



Fresher week timetable 2016

The following events are organised by the MCR committee. None of these events are mandatory, but they provide great opportunity to meet new and current graduate students at St John's and will help you to feel settled in! **There will be non-alcoholic options at all events throughout the week.**

Sunday, October 2

18:00 Welcome reception (MCR building)

An informal welcome reception in the MCR building. This is an opportunity to meet other incoming graduate students, and enjoy some fizz, wine, and nibbles!

Monday, October 3

14:00 Oxford essentials tour (meet at Porters' Lodge)

This short tour will provide you with the basics of getting settled in Oxford. We'll cover central clothing shops, housewares, mobile phones, pharmacy, and groceries.

16:00 College tour (meet at Porters' Lodge)

This tour will give you the opportunity to see College in a bit further detail, and you will be able to ask any questions you have about the physical space or community.

19:00 Welcome barbecue (MCR building)

This will be a very casual way to mingle with other students. If the weather doesn't hold, the event will go on (we'll just stick inside). There will be lots of food, including vegetarian and gluten-free options, along with copious beer and cider.

Tuesday, October 4

16:00 College tour (meet at Porters' Lodge)

This tour will give you the opportunity to see College in a bit further detail, and you will be able to ask any questions you have about the physical space or community.

19:00 Culture night (meet at Porters' Lodge)

This night will involve the opportunity to either head to the theatre, attend a concert, or take in some live informal jazz. Details to follow.

Wednesday, October 5

15:00 College induction (Garden Quad Auditorium)

This mandatory induction is organised by the College and will provide you with an introduction to College, support staff, and available facilities and services.

19:00 MCR bar exchange (meet at Porters' Lodge)

This bar crawl will be an exchange with MCR freshers at Magdalen and Balliol. We will tour each of our College bars, and likely go out afterward!

Thursday, October 6

10:45 OUSU fresher fair (meet at Porters' Lodge)

This is the opportunity for St John's graduate students to enter the OUSU fresher fair. This is an excellent opportunity to learn about clubs, societies, events, and activities happening all around Oxford.



18:10 Informal hall (meet at Porters' Lodge)

In all likelihood, you won't have had a chance to eat in hall by this point in the week. This will simply be a quick run-through for how to attend informal meals at College.

19:00 Ceilidh/cinema trip (to be determined)

Details of this night will be circulated as soon as available. We hope to be able to arrange a Ceilidh. Alternatively, we will just have an organised trip to the cinema!

Friday, October 7

18:00 LGBTQ pizza and beer (MCR building)

An opportunity to have some informal food and drink in the MCR. Open to anyone, and pizza and beer provided!

19:30 Smoothie and milkshake making (MCR building)

This evening activity will entail a quieter opportunity to have some friendly conversation and make some delicious milkshakes or smoothies!

21:00 Cowley bar crawl (meet at Porters' Lodge)

A few of the MCR's seasoned experts will guide you on a tour of some top pubs/bars in the Cowley area (5-10 minute walk north of Oxford).

Saturday, October 8

13:00 College tour (meet at Porters' Lodge)

This tour will give you the opportunity to see College in a bit further detail, and you will be able to ask any questions you have about the physical space or community.

14:00 Walk to Port Meadow (meet at Porters' Lodge, weather permitting)

Port Meadow is a large meadow of common land northwest of College. It is a great area for walks and picnics.

19:00 Cocktail night (MCR building)

Fresher week cocktail night is one of the biggest events we host each year. All graduate members of College are invited to come along to this event, and it is always great fun! All cocktails are on the house, so you can leave your wallet behind!

Sunday, October 9

11:00 Welfare brunch (MCR building)

Welfare brunches are held, generally after big MCR events. Coffee, juice, fruit, bagels, meats, and snacks will all be available. It is also a great opportunity to speak to one of the MCR welfare officers about welfare provision in the College.

12:30 Board games, coffee, cakes (MCR building)

Continuing from welfare brunch, there will be coffee, cakes, and board games all afternoon in the MCR.

19:00 Fresher formal (College hall)

This is the first formal hall of the year at College, and is always full! Formal hall on Sundays always include grace sung by the College's chapel choir. Please sign up for formal hall as soon as you can (sign-up starts one week before the meal) at this link:

<https://hall.sjc.ox.ac.uk/>

