



## Quick Start Guide

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This is a Quick Start Guide to starting life at St John's and in Oxford. It isn't meant to be comprehensive but should answer some of the basic questions that you will have about what to do before you arrive and when you arrive. A comprehensive Freshers' Guide is available on the SJC MCR website (details below) and there will be printed copies in the MCR for you to read.

### Before You Arrive

#### Join our Facebook Group

The 'St. John's College MCR Freshers - 2017' Facebook group can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/163591327526412/>. Here you can meet other freshers, post questions to be answered by moderators from the Freshers Committee and get notifications of events during Freshers' Week.

#### Ask a Question

You can ask any question about starting life at St John's and in Oxford by emailing Ed, MCR President, at [mcr-freshers@sjc.ox.ac.uk](mailto:mcr-freshers@sjc.ox.ac.uk). If you have a problem, let us know.

#### SJC MCR Website

The SJC MCR website can be found at <http://mcr.sjc.ox.ac.uk/> - here you can find information about the MCR. The Freshers section contains information about Freshers' Week, a comprehensive Freshers' Guide and other useful information for new students.

#### Set Up Your Oxford Email

You will get a university email address of the form [firstname.lastname@sjc.ox.ac.uk](mailto:firstname.lastname@sjc.ox.ac.uk) and your department may also give you another one. All university email inboxes and online university services are accessible through a Single Sign On (SSO). The university will contact you with the details of your SSO and how to set up your Oxford email. More information can be found at the Oxford University Computing Services website at <http://www.oucs.ox.ac.uk/welcometoit>.

#### Join the MCR Mailing List

Once you have set up your university email address, subscribe to the MCR Mailing List by sending an email to [sjc-mcr-subscribe@maillist.ox.ac.uk](mailto:sjc-mcr-subscribe@maillist.ox.ac.uk). We use this mailing list to publicise MCR events, essential College notices, and other useful information throughout the year.



## When You Arrive

### When to Arrive

You can arrive at any point once your accommodation is available. As a general rule, you should arrive well before your department says you should be in Oxford, and before Freshers' Week (also known as 0<sup>th</sup> week), which starts on Sunday 1st October.

### How to Arrive

When you arrive, you should head straight to the Porters' Lodge on St Giles. For information on how to get there, have a look at the maps included at the end of this Quick Start Guide.

- By car. There are no college-owned car parks for people moving in. There are two options for parking, both of which are explained below and shown on the Parking Map.
  - Obtain a parking permit. When you arrive, the Porters can give you a 40 minute parking permit to park on the double yellow lines on the east side of St Giles. You must collect it from the Porters' Lodge, fill it in, and then display it clearly in your car.
  - There is a public car park actually on St Giles next to College run by the local council. You can park here for up to 2 hours at a charge between 08:00 and 18:30 on Mondays to Saturdays and between 10:00 and 18:30 on Sundays. Charges are £1 for up to 30 minutes, £2.50 for up to an hour, £4 for up to 2 hours with no return within an hour. Between 18:30 and 22:00 on all days you can park for as long as you want at a fixed charge of £2.50. A valid ticket extending beyond 18:30 allows parking until 22:00 with no further charge.
- By train. The nearest train station is Oxford Railway Station, which is 15 minutes' walk from the Porters' Lodge. There are regular connections from London Paddington. To get from the train station to St John's, consult the Train and Coach Connections Map.
- By coach. The nearest coach station is Oxford Coach Station, also called Gloucester Green, which is 10 minutes' walk from the Porters' Lodge. To get from the coach station to St John's, consult the Train and Coach Connections Map.

### Getting into your Room

You can get the keys to your room from the Porters' Lodge. They will give you three keys:

- A key to your room.
- A Late Gate key that allows you to access specific college facilities.
- A key fob to access the pidge room and MCR and let you into the college at night.

The Porters will give you directions to your room.

### Moving Things to your Room

If you are unloading your belongings into a room on the college site, then you can borrow one of several very large wheelbarrows, which are located in Thomas White Quad. Please return them here straight after you have used them.

### Your Bod Card

Your Bodleian Card (Bod Card) is your university card. You will use it to access university facilities (departments and libraries), as a debit card for food and drink at the Hall, Bar or Kendrew Cafe and as a form of identification. You can collect your card from the College Office (North Quad, staircase 7, room 12) between 0900-1300 and 1400-1600, Monday to Friday. You can put money on your card in the Hall, Bar or Kendrew Cafe during opening hours using cash or cheque.

### Computing

There is a college internet network and several college computer rooms. To join the college network, connect your device with an ethernet cable to an ethernet socket in your room and follow the instructions.



## Getting Food and Drink

You can get food and drink in college or from shops nearby.

- In college: Food and drink is served in Hall, in the Bar, and in the Kendrew Cafe. Payment in all of these places is in cash or by Bod Card (details above).
  - Hall. The Hall is located between Front Quad and North Quad. Breakfast is served from 0820-0900 on Mondays to Saturdays, 0900-0940 on Sundays. Lunch is served from 1230-1330 every day. Informal dinner is served from 1815-1845 every day. For informal dinner, you can either turn up early, when a limited number of meals will be provided, or book beforehand using the online form at <https://hall.sjc.ox.ac.uk/MealBooking/login.php>. For all other meals, you can just turn up.
  - Bar. The Bar is located in Thomas White Quad. It serves snacks and drinks from 1800 – 2300 Mondays – Saturdays in term.
  - Kendrew Cafe. The Kendrew Cafe is located in Kendrew Quad. It serves drinks and snacks during the following times: 1030-1530 on Mondays to Saturdays.
- The nearest supermarket is Tesco Metro on Magdalen Street, which is a two minute walk from the Porters' Lodge. The opening times of this large, two-storey supermarket is 0700-midnight on Mondays to Saturdays, 1100-1700 on Sundays.

## Shopping

There are a lot of shops in Oxford city centre and St John's College is located just to the north of it. The main shopping areas are:

- Magdalen Street. Magdalen Street is the southbound continuation of St Giles and is a two minute walk from the Porters' Lodge. Shops include: Tesco (supermarket), Sainsbury's (supermarket), Debenhams (department store).
- Cornmarket Street is the main shopping street in Oxford and is a three minute walk from the Porters' Lodge. Shops include: Boots (pharmacy), WHSmith (stationery), Waterstones (bookshop), Boswell's (homewares), many clothes stores, fast food chains, and cafes.
- Clarendon Shopping Centre. The Clarendon shopping centre has entrances on Cornmarket Street and Queen Street and is a five minute walk from the Porters' Lodge. Shops include: Currys PC World (technology), clothes stores.
- Queen Street. Queen Street is located westbound from the south end of Cornmarket Street and is a six minute walk from the Porters' Lodge. Shops include: Marks and Spencer (department store), Ryman (stationers).

## Meeting New People

When you are free, go to the MCR Building. It is located in college, behind Thomas White Quad. This is the main venue for events during Freshers' Week and a place where you can meet other freshers as well as current graduates. There will be free refreshments and activities here throughout Freshers' Week.

## Freshers' Week

A range of events will be organised by the MCR during Freshers' Week, the week before the start of term. These events are the perfect opportunity to get to know other freshers and to settle in to life here at St John's. There will also be a lot of free food and drink! More details about these events will be publicised through our Facebook group, MCR website and Google calendar.

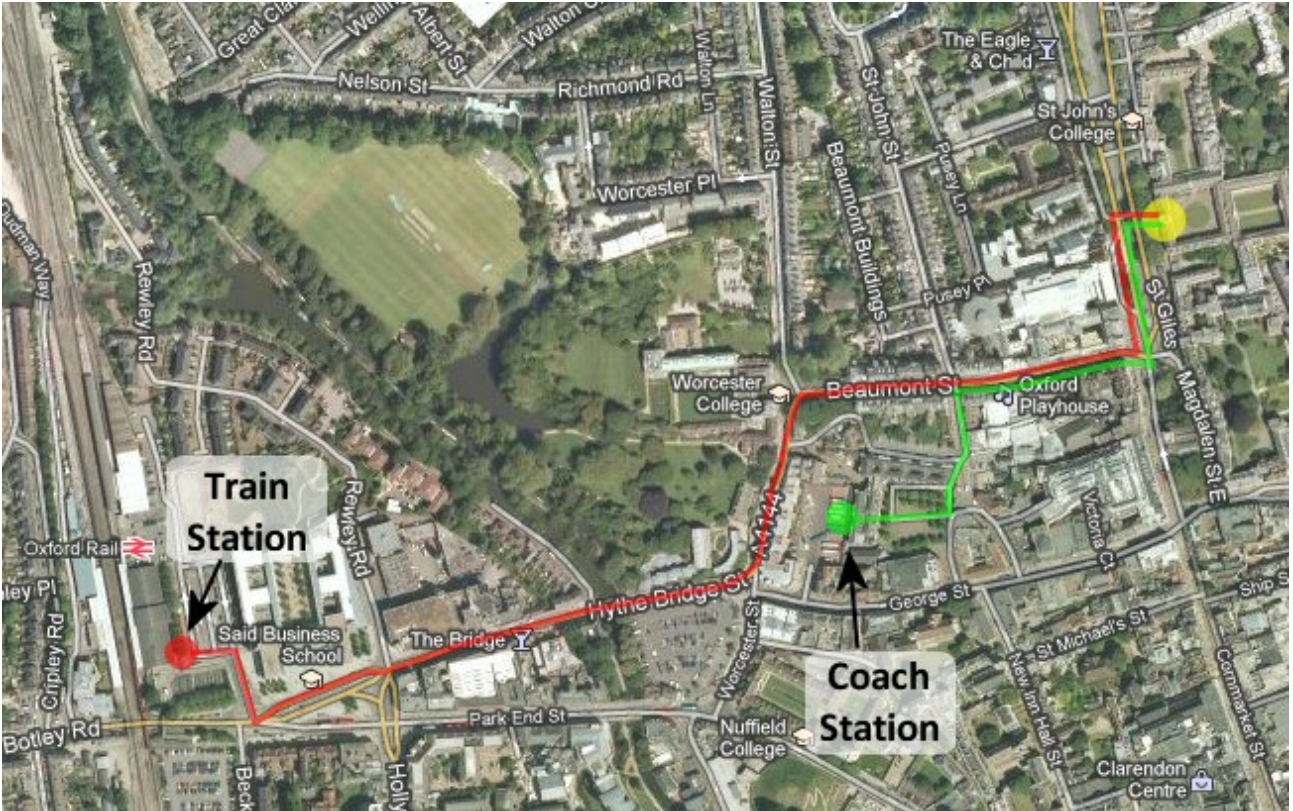


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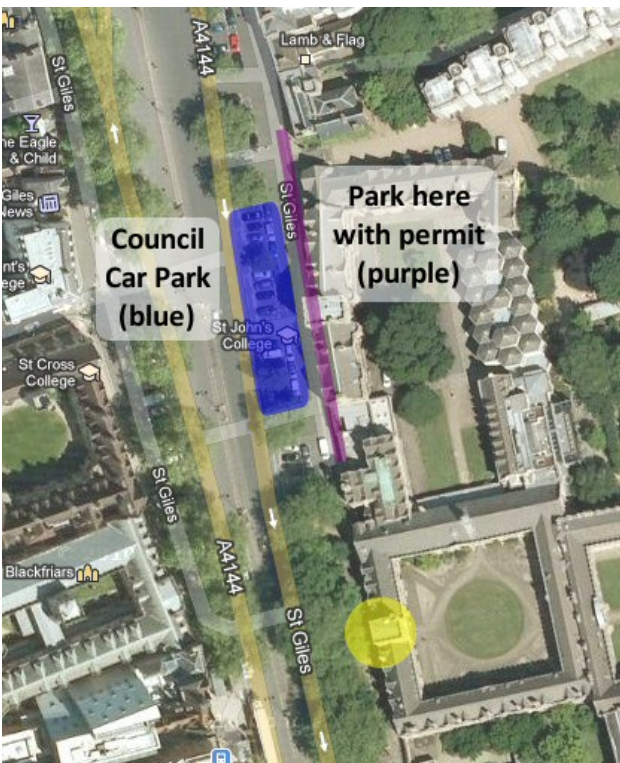
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## Maps

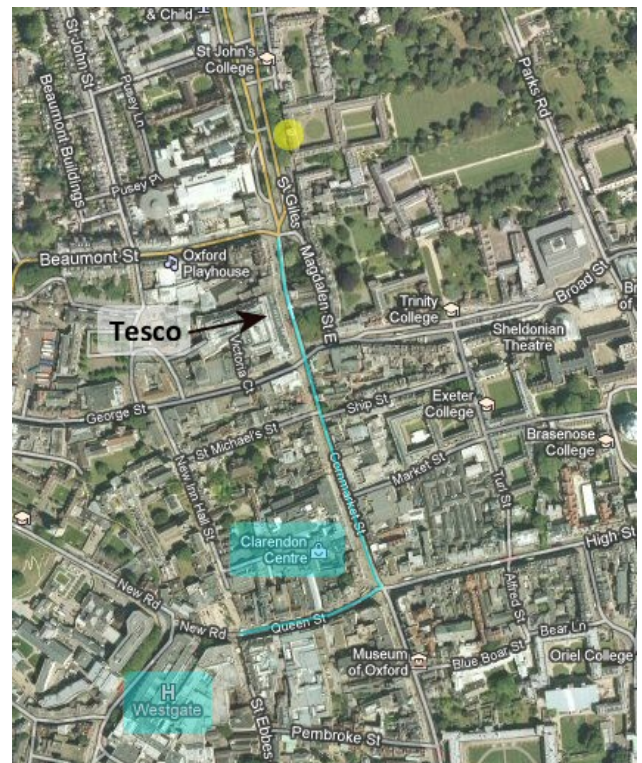
The yellow circle indicates the Porters Lodge of St John's College.



Train and Coach Connections Map



Parking Map



Shopping Map