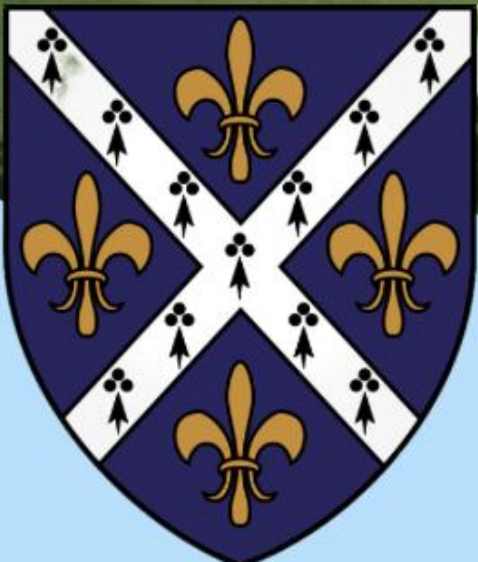


ST HUGH'S

FRESHERS' GUIDE 2026



Fresher's rep Address

Welcome to Hugh's! I am Faraz, a second-year historian and I will be your Freshers' rep for this year! You will have heard this lots already but congratulations on earning your place here! Your hard work and efforts have led to you being a member of one of most welcoming and loveliest places in Oxford – St. Hugh's. Whilst that statement may sound heavily biased, I will let the college community, grounds and cats be their own advocates for when you arrive. I found them to be quite compelling when I got here.



This guide should serve as an effective crash course for all things Oxford and Hugh's, from terminology to equipment. We write it with the aim of giving you a preview of life at Oxford, but also to help you feel prepared for your arrival. Might save you from a few awkward moments if you give it a little attention!

When it comes to Freshers week itself, you have so much to look forward to! There will be orientation talks, meeting your tutors, and your college parents. The essential aspect is the social side, through which you will really get to know the fantastic community Hugh's has the privilege of being a home to. We have something for everyone with the events of the week, so do not worry and get ready to make the most of the experience. You have an incredibly exciting first term and year ahead of you!



My role is to make your life easier and alleviate any worries you might have. Please do not feel any hesitation to reach out, no matter the size of your concern: faraz.farooque@st-hughs.ox.ac.uk

Everyone at Hugh's could not be more excited to have you join us, and we hope that you will be looking forward to it just as much!

See you in October,

Faraz

Fresher's Welfare rep Address

Hi guys! I am Saria, a second-year English Literature and Language student, and I will be your Welfare Representative. Alongside Faraz, I will be helping out with Freshers Week, and making sure that everyone is properly looked after, and out for. Any concerns that you may have, not only in the first week, but first term, you can voice to me at any point, and I will try my very best to accommodate/find a solution to whatever you need help with.

I remember how daunting freshers week felt, especially at a University like Oxford, but our freshers reps really looked after us and made it an unforgettable experience, something that I hope to emulate. As well as looking out for you guys, I run other welfare events/services with two other representatives, which are for the whole college to enjoy. Welfare teas take place fortnightly, and are definitely a highlight, offering free snacks and drinks, often exactly what you need! I also assist in the roll out of pidgeoning, which includes free sanitary products, and other essentials, something that you should definitely make the most of.

My aim for freshers week is to help you all realise how entirely amazing Oxford, as a University, and as an experience is, and I want to do this through ensuring that you all feel completely safe and happy.



This means that you can come to me with anything- truly nothing is too small of a concern or question. You guys have so much to look forward to, so start getting excited!!

See you all in October and enjoy your summer! If you have any questions or concerns prior to then, please do not hesitate to contact me at –
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WHAT TO BRING?

- **Essentials** – Passport and valid ID, Emergency cash, NHS and insurance cards, Extension cord, Food, and snacks (enough to get you through freshers week at least), hygiene and shower products, laundry pods
- **Clothing** – Sub fusc (we arrange this for you but bring some formalwear essentials – shirt/tights etc.), Jumpers, hoodies, and a warm jacket (as three), Sliders/slippers and a few pairs of shoes, plenty of socks, Costumes for BOPS (will be explained later!)
- **Academic** – Spacious and easy to carry bag, Laptop, Paper and pens/pencils, headphones, long chargers, keep cup (to bring warm drinks into libraries), water bottle
- **Room** – Bedding (duvets and pillows are not provided by college but bedding packs can be bought from college), Two sets of sheets, Pins for pinboard, photos and posters/other decorations to make your room feel homely, clothes hangers, laundry bags, room spray/diffuser
- **Kitchen** – Mug, cups, cutlery, pots, and pans (depends on how much you plan to cook but better not to overpack – remember you can always ask to borrow), Tupperware
- **Other** – Basic medical kit (paracetamol, strepsils, plasters etc etc), Umbrella, Good raincoat, deck of cards, Books for personal reading, things you might need for a sport, Condoms, sanitary products

OXFORD ESSENTIAL TERMINOLOGY

- **BOP** - A party organised by the Entz Reps on the JCR, usually with a theme and fancy dress (e.g., dress as a song, dress as your type...). Each college has between two and four of these each term.
- **Collection** - Mock-style exams set by college tutors at the beginning of the term.
- **Formal hall** - weekly formal dinner hosted by the JCR at Hugh's College occurs every Tuesday. It consists of three courses and is of excellent value.
- **Junior Common Room (JCR)** –
Can refer to either:
 - The undergraduate student committee at your college.
 - The physical space where people can hog the ps4, play pool, play FIFA, chat, and fall asleep. Sometimes in that order.
- **Matriculation** - An initiation ceremony held at the onset of your first term, formally welcoming you into the University. It entails donning sub fusc, partaking in Latin proceedings, followed by celebrations.
- **Porter** - The college gatekeeper/security guard. Be nice to them as they are responsible for handling your packages, organising the mail, providing spare keys when locked out of your room, and assisting in caring 24/7 with whatever else may come up.
- **Prelims** – First-year exams for most subjects.
- **Sub-Fusc** – Specific clothing worn for examinations and formal occasions at Oxford (including matriculation), guidelines can be found on the Oxford website.
- **Term** – Periods of on-site education at the University, running in the order of Michaelmas, Hilary and then Trinity.

- **Tute** - Short for tutorial. Small group teaching sessions, usually weekly session, with a given tutor. While initially intimidating, they are widely recognised as one of Oxford's most rewarding experiences



ACCOMMODATION

Main – If you are lucky enough to be in main, you will be right in the middle of all the fresher activities. It is the most social and perfect for helping you settle in. There are two floors of corridors, with around 24 rooms each. Each room comes with a single bed, desk, wardrobe, lamp, drawers, and maybe even a comfortable chair! These rooms do not have sinks, but the shared bathrooms are all quite close to your room and it is not as much of an inconvenience as it initially seems. There are around four showers and five toilets to share, along with four separate sinks. A big positive is the size of the kitchens on both floors, which double up as a social space. There should be plenty of fridge, freezer, and cupboard space for everyone. Even so, try and keep the space you take up in fridge to no more than what you need out of consideration for others as they do get quite full at the start of term!

Main's location is definitely its biggest perk. You can get to hall (quicker than anyone else), the JCR, the bar, the gym, and the library all under the same roof. Trust me, this a blessing you will come to appreciate when it gets cold and rainy. The plodge (porter's lodge) is also right outside if you are anything like me and lock yourself out. Main building is the most traditional fresher experience, and the rooms feel very cosy and homely once decorated. It is an amazing home for your first year.



Kenyon – Kenyon is the best building in the world.

Ok maybe that's an exaggeration. But, in almost all rooms in Kenyon you get a sink which is a life saver (not the University standard!). You also have an edgy window seat, which is perfect if you want to have people in your room. The building has been described as an 'eyesore'. It is in fact a very interesting brutalist building and is made with function in mind. The bathroom to student ratio is good, and I have never had to wait to use the shower. The rooms can look quite sparse without decoration, as there are two massive pinboards for you to pin things into, so I recommend bringing some decoration to make your room feel more you.

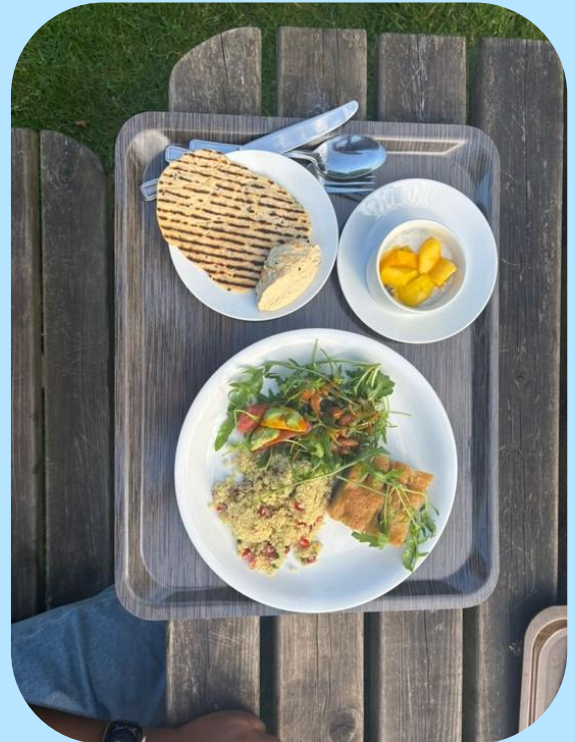


The rooms are very light, with nice high ceilings and two large windows. There is sizeable storage for all your clothes, and in the kitchens, there are lots of cabinets to store your things in. The desk is spacious and by the window, which makes working in your room a nice experience! Kenyon also strikes a good balance: it is a sociable fresher's environment, but there is enough space in the building that not everyone is living on top of each other. I can confidently say that I will deeply miss living in Kenyon as a second year. (written by Franny Cray)

LIFE IN COLLEGE

Spaces

Hall – One of the more unique experiences of life as an Oxford student. Having a variety of options for three meals a day can be an absolute lifesaver on a busy day. It also serves as the perfect social spot to take a break between your library sessions or catch up with some friends. There is also a takeaway option which is very handy when you are in a rush. On weekends, it is only open from 10:30 to 1:30 for the famous Hugh's brunch but is open for three meals a day during the week. It has a pay-as-you-go system using your bod card (student ID) and UPAY, meaning you only pay for as much as you want. There is also a weekly menu released allowing you to plan for which meals you might want to go to.



JCR – The Junior Common Room or JCR is the most frequented communal space in college. Whether you want a game of pool (we have the luxury of two free to use tables), a break on the PlayStation, Mario Kart, or board games, the JCR has it all. It is helpfully right next to the library and directly above the bar meaning it serves as the perfect spot for breaks from both work and play. It is also used to host social events such as movie or game nights organised by societies in college.

In addition to providing a relaxing space, it also hosts the JCR meetings every second week and is home to the chaotic post-BOP free pizzas.

Bar – A social staple within college, regardless of whether or not you choose to drink. Whilst it may not possess the prestige and history that other colleges do, the space it provides allows us to throw some very popular bops during the term, which attract lots of people from other colleges too. Most colleges have their own trademark college drink, although Hugh's never quite appears to have found theirs. For a time, we had a nominal concoction of the 'golden swan' (a delicious mix of a vodka shot and a pint of Stella), however those who prefer the sweeter cocktails may want to stick to the likes of the 'blue Swan'. The drinks are usually very reasonably priced, with a pint usually being between £2.80 to £3.80 depending on your choice. Especially in first term, the bar is the perfect place to meet some of the rest of the freshers' who perhaps live in another building, and to get closer to the ones you've already met. It's also never a miss to go on a Tuesday after a formal, even if you weren't at the dinner.



Wordsworth Tea Room – this is located on the bottom floor of the China centre (Bodleian library right next to Hugh's!) and is therefore shared with the few Oxford students who study Chinese. It is a great space to work in a more relaxed and social environment and offers a very reasonable snack selection. The iced coffees and pastries are both college staples and very reasonably priced.



It also gets plenty of natural light and is always very well populated making it a good environment for chats and debriefs midway through work.

Gym – Located in the basement near the bar. Whilst limited in its equipment, it is never overly busy and has the obvious benefit of proximity. It has six rowing machines, two treadmills, an indoor bike, some weights, a few resistance machines (chest press, shoulder press, pulldown machine, and leg press), and some yoga mats. These are spread across three rooms. For those of you looking for facilities that are better stocked, you may prefer the PureGym in Westgate. However, the yearly rate of £70 at college is a reasonable deal especially for when you don't want to trek into town on a cold and rainy day. It is also free to use for those on the St Hugh's Boat Club

Chapel – one of Hugh's standouts aesthetically. It is on the first floor of the main building. It is a multi-faith space and has regular services, called evensongs, at 6:30 every Sunday. This can provide a nice reprieve from a stressful week and are followed by a free communal dinner afterwards. There is also a college choir, which practices twice a week. There are some generous scholarships there to be won for those among you who are musically inclined.



COLLEGE LIBRARIES

Howard Piper – The Howard Piper is Hugh's very own 24/7 library. It caters to several different type of work styles with its network of rooms all of which provide different atmospheres. The Law library is also a good option for those wishing to have more private study space or work in silence. There is a study room on the top floor which can be booked out for collaborative work. It is usually quite warm throughout the library, making it an enjoyable space to settle in for long periods of time especially in the winter. The library is also very impressively stocked, especially for the historians, boasting a wider collection of books than most colleges.

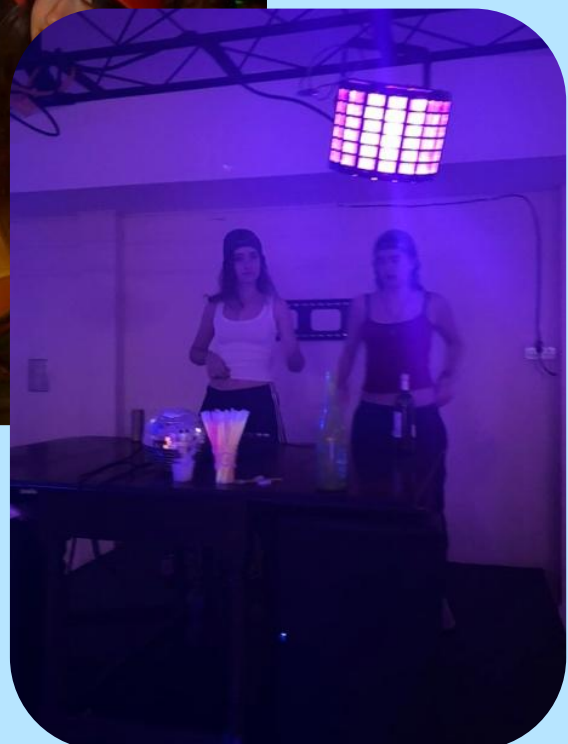
Helpfully, most desks have individual plug sockets which is extremely helpful for any long stints in the library. It is also so very convenient to have a library on site as you can take breaks in your room or the JCR, which is often quite refreshing and aids your work more than you would think. Finally, the library foyer has a relaxed area with a desk and beanbags which makes for much more of a social workspace.

KB Chen – The China centre library offers an alternative and is often quite a helpful change of pace from the Howard Piper. It is open Monday to Friday from 9am-7pm and 11am-2pm on Saturday. Having a Bodleian library practically in Hugh's is a lifesaver as it allows you order books from any of the other Bodleian libraries to here. Floor to ceiling windows by the courtyard allows for lots of natural lights and creates quite a welcoming atmosphere to work. It doesn't tend to get very busy so you can take up a fair amount of space without being worried about bothering those around you. There are also two-person study booths lining the back which are a popular choice of place to be properly focused. These have multiple sockets, individual desk lights and some even come with closing doors!



COLLEGE EVENTS

BOPS – Standing for big, organised parties, these are an exciting feature of Oxford life around the university. At Hugh's, these are every two weeks and over the last year, have become extremely popular attracting lots of people from other colleges. We have the perk of being the only college that is allowed to run till 1:30 as well as of having a space large enough to host a significant number of people in the bar and its extended section. You can always rely on something interesting to happen at a bop so they really do never disappoint. They technically start at 9:30 but people really start flooding in at around 11. You can also just sign up to a DJ slot so if that is something that interests you, I would definitely give it a go. Crucially, bops always have some kind of theme such as British icons, H for Hugh's etc. etc. and it's always good fun to try and throw together a costume. Bops are always followed by pizza and some pool/a chat in the JCR and almost always a welfare tea the day after, which lets you reset before the start of the next week.



Formal hall – These are once a week, normally on a Tuesday but sometimes on a Friday. They are fairly reasonably priced, at around £15.50. You also have the option of purchasing a bottle of wine before being seated. These are always lots of fun, especially if you can muster a good group, and everyone tends to go to the bar after guaranteeing a good atmosphere. Hugh's is well known for quality of formal food, and you can get an early preview of this at @chefs_at_sthughs on Instagram! It can also be great fun to visit other colleges for their formals so do take that opportunity on when it comes. You will be getting your first taste of the formal scene in Freshers week, so make sure to have a lovely shirt/long dress lined up!



Others – Aside from the regular features of every term, Hugh's also has a range of special events that you should make sure to attend. The RAG ball, Christmas formal, Burns night, and Summer formal are some of the standout events through the year. The RAG ball in Michaelmas is always a highlight of the year, as it features Hughsies from across year groups (and has an open bar!). It is one of the nights which everyone always remembers as a moment to bond with the rest of their cohort. Trinity term also means the coming of Oxford ball season, and whilst Hugh's rarely hosts one itself (watch this space!), I would definitely recommend trying to attend at least one, although tickets can get quite expensive ranging from £150-£200 but they do come with free food and drink till the early hours of the morning.



COLLEGE COMMUNITY

Societies – Hugh's creates an immensely welcoming and enjoyable social atmosphere and societies are at the heart of this experience. You will get the full display of all of them at the Hugh's freshers fair but some of the more interesting ones include coffee society, mixed futsal, pickle society, and fishing society. You can also put in a request to start your own society so if there isn't a place to express and share whatever it is you are interested in, you can make one!

We also have our own magazine, the Swan which gets circulated in term which you can opt to write for. I would also give our JCR Facebook a follow to keep up to date on events. When it comes to Sports, our more popular teams are Rugby (joint with LMH), Football (joint with Wadham), and the netball team. Ability to play any of these sports is not a pre-requisite as all of these also operate socials which you can be a part of without having to play the sport. These form a very lively part of the social life at Hugh's.

College families – this is one of the more wholesome and lovely Oxford traditions, although each college has a slightly different system of organising them. The family system allocates freshers (normally 2-3 but this depends on your subject) to two second years who have chosen to be 'married' together. The 'marriages' tend to be within your subject but do not have to be. Most people 'propose' in Michaelmas to varying degrees of effort – some with flowers and others with ring emojis. Your parents are your mentors when it comes to your subject and wider university life.

You should have the chance to go on a pub/coffee trip with them in your first couple days to give you a point of contact and a friend outside of your year group. Friendships across year groups are very much a Hugh's tradition and a feature that is not very common at other colleges across the university. Tradition also dictates that your parents get you flowers for your prelims/mods and then you return the favour for their finals!

JCR Committee – JCR stand for both the physical space of the junior common room and the student body that constitutes it. The committee is the student governing body of Hugh's and deals with student led issues. It also has an allocated budget to delegate between petitions submitted by students, a process which happens every other Sunday, accompanied by free pizza. There are a wide range of roles on committee including welfare, entertainment, international, charities, access and more.

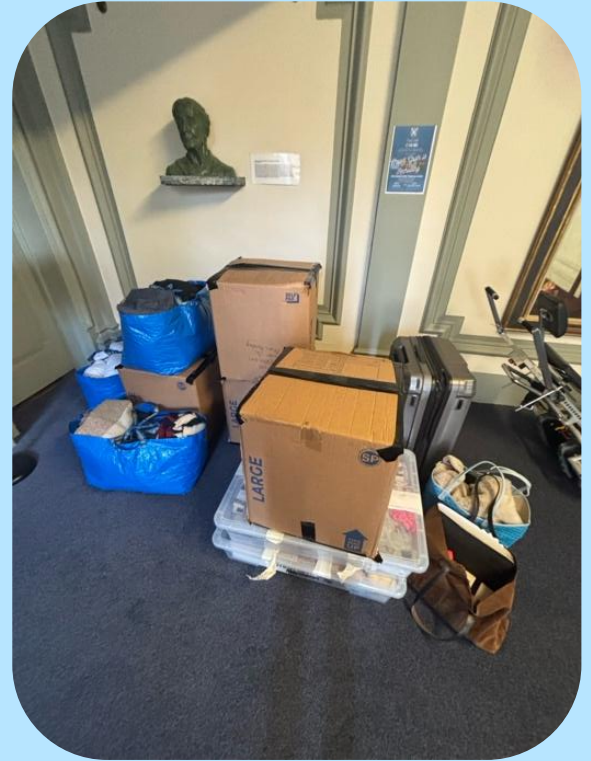
The committee is voted into their positions once a year at the end of Michaelmas, and its role is to bridge the gap between the governing body at college and the students. Committee members also host events such as the pink (charity) formal, international movie night, cultural cooking, and welfare teas.



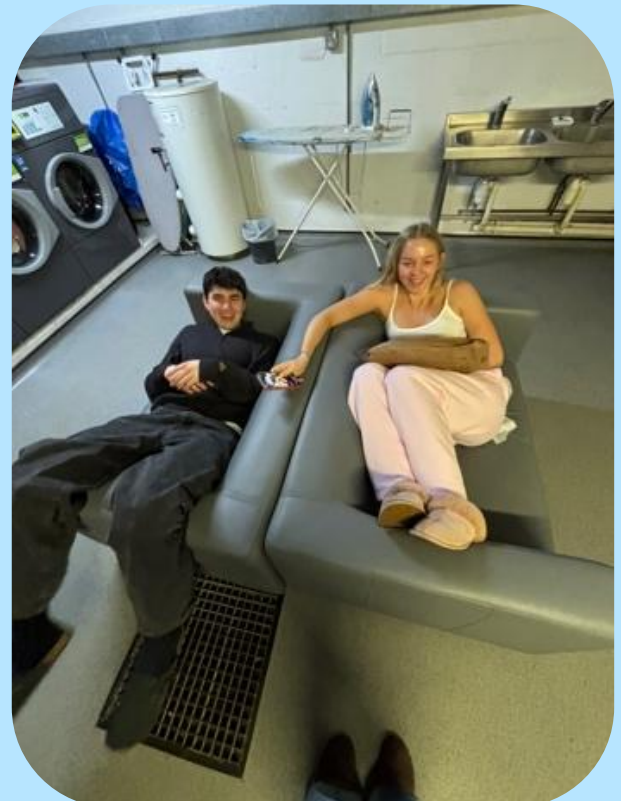
COLLEGE ADMIN

Storage – Unfortunately, Hugh's does not offer free on-site storage facilities. However, college has arranged on site drop off and collection for storage which makes it convenient to leave stuff in college that you may not necessarily want to take back home. One of the more tedious Oxford practices is having to vacate your room at the end of every term so storage can be quite handy if used wisely, such as for leaving bedding and room decorations in college. Financial assistance is available for students who may need it.

You do also have the option to sort out your own storage individually. This may allow more flexibility in terms of drop off and pick up. The downside is that you have to find a way to haul your luggage to the facility on your own, which may prove tricky.



Laundry – These facilities are located in the basement of Maplethorpe and Kenyon. These can get quite busy, especially on the weekends so you may need to time your washes strategically. There are around 7 washers and 6 dryers in Maplethorpe, so this is where most people go as Kenyon only has 2 of each. Each wash and dry cycle costs just under £4. You will need a contactless card to pay, as well as your own washing pods/laundry products, a bag to carry your laundry to and from your room, and perhaps a smaller mesh bag for loose items like socks. You do have to be mindful of collecting your laundry on time otherwise somebody may decide to take it all out for you! There are also irons in both locations.



OXFORD LIBRARIES

The Bodleian libraries of Oxford are part of what make coming to university here such a magical and special experience. You have access to 26 libraries, and I would definitely take the time to explore a lot of them as it is always useful to work in different spaces. The traditional and more famous libraries are the Radcliffe Camera and the Old Bodleian and during exam season, these will be absolutely packed as early as 10am. All the libraries have different opening and closing times, with the Law Library open the latest on weekdays (until 10 pm). On weekends, all the libraries tend to close earlier, and you will not find any of them beyond 7pm, if that, on either day. This does not tend to be an issue during term time but can be a bit frustrating during exam season. It is highly recommended to have friends who do E&M to gain access to the Said Business School library as this is open till midnight every day.

Popular options for students at Hugh's tend to be the newly opened Schwarzman centre (especially if you are a humanities student), the Taylorian, the Radcliffe Science library, and the Vere Harmsworth, although the latter two lack the charm of some of the older libraries but that can make them a more productive and less distracting space.

Do also note that drinks must be carried in a keep cup or water bottle and some libraries like the Duke Humphries require you to leave your things in a separate locker (apart from laptops notebooks etc.)



GROCERIES

Jericho – The closest available grocery run to college is in Jericho, which is a lovely little location with a homely feel within Oxford and quite closely associated with college. It has a Sainsbury's which you can reach under 10 minutes. Whilst alternatives in town are cheaper for a weekly shop, it is convenient for snacks or last-minute shop runs. There is also a 9-to-9 essentially right next to college and is the go-to for buying essentials such as milk or deodorant. This small shop is a staple of life at Hugh's and becomes the perfect excuse for anyone in search of procrastination. The East West provisions is another alternative in between college and Sainsbury's.

Centre – This is roughly a 15-20 minute walk from college and has both a Sainsbury's and Tesco Express. Most people do their weekly shop at the Tesco as it is the biggest supermarket in close proximity to other colleges. It also features the infamous Tescalator and tends to be well stocked (although the vegetable oil is strangely nowhere to be seen on Thursdays).

The only downside (or upside depending on how you look at it) is bumping into every single person you know in the aisles. It is also ideal for those not wanting to walk as there is a bus stop right next to it that basically has a direct bus to Hugh's with either the 2A or 300. A Clubcard is also an almost necessary piece of kit as the discounts do add up to you saving a considerable amount of money across your time here. There is also an M&S towards Westgate, and yet another Sainsbury's in Westgate, which offers nectar card discounts.



Summertown – This is a hidden Oxford gem and ideal if you want to go for a shop with a change of scenery and with very little risk of running into people. This too has a Sainsbury's, a Tesco Express and an M&S right next to each other. Whilst the Tesco is not as well stocked as the one in town, the M&S is considerably more sizable and offers a much better reduced selection than its counterpart. There is also a Boots and Holland and Barret who those who may be after some more niche health items. Unfortunately, the closest supermarkets are small 'express' or local ones, with the nearest Aldi being an hour away.



LIFE IN OXFORD

Café – Oxford has a fantastic selection of cafes all around town. In Jericho, the Coffee Guild has the attractive and unique trait of being open until 11pm, making it a nice spot to get some late-night work done or any simple admin whilst sipping on a coffee after the libraries have shut. Barefoot Café in North Parade is a spot closer to home that is also quite nice for a coffee or a pastry. In town, the Missing Bean, Jericho Coffee traders and Crosstown Doughnuts are popular spots for catch ups with friends. There are also the standard Pret and Black Sheep chains along Cornmarket Street. You can also visit multiple Gail's and Taylor's locations, both of which double up as lunch spots.



Restaurants/Food – For Hughsies, Little Venice Pizzas and Vinny's café at North Parade are the quickest fixes for a lazy and reliably decent quality meal. The newly opened Falafel Fairuz in Jericho directly opposite Sainsbury's has very quickly captured the heart of several members of the Hugh's community.

Branca and Koto in Jericho are some restaurants which offer the option of a fancier/proper meal out, although these are on the pricier side. Ramen Kulture, just next to Pusey Street, always has a long queue outside of it and for very good reason although this can also be slightly prices when considering portion sizes. If you're wanting to take your family or visiting friends somewhere, Quod and Dishoom Permit Room are always reliable for a nicer sit-down meal. There are also a host of your classic fast-food chains dotted around the city.

The covered market offers plenty of options for a quicker and somewhat cheaper lunch when you're in town. Another staple of Oxford life is the impressive number of Kebab vans which pop up at around 5pm every day. These are the perfect stop on the walk back to Hugh's after a night out but be warned as everyone forms an allegiance to a different one and becomes fiercely loyal.



Shops – Most oxford shopping is concentrated in and around Westgate shopping centre. You can find most of your classic high street shops here. If there is anything else you need, deliveries to college are really simple, as the plodge sends you an email when it arrives.

Pubs and Bars

City Centre – This features some of the busier pubs and you are highly likely to run into fellow Oxford students. The most popular ones are the **King's Arms**, **White Rabbit**, and the **White Horse** (especially when the sun comes out). There is also the **Lamb and Flag** which is a bit closer to Hugh's, and the **Bear** which does a very popular jazz night on Tuesdays which I would make sure to check out (at the peril of bumping into inhabitants of Christ Church). The centre is also home to lots of college bars. You will need to know someone to let you in, but the drinks are a lot cheaper, and they



normally offer quite a good atmosphere, as well as a change of scenery. It is definitely worth trying to visit as many as possible.



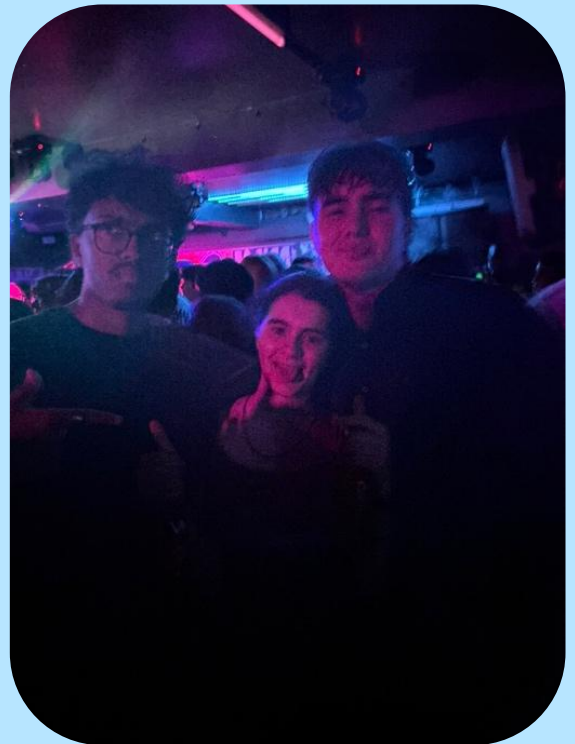
Jericho – These are a staple for a Hugh's night out. Starting with our very own **Rose and Crown** on North Parade (not technically Jericho) which is extremely convenient and feels quite cosy and homely. Further into Jericho is the Jericho Tavern and Jude the Obscure, with the latter being considerably more popular especially when there is good fixture on, as it has screens outside. There is also the Victoria which stays open until midnight and has a lovely outdoors space.

Cowley – You probably won't find yourself in many Cowley pubs and bars unless you're planning on going to a club in the area. The **Cowley Retreat** and the **Cape of Good Hope** are safe bets for a drink. There is also the **Star** which is a bit smaller. In terms of bars, **Baba's** is a Hugh's favourite; it has a very unique vibe and is always fun when going with your friends. The **Mad Hatter** is a good bar, especially because the Oxford Jazz society often has bands playing there which create a very vibrant and enjoyable atmosphere

Nightlife

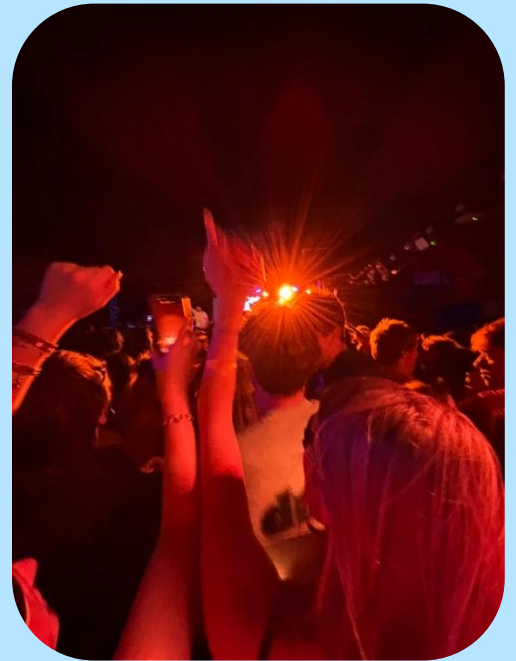
OXO – Although not technically a club, it will inevitably feature in your nights out as a stop between spoons and your club of choice on the night. It can get quite busy, especially on the big nights of the year like Halloween and May Day. It is a great place to meet new people and the music and drinks allow for an easing into the atmosphere of the club. It is normally open till around 1/1:30 allowing for you to make your way to the club after at a time of your choosing.

Bridge – One of the signature Oxford clubs. The time to go is definitely on Wednesdays and Thursdays although these have seen a falloff in popularity as the terms have progressed due to people wanting to try other options. On Wednesdays, it shuts at 2am but is open till 3 on Thursdays, with the top floor also being opened especially for the night. Most nights will have a theme which add an exciting twist onto the night and make for good conversation starters. Although it is objectively not the greatest of clubs, the fact that most people flock to it on nights out makes it more redeeming. Beware of the cameraman who is ready to pap you at any time and post it for the rest of the university to see. It is a fairly common rite of passage.



Plush – A club that has recently taken off in popularity with its introduction of ‘Broke Thursdays’ with tickets coming as cheap as £5. This has meant that a lot of the typical Bridge crowd now prefer Plush, but the jury is still out on whether that will carry through into next year. Plush does have a reputation for not being well-ventilated and thereby overly sweaty and hot so watch out for overheating. Its location is very handy with it being right on Cornmarket Street, setting you directly on the path for the walk back to Hugh’s.

O2 – This is normally reserved for specific events and artists playing, as well as for the popular ‘Indie Fridays’ which happens around twice a term. I would highly recommend checking one of these out as it is a good vibe even if the music is not quite for you. They tend to attract a large Oxford crowd. The drinks work on scaled pricing, so they get increasingly expensive as the night goes on. Tickets are normally in £5-£10 range depending on when you get them, so they are hard to give a miss. The only downside is that it is in Cowley which means that it can make for quite a long journey back if you do not fancy getting a taxi or Uber.



Bullington – Another Cowley Club, Bullington is another club which can have some interesting events and good DJ nights. It is often the club of choice for societies such as HipHop soc to host special events. It also has Boogaloo, which happens twice a term and is quite a hit across the university.

Other – There are also Thirst, Varsity, and Glam, all of which are considerably less popular than the others. Sometimes, these host Megabops (intercollegiate bops) and other smaller events. They probably are not worth checking out unless attending one of these events. I would also recommend making the most of other college bops, especially Magdalen and Balliol as these tend to be quite popular and it is always fun to have a change of scene. However, some of these are guest listed so do ensure you know someone at these colleges before attempting to attend.



TRANSPORT

Hugh's is probably the college furthest from the centre, but this is no point of concern. I actually believe it means we foster a very positive community spirit and create stronger friendships stronger than at other colleges. However, you do still need to get to and from the centre at times and these are the available options



Cycling – If you have a bike, it may be worth bringing it to college. Alternatively, there are several listings on Facebook and Oxtickets for second hand bikes. Having a strong bike lock is essential and bikes can be kept easily locked on Hugh's grounds when not being used

Walking – This is my preferred mode of transport, especially because Oxford is a particularly walkable city, and it is a relatively scenic 20-minute walk into the centre.

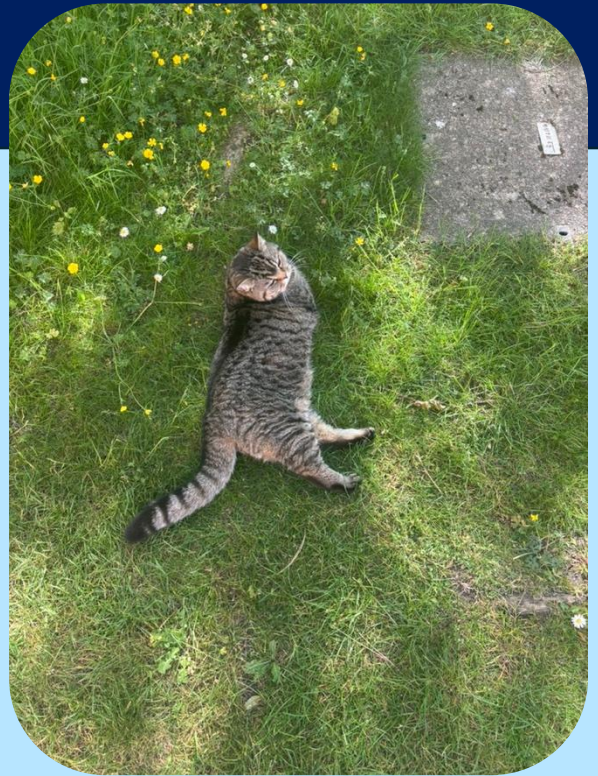
VOI – These are a key feature of Oxford travel. They are electric scooter which accelerate the pace of any journey. Although these should always be used with caution as crashes are quite common.

Bus – The Oxford bus system is quite handy if you manage to time your journeys well. If delayed, it may be a sign from the universe to find an alternative medium like walking. These can be a good option to cut the walking distance to the club and can be easily tracked through Google Maps.



COLLEGE CATS

Alongside housing all of its students, Hugh's is also home to two adorable college cats in Biscuit and Flapjack. They wander about college normally as they please and it is always a lovely sight to spot them. Biscuit is the female tabby cat and Flapjack is the ginger male. Both cats are also on quite a strict diet, so as tempting as it may be, please do not feed them. Also do not leave them trapped within a building or room even if they do appear to be following you in. The Hughsie cats Instagram page is also very welcoming to any cute photos of the cat so do click some!



Instagrams

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- [sthughsfreshers2026](#)
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