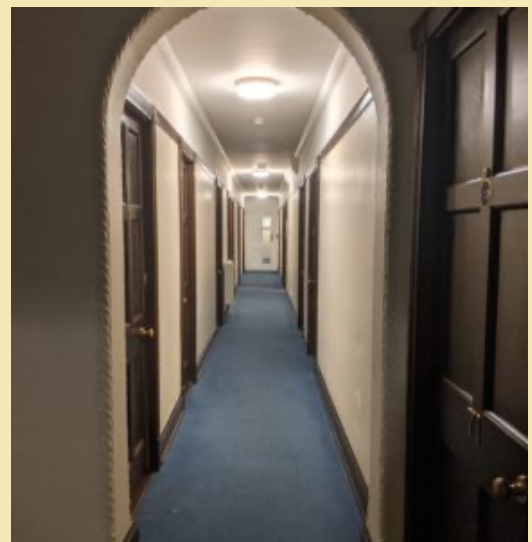


Accommodation

Main Building

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.



Editor's Note: this page may contain misinformation. Kenyon is equally as good (if not better). Either way, you've won.

Accommodation

Main Building

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/pendant 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 Building

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!).



Accommodation

Kenyon Building

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 Building

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 and huge kitchens.

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 socialising.



Accommodation

Maplethorpe Building

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.

Hall

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 - see pics below of some formal hall dishes from this year) and you get to look very boujee with all of your friends.



Ben Moisan (he/him)
4th year Biochemistry



Editor's Note: for more yummy formal food content like the pics above, follow @chefs_at_sthughs on Instagram.

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.



Groceries



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.



Library



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.

Library



Additionally, the Dickson Poon China Centre building (fondly known as the Dicky P) has its own Bodleian library (basically means that its part of a group of libraries that serve the entire university). If you fancy working somewhere a little more zen but still on-site, then the Dicky P library is the study spot for you, with the caveat of it sadly not being open 24/7.



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.



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.51).



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 £2.30 and it's £1.30 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. Staying in your room during the vacation is 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.





A bit about us!



Editor's note - if you want to contact any of the proceeding committee members, their email is firstname.surname@st-hughs.ox.ac.uk, e.g. georgina.morrow@st-hughs.ox.ac.uk



JCR committee


Freshers' Rep - Zariel Konadu

Dear Freshers,

I would like to start by saying congratulations on getting into Oxford and especially for getting into the monument that is St Hugh's College! Take the time to relax and enjoy this accomplishment. Entering second year, St Hugh's has been home away from home and Oxford has been an environment set up to allow you to flourish in your studies and relationships, not that it doesn't have its challenges. Oxford is unlike any other place you would have come to encounter because it is truly enchanting. It is not unusual that many of you may feel some sort of 'Imposter Syndrome' in the anticipation of moving into college or even when you arrive however that should not stop you from making those memories and special connections. You do belong here!

My name is Zariel, this year's Freshers' Representative. I am a second-year Human Sciences student from the UK and The Netherlands.

A huge aspect of my job is to organise your Freshers' Week, which offers a distinct yet riveting start to university living. This may be your first time moving away from home whilst also not knowing anyone in college or the wider university. Do not let this worry you; as a member of the St Hugh's community we are here to welcome you and we are eager to meet all of our newcomers.



JCR committee

There will be a range of freshers' events including fairs, game nights, music events, workshops, and sports tasters where you will have the opportunity to meet fellow Hughsies (Students at St Hugh's). Keep up to date with our social media pages, especially Facebook which will be updated regularly.

Michaelmas, your first term of the year is filled with 'first' experiences, with fresher events running throughout. This is an exciting chapter in your Oxford journey so make the most of it! St Hugh's has a network of support here to make you feel comfortable and prepared to take the next steps in your university experience, so make use of these resources. For now try to take in the fact that Oxford will be your reality.

If you have any questions that haven't been answered by the Freshers' Pack, just email (Zariel.konadu@st-hughs.ox.ac.uk) or Facebook message (Zariel Konadu) or anyone from the fresher's committee. Welcome to St Hugh's and see you soon!



Zariel Konadu
Freshers' Representative

JCR committee

President - Bronwen Price

Hi, my name is Bronwen (she/her). I am the JCR President and oversee our Hugh's JCR Committee who run lots of entertainment and welfare events for you. I sit on college committees and liaise with college themselves. The JCR has general meetings every other week (weeks 2, 4, 6 and 8) that I would heavily suggest you attend (there is free pizza and a prize draw). If you have any problems you can let me know through the feedback form that is sent out with my weekly emails (that you should also read)! I hope you have a great first year at Hugh's.



JCR committee

Vice President - Tahiré Wijetilaka

Hi! I'm Tahire Wijetilaka 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 - Izzy Rycroft

Hey everyone, I'm Izzy, a third year Human Scientist from Lancaster. I am the JCR secretary, which means I deal with all of the admin for the JCR (so you'll probably get a lot of emails from me). When we have our JCR meetings every three weeks (with free Domino's and a Tesco voucher prize draw so make sure you come along), you will email me with any motions you would like to pass. Some examples include: asking for money for student plays, money for redecorating our bar, replacement PS4 controllers, etc etc. My other jobs include minuting all the meetings and helping out the rest of the committee with any general admin.



JCR committee

Welfare Reps

Hey, we're your 2023 Welfare Reps; Deanna Duff, Archie Brown, 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!). Can't wait to meet you all in October!

Deanna (right) is the Freshers' Welfare Officer, Ria (left) is the Women and Trans-feminine Identities Welfare Officer, and Archie (centre) is the Male and Minority Gender Welfare Officer.



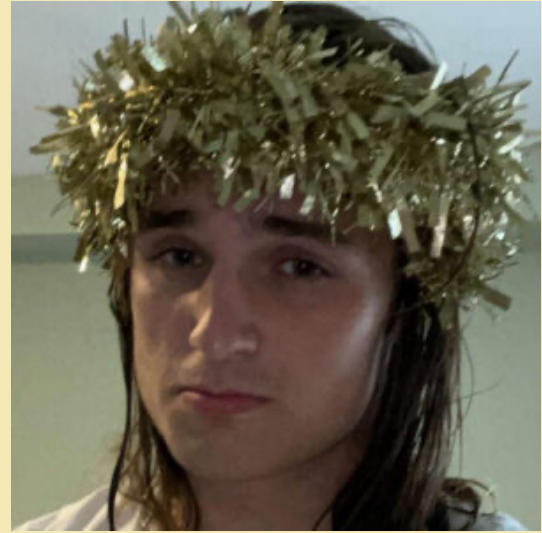
JCR committee

Treasurer - Ben Hughes

Hi everyone, my name is Ben (he/him) and I'm the JCR treasurer. I study Economics and Management, and outside of my course I play Rugby League, the bass, and a little D&D!

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 Max (Sports & Societies Rep), I also handle the distribution of Blues Funding and money from college for Sports & Societies. If you have any questions about these, or anything at all related to JCR finances, feel free to get in touch.



LGBTQ+ Reps - Alex Lowrie & Leo Tidmarsh



Hey! We're Alex (he/him), a third year PPE student, and Leo (he/him), a third year French and Arabic student. We're delighted to be your LGBTQ+ Reps for Michaelmas term. Our role includes running fun events as well as being an uplifting voice for the community: ensuring college is a safe space free from marginalisation, where diversity is celebrated and everyone feels seen and empowered. Please feel free to reach out if you ever have any questions or concerns – our inbox is always open!



JCR committee

Entz Reps - Monty Pierce Jones and Oscar Turner

Hey guys! We are Monty (3rd year Arch n' Anth) and Oscar (3rd year History), your Entz Reps for Michaelmas – we'll be overthrown by the end of term. We run the BOPs (Big Open Parties), various other events, and are trying overhaul the bar. Follow @entzstagram, like the Facebook, and feel free to send us suggestions on either. Hope you have a great first term <3



Charities and Communities Rep - Lauren Goh

Hi! I'm Lauren Goh (she/her) and I'm the Charities rep for this year. I'm a second year experimental psychology student and I hope to introduce more opportunities for Hugh's students to volunteer and raise money/awareness for charities that are important to them. A fun fact about me is that I have never broken a bone! 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

Access Officer -Oghale Erikigho

Hi! I'm Oghale (she/her) and I'm a third year psychology and philosophy student at St Hugh's. I am the current Access Officer which means I oversee the college's interaction with prospective students from underrepresented and disadvantaged backgrounds. Overall, I have hopes of increasing the participation of current students in access work in my role! My role includes encouraging and enabling underprivileged students to apply to St Hugh's by helping out with college tours, Q&As and other interesting access initiatives! I hope to show that St Hugh's is accessible to all (and the best college ever) as well as debunk the myth that St Hugh's is for certain types of people. If you have any questions or suggestions please don't hesitate to approach me or email me!



International Students' Rep - Isabel Siebert

Hi, I'm Isa, a fourth year Hughsie studying European and Middle Eastern Languages. I'll be the International Rep for the coming terms and hopefully there will be something to look forward to for everyone who identifies with the international community. Please don't be shy about contacting me with any wishes, suggestions, or concerns, I'll do my best to help! And finally, here's a little fun fact about me: Artichoke is my favourite Pizza topping :))



JCR committee

Environment & Ethics Rep - Madeline Bryant



Hi, my name is Madeline (she/her) and I'm a 2nd year doing Human Sciences. As E&E rep, I work on issues and events relating to sustainability around St. Hugh's. I try my best to advocate for an accessible form of sustainability, one that allows people to drink oat milk and yet love dairy-filled Mac and cheese (myself especially). I'm currently focusing on consulting on a college carbon audit and hosting termly cross-college clothing swaps. If you have any ideas at all, or if you just want to have a chat about sustainability around college, feel free to send me an email or a Facebook message!

Sports & Societies Rep - Max Williams

I am Max and I am a 3rd year maths student. My main aim for the role is to make the admin surrounding creating a society and applying for funding easier to handle for society presidents. 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 - Richard Li



Hey, my name is Richard Li (he/him). I am a third year E&M student, and I am the 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!

Academic Affairs and Careers Rep - Carmelo Radici

Hi! My name's Carmelo (he/him) and I'm a third year English student. For my JCR role as Academic Affairs and Careers rep, it's my responsibility to help get back your late collections from your tutors, and to support you with information on any skills/fields that interest you. I also want to help each of you get the most out of our (completely brilliant) library resources here at St Hugh's. To help with all this, I regularly send out surveys, arrange guest speakers, and pass on information about the Oxford Careers Service. If you have any ideas or suggestions, or if there's a specific sector you're interested in, please feel free to get in touch and let me know!

I'm also very welfare-oriented, and if you have any questions or concerns, or feel unsupported academically, or confused about your options with regards to careers/internships, please get in touch and I'll do my very best to help point you in the right directions!



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BAME reps - Michael Chavanga and Dhanush Ammineni



Michael (left): third year biochemist
Dhanush (right): third year medic

Our role as BAME reps is to represent the people of colour in the JCR community. Our goal is to celebrate diversity and people from various ethnicities, hold events for their welfare and to generally bring good vibes to make us feel at home.

Disabled Students' Rep - Wren Talbot-Ponsonby

Hi! I'm Wren (they/she), and I'm just starting my third year doing psych and philosophy (PPL). I'm also your JCR disabilities rep!

My role is to be someone you can come to with any questions or concerns about accessibility or support, as well as to advocate for disabled students in college. I also try to run a few social events each term so the disabled community can get to know each other - you don't need to have a diagnosis or disclose anything to come along, and it would be fab to meet as many new faces as possible :)

If you have any questions at all about life as a disabled student, support available, or just wanting a chat, please feel free to get in touch on email or facebook messenger. I know coming to uni can be quite daunting so please let me know if there's anything I can do to help!



Best wishes,
Wren :)

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Faiths and Beliefs Rep - Talia Rabinowitz

Hi! My name is Talia (she/her) and I'm a 3rd year student studying Experimental Psychology. My job as Faiths and Beliefs Rep is to represent and be a point of guidance to students belonging to faith groups, including roles such as promoting understanding of different faiths in college and providing information on how college and university rules affect religious practice. My main aim for this role is to ensure that St Hugh's is as accommodating as possible for people belonging to faith groups, as well as creating an inclusive environment, and running both fun social events and celebrations for religious festivals!



Cat Rep - Daisy Outram

Hey everyone, I'm Daisy Outram (she/her) and my role is Cat Rep! I am a first-year Law student and like to spend my time avoiding this fact by playing pool in the JCR or going to coffee shops. A fun fact about me is I can juggle! My goal is for Professor Biscuit and Admiral Flapjack to achieve Oxford domination via their social media page "hughsiecats" on Instagram! I also look out for their welfare and will advocate to always have cats at St Hugh's. Please send in your pics and get in contact for any cat concerns.





Sports & Societies



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Netball

Do you want to get away to get away from work, make friends across years (and colleges), do a bit of exercise and be part of a winning team? If yes, then join St Hugh's Netball club!!

In terms of matches, we take part in the Oxford College Netball League in both Michaelmas and Hilary terms. Our A team is in division 1, playing weekly on Thursdays. In Michaelmas we finished top of the division, remaining undefeated. We also got to the semi-finals of Cuppers (inter-collegiate knock-out tournament) in Trinity term and also took part in mixed cuppers. We have big plans for a tour to Cambridge this year which will include playing our sister college then staying the night to scope out the Cambridge nightlife...

But the club is more than the sport with fortnightly socials organised by our amazing social sec. This includes crew dates with other college teams – from bar crawls and dinners at Jamal's and Angrid Thai to cocktail evenings funded by the club card. We also have a sports formal at the end of the year and a match against the football team.

If any of this appeals to you then request to join the Facebook group 'St Hugh's Netball Club' and follow our insta @sthughs.netballclub . All abilities are welcome and keep an eye out for the taster session and sports social in freshers week. Looking forward to meeting you all!!

Captain and Treasurer: Katie Stamp
Vice-captain: Ariana Mehta
Social secretary: Georgina Morrow



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Rugby



St Hugh's/LMH RFC (affectionately known as LMHugh's) is one of the best college rugby clubs at Oxford. Like a phoenix, we rose from the ashes, going from a broken shell of a club to a glorious institution who had a mighty Cuppers run consisting of the defeat of Magdalen and Balliol. We have a very busy social calendar as well, this year in the hands of social sec Tom Elway. We are open to beginners and the most experienced rugby players – come to our taster session if you want to try it out. We have boots and mouthguards for those that don't own them. Email me if you have any questions. Vice-captain Steve and I look forward to seeing some new faces on the rugby pitch!

Vivek Raman

St Hugh's Boat Club is perhaps the largest and most active society at St Hugh's. We are a friendly group of rowers and coxes of all abilities and levels of dedication, offering a great way to keep active and be part of a fun community throughout the academic year. On top of participating in quintessentially Oxford 'bumps'-style regattas, SHBC members enjoy weekly outings and socials in Oxford's beautiful waterways and watering holes, and we would love to have you hop on board ;)

Whichever kind of SHBC rower you want to be – from an esteemed 'Blues' athlete to a strictly 'social' member – be sure to join us over Freshers' Week to see what all the fuss is about!

Ben Matthews

Rowing



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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.

Neel Gokal & Eddie Handley

Women's Football

Announcing the new Summertown women's football team! LMH, St Hughs and Trinity are joining forces. Come one come all, no experience necessary. We are a fun a group to hang around with and even if you have never kicked a ball before, you will still enjoy our camaraderie and socials! Stay tuned for taster session details, see you on the pitch!

Maggie Wilcox



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Men's Football



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

Hockey

Introducing Chughies Hockey Club! Whether you've never picked up a hockey stick, or have your own stick bag demanding to be used, St Hugh's and Christ Church College Hockey Club welcomes everyone. Offering weekly matches in the first two terms, followed by a visit to the local ice cream cafe G&D's, fun and friends are guaranteed! No need to worry about kit: shin guards, hockey sticks and new Chughies team shirts are provided, so all that's left is to bring yourselves and your enthusiasm... Join our Facebook Page "Chughies Mixed Hockey", and we look forward to meeting you next term!

Alexandra Seddon



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Squash



Squash is a great sport for high intensity and endurance. As with any college sport, anyone can play, even if you have no 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 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.

Rounders

Jimmy Yuan

SHRC is a very chilled, fun way for anyone who wants to get out and play some sport in the sun during Trinity Term. We'll practice and have some matches against other colleges that have rounders teams, as well as some socials to make it more inclusive. All ages and abilities are welcome, and it will be a good way to take a break from working and do some relaxed, sociable exercise.

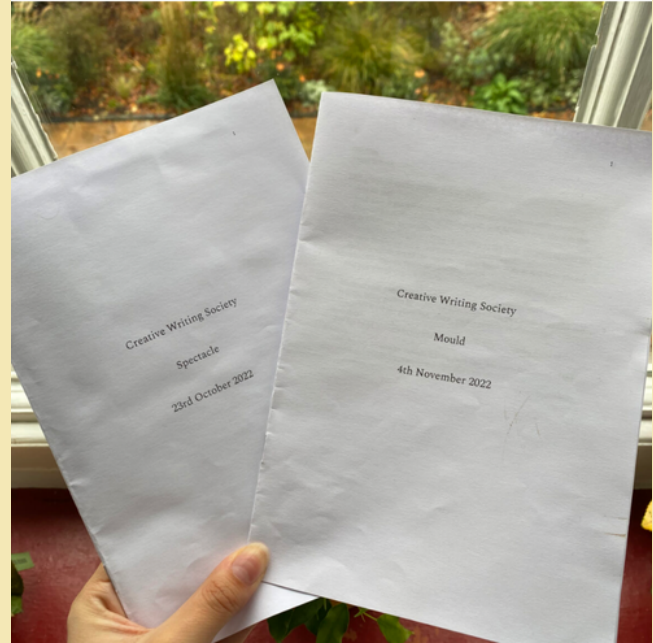
Ariana Mehta



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Creative Writing

Creative writing society is for anyone who likes to write poetry, but also short prose, and would like to share this in a relaxed and friendly setting. We aim to host a handful of creative writing sessions a term with different themes/ prompts that you can write from. We always have a wonderful range of responses taking many forms (from sonnets, to visual poetry, to abstract pieces) which we then discuss and explore in a group conversation. We would love anyone to join, regardless of subject! Please sign up in the freshers fair through the group chat :)



Stargazing

Please consider joining St. Hugh's Stargazing Society! In Hugh's gorgeous gardens, we look at stars and nearby planets, like Mars and Venus. During Michaelmas term, we plan to meet whenever the sky and our schedule's are clear. Contact Madeline Bryant or Paul Louis Drouffe to join our Whatsapp chat!



Sports & Societies

Surfing

Want some sun, sea and surf? Look no further than St Hughs' very own Surf Society. As the only college-based surf society, we organise socials in trinity term, but the highlight is our week-long subsidised surf trip to Morocco. It's not just surf, surf and surf; think beach games, valley hikes, evening dinners on the terrace, karaoke in a tent and a bit too much of the local tagine. Don't know how to surf? Me neither. Do it for some good vibes, good friends and a tacos mixte.



Table Tennis

With its fast-paced action and engaging gameplay, table tennis has become a staple in the vibrant college community, offering both competitive challenges and a chance for camaraderie.

The St. Hugh's College table tennis scene is an inclusive and exciting environment for freshers to dive into. The college boasts a well-equipped table tennis room (next to the college bar), where players of all skill levels come together to enjoy friendly matches, practice sessions, and most importantly, our home cuppers fixtures.

For those seeking a competitive edge, St. Hugh's College offers the opportunity to join the college table tennis team, which participates in numerous university-wide tournaments throughout the year. If this interests you please reach out to Anton Ross, Jack Fleming, or Tom Scott.



Editor's Note: The aforementioned list of sports & societies is not exhaustive by any means! Visit the 'Clubs & Societies' section of the JCR website (https://jcr.st-hughs.ox.ac.uk/clubs-societies/?doing_wp_cron=1691510871.6421790122985839843750) for the full list.



Oxford



Gyms

Buzz Gym

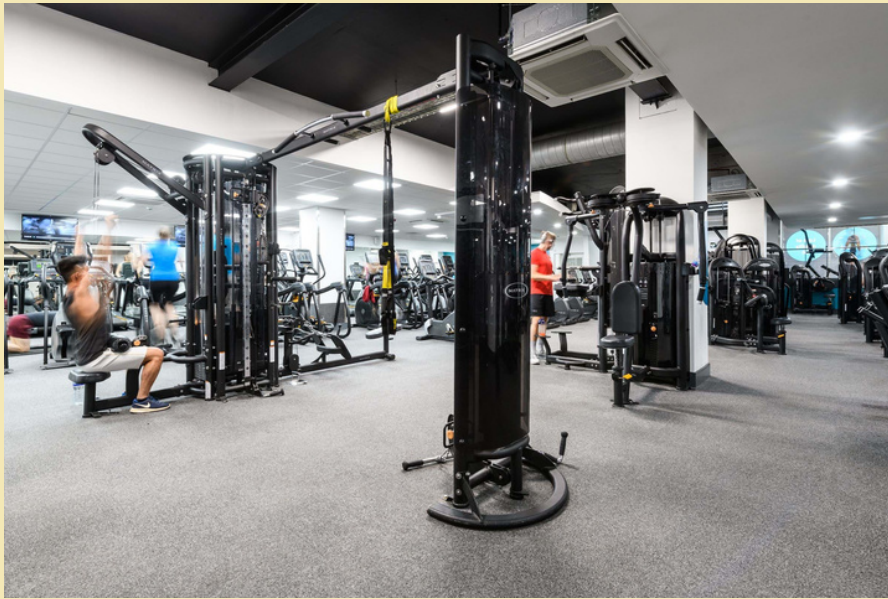


Say what you will about Buzz Gym, but the numbers speak for themselves – open 24 hours the gym is always filled with gym-goers of every type, whereas you'd be lucky to see two people enter Puregym on a good day. The facilities at Buzz are excellent – plenty of machines for cardio, a spin room and a track 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 (a.k.a the RadCam)



The Bodleian (a.k.a the Bod)



Department Libraries

Taylor Institution Library a.k.a the
Taylorian (Modern Languages)



Radcliffe Science Library



Art, Archaeology and Ancient World Library



Clubs

Bridge



ATIK



Clubs

Plush



The Bullingdon



Pubs near Hugh's

Rose & Crown



The Victoria



Jude the Obscure



Central Pubs

Turf Tavern



The King's Arms



The Four Candles (spoons)





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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Nightline

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Phone – 999

NHS Non-emergency

Phone – 111

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