

SJC MCR

FRESHERS' WEEK 2021

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President's Welcome

Welcome to St John's! We are so excited to meet you soon. The Middle Common Room (MCR) forms the graduate student body of the College and has its building close to the College Gardens. We are a diverse community of students from all over the world and from a broad range of subjects. As an MCR community, we want to make Oxford a fun place to study at and St John's a home away from home for you.

Get ready for an exciting events calendar in the coming term where you will be able to enjoy yourself and make lots of new friends. We hope to host a myriad of events, including formal dinners, wine and cheese tastings, board game nights, hiking trips, international dinners, parties, book clubs, discussion circles, etc. We hope that there will be an event for every taste!

If you have any questions regarding your new life at Oxford, please don't hesitate to reach out to us. We are very happy to support you! As a committee we always welcome new members to get involved in the community. If you are keen to join us and implement any ideas that you have, please feel free to reach out to me or any other Committee member. Everyone is welcome and it is never too early to get involved!

I am very much looking forward to welcoming you all soon and hope that you settle-in well!

Best wishes,

Alaa Baazaoui

MCR President 2021-2022

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Your MCR Committee

Below is some information about your MCR Committee. Please feel free to get in touch with any of us if you have concerns, ideas, or questions. There will be a welcome event during Freshers' Week for you to meet all of us in person. You can find more detailed descriptions of us on the website, <https://mcr.sjc.ox.ac.uk/committee/>

Alaa Baazaoui

MCR President

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Hi everyone! I'm Alaa, a second-year DPhil student at the Sir William Dunn School of Pathology. Outside the lab, I enjoy going on hikes, discovering cute cafés in Oxford, and watching period dramas or stand-up comedy shows. In my role as MCR president, I am the representative of graduate students at St John's in various committees at the College and University level. Within the MCR, I chair the committee and general meetings and I oversee our MCR building. Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions.

Maja Friedemann

MCR Vice-President

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Hi everyone! As your VP, I help to organise freshers' week, coordinate the room ballots, represent your views at College meetings, and support other committee members in their roles. If you have any suggestions, concerns, questions, or just want to chat, I am more than happy to hear from you!

Jannik Reichert

MCR Treasurer

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The Treasurer is in charge of authorizing financial transactions, assisting with rent negotiations, and putting together an MCR budget.

Björn Vahsen (he/him)

MCR Secretary

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Hi! I'm a third-year DPhil student in Clinical Neurosciences- I also did my master's at John's, so this will be my fourth year here! Outside of the lab, I enjoy meeting up with friends for a coffee or a pint, watching (trashy) tv shows, and attending St John's MCR events. As MCR Secretary, I am responsible for keeping the MCR organised administratively, by organising committee meetings and OGMs, disseminating our newsletter, and managing our calendar including room bookings. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions, concerns, or suggestions you might have.

Annabel Hancock (she/her)

Victualler

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Hi everyone and welcome to St John's! I'm just starting the second year of my DPhil in Medieval History, looking at how trust was formed between Catalan merchants of the Mediterranean. As a victualler, I have the brilliant job of organising wine and cheese tasting nights and guest dinners. I hope to see you there!

Charlotte Hand (she/her)

Victualler

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I'm a third year DPhil student in English, exploring the relationship between time, gender, and region in nineteenth-century America. Outside of academia, I enjoy reading, long coffee breaks, and the art of doing nothing. As one of your victualler, I organize the MCR guest dinners, which are themed black-tie dinners that usually take place twice a term, and wine and cheese nights. If you have any suggestions for the theme, wine list, or cheese variety, drop me a line!

Jan Grohn

Victualler

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Hi everybody! As a victualler I organise guest dinners and wine and cheese events, which are the undisputed highlights of each term. I normally eat in hall (because my room doesn't have a kitchen :() so find me there and let me know if you have any suggestions or questions! If I'm not in hall I'm usually chatting with friends over a coffee or a pint. In my spare time I also enjoy doing a DPhil on how brains make decisions.

Fatemeh Salimi

Welfare Officer

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Hello and welcome to Oxford and in particular to the St John's community. I am a third year DPhil student in Surgical Science, also a junior otolaryngology surgical doctor. I am one of the welfare officers. Feel free to email me/message me about anything related to welfare support/ issues if you just simply want to have a chat.

Filippos Sytilidis (he/him)

Welfare Officer

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Hi all! I am a second year DPhil student studying Mathematics. When not thinking about maths, you will find me exploring various walking paths around Oxford, attempting to practice origami and experiment with baking. As one of your welfare officers, I am here to provide a listening ear, help you navigate any challenges you might be facing and advocate for students' mental health and wellbeing. I am very happy to chat about anything, from concerns to suggestions, so you are always welcome to reach out!

Kaitlyn Cramb (she/her)

Social Secretary

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Welcome everyone to the St. John's community! We are so excited to have you join us and look forward to getting to know you this year. I'm a third year DPhil student studying Neuroscience from Canada and love to spend my time hiking and climbing and enjoying time with friends. As social secretary I typically organize exchange dinners and BOPs. Feel free to email me with any ideas, suggestions or comments you'd like!

Judit Molnar (she/her)

Social Secretary

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Hello MCR! I am a second-year DPhil student in Anthropology, focusing on migration and diaspora engagement schemes. I love hiking, being in nature and travelling and some fun facts about me are that I have lived in 13 countries and speak 7 languages. I am super keen to organise fun events with lots of social interaction, new friends and delicious food. However, I might not always be aware what kinds of activities members of the MCR would be interested in joining, so please please please email me if you have an idea that you would like to see being put into action! I hope to see many of you at the upcoming events!

Stanislas Lalanne (he/him)

Social Secretary

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Hi! I'm Stan, a second-year DPhil Economics student. I'm one of the three MCR social secretaries, and am responsible for overall organization of the 2021 freshers' week- if you have any questions about events, please feel free to message me. Similarly in case you have any questions about upcoming or hypothetical non-fresher MCR social events!

Izzy Budleigh (she/her)

Culture Officer

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Hello and welcome! I'm Izzy, a third-year DPhil in History, and one of your culture officers. We run the MCR's weekly movie nights as well as trips to museums, theatres, comedy nights, galleries and anything else the MCR would like to see and do throughout the year. If you have any ideas of things you'd like to do, please get in touch!

Lorika Shkreli (she/her)

Women's Officer

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Hi all! I'm Lorika, a DPhil student in psychiatry. Outside my research, I enjoy travelling, meeting up with friends, doing any kind of creative stuff and nice food! As your women's officer, I represent the interests of women and non-binary people in college advocating for gender equality and a safe and inclusive environment. I will organise a mix of social events and critical discussions/talks to foster active engagement and raise awareness. If you have

any ideas for events, workshops, talks or anything else, feel free to get in touch anytime!
Book/film recommendations on this topic are also highly appreciated!!

Archana Ramesh (she/her)

Women's Officer

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Hey! I'm Archana and I'm a second year DPhil student in clinical neurosciences. When I am not busy procrastinating over my DPhil, you can find me in between the fiction shelves at Blackwell's or out and about taking photos! As your women's officer, I represent views of all who identify, either partly or completely as a woman. I hope I can play my part in making college a truly safe and welcoming space for women, one where they can be comfortable and feel supported. I'm looking forward to organising good networking events, an online/virtual bookclub, and movie nights. If you've got any idea or just want to talk, feel free to hit me up!

Anna Olerinyova (she/her)

Environment & Ethics Officer

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Hello everyone! I'm one of your Environment and Ethics Officers for the coming year. I study biophysics, with focus on membrane proteins and mass photometry. Prior to COVID we used to organise E&E brunches with ethically sourced food, and hope to do these again in the coming terms. We also encourage the MCR to take more environmentally and ethically responsible choices, such as not purchasing any meat for its events and providing SJC Keep Cups for the students. Get in touch if you'd like to get involved!

Simon Lichtinger

Environment & Ethics Officer

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Hi everyone! Simon here, second year DPhil student in computational biochemistry. Outside of work, I'm a keen amateur musician, runner and experimental cook. As one of your MCR E&E officers this year, I aim to promote a positive environmental and ethical stance within college by engaging with college officials and the MCR community. I am also involved in organising the allocation of MCR charity donations and various events around the year. If you would like to know more or have any ideas how to make St John's a greener and more sustainable place, I'm looking forward to your getting in touch!

Ruby-Anne Birin (she/her)

Interfaith Officer

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Hi All! I am the Interfaith Officer for the SJC MCR community. I am passionate about ensuring representation of all people of different faiths and no faiths. I try to do this by sending out long (often sentimental) emails acknowledging and educating on different festivals celebrated within your community. I also enjoy combining craft and food decorating classes with different festivities. If you have any ideas or a specific festival coming up please do let me know. If you are looking for me in College I tend to be in Kendrew/the MCR, otherwise it is best to just email! Please feel free to approach me about any concerns, ideas or if you just want to hang out (I am also a trained Peer Supporter). Good luck and have fun this coming year!

Sophie Erfurth

Sports Officer

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I am a DPhil student in the Department of Geography and the Environment. When I am not analysing water institutions or modelling hydrological flows, I am playing (or watching)

football and going to concerts with friends (or alone if they think my taste in music is too odd). As your sports officer, I am thrilled to be your focal point for all sports related matters and to organise many exciting opportunities for you to become and stay active. Please feel free to get in touch with any questions you might have!

Alice Kerr (she/her)

Returning Officer

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Hi! I'm Alice, a fourth year DPhil student in mathematics, studying geometric group theory. Outside of the office I like to play various sports, including football, futsal, rowing, and climbing. The rest of my time is mainly spent on video games, especially Rocket League. As Returning Officer, I'm responsible for running the elections for the next MCR committee. I am also in charge of Sunday cake, which is exactly what it sounds like, free cake in the MCR on Sundays!

Alejandro De Los Angeles (he/him)

Disabilities Officer

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Hello, welcome to St. John's College. As Disabilities Officer, I represent the needs of disabled students community. Please contact me if you have any inquiries regarding disabled students community or services.

Freshers' Week Timetable 2021

Aside from the College induction, the Oxford SU fair, and the St John's fair, the following events are organised by the MCR committee. The only events which are mandatory are the College induction and the consent workshop. Our social events provide great opportunities to meet new and current graduate students at St John's college and will help you feel settled in! Any events with alcohol will include non-alcoholic options, any food-based events such as the picnic or brunch will include vegetarian and vegan options.

Please be aware that events may be subject to change up to the last minute, especially with COVID. To keep up to date we will try to update our calendar regularly, <https://mcr.sjc.ox.ac.uk/events/>, and we will send out emails where needed.

COVID restriction guide

Green = no specific restrictions.

Amber = Negative Lateral Flow Test (LFT) result required on entry.

Red = same LFT requirement as Amber, but denotes what we consider a higher level of risk. MCR Members should make their own choice about what they are comfortable attending.

LFTs are available free of charge from the Porter's Lodge (main entrance), without booking. They can be self-administered quickly. Please see the MCR COVID guide for more details, e.g. how to show on the door that you did one.

Sunday 3rd October 2021

10:00am – 12:30pm Port Meadow Walk (Meet at Porter's Lodge)

A walk around Port Meadow, which is particularly beautiful this time of the year! We will go at a slow pace in order to enjoy the colors of the trees, the river, and Godstow Abbey. If numbers are low we will try to get outdoor seating at the Trout Inn, a picturesque riverside pub at the end of Port Meadow. We will finish in time for the picnic if you want to do both.

COVID rating: Green (no LFT required).

In case of rain this event will have to be cancelled.

Not ticketed. Open to all.

12:30pm – 2:00pm Welfare Picnic (MCR Lawn)

Join us for a nice picnic on College grounds and a first chance to meet the other freshers! In case of cold and/or rain, we will enjoy the picnic goodies in the college marquee instead. No need to sign up, just come along.

COVID rating: Green (no LFT required).

In case of rain this event will be moved to the Bar Marquee.

Not ticketed. Open to freshers only.

3:00pm – 4:00pm College Tour (Meet at Porter’s Lodge)

This tour will give you the opportunity to see College in greater detail, and provides a great chance to ask any questions you have about the physical space or community.

COVID rating: Green (no LFT required).

Not ticketed. Open to freshers only.

8:00pm – 10:00pm Wine and Cheese (Bar Marquee)

There will be wine, and there will be cheese - a tried and tested formula. We will also provide non-alcoholic alternatives, and vegan cheese. This is an informal evening to meet other freshers at the start of the week.

COVID rating: Amber (LFT required).

Ticketed. Initially open to freshers only, surplus tickets will be opened up to non-freshers.

Monday 4th October 2021

10:45am – 12:30pm Uncomfortable Oxford Tour (Meet at Porter’s Lodge)

Uncomfortable Oxford is an academic-led organisation dedicated to raising awareness about the 'uncomfortable' aspects of history, mostly run by history DPhils. We've booked their 'Getting Medieval' tour, which lasts 1.5 hours. The tour actually starts at 11am, meeting at Oxford Castle Mound, but given that we won't know all faces by this point we suggest it is easiest if people meet at the Lodge 10.45 am and we walk over together.

COVID rating: Green (no LFT required).

Ticketed. Initially open to freshers only, surplus tickets will be opened up to non-freshers.

12:30pm – 1:30pm Lunch in Hall (Meet outside Hall)

A chance to grab some lunch with your fellow graduates in Hall. See Q&A section for details on food and drink in college. At least one committee member will be present in case you have any questions. Meet at 12.30 outside Hall and we will go in together; we have a table booked. During freshers' week it will be possible to pay for lunch using card or cash, without booking in advance (lunch is £3.00).

COVID rating: Unclassified. Takes place in Hall, which is College-run.

Not ticketed. Open to all.

2:00pm – 4:00pm Cultural Oxford Tour (Meet at Porter’s Lodge)

On this tour, we'll be heading to all of Oxford's best cultural spots to give you a flavour of what the city has to offer, from theatres and galleries to museums, cinemas, live music venues, bookshops and more. We'll also be stopping off at a few of the essential places to know as a student to help you settle in, including where to buy groceries, the best coffee shops to go to and where to get hold of that all important sub-fusc.

COVID rating: Green (no LFT required).

Ticketed. Initially open to freshers only, surplus tickets will be opened up to non-freshers.

6:00pm – 7:30pm MCR Welcome (Bar Marquee)

An informal freshers welcome, with free pizza, soft drinks, and alcoholic options. Members of the MCR Committee will be present to introduce themselves, and to answer any questions you have about college life.

COVID rating: Amber (LFT required).

Not ticketed. Open to freshers only.

7:30pm – 22:00pm Meet the Grads (Bar Marquee)

A chance to meet non-fresher grads, and take part in our annual MCR pub quiz as a college family. If you sign up to this event as a fresher you will be added automatically to a family with a few other freshers and some non-freshers. The MCR bar serves both alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks.

COVID rating: Amber (LFT required).

Ticketed. Open to both freshers, and non-freshers who have signed up to be college parents.

Tuesday 5th October 2021

11:45am – 12:30pm College Tour (Meet at Porter's Lodge)

This tour will give you the opportunity to see College in greater detail, and provides a chance to ask any questions you have about the physical space or community. How about lunch in Hall together after the tour?

COVID rating: Green (no LFT required).

Not ticketed. Open to freshers only.

12:30pm – 1:15pm Lunch in Hall (Meet outside Hall)

A chance to grab some lunch with your fellow graduates in Hall. See Q&A section for details on food and drink in college. At least one committee member will be present in case you have any questions. Meet at 12.30 outside Hall and we will go in together; we have a table

booked. During freshers' week it will be possible to pay for lunch using card or cash, without booking in advance (lunch is £3.00).

COVID rating: Unclassified. Takes place in Hall, which is College-run.
Not ticketed. Open to all.

1:15pm – 2:00pm College Tour (Meet at Porter's Lodge)

This tour will give you the opportunity to see College in greater detail, and provides a chance to ask any questions you have about the physical space or community.

COVID rating: Green (no LFT required).
Not ticketed. Open to freshers only.

2:00pm – 4:00pm Intercollegiate Social (Meet at Porter's Lodge)

We have planned a joint event with New College and Queen's College MCRs. In the event of good weather, this will include a tour of all three colleges, and joint drinks, both alcoholic and non-alcoholic. In the event of rain we will skip straight to the drinks, and the event will be a bit shorter.

COVID rating: External/Unclassified. The tour will be outdoors, but the social will be in a marquee-type location with up to 60 students (20 from each college).
Ticketed. Initially open to freshers only, surplus tickets will be opened up to non-freshers.

5:00pm – 6:00pm Consent Workshop (Online) MANDATORY

This online workshop is led by our welfare team, who have been trained by the Oxford Student Union to lead this session online. Following an MCR policy motion from January 2014, freshers' week consent workshops are mandatory for new MCR students.

Zoom link - meeting will be started 5 mins before:
<https://lse.zoom.us/j/81758295810?pwd=bnplV3hyWEkrWExEM3dGSzQ1cGs1QT09>

COVID rating: N/A. It's online.
Not ticketed. Open to all, mandatory for freshers.

7:00pm – 9:00pm Movie Night (MCR)

Fancy a relaxed, alcohol-free evening? Come along to the MCR TV room (on the left of the main room) at 7pm for a movie screening. The MCR has a large DVD cupboard so that the group can pick a film for the evening. There will be copious snacks provided!

COVID rating: Red (LFT required).
Not ticketed. Open to freshers only.

7:00pm - 9:00pm (roughly) LGBTQ+ dinner (Meet at Porter's Lodge)

For a chance to meet fellow students who identify as LGBTQ+, join us at the porters lodge at 7pm. We will have dinner in town (venue tbc) and then head to the Jolly Farmers for drinks! The MCR will reimburse the cost of dinner.

COVID rating: External/Unclassified. This will take place at a restaurant in town, followed by the Jolly Farmers.

Ticketed. Open to all who identify as LGBTQ+.

Wednesday 6th October 2021

12:30pm – 1:30pm Lunch in Kendrew (Meet outside Kendrew Cafe)

A chance to grab some lunch with your fellow graduates in Kendrew, one of two sites in St John's that serve lunch (the other being Hall). See Q&A section for details on food and drink in college. At least one committee member will be present in case you have any questions. Meet at 12.30 outside Kendrew Cafe and we will go in together. During freshers' week it will be possible to pay for lunch using card or cash, without booking in advance (lunch is £3.00).

COVID rating: External/Unclassified. Takes place in Kendrew Cafe, which is College-run.

Not ticketed. Open to all.

2:00pm – 4:00pm College Induction & Fire Safety MANDATORY

This mandatory induction is organised by St John's and introduces fire safety and procedures within College. In addition, the College will offer tea and cake as part of the session. You will be contacted about this directly by St John's, the MCR is not involved – whatever they tell you is canon.

COVID rating: External/Unclassified. College-organized.

Not ticketed, you will receive an invite from College.

7:00pm onwards Intercollegiate Pub Crawl with Balliol MCR (Meet at Porter's Lodge)

Come along to an intercollegiate pub crawl through Jericho to get to know some of Oxford's best pubs and fellow freshers from Balliol college. We will have one group checking out three of Jericho's more traditional pubs, while the other group will visit three wine/cocktail bars.

COVID rating: External/Unclassified. This will take place in various pubs and bars, which may be crowded.

Ticketed. Initially open to freshers only, surplus tickets will be opened up to non-freshers.

Thursday 7th October 2021

11:00am - 12:00pm Oxford SU Freshers' Fair (University Parks)

Come along to the St John's slot at the Freshers' fair organised by the Oxford University Students' Union, bringing together hundreds of club and society stalls offering memberships, external companies advertising their services, and commercial outlets giving away freebies. The Oxford SU representatives will also be there to explain the services they offer.

If you would like to go there with other St John's MCR members, a group will set off at **10.50am** from the Porters' Lodge. If you are unable to make it they are also hosting a Digital Fair starting 7th October, and details will be provided on their website, <https://www.oxfordsu.org/home/>.

COVID rating: External/Unclassified. Oxford SU will require everyone to wear a mask unless exempt, and are holding the event in an outdoor marquee.
Not ticketed. Open to all.

12:00pm – 1:15pm Lunch in Gloucester Green Market (Meet at Porter's Lodge)

A chance to grab some lunch with your fellow graduates. Gloucester Green outdoor street market features dozens of food stalls to choose from and is under five minutes walk away from St John's. We will meet at the Porter's Lodge and go together - the plan is to eat outdoors, e.g. in Wellington Square. In the event of poor weather we will go to Hall instead.

COVID rating: External/Unclassified. We should be outdoors the whole time, weather permitting.
Not ticketed. Open to all.

1:15pm – 3:00pm Historical Oxford Tour (Meet at Porter's Lodge)

On this tour, we'll be taking a trip around the best historical and literary sites in the city centre. With over 1,000 years of history here, and a wealth of connections to famous books and authors, this tour will introduce you to the wide breadth of things to discover in Oxford. We'll also be stopping off at a few of the essential places to know as a student to help you settle in, including where to buy groceries, the best coffee shops to go to and where to get hold of that all important sub-fusc.

COVID rating: Green (no LFT required).
Ticketed. Initially open to freshers only, surplus tickets will be opened up to non-freshers.

4.00pm – 5:30pm High Tea for Women (Bar Marquee)

Join the MCR Women's Officers for a relaxed afternoon tea event- there will be tea and cake, unsurprisingly, among other things. Open to those who wholly or partly identify as a woman.

COVID rating: Green (no LFT required).
Ticketed. Initially open to freshers only, surplus tickets will be opened up to non-freshers.

7:00pm – 9:00pm Movie Night (MCR)

Fancy a relaxed, alcohol-free evening? Come along to the MCR TV room (on the left of the main room) at 7pm for a movie screening. The MCR has a large DVD cupboard so that the group can pick a film for the evening. There will be copious snacks provided!

COVID rating: Red (LFT required).
Not ticketed. Open to freshers only.

8:00pm – onwards Bar Exchange (Meet at Porter’s Lodge)

This is an Exchange event with Jesus College and Christ Church College MCRs. Participants will be divided into three groups, each containing students from all three colleges, and we will go round the various college bars.

COVID rating: External/Unclassified. This will take place in three different College bars, which may be crowded.
Ticketed. Initially open to freshers only, surplus tickets will be opened up to non-freshers.

Friday 8th October 2021

10:30am – 12:00pm Punting (Meet at Porter’s Lodge)

Punting is a traditional Oxford pastime – a long, narrow, and flat wooden boat, propelled by a person wielding a very long pole. It’s not the most efficient means of transport, but it’s a fun experience, and everyone should get the chance to punt for a bit if they want to. We will provide soft drinks and snacks. Meet at 10.30am to give us time to get to the Cherwell Boathouse.

COVID rating: Green (no LFT required).
In case of rain this event will have to be cancelled.
Ticketed. Initially open to freshers only, surplus tickets will be opened up to non-freshers.

12:30pm – 1:30pm Lunch in Hall (Meet outside Hall)

A chance to grab some lunch with your fellow graduates in Hall. See Q&A section for details on food and drink in college. At least one committee member will be present in case you have any questions. Meet at 12.30 outside Hall and we will go in together; we have a table booked. During freshers’ week it will be possible to pay for lunch using card or cash, without booking in advance (lunch is £3.00).

COVID rating: Unclassified. Takes place in Hall, which is College-run.
Not ticketed. Open to all.

2:30pm – 3:30pm It's about Race: Challenging Racial Bias and Racism in Practice (online)

This online introductory workshop organised by the Diversity Trust is aimed at providing a broad understanding of the various forms of racism. It covers topics such as racial bias, anti-racism and white privilege in a very interactive and engaging way. Attendance is strongly encouraged by the College.

Zoom link - <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88291910364>

COVID rating: N/A. It's online.
Not ticketed. Open to all.

3:30pm – 5:30pm Arts & Crafts Session (Bar Marquee)

Come to this chill crafting afternoon where materials for knitting, crochet, and origami will be available. Current crafters, also feel free to bring your current projects, so we can work together with refreshments!

COVID rating: Green (no LFT required).
Not ticketed. Open to all.

7:30pm – 11:30pm Cocktails and Mocktails (TBA)

The traditional end of week event. We are still discussing with College what is feasible given the COVID situation, but if we don't get permission to go ahead we will try and arrange an alternative social event- keep an eye out for emails!

COVID rating: Red (LFT required)
Ticketed. Open to all.

Saturday 9th October 2021

11.00am – 13:00pm Bruch (MCR Lawn)

A Saturday morning brunch, organized by your Environment and Ethics Officers. Ideally will take place outdoors on the MCR Lawn, but this may need to be moved in case of rain.

COVID rating: Green (no LFT required)
In case of rain this event will be moved to the Bar Marquee.
Ticketed. Initially open to freshers only, surplus tickets will be opened up to non-freshers.

2.00pm –3:00pm St. John's Freshers' Fair (Kendrew)

Organised by the JCR, the Freshers' Fair will host stalls from College societies and sports teams that MCR members are both welcome and encouraged to join.

COVID rating: Unclassified, is JCR-run.

Not ticketed. Open to all.

3:30pm - 5:30pm Scavenger Hunt (Meet at Porter's Lodge)

Follow the clues, solve the puzzles and take some snaps! In this scavenger hunt you will get to know premium Oxford locations and lots of (fun) facts. Please sign up and you will be randomly allocated to a team with other freshers. A sweet surprise is awaiting you!

COVID rating: Green (no LFT required)

In case of rain this may need to be cancelled.

Ticketed. Initially open to freshers only, surplus tickets will be opened up to non-freshers.

19.00pm – 22:00pm Household Downtime & Dinner

We don't have anything formal planned for this evening, so we would encourage you to take this chance to do something as a household! Previous examples have included going out to dinner, cooking something as a household, or a games night.

COVID rating: N/A

Not ticketed.

Sunday 10th October 2021

10:30am – 12:00pm Sports Game (Meet at Porter's Lodge)

This event will feature engaging (ball) games to get to know each other in a fun and dynamic way. Get in the mood for spikeball and dodgeball (light)! If possible we will try to form fresher and non-fresher teams.

COVID rating: Green (no LFT required)

In case of rain this may need to be cancelled.

Not ticketed. Open to all.

3:00pm – 5:00pm Afternoon tea with & Croquet Jesus MCR (St Giles House Lawn)

We've booked the St Giles House Lawn (in college) to accommodate a group of grad students from both St John's and Jesus College. Afternoon tea will be provided, and there will be an opportunity to try out croquet.

COVID rating: Amber (LFT required)

In case of rain this event will be moved to the Bar Marquee.

Ticketed. Initially open to freshers only, surplus tickets will be opened up to non-freshers.

First formal/freshers formal: these are three separate events. While usually people would go to all three, it is entirely possible to only go to one or two of the below. All three events are open to everyone!

6.00pm – 7:00pm Pre-drinks (Bar Marquee)

The victuallers will be providing cava and non-alcoholic alternatives prior to formal. We will then try to go to Hall together.

COVID rating: Amber (LFT required)
Ticketed. Open to all.

7.00pm – 8:00pm Formal (Hall)

The first formal of term. This is open to both MCR and JCR. This can only be booked via the College meal booking system, <https://hall.sjc.ox.ac.uk/m4meals/default.aspx>, which you should receive instructions from College on how to set up; bookings will open a week before. Gowns are required.

We have wine booked for the MCR – you are no obligation to sit with us, but if you do we will be able to distribute it!

COVID rating: Unclassified. This will take place in Hall, which is College-run
Ticketed, but not by us

8.00pm – 10:00pm Second Desserts (Garden Quad Reception Room)

After big or special formals, it is tradition to return to the MCR for Second Desserts – a selection of drinks, cheese, and chocolates (and other goodies). Open to everyone, including those who didn't attend formal.

COVID rating: Amber (LFT required) – unless you showed a result at pre-drinks, which is enough
Ticketed. Open to all.

Future Important Dates

These are some events which are not organized by us, so we have provided the most recent information we are aware of:

- Graduate drinks 11 October, 5.30-7pm (open to all)
- New Graduates Dinner 13 October, 7pm (freshers only)
- Refreshers dinner in mid-October: College will be in touch (refreshers only)
- Matriculation 16 October (freshers only)
- College Surgery (Q&A) 20 October, 5-6pm (open to all)

Meal guide

What is a BOD card?

Your University student card is called a Bodleian or BOD card. It doubles as your access card to your department(s), to the Bodleian Libraries and to pay for food and drink in Hall and Kendrew Café. Bod cards are issued by the University Card Office via the College Office, and they will provide details of how to do this.

When and where can I get breakfast, lunch and dinner in college?

Usually, meals are served in Hall every day in term. Payment is made using your BOD card as a debit card, and you can pay in cash if your card hasn't arrived yet. The card must have a positive balance. You can normally top it up in the Buttery in Hall, in the Bar, in the Kendrew Café, or in the Bursary – and from this year onwards, it can also be done online via the meal booking website! The main contact for catering related questions is catering.office@sjc.ox.ac.uk

Due to COVID and previous capacity constraints meal times have been changing frequently. This is our current understanding of the situation:

Breakfast	08:00-09:00	Monday to Saturdays
	10:00-12:30	Sundays (Brunch)
Lunch	12:00-13.30	Monday to Saturdays
Dinner	18:00-19.00	Informal, every day
	19.15+	Formal, we don't know days yet

Lunch can usually be taken at either Hall or Kendrew cafe, and costs £3.00 (£3.60 for guests). Dinner is £4.20 (£5.04 for guests), and the same for formal (Formal dinner is a three-course dinner served by the Catering team. Gowns are required for St John's members). You need to book before 10 am on the day (11am for dinner), but during freshers week it will be possible to go without booking.

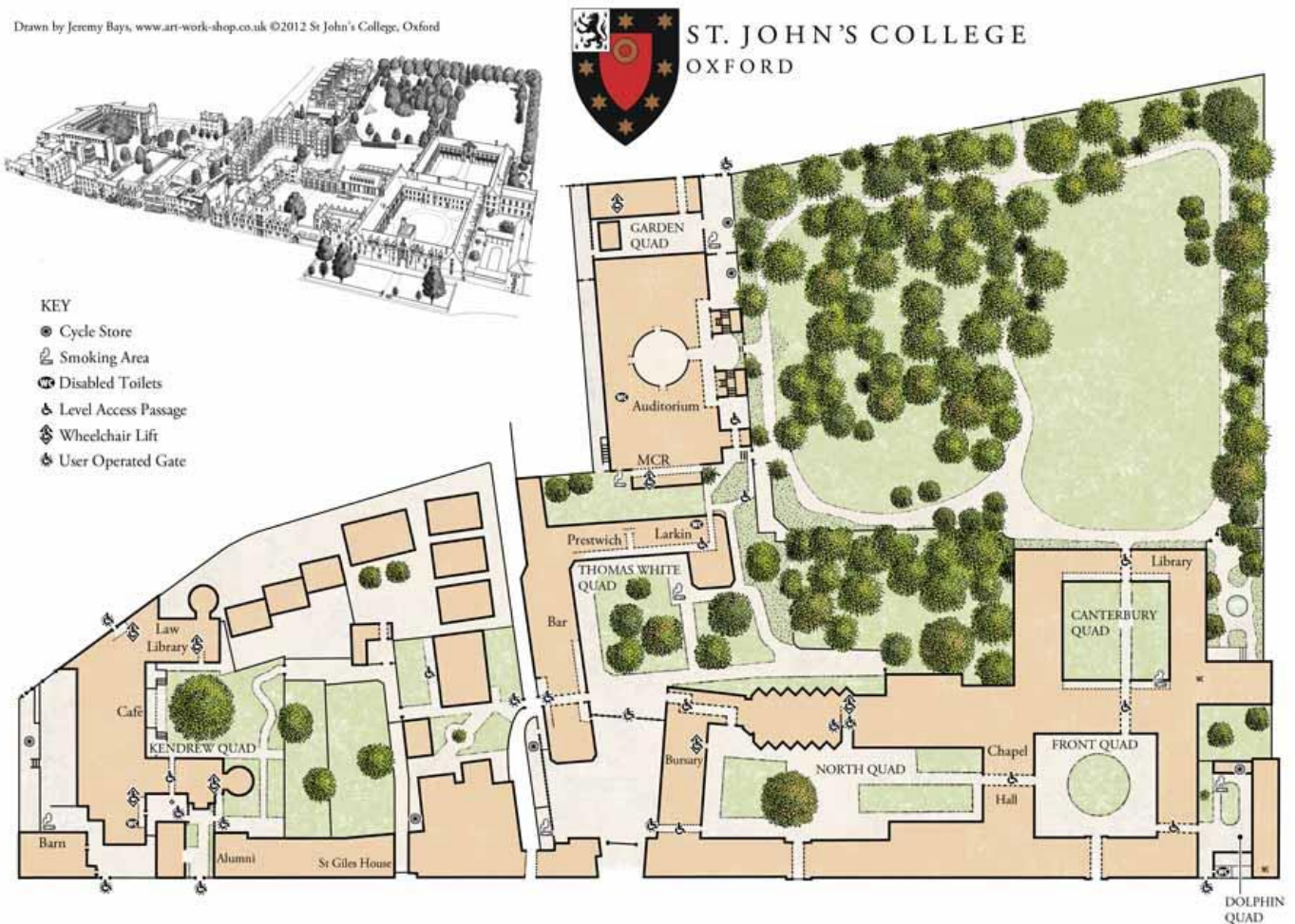
Miscellaneous

The University is organizing walk-in vaccine centres, where you can easily get vaccinated against COVID.

<https://www.ox.ac.uk/coronavirus/health/vaccine-centres>

Map

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The above map shows main college premises. The Porter's Lodge (main entrance), is just below Front Quad. Note that the MCR building is just below Garden Quad, and above Thomas White Quad. See also:

<https://www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?msa=0&mid=1MwpZYZY1FuEmnfViCCIFQKXYpcA&ll=51.75704801900154%2C-1.2579280000000006&z=17>

Ticketing

This year we are doing all ticketing via eventbrite – please use

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/st-johns-college-oxford-freshers-week-tickets-182046314427>

If an event is not listed there is should not be ticketed.