



## Fresher week timetable 2017

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 and will help you to feel settled in! **There will be non-alcoholic options at all events throughout the week.**

### Sunday, October 1

**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 and nibbles!

### Monday, October 2

**12:00 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 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.

**18:00 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, cider, and cordial.

### Tuesday, October 3

**12:30 Lunch in hall (meet at Porters' Lodge)**

A chance to grab some lunch with your fellow graduates in Hall.

**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.

**18:00 Evening run (meet at Porters' Lodge)**

A chance for a relaxed jog around Oxford.

**19:00 Cinema trip (meet at Porters' Lodge)**

A trip to the cinema to see one of the latest releases.

### Wednesday, October 4

**15:00 College induction (Hall)**

This **mandatory** induction is organised by the College and provides an introduction to College, support staff, and available facilities and services. It will be followed at 4pm by consent workshops organised by the MCR (attendance strongly encouraged).



**18:00 House dinners (in residences)**

We recommend you get together with your housemates to have dinner and get to know each other!

**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 afterwards will be going to a local nightclub, Fever, where we have rented the entire dancefloor out!

## **Thursday, October 5**

**14:00 Squash tournament (Squash courts)**

An opportunity to get sweaty on the squash courts with a laid-back squash afternoon – from novices to pros everyone's welcome.

**19:00 Culture night (TBC)**

Details are still being finalised, but we will likely be making a trip to the theatre or experiencing a bit of open air cinema in the gardens of St. John's.

## **Friday, October 6**

**13:30 Women's Plant a House Plant for your Room (Gardens next to Thomas White Quad)**

Get your green fingers out and pot up a plant for your new room at the same time as getting to know your fellow MCR women. Feel free to join at any time between 1.30pm and 3.30pm!

**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!

**22:30 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 minutes north of Oxford).

## **Saturday, October 7**

**11:00 Brunch (meet at Porter's Lodge)**

Join a group of us as we explore some of Oxford's best brunch hotspots!

**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 Trip 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. It is always great fun! All cocktails/mocktails are on the house, so leave your wallet behind!



## Sunday, October 8

**11:00 Welfare and peer supporters 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, as well as to meet our peer supporters.

**13:00 Board games, coffee, cakes (MCR building)**

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/>

**20:30 Second Desserts (MCR building)**

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.