

St. John's MCR Freshers' Week 2018

Quick Start Guide



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.

Before You Arrive

Join the MCR Freshers' Group the 'St John's Oxford MCR Freshers 2018' Facebook group that can be found at <http://www.facebook.com/groups/302318027256681/>. 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 Gwen, MCR President, at mcr-president@sjc.ox.ac.uk. If you have a problem, let us know.

SJC MCR Website the SJC MCR website can be found at www.mcr.sjc.ox.ac.uk – here you can find information about the MCR. The Freshers' section contains information about Freshers' Week, the calendar and timetable 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 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>.

Register with the University your University card (Bod card) is printed by the University, not by the college. To ensure that your card arrives on time to the college office, please register through the University-managed Single Sign-on Service (SSS) [here](#). 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).

Join the MCR Mailing List once you have set up your university email address, subscribe to the MCR Mailing List by sending an e-mail to 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 0th 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 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 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) during 11am – 12pm or 2-3pm. The week after (Freshers' Week), you are welcome to call into the office during the same times but only from Tuesday 2nd – Friday 5th. If you are a Tier 4 visa holder, please bring your passport and BRP with you when you come to collect your card. 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 devices 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 are served in Hall, in the Bar, and in the Kendrew Cafe. Payment in all of these places is by Bod Card (details above). **More details on eating in Hall can be found in the Timetable and Freshers' Guide.**

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 just to the north of St. John's college is the main shopping area, including the new Westgate Shopping Centre. Highlights include:

- **Westgate Shopping Centre:** opened in November 2017, the Westgate shopping centre has a range of clothing stores, restaurants, the Curzon cinema and cafes
- Magdalen Street:
- **Clarendon Shopping Centre:** with entrances on Cornmarket Street and Queen Street, the Clarendon is five minutes from the Porters' Lodge. Shops include: Curry's PC World (tech store), clothes stores such as Zara and GAP
- **Queen Street:** located westbound from the south end of Cornmarket Street and is a six-minute walk from the Porter's Lodge. Shops include: Marks and Spencers (department store), Paperchase, Ryman (stationers) and Topshop/Topman (clothes)
- **Cornmarket Street:** the main shopping street in Oxford and a three-minute walk from the Porter's Lodge. Shops include: Tesco, Sainsbury's (supermarket), Debenhams (department store)

Meeting New People when you are free, come 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 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.

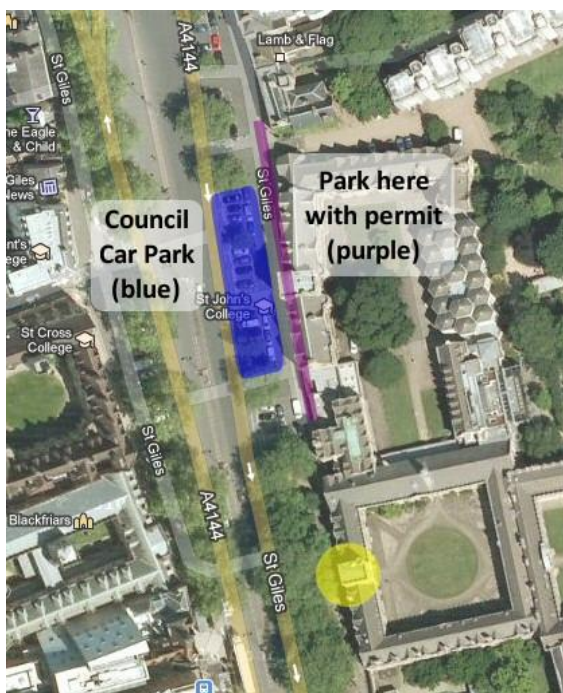
Maps

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

Train and Coach Connections Map



Parking Map



Shopping Map

