

# St. John's MCR Freshers' Week 2018

## Timetable



Aside from the College induction, the following events are organised by the MCR committee and are not mandatory. However, they provide great opportunities to meet new and current graduate students at St John's college and will help you feel settled in! There will be non-alcoholic options at events throughout the week.

Please be aware that events are subject to change up to the last minute. To keep up to date like our Facebook page at St John's Oxford MCR Freshers 2018.

### Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2018

#### **6pm – 8pm Freshers' Welcome Reception (MCR)**

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

### Monday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2018

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

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

#### **12:30pm – 1:30pm Lunch in 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.

#### **3pm – 4:30pm Oxford Essentials Tour No.1 (Porter's Lodge)**

On this tour, we'll be ticking off essential places in Oxford to help you settle into a new city. It'll include anything from where you can buy groceries to places you can buy your sub-fusc to the Westgate shopping centre.

#### **6pm – 10pm Welcome Freshers' and Grads with 'Keep Off the Grass'**

In case you missed out on yesterday's welcome reception, this second reception offers an opportunity to meet current members of the MCR. Our local cover band, 'Keep Off the Grass', will perform.

### Tuesday 2nd October 2018

#### **12:30pm – 1:30pm Lunch in Kendrew Café (Kendrew)**

A chance to grab some lunch with your fellow graduates in Kendrew Café. See Q&A section for details on food and drink in college.

#### **4pm – 5pm College Tour (Meet at Porter's 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.

### **6pm – 7pm Evening run at University Parks (Meet at Lodge)**

A chance for a relaxed jog around Oxford - all running abilities welcome.

### **7pm – 10pm Junkyard Golf at Westgate (Westgate Centre) [48 spaces]**

We will be heading to the Westgate Shopping Centre to the Junkyard Golf course. Food and drink are available on the course and details of the venue can be found online at

[www.junkyardgolfclub.co.uk/oxford](http://www.junkyardgolfclub.co.uk/oxford)

## **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2018**

### **2pm – 3pm Fire Safety Talk (Garden Quad Auditorium) MANDATORY**

This **mandatory** induction is organised by the College and introduces fire safety and procedures within College.

### **3pm – 4pm College Induction (Garden Quad Auditorium) MANDATORY**

This **mandatory** induction is organised by the College and introduces College, support staff, and available facilities and services.

### **4pm – 5pm Consent Workshops (Garden Quad Auditorium) MANDATORY**

We will split into groups for consent workshops. In the workshops, we will discuss consent in relation to different scenarios introduced by the workshop facilitators. Attendance is compulsory. This is an opportunity for us to talk explicitly about the kind of culture we want in college and the university more broadly.

### **7pm – 10:30pm Meet the Grads (MCR)**

During this time, we encourage you to come to the MCR to meet current grad students at the college. Relax, play videogames, hang out or go for dinner and drinks with your friends – we have a list of places we can recommend!

## **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

### **11am – 12pm OUSU Freshers' Fair (Exam Schools)**

Organised by the Oxford University Students' Union, the Freshers' Fair brings hundreds of club and society stalls offering memberships, external companies advertising their services, and commercial outlets giving away freebies. The OUSU will also be there to explain the services they offer. This is the St. John's slot at the fair - you will need your BOD card and wristband that you will be given during the week.

### **1pm – 2pm College Tour (Meet at 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.

### **2pm – 4pm Library Open Afternoon (College Library)**

The St. John's College librarian will be exhibiting items held in the Old Library in this postgraduate open afternoon session. It will feature a mixture of items taken from the special collection including atlases, medieval texts and early modern items.

### **7pm – Midnight MCR Intercollegiate Bar Crawl with Magdalen/Corpus Christi (MCR) [Sign up released at midday 1st October 2018] 60 SPACES**

College bar crawl with Magdalen and Corpus Christi. The theme is time (any costume effort appreciated, details TBA), and the night will culminate in a trip to Cirkus. Keep your eyes peeled for the sign-up sheet on October 1<sup>st</sup>.

## Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2018

### **1:30pm - 3:30pm Colouring Books and Tea Sesh - get creative and meet women\* of St. John's (MCR)**

Join this women's-only event where we'll be enjoying a selection of feminist colouring books and discussing women throughout history over tea. Anyone who identifies partly or wholly as a woman, transfeminine, or is otherwise significantly female-identified is welcome to join.

### **3:30pm – 4:30pm Oxford Essentials Tour No. 2 (Meet at Porter's Lodge)**

On this second 'Essentials' tour, we'll be touring places in Oxford that might interest you as you settle into a new city. It'll include anything from the Radcliffe Camera to a number of coffee shops we recommend.

### **7pm – 10pm LGBTQ+ Night with Mansfield and New College (MCR)**

Come to the MCR to have some free pizza and drinks, hear some great tunes and socialise with old and new LGBTQ+ grad students from John's as well as a few other colleges! This will be a great opportunity for you to meet other LGBTQ+ identified students in a relaxed atmosphere before heading to the bigger events organised by the LGBTQ+ society. You can also use this as an opportunity to ask your LGBTQ+ Officer any questions about the LGBTQ+ scene in Oxford or any concerns you may have! Note: there will be vegetarian/vegan and gluten free options available.

## Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2018

### **11am – 12:30pm Coffee Chill Out (Meet at Lodge)**

The Coffee Chill Out is a weekly event organised by the social secretaries offering a time and space to disconnect from our research and studying and introduce each other to the array of coffee shops and cafés Oxford has to offer. You don't have to be a coffee drinker, but your first drink is on us anyway! We will be heading to Thirsty Meeples in Gloucester Green – a games-based café.

### **1pm – 2pm College Tour (Porter's 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. The MCR Disabilities Rep will be leading this tour to signpost key access information and answer any questions you may have.

### **2pm – 3:30pm Sports Taster Sessions (SJC Sports Ground, Woodstock Road)**

Oxford has a lively and competitive sporting environment and these taster sessions will give you key information about joining a college team and getting involved. Taster sessions are scheduled for:

- 11:00-12:30 Women's Football and Tennis
- 12:30-14:00 Men's Football and Netball
- 13:00 – 17:00 Rowing (**At the SJC Boathouse**)
- 14:00-15:30 Rugby and Cricket

### **3:30pm – 5pm Squash Tournament (Squash Courts)**

An opportunity to experience the college squash courts with a laid-back squash afternoon – from novices to pros everyone is welcome.

### **7pm – Midnight 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. It is always great fun! All cocktails/mocktails are on the house, so leave your wallet behind!

## Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2018

### **12pm – 2pm Welfare and Peer Supporters' Brunch (MCR)**

Welfare brunches are held after big MCR events, about once a month. 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, as well as to meet our peer supporters.

### **2:30pm – 4:30pm Board Games, Coffee and Cake (MCR)**

During term time, the Returning Officer on the MCR committee presents us with a fabulous college cake. Join us at this event where we'll be finishing the leftovers from brunch and eating cake.

### **7pm – 8:30pm Freshers 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/>

### **8:30pm – 10pm Second Desserts (MCR)**

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.

## Quick Q&A – Further details in the MCR guide

### **Where do I get my student card? 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. **Students must be registered online** before you can pick up your card from the College Office. Registration is via the University-managed Student Single Service (SSS) here: [https://evision.ox.ac.uk/urd/sits.urd/run/siw\\_sso.token](https://evision.ox.ac.uk/urd/sits.urd/run/siw_sso.token). If you need guidance, a step-by-step guide to Student Self Service is [available](#) on the Student Website (pages 6-17 of this guide cover the registration process).

Broken cards are replaced free of charge, as are stolen cards, if you can provide a crime number; please contact the College Office to request a replacement. For lost cards, there is a £15 replacement charge levied by the Card Office. The fee is paid on line (see <http://www.oxforduniversitystores.co.uk>) and a replacement card will be issued as soon as payment is received.

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

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. Top it up in the Buttery in Hall, in the Bar, in the Kendrew Café, or in the Bursary. During term time, meal times are as follows:

<b>Breakfast</b>	08:20-09:00	Monday to Saturdays
	09:00-09:40	Sundays
<b>Lunch</b>	12:30-13:30	Every day
<b>Dinner</b>	18:15-18:45	First sitting, or 'informal hall'
	19:15 sharp	Second sitting, or 'Formal hall'

On Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Sundays, there are two sittings for dinner: informal and formal. Formal dinner is a three-course dinner served by the Catering team. You must register for formal dinner by 11am on the day of the formal you're registering for to be able to attend. Registration is at <https://hall.sjc.ox.ac.uk/>

### **Where is my post? What is this internal postal system?**

All post is delivered to the Porter's Lodge and sorted into your individual pigeon hole (Front Quad, next to the Porter's Lodge). The Post Room is open between 07:00 and 00:00. If you have a parcel delivered, it will be processed by the Lodge and you will receive an email notification to let you know it has arrived. If you order from a site that has parcel tracking and it tells you your parcel has arrived 'at the reception' but you haven't received an email from the lodge, it is taking time to process all of the deliveries. Bring your BOD card to the Lodge to collect your parcel.

Your postal address while at College is:

[Your Name], St John's College, St Giles, Oxford, OX1 3JP, United Kingdom

If you are living in College-owned accommodation off the main College site, do not use this address as your postal address as it just means that letters for you will still be sent there years after you've left. As long as you use your College address (above), it will be possible to organise mail-forwarding to a UK address when you leave College. (Mail-forwarding to an international address is not possible.)

During term time, the University runs an internal postal system called the Messenger Service. Using the internal post system you can send letters to anywhere within the University (including OUSU) free of charge. To use the internal post system, put your letter in the relevant post box in the lodge. The address needs nothing more than the addressee's name and College or department, i.e. no stamp is required. Allow two days for delivery.

### **Accessing the Internet**

To connect to the College/University internet network, you must use anti-virus software; if you don't already have it, you can download it free from OUCS (see the St John's website for further information under Current Students → Computing).

Wireless internet is available in most public areas of College, but work is ongoing to increase this coverage to the entire site, including student rooms. The wireless networks are called OWL and Eduroam, and you can find out more information about how to connect to these at <http://www.oucs.ox.ac.uk/network/wireless/>.

### **Laundry**

There are laundry facilities in multiple places across campus: in the basement of Kendrew Quad, Garden Quad, Thomas White Quad, and North Quad. There are multiple washers, dryers, ironing boards and irons available. To use the facilities, you will need to pay a £5 deposit for a top-up card at the Lodge, which can then be topped up on the laundry machine.

**This is a short Q&A summary document. More details can be found in the Freshers' Guide 2018.**