

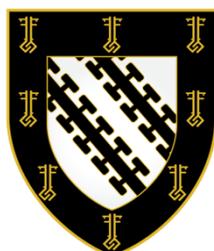


The Blue Book

Freshers' Guide 2022: An Informal Introduction to Exeter College, Oxford

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Welcome & Overview

JCR President's Welcome

Welcome to Exeter College, Oxford: the friendliest college in Oxford! My name is Emily, a finalist Historian and President of the JCR (Junior Common Room) this year.



The Junior Common Room is both the physical common room located alongside the front quad and the undergraduate representative body within College. We support undergraduates at Exeter to cultivate a safe and inclusive community for everyone. Starting university, especially at Oxford, is an exciting and daunting task. I hope that this book can help you to get to know Exeter and all the wonderful qualities of our college and community.

Coming to Exeter is without a doubt one of the best choices I have made. Founded in 1314, Exeter College is a wonderful place to live. Whether the central location (very near Tesco), the academic excellence, the picturesque Fellows' Garden has attracted you to Exeter, or maybe even Walter the college cat (named after the College's founder Walter de Stapledon), the community is what will make you glad you are going here. All of us are here to support you from Freshers' Week to Graduation (and beyond)!



The JCR itself is an important way for our voices to be heard in college, allowing us to make the changes to our

community that we want to see. A democratically elected body, we have representatives (often referred to as 'reps') for a wide variety of tasks, groups and projects. Through the JCR, we get to work with Exeter's Fellows to have discussions about what we wish to see in College.

Come and attend a JCR meeting! They entail free snacks, putting forward motions, and often lively debate or conversation. There is never a dull moment in the Exeter JCR. If you want to put forward your very own motion, or learn how to, you can speak to myself or any JCR rep. Please introduce yourself to upper years- we're looking forward to meeting you! I hope you find a home in Oxford at Exeter as myself and so many before me have.

Floreat Exon! Emily Rosindell (emily.rosindell@exeter.ox.ac.uk)

What's the Blue Book?

The 'Blue Book', or the 'Freshers Guide', is a document written by the Freshers' Reps and designed to house all the information you may need throughout your first year at Exeter. It should help you get to grips with college life, from what to expect during Freshers' Week and where to find the best restaurants to college sport and societies. Later on in the Book, all of the Freshers' Reps will introduce themselves alongside other students and staff who will be working to make your time here as enjoyable and accessible as possible.



Oxford can be a daunting place at first with all the lingo and the peculiarities, so this should be your first port of call if you're unsure about anything. It works alongside two official college documents which you'll be sent before you come up: the 'Red Book' (college rules) and the 'Green Guide' (official college info). Hopefully it offers a slightly more palatable format than them, and makes you feel excited and reassured in coming to Exeter. Also, if you're an international fresher, you'll be sent the 'International Freshers' Handbook', which contains much more specific information regarding documentation, culture, etc., so watch out for that!

We've tried our best to be comprehensive, but if there's anything you can't find an answer to in the 'Blue Book', please do get in touch with one of the Freshers' Reps (see contact info on the last page) and we'll be delighted to help out!

A Brief History of the College

Before we get into the juicy stuff, here's a quick overview of our beloved College:

Location and Reputation

Exeter is found at the heart of Oxford, close to the High Street, Broad Street, and the endlessly photogenic Radcliffe Camera ('Rad Cam'); being on Turl Street means that you're never far from anywhere you'll need or want to be. Our Fellows' Garden honestly does have the best view in the city—ask anyone! Around Oxford, Exeter has a deserved reputation as a friendly and welcoming college. Being fairly small, we have a very close-knit community: practically everyone knows each other!

Foundation

It was over 700 years ago in 1314 that Walter de Stapledon (Bishop of Exeter—pictured right) kicked things off on Turl Street, making us the 4th oldest college in Oxford! (Balliol, Merton, and University still argue over which of them gets which place on the podium...).

Buildings

Palmer's Tower (in the corner of Front Quad) dates back to 1432, which is our oldest surviving building. The Hall dates to 1618, the Lodge to 1701, the library to 1857, and the chapel to 1859. Not too shabby, if you ask us.



Notable Alumni

Some of the people who've graced our Front Quad with their presence and gone on to do some impressive things include: J.R.R. Tolkien, Sir Philip Pullman, Reeta Chakrabarti, Alan Bennett, Sir Roger Bannister, Sanchia Berg, Tariq Ali, Richard Burton, Liaquat Ali Khan, R.D. Blackmore,

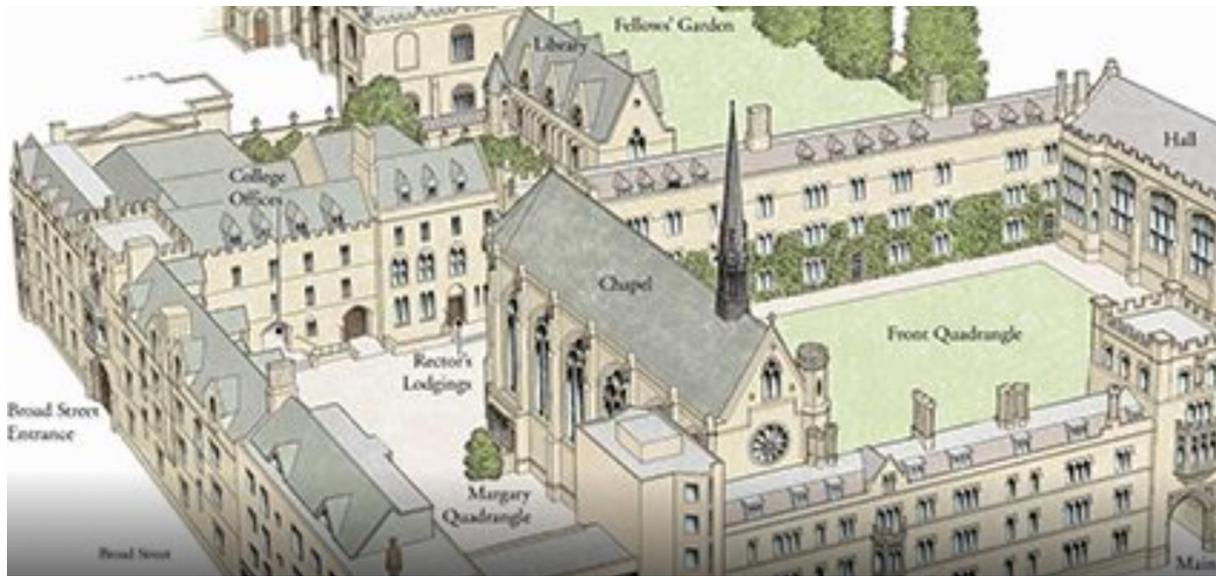
Pedro Pablo Kuczynski, John Agyekum Kufuor, Sydney Kentridge, Lady Flora Mary McDonnell, Martin Amis, Helen Elizabeth Marten, Stansfield Turner, and Qian Zhongshu.

Freshers' Facebook Group

There is also a Facebook group called 'Exeter College JCR 2022-2023', which we strongly recommend you join. Don't worry if you're not into social media – you will still get all of the information (just without the memes). And as always, please don't hesitate to contact us with any worries or questions (see contact information on the last page).

Eventually, this group will become the JCR Facebook group which will be used throughout the academic year for JCR matters, so you lot get exclusive early entry!

Click [here](#) to join!



Exeter College JCR 2022-2023

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Getting to Exeter College

Arriving by car

When you come up, the easiest way to navigate to College is by plugging in the postcode **OX1 3DP**, which should take you to the Porter's Lodge on Turl Street. You'll see two sets of big wooden doors facing each other: ours is the more appealing one, the other belongs to a much inferior College (Jesus). If you do accidentally end up in there, don't worry. The grass is much greener on the other side of the Turl.

You'll park and unload on Turl Street when you arrive, but the parking wardens are quite strict, so as soon as you arrive, go to the Lodge and ask for a **parking permit**, then display it in the car. This will give you enough time to get your key and lug all those bags boxes to your room—an experience you'll be getting very used to over the next few years!



If you are planning to drive yourself to Oxford and keep your car here, our advice is not to bother. There is no college parking and you can't park by the college-owned annexes. You don't need a car during term – it's far easier to walk or cycle.

Arriving by Public Transport

For those of you who are not being dropped off by car, the coach and train stations are within walking distance. The coach station at Gloucester Green is about a 10min walk, but the train station is nearer 15min, so a taxi may be required for heavy luggage!

International Students will mostly be arriving via London airports, which run coach services to Oxford. For example, the Airline from Heathrow takes only 90min or so and leaves up to every 20min. You can get off at Queen's Lane (High Street) to save time, but don't worry if you miss the stop—most buses end at the Gloucester Green station anyway.

If coming from London, there is also the Oxford Tube with cheap student fares that you can purchase on-board. It runs around every 20min and has multiple stops along the way. For Exeter College, hop off on the High Street stop. To reach College from there, walk along until you get to Turl Street and walk down there until you get to the Lodge. If you need help carrying your stuff, or if you get lost, ring one of the Freshers' Reps (see contact info on the last page) and we'll come to the rescue.

Once you've arrived at College

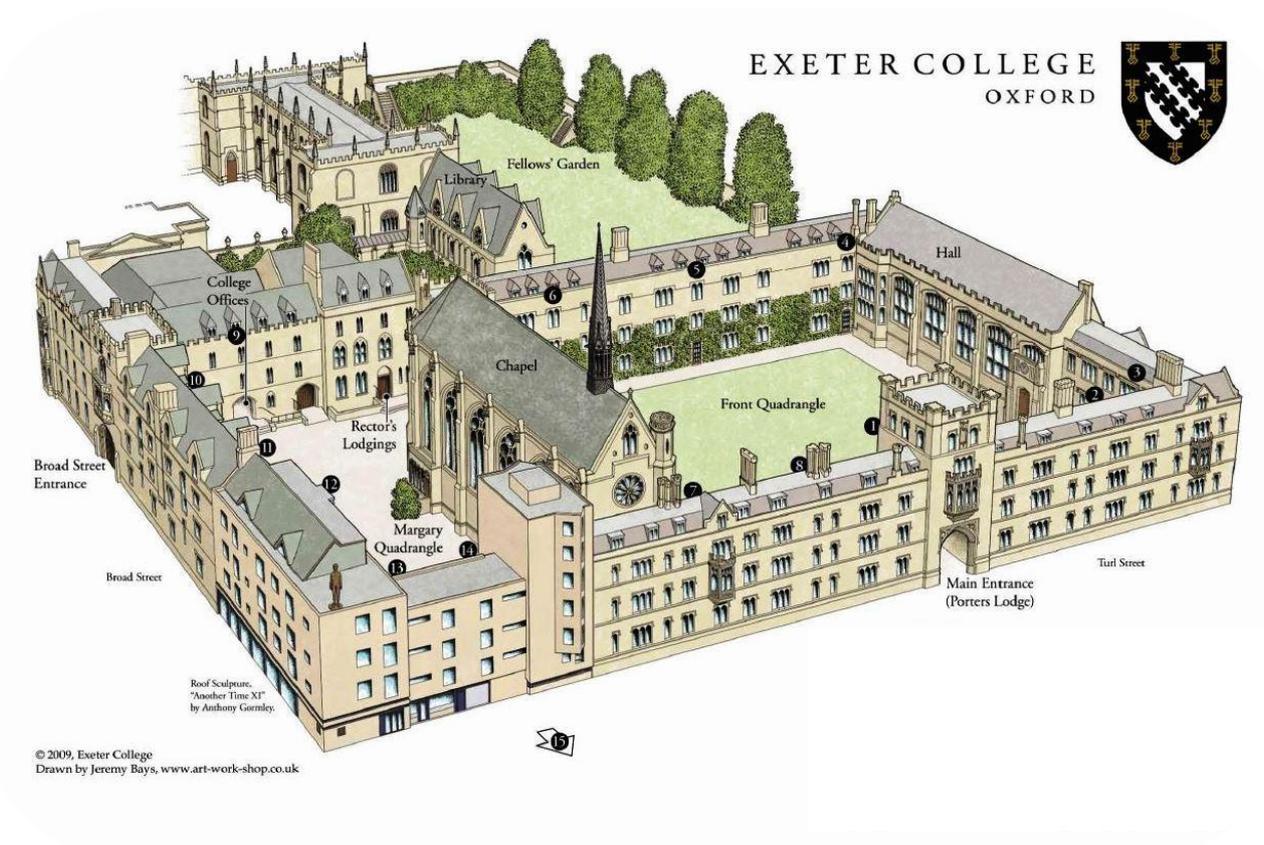
When you arrive at the college, **go to the Porters' Lodge**, which is directly on the right once you've entered through the Turl Street gate. Here you will collect and sign for your key. It is also where you can collect a parking permit (which you will need to in order to park on Turl Street when unloading your things if you've arrived by car). The



Freshers' Reps and other helpers will be waiting at the lodge to show you to your room and help you with your things.

Look out for the people in your staircase and/or corridor – it's a perfect opportunity to meet the people you'll be living next to for the rest of the year! Remember that you're all in the same position, faced with so many new people and surroundings, so try not to be afraid of introducing yourself!

This map may make Exeter look large and confusing, but once you arrive, you will find that it is actually a small college, and easy to find your way around. But don't hesitate to ask anyone for directions (everyone in college is super helpful) or to call one of the Freshers' Reps if you do get lost!



Freshers' Week 2022

The Basics

Freshers' Week (0th week of your first Michaelmas Term) is your first week here at Oxford! Terms here are labelled 1-8, so Freshers' Week is effectively before term begins properly. You'll get to meet new people, attend workshops and social events, learn to navigate around college and the city of Oxford, and much more besides! The duration of Freshers' Week varies slightly from college to college. At Exeter, it runs from Sunday to Sunday, making us one of the first colleges to get going. This means that you Exonian freshers will have more time to get to know each other and start finding your feet, so get excited!



We have planned a number of events for you throughout the week which should cater to everyone's interests and needs, whether you're keen for a lowkey walk around the city or dead-set on getting yourself onto a dance floor as soon as humanly possible. We'll be planning everything ourselves to give you the best Freshers' Week possible! You'll get a comprehensive timetable before you arrive, but to give you an idea of some of the things we've got in the pipeline, Freshers' Week is likely to include some of the following:

Evening Events

Staircase Pizza

To help you settle in on the first night after the mayhem of unpacking a bit and waving off anyone who's come with you to Oxford, hopefully we'll be running a pizza night so that you can get to know people in your staircase over some pizza from hall.



Freshers' Formal

This is a black-tie dinner in hall where you will sit with the other freshers in your subject groups – tutors sometimes join too! This will (most likely) be your first formal at Oxford and most certainly not the last! Formals are a firm favourite at Exeter, boasting incredible food and gorgeous surroundings in our Hall..

A formal is a served three-course dinner where you wear academic gown (unless told otherwise). The number of formals per week depends on the college; at Exeter, formal hall takes place on Wednesdays and Sundays, and you sign up for them via UPay online (this will all become clear later). We even host celebratory formals a couple of times a year to mark events such as Halloween, Diwali, Lunar New Year, Thanksgiving (which is followed by Square Dancing), and Burns Night. You can also attend formals at other colleges if you have friends there!



Freshers' Ball

We're planning to host a Freshers' Ball during the week at Frevd (a really pretty venue!), where you freshers will have a chance to dress up and boogie with all of us fellow Exons. It promises to be a really fun night, and a great way to get to know some of the second years other than the Freps. It's usually one of the most memorable nights in an Exeter Freshers' Week, so we can't wait to put this on for you!

Club Nights & Bops

We've been working hard to get some clubs booked for Exeter so that we can get a big contingent out on the dance floor during Freshers' Week. Exact details will be confirmed nearer the time, but if you're excited for the clubbing scene, we're doing our best to make sure some big nights are lined up! As well as going out of College to cut some shapes, we will be having a party in College during Freshers' Week (known as a 'bop'). Basically, we'll be dancing a few of those precious first few nights away, don't you worry...

Evenings In

Freshers' Week at Exeter is by no means all about the full-on nights out: we're also planning some top-quality chill nights within our Turl Street grounds. Expect quiz nights, night walks, meeting your college family, and much much more! There'll be something for everyone, and Freps at each event to make sure everything runs smoothly :))

During the Day

Workshops

During Freshers' week, you will have some college-organised activities which are **compulsory**. These mainly consist of short workshops and presentations about college life, academic work, and general health, including sexual consent, as well as a number of sessions run by our own JCR equalities reps. They are all important for you and your fellow students, so you must attend them; a lot of time and thought has been put into making your transition to life at Exeter as smooth and easy as possible, and these sessions should go a long way to achieving that! This will all take place most probably at Cohen Quad, pictured left.



International Freshers' Tea

Our very own International Freshers' Rep, Val, is setting up a little get-together for all international freshers to welcome you to the College. It's going to be a great way to mingle with people from other countries who are going through many of the same things that you're going through. You're encouraged to bring your favourite snacks from your home countries (but remember that meat and dairy aren't allowed by custom roles) but food and drinks will be supplied! You will be introduced to both Val and Tiana later in the Blue Book, and there will be more information for international students later in the guide but even more in the 'International Freshers' Handbook'.

College Freshers' Fair

The Fair will have multiple stands for college-related activities, covering everything from college sports, the Varsity Trip (the joint ski trip with Cambridge), the Turl Street Arts Festival (see later), and the Exeter College Vacation Project (see later) to name a few. This is where you can see what college has to offer and sign up to join the various societies and clubs – don't be afraid of trying out new things! Remember that you can always unsubscribe from the mailing list or leave the FB group if you change your mind later, so why not give it a try? You can also ask any questions you have about, for example, the choir or sport at Exeter.

There will also be a university-wide Freshers' Fair for the [more than 400 clubs and societies](#) that the university has to offer. Whatever your interest, experience, and background, there is a club or

society for you – whether it’s music, sports, literature, politics, performing arts, media, faiths, national and cultural groups, volunteering or something else. If, during your time here, you think something is missing, you can always set up your own society, starting in, for example, Exeter.

Other Things in the Pipeline...

Freshers' Week 2022 is going to be one full of activities; we Freshers' Reps have a plethora of ideas to keep you occupied during the day when you're not unpacking and taking in the views. They always say you should under-promise and overdeliver, so we won't give too much away, but to whet your appetites, you can imagine an Exeter rounders match, Mario Kart tournaments, quizzes, and plenty of nights-out in Oxford...

Studies

Depending on your subject, you may have a meeting with some or all of your tutors, so remember to check your e-mail inbox regularly! In such a meeting, they might introduce you to the work you will do during your first term or even year here, and you can ask them any questions you may have about the academic work. These meetings take precedence over any other activities during Freshers' Week but they usually don't coincide with other events, and even if they do, the meetings are usually short, so you won't miss out on much!



Sorry to kill the mood, but it's worth pointing out that you will be set some work by your tutors during Freshers' Week, due for 1st week (your second week here). Some of you might already have work due in Freshers' Week that you've been set over the vacation. This might seem annoying and totally different from your friends at other universities, but it actually isn't too bad. You definitely shouldn't let it stop you from participating in all the fun and exciting things going on during Freshers' Week. Remember: you're in your first week of your first year at university – no one (not even your tutors) expects you to do work from the moment you arrive!

With that in mind, don't panic if you find the work overwhelming and difficult. It is meant to be challenging; everyone else is also finding it difficult and I can promise you that your tutors don't expect a world-changing piece of work from you in your first year, let alone your first week! If you're having any problems or concerns, don't hesitate to contact a Freshers' Rep, your college parents or a welfare rep.

A Final Note about Freshers' Week

We have organised the week so that there is something for everyone. Some people enjoy doing everything, while others prefer to just relax in the JCR or Fellows' Garden – both are equally fine! So please don't feel worried or pressured if you think you might not want to go to certain social events organised by the JCR. The academic and college-organised appointments are the only things you are obliged to attend – the rest is up to you. Freshers' Week will provide you with a fantastic opportunity to meet everyone in college and familiarise yourself with the surroundings before term begins in earnest with academic work. Our advice is to start the week by getting involved in as

much as possible – it’s a great way to make new friends. As the week goes on, you might choose to do less of the organised social events and instead hang out with your new friends – whatever suits you!

Finally, it is important to realise that, although a brilliant introduction to Exeter College, **Freshers’ Week will not determine the rest of your time here.** Sure, you’ll get to know a new city and lots of new people, but don’t feel like you have to make it the best week of your life! If something goes a bit wrong, please don’t worry. The week is just the first of many weeks ahead of you at Oxford. Don’t panic about finding a *best friend* during it. Even though some people will be best mates from day one, closer friendships usually develop over the course of the term and year. One of the best things about Exeter is its size; you will find that you quickly get to know everyone in your year rather than just a small group of people. Exeter is such a friendly place – you’re likely to mingle with everyone in, for example, hall or on the quad throughout your time here.



People: Students

Freshers' Reps

Sophie Kitchen (Head Frep)

Hi! I'm Sophie (she/her), from Cornwall, and I've just finished my first year studying biochemistry. Firstly, massive congrats on getting into Oxford, it's an incredible achievement (be proud!) and I'm sure you will all have the best time here. I loved freshers' week last year, and am really hoping you will too. We have a whole host of events planned throughout the week, and we've tried to include something for everyone! My main piece of advice is to throw yourself into absolutely everything, both in freshers' week, and throughout your time at Oxford, and remember that there is always a friendly face around college, so don't hesitate to stop and chat! - you will meet some incredible people and will definitely find exons that share your interests. I've also found



college sports clubs to be an amazing way to meet new people and would strongly recommend them to everyone - anyone and everyone can join in, regardless of ability or time commitment. (Plus, crew dates are nights to remember!) I'm sure you will be hearing from me before/during freshers' week, but in the meantime feel free to pop me a message on facebook/instagram/email if you have any questions, worries, or just fancy a chat! Please try to remember there's nothing to worry about, Exeter is a truly amazing college - you are going to have a brilliant time here, we cannot wait to meet you!

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Val Lukanov (International Frep)

Hi, I'm Val (he/him) a second year (amateur) historian and unfortunately, I'm originally from Bulgaria. I have lived in the UK for the past 10 years and yet even now I get culture shocked all time in Oxford. I dismay at ridiculous practices such as 'pre-ing' (drinking before going somewhere to drink) and then going to 'afters' (drinking after you have been somewhere to drink). Fortunately, as a teetotaler I don't drink (anymore) and I'm looking forward to meeting the new non-drinkers and non-clubbers. Now, Oxford isn't all drinking and partying, there is a whole historical city to explore and there are countless events going on during the day or night to keep you procrastinating from writing that essay or solving that problem sheet. Personally, I fuel my academic procrastination by training boxing, and I would

strongly encourage you to come along or take up a sport in general, it's the best way to make friends and strengthen your mind. If you fancy a chat, feel free to add me on Facebook or WhatsApp (07921480876) or look at the International Freshers Handbook.

Sonya Luchanskaya (Events & Finance)

Hi I'm Sonya (she/they), and I'm your fresher's and entz rep! I'm going into my second year in Biochemistry meaning I have very little life force left in me (but to the fresher biochemists, I promise it'll be fun!!). I live in London, but I'm originally from just about every Eastern European country you can name.

Exeter feels like a second home to me now - I know it's super intimidating at first but the people here are some of the sweetest and most welcoming people you'll meet. I'd be lying if I said that I wasn't ridiculously nervous in freshers' week, which is why our jobs as freps is to make you feel comfortable and included in your new atmosphere. You'll probably see me knocking around college, so please come say hi, or voice any questions or concerns you may have - I'm so excited to meet

you all. My best tip for freshers' week is go to all the events you can, and start thinking about what kind of clubs and societies appeal to you! It's the best way to make friends and get to know the Oxford culture. There's also a lot of weird and wonderful Oxford traditions you'll come to take part in so be excited! First year is a blast (and usually doesn't count towards your final degree, so make those memories while you can;)). If you want to reach out to me for a chat or have any questions, you can find me on any socials or email me - I'll see you all in October!



Stanley Upton (Events & Finance)

Hey. I'm Stanley (he/him), a second year Earth Scientist and I'm excited to welcome you all to the only real college at Oxford. I'm normally to be found walking between the Earth Science department and Exeter wearing a grandpa jumper, something I have spent a year perfecting to 7 minutes (putting the jumpers on, not the walk). The other 10% of my life is spent trying to curate my alternative (not indie) persona by doing things nobody else does, like listening to music and going charity shopping.

The college is a prime location in the city centre to be a 10-minute walk away from pretty much anything you need. It will not be the first nor last time that you're hearing that Exeter is a very friendly community, and after a year here I have to say believe the hype. Make the most of it! I emphasise getting involved in plenty of activities, but also

to not be alarmed if you haven't got it all sorted out by the end of freshers' week, let alone the first term or first year. I suppose it's best to take it as it comes, especially as this is an academically challenging environment. If any of this seems quite daunting, don't feel afraid to reach out for help – the college has a variety of support networks, whether it be new friends, your college parent, or the JCR to name a few.

For now, chill out and get some rest before getting stuck into a brilliant new year!

Havana Coyne (College Parents & Freshers' Fair)

Hello! I'm Havana, a second year Earth Sciences student and I'm from London. Other than loving my subject down to its very core (apologies, no more geology puns I swear), I can be

found on my way to the Bullingdon (music venue) for music events because it is miles above the cheesy but reliable mainstream clubs Oxford has to offer, which I unashamedly enjoy also. I love music and play casually in the Uni Ceilidh band, but also please talk to me about house and garage! Some highlights of first year were college rowing, the Exeter Ball, and most of all the absolutely life changing friendships made here. Ice Hockey was a highlight - having never even tried it before only to find so many Exeter students absolutely going for it at cuppers/casual beginners' games was top tier! My advice for freshers' week: don't put pressure on yourself in any way, but to absolutely go for it with the things you'll enjoy. Exeter is genuinely such a friendly, chill college and being open to mates from different backgrounds and walks of life makes it an interesting experience to come here. If you have any questions or want some advice I will be about to chat to - don't hesitate to drop me an email :] My last advice would be to enjoy your time here as much as you can. Oxford and Exeter college specifically is a beautiful place unlike the rest, and remember you deserve to be here!



Freddie Crichton-Miller (Blue Book & Stash)

Hey! I'm Freddie (he/him), a second year English student and, ironically, the one to blame for the typos in this book. There are so many things to do and so many friends to make, but first, now you're here, take a breath. Welcome to Exeter and well done for getting here! There are so many clubs to join (I say give rowing and drama a try) but you'll see soon enough at the Freshers' Fair just how many things you are allowed to (and should!) do while still being a complete novice.



I'm normally found procrastinating, by lurking in the JCR or escorting my friends to Pret, so I will always be up for a chat if you see me round college! For me, Freshers' Week was a blur of names and having to admit 'I do English' a million times, so there's no pressure to find yourself completely comfortable straight away. I started rowing in my second term, and now it's something I love – give yourself time to settle in, there's no rush.

We'll do everything we can as feps to make you feel welcome, but the college is honestly lovely and welcoming, so I'm sure everything will go just fine. Feel free to drop me a message on Instagram (@freddiecrichton) or Facebook (Freddie Crichton-Miller) or here +07928270786. Otherwise, I'll see you in October!

Subject Reps

Subject Reps are current undergraduates at Exeter who are available to answer questions about your specific course, including (but not limited to!) vacation work, classes, tutorial, essays, and problem sheets. They will also be taking you to any faculty building or library tours during Freshers' Week, but in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact any of them with any queries. Remember: they were also freshers last year, so don't feel silly for asking them lots of questions! This place is designed so that students pass on advice and information each year—please make

use of that opportunity! Subject Reps are particularly pertinent for those very few of you whose College parent doesn't study your subject.

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College Parents

As you may or may not be aware, all Colleges at Oxford have a family system, whereby freshers are adopted by a second year who (most of the time) does their subject. The idea is that your parent can keep an eye out and help you find your way through the first year as well as the Subject Reps above: they'll be there to answer any questions or concerns you have during your first week and throughout the degree. College families are compacted by College marriages, which usually happen in or around Freshers' Week, so you'll enter into a long line of Exonians dating back years.

You will have been sent the name and email address of your college parent. You should **contact them** through email or Facebook messenger (whichever is easier for you) **as soon as possible**, if you haven't already. That way they can begin to support you and get thinking about how to welcome you into the family and the College as early as possible! They'll probably invite you out for a drink/meal/coffee during Freshers' Week, so keep your eyes peeled for that! And definitely feel free to ask them just about every question you can think of: they are there to guide you through first year.

Welfare

Hi I'm Misha (he/him) and I'm the male welfare rep this year! I'm a second year PPEist from Devon, and am part of the welfare team this year. The job of the welfare rep is severalfold. One part of it is to liaise with the College welfare team including the Welfare Dean, Welfare Officer and College Nurse, and the Junior Deans. These different titles can seem confusing and while details of these positions can be found later in this blue book, if you have any questions at all about who to go to for support or help, we'll be able to point you in the right direction.



Hi! I'm Olive (she/her) and I'm the female welfare rep this year. I'm a second year English student from London and am so excited to collaborate with Misha to make sure all of you have a brilliant first year! In addition to the

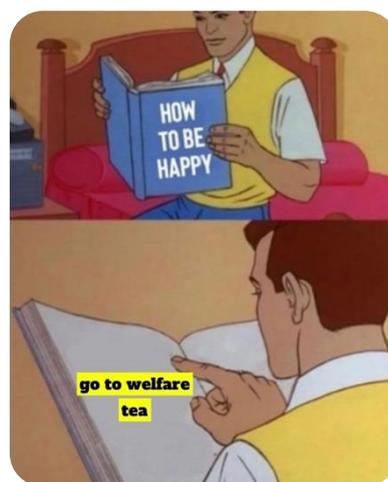


aspects Misha mentioned, we are also in charge of keeping the college well-stocked with welfare supplies - important things like emergency contraception, pregnancy tests, sanitary products and panic alarms- details of these will follow in due course! As welfare reps, our priority is ensuring safety and happiness for all members of college and one way we hope to do this is by making all information related to welfare increasingly accessible so every member of college can get help if they need it.

The signature role of the welfare rep however, and where you will likely see us most frequently, is the weekly Wednesday Welfare Tea! Here every undergrad will be able to come, enjoy free snacks, and socialise. We understand that the idea of so

many people from different years might be a daunting prospect which is why we are also going to aim to have chats with every fresher throughout Michaelmas so that both of us are constant familiar faces at these weekly meets. On a similar note, besides from the weekly welfare each term there will also be a dedicated week of welfare every term. As a part of combatting the fabled 'fifth week blues', we will be putting on a week of dedicated welfare events- previous years have even seen alpacas in college so stay tuned.

The other side of the welfare rep is to be a constant ear for you to air any worries or concerns to. At any time, feel free to drop us a message on Facebook, email or text (details below) to organise a chat- but we will also have weekly hours where we will be available physically in college for impromptu chats. We're here to do whatever we can to help you, and get you the support you need to have the best first year possible.



As well as us, there's also a network of Peer Supporters who will be on duty and ready to talk. Ourselves and the peer supporters have been trained to be able to offer support to anyone who may need it. Loneliness, stress, homesickness, relationship drama, anything a year at uni may throw at you, the Peer Supporters are here and eager to talk no matter the time of day. No

problem is too small to drop a message or have a chat about, with a strict confidentiality rule in place at all times.

Stay safe and have a fantastic Freshers' Week!
Welfare love,

Olive & Misha

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Olive (she/her)
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Entertainments (Entz)



Hello! We're your entz reps for this year and we're super excited to welcome all the freshers to the exon family :) We were lucky enough that our first year was relatively Covid free and we've had plenty of time to learn the best ways to have fun in Oxford - knowledge we fully intend to pass on. The summer has been spent planning some great bop themes and club nights for you to enjoy, but if that's not your thing, don't worry, as we've also got plenty of daytime activities, live music nights, and sober events for you to look forward to. Either way there's sure to be something for you, and we'll be taking suggestions and ideas throughout to make sure you have the best first year possible.

The sharp ones among you may already have noticed an interesting imbalance in our numbers. After last year's elections ended in an unfortunate *ronning* (dark times, we won't go into it), the role of entz is not as hotly contested as it once was. I won't use the word desperate, because it's not gone quite that far yet, but it's safe to say we're very keen to fill all four entz positions and pretend that we didn't run unelected so the JCR can maintain its tenuous claim to democracy. As such, if any of you bright young things have a desire to get more involved, please do. Literally anyone is better than our only current alternative, Freddie CM, who went mad putting together this book for you, and we dare not give him any more responsibility lest he totally lose his remaining shred of sanity. Without further ado we'll introduce this year's entz reps - as written by each other.

Sonya Luchanskaya

Exeter's very own young Slav. Her skills at the decks make her arguably the most qualified entz rep on the team - rest assured if you didn't already know about her passion for the art of mixing then you soon will, as she has the uncanny ability to bring it up at least 4 times in any conversation. Her commitment to the craft has taken her far, through Oxford and all the way across the Val Thorens varsity accommodation in fact.

Sonya can be witnessed in her natural habitat of the Bully at any edgy techno event, but be careful not to chat for too long or she'll start desperately trying to show you her Spotify (43 followers at last count - but she's got high hopes of future internet fame). While her intimidating height, clothes, eyeliner and, well, everything, really



might make her seem scary, the knowledge that she plays the recorder might do a lot to dispel any false impression of coolness. Feel free to say hi if you want to bond over anything from internal duct flutes to Latvian EDM.

Abi Harper

Abi, or Abigail, should you wish to face her deceptively sizeable wrath, is a fantastic and complex character. She is most recognisable as the gremlin who, if not set out to your sunglasses on the Atik dance floor, is menacing the centre stage in an attempt to get the DJ to play the musical masterpiece best known as Earthquake by Labyrinth. You can most often find Abi knocking about college (whether that's the marquee, fellows garden, or JCR) - really anywhere but the library working on her degree. But you know what, that's what makes her a fantastic entz rep. Expect lights. Expect drama. Expect swaggy BOP themes. Expect Earthquake by Labyrinth (in case I didn't already make that one clear). After going a bit too hard in first year (nota bene silly freshers, and learn from her mistakes) Abi is planning some great sober events for this year, such as mario kart, board games, and quiz nights. Nonetheless once she recovers her trainwreck of an academic situation (seriously freshers, have fun but please don't skip your collections) we look forward to seeing her back on form and bopping the night away.



Libby Cowan

Last but not least our third and final entz rep is the lovely Libby. Bad at reaching cupboards, but great at going through low door frames, we suggest anyone trying to spot her lower their eye-line to where they would expect a small child to be. Despite her diminutive height she brings plenty to the table, particularly in the costume department. She started strong in freshers' week, attending the bop as a shark, although we've been assured this is not a statement of character. Perhaps her finest moment so far was a basketball ensemble that didn't quite survive the rigours of the night – it was nonetheless a superb effort. Alternatively, if (or more likely when), biomed finally pushes her over the edge she could have a highly successful career as a John Legend impersonator. Beyond her incredible ability to use the word 'vibes' in every single sentence, Libby has big plans for her time as entz, from bouncy castles to college wide games of assassin and she'd love to hear more ideas for events from you throughout the year.



LGBTQ+

Hello! I'm Jess (she/her), I'm your LGBTQ+ rep. I can be found in the English Faculty Library, or more likely in the covered market pasta place. I would love to welcome you to the queer and questioning family at Exeter college!

There is a huge LGBTQ+ community to involve yourself in in Oxford, like the Uni wide society, which provides a good laugh and an assortment of alcoholic and no alcoholic drinks every week on 'tuesGAYs'; as well as connecting you with people you may not know through smaller groups like QPOC (Queer People of Colour), the trans group, the disability group, and many, many more. There are local organisations that aren't connected to University of Oxford either, like Oxford Pride. I wholeheartedly encourage you to get involved in all of those, but my real job is to provide a cosy, close knit, and small-scale version of that community here in Exeter College. Exeter will be hosting a range of events over the year- from the tipsy (making friends with strangers in the bathroom at Plush, the gay club in Oxford) to the teetotal (making enemies playing monopoly in the JCR); and hopefully inviting some interesting and diverse speakers to a killer formal dinner. FYI: you do not need a stamped and validated ID card to come to LGBTQ+ events. We would love to see you if you're figuring out your identity, or simply there to support your friends and fellow exons. If you're keen to stay in the loop about what's coming up in college and beyond, you can join the private Facebook group 'LGBTQ+ @ Exeter College'.



In a welfare capacity, I'm happy to give a friendly face, listening ear, shoulder to cry on, or words of advice. You may choose to turn to multiple members of the JCR for additional support, or to be more fully understood when it comes to an intersectional issue. But otherwise, any conversation you have with me about your welfare is confidential. The LGBTQ+ rep position also exists to make sure your rights to present and express your gender and sexuality are defended and total. I can help you to speak to members of staff in college, or speak on your behalf, if you have concerns about this; and I will also be showing you how to get involved in campaigns, protests, etc around Oxford. A final note - excitingly, a gender expression fund has been in place since last year, thanks to my predecessors Sara & Sarita, so students who want binders, packers, etc can get those for free – just drop me a message.

I'm excited to meet you all very soon! Masses of love from Jess :)

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Women

Hey Freshers! I'm Electra (she/her) the Womxn's Rep for 2022/23. I'm a 3rd year Economics and Management student (I promise I'm much nicer than my subject would suggest...) and from Perth, Australia.

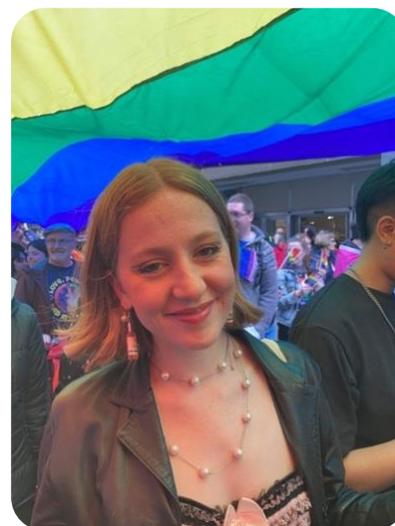
First and foremost, a huge congratulations for making it to Oxford! Whilst it's an amazing opportunity and a very exciting time of your life, moving to university for the first time can be incredibly overwhelming. For female and gender non-conforming students, the extra addition of women's issues into the mix can make things even more difficult. But fear not -that's exactly what I'm here to help you with!

In my role as womxn's rep (*womxn = a term used in intersectional feminism to be inclusive of gender non-conforming people*), I provide support and welfare not only for female identifying students, but any students who may be facing womxn's issues. These include but are not limited to people with a uterus, trans women, non-binary people, and a whole range of other gender identities! Not identifying as female does not diminish the importance of your experience with women's issues, or your place as a valued member in the community. My goal for this year is to make Exeter's Womxn's community an inclusive, supportive and comfortable space for *everyone*, no matter your background or identity.

So much of feminist rhetoric is centred around a white, middle-class, cis-het spotlight that dominates and silences the unique needs of intersectional womxn. So many women's issues are compounded by other issues such as class, racism or sexual identity, which can make already difficult issues even more complex. As your rep, I will try to emphasise the importance of acknowledging intersectionality and will work closely with other identity and equalities reps to ensure you always have the option to talk to someone that can provide more specific support. Feminism is a space for *anyone* facing womxn's issues, so any idea of 'feminism' that does not encompass and protect intersectional womxn is not feminism at all.

There's a lot more I have to say, but for now I am so excited to get to know you all - hopefully through a welcome drinks early on so I can get to know more about you personally! I am always around to help you with anything – from serious issues to a friendly chat, please don't hesitate to contact me. I really have been through it all in terms of womxn's issues, so there truly, truly is no judgement at all. You can reach out with anything – womxn's issues or not! I am always here. My contact details are as follows:

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Class



Evan Burke

Hi, I'm Evan and I'm a third-year biochemist from Carmarthen, South Wales. My first week at Oxford was an odd one by normal standards given all of the Covid restrictions but even so it seemed to be an overwhelming social experience at times. I've found that class often plays into imposter syndrome, something that really impacted the start of my time here. I encourage you not to let this get in the way when meeting new people and trying new things. Oxford is full to the brim with opportunities, so I highly recommend you sign up to everything that even remotely interests you at the Freshers' Fair to meet people from a range of different colleges and explore.

The way class impacts each of us is a broad and nuanced issue here at Oxford and the class reps are here to help you in any way we can. Please do approach us with any problems that arise over the course of the year, no matter how small they might seem at the time. We will also be putting on events, so we have the chance to get to know and support each other here at Exeter.

Liv Clarke

Hello everyone! I'm Liv, a second year sole Spanish student from Manchester. Before starting my journey at Oxford, I was very anxious that I would not fit in and would struggle to make friends, however this was not the case. Freshers' Week was very challenging for me to begin with, as I was extremely nervous as to how others may perceive me – but, after meeting a few people, I realised just how different yet accommodating everyone is. There is no singular ideal Oxford student, everyone is different, and it is precisely these differences which makes Oxford such an interesting and amazing place. Within just a few weeks, I'd made so many friends whom I know will remain friends with for life and I could not imagine another university in which I would feel more comfortable being myself.



As part of my offer to study at the university I took part in Opportunity Oxford, which included an online academic course and a two week residential at the start of September. This experience massively helped me to adapt to Oxford life, allowing me to acquaint myself with the city

itself and meet a broad range of freshers from different colleges who were all studying different subjects. As class rep I hope to help anyone who is struggling to fit in in any way possible - I am easily contactable via Facebook messenger and always open to chat. Congratulations on your offer and a very warm welcome to Exeter College - you will love it!



Sophie Kitchen

Hello again! It's Sophie (she/her) and you may have seen me earlier as head frep. If not, I'm a second year biochemist from Cornwall, and cannot wait to meet you guys! Before starting last year, I had no idea what to expect, and to be honest, it was nothing like I ever could

have anticipated, in the best way. I love the social, friendly atmosphere of Exeter College, and have become friends with people I never would have met otherwise. Before coming to Oxford I never would have thought that my class could have impacted my uni experience, but in all honesty it has - it took me a long time to get used to the things others found normal - but that's okay!

As class reps it's our role to help you through this process, and make sure that there is a safe space that feels a lot more like home, as well as acting as a point of contact for any class-related issues you are facing. If there is absolutely anything that you need at any point during your time as a fresher, let us know! It can all seem very intimidating, but we are here to help, and despite any challenges you may face - it will not at all mean you won't have an incredible time here, you've earned this! The one thing I would say is to throw yourself into it 100%, lean into the Oxford lifestyle, and everything that comes with it!

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BAME

Hiya!! I'm Deborah (she/her), your BAME rep for 2022-23!!! This picture on the right shows me in traditional Yoruba Nigerian dress!

I'm absolutely pumped to be helping to represent the BAME community here at Exeter college. And though I know I know, I'm just one person! How can I represent all of BAME issues? That's where you come in! Exeter has the pleasure of being known as Oxford's 'friendliest college' and this is true especially for minority groups. The BAME community at Exeter are amazing at our ability to listen to others and empathise with their experiences. It's a community where we support and uplift each other, and you're definitely a part of that already.



That being said my role is to listen to you. Whatever grievances you have, even if it's not specifically BAME related (i.e., welfare, academics etc), you can talk to me, and I will ensure I do everything I can to make sure that you are heard in college. My job is to make sure that college is a safe space for BAME students. As college, as well as the university as a whole, becomes more diverse, there are so many more things that college has to consider when opening this space to protected minority groups. My aim is to make sure college always has its BAME students in mind when coming to these decisions. This could mean advocating for a permanent prayer room in college, or more halal or kosher food options in hall and formals, or even officially recognised religious holidays for formals! No matter is too small because no community is too small. If it's important to you, then it's important to us.

I know a lot of you freshers are probably nervous about what a place like Oxford is going to be like for you. A lot of you come from places where the buildings (and people) aren't old and crumbly. Rest assured the college do have in place racial sensitivity workshops that all freshers are required to attend. It's run by yours truly, and we take racial and ethnic discrimination

seriously here at Exeter. That being said I'm not guaranteeing you'll have the easiest rides, but we've worked hard to ensure that life as a BAME student in Exeter college, is no harder than life as a BAME student in any other university.

As for the most important part...the fun! I definitely want to utilise our very generous BAME budget this year, so I'm thinking JCR movie nights with pizza and snacks, a formal and who knows what else! Within college there are so many events and I'm sure our Entz team are set to make this year super fun and welcoming for you. In terms of wider university events, the college has hosted events from Mixed Heritage Society, African Caribbean Society, Islamic Society and many more! All these societies are incredibly welcome groups of individuals, and they are right on our doorstep here at Exeter, so do check them out if they're of any interest to you!

Remember that you deserve to be here. Sometimes the work might make you think otherwise but always remember that you worked super hard to be here and now that you are here, it's time to make Oxford yours for the taking! The face of Oxford doesn't have to be an old white man, the face of Oxford looks like you or me (and that's on periodt).

Hope to see you soon!

Love,
Deborah
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Tortoise Guardian

Hello! My name's Thea (she/her) and I'm a second year studying English. In between my incredibly busy degree schedule of three classes a week, I am also Exeter College's resident Tortoise Guardian. Sadly, I have no tortoise to care for and protect... yet. My job is to lobby the college any way I know how to allow us the reptilian welfare hero we so desperately need. I have a really good feeling about this year and am already preparing tactics with a professional political lobbyist in the US. Sometimes you have to be ruthless, and as your Tortoise Guardian, I'm more than willing to get the claws out for our rights.



In case any of you were wondering whether we actually need a tortoise (why would you but anyway,) I'll lay some facts down for you. People love tortoises, they provide so many welfare opportunities and if there's one thing this college loves, it's the word welfare. The right tortoise will also be able to win us the biggest Oxford sporting event of the year, the inter-collegiate tortoise race. Of course, as a welfare animal, our primary concern will always be the wellbeing of the tortoise and its Guardian(s), so no toxic coaching of tortoises will be happening under my watch. I really do think a tortoise will be a great thing for Exeter and of course any ideas about tortoise acquisition and welfare are always welcome.

My email is thea.edwards@exeter.ox.ac.uk so feel free to drop me a message for a chat, whether about tortoises or university nerves!

People: College Staff

Rector

Now beginning his ninth year at Exeter, Professor Sir Rick Trainor is our Rector. Though born and raised in the US, Sir Rick's career as an historian and academic leader has taken place in the UK. After leaving his post as Principal of King's College London seven years ago, he became the first male head of Exeter college in over twenty years. He'll give a speech welcoming you all to Exeter, and you will personally meet him in Freshers' Week when you sign the College Register.



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Sub-Rector

Dr Barnaby Taylor is in charge of discipline at Exeter, in addition to being a tutor in Classics. You'll see him in and around college (although hopefully not for the wrong reasons!).

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College Nurse

Helen Thornton is both our Welfare Officer and College Nurse. She has a room at the bottom of staircase 7 and can be found on several weekday mornings (see the college website for her specific hours and other information). In addition to Exeter, she also works at Wolfson college, but is always happy to answer any questions and see you if you send her an e-mail: welfare@exeter.ox.ac.uk or exeternurse@nhs.net



Welfare Dean

Professor Jim Grant has the overall responsibility for student welfare at Exeter. Further information on student welfare and a chance to ask any questions you may have will be available during Freshers' Week and beyond.

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Junior Deans

The Junior Deans deal with undergraduate discipline and welfare. Although they are the ones who would fine you for breaking the rules (make sure you get permission for those tea parties with more than six people attending!), they are always available if you need to discuss any personal or academic problems. The Junior Dean based in Turl Street will be in post at the start of term, with contact details provided in due course; Sandra Adele is the Junior Dean based in Cohen Quad (juniordean.sandra@exeter.ox.ac.uk); and Anjali Rawat is the Iffley Road Junior Dean based at

Exeter House (juniordean.anjali@exeter.ox.ac.uk). You should call the Porter's Lodge ([01865 279600](tel:01865279600)), and the Porter will put you in touch with the on-call Junior Dean. If the issue is less urgent, you can email them directly instead.

Chaplain



Andrew Allen is the college's Chaplain. His job is very ancient – the statutes of 1314 specify how there should be 12 scholars, a rector, and a chaplain. Despite its age, the chaplain's role has changed a lot, and now Andrew's main work is to help with the pastoral welfare of the College as well as to oversee the worship and religious life of the college. In Freshers' Week he'll give you an introduction on how to access support in college. Everyone is welcome to come and chat to him —please do not think you have to be religious to meet up with him. He's approachable and friendly, with a funny hybrid accent, and has a great supply of tea (see right) and comfort. His room is 9.8 (Staircase 9, Room 8), and you can just pop in or send him an e-mail or text if you want to see him.

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Academic Dean



Also known as the Senior Tutor, Dr Chris Ballinger is responsible for all academic matters. If you slack off too much, he will remind you of your responsibilities but you can also contact him with academic problems that you don't feel like talking to your tutor about. You will most likely meet him at your Rector's Collections (see glossary).

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Tutors

Your tutors are the people who teach you. They set you work, have tutorials with you, and generally oversee your academic journey from the beginning to the end of your degree. You'll meet them straight away in Freshers' Week and have classes and/or tutorials with them for the rest of term.

Undergraduate Adviser Panel

A panel of tutors (specifically, Teaching Fellows) in the College who do not (necessarily) teach you but whom you can talk to if anything is worrying you – academically or personally. The panel consists of six advisers whose names and e-mails are in the Green Guide (and on the college website).

Hall Staff

The people who serve the food in hall, set up for hall formals, and clear the tables. They work incredibly hard to make sure College is well-fed, so be sure to be polite when you pick up your food!



Scouts

They empty your bins once every day (except during the weekend) and clean your room once a week, where they wash the sink and Hoover the floor. They will empty your bins once a day and clean your room once a week.



Be nice and polite to your scouts – remember, they are not your servants! You might get a motherly scout who, in the case of one former student, tidied his room daily and woke him up with a cup of tea.

Porters

These friendly souls can usually be found in the Porters' Lodge and they're some of the first people you will meet when you arrive. They're always happy to point you in the right direction and answer college-based questions. It's worth keeping on their good side, just in case they have to open the door for you at 3 am.

College Cat

Walter was a lockdown kitten, born on 23 March 2020 - the date of the first "Stay at Home" order. He came to Exeter at 10 weeks old from a family that couldn't keep him any longer and grew up in Staircase 5 until he was big enough to start exploring the rest of College. He now lives in the Porter's Lodge. After the solitude of lockdown he was a little surprised to find 600 students sharing his home in Michaelmas 2021, but seems to have taken it in his stride, and is looking forward to meeting the new Freshers this Michaelmas. He can often be seen chilling in his cat tree in the Lodge. He is still a little shy but is becoming increasingly confident with time, and will often come up to students on the



quad for a belly rub. He is a very nosy cat, often disappearing into the hall, chapel and library when doors and windows are left ajar. He particularly likes the library - as the door is BodCard-operated he has learned to tailgate the students in and out.

You can follow Walter on Instagram: [@walter_the_exeter_cat](https://www.instagram.com/walter_the_exeter_cat)

The Junior Common Room (JCR)

What's the JCR?



When someone refers to the JCR (Junior Common Room), they can mean one of two things: the physical common room for students (located just off the Front Quad) or what is officially known as the Stapledon Society. This society is one of the constituent parts of the college, with the others being the MCR (the Middle Common Room, for postgraduates) and the SCR (the Senior Common Room, for tutors, Fellows, etc.). The JCR is used as shorthand for the undergraduate body we have at Exeter, of which you are about to become a member.

As a JCR we'll meet regularly during term time in the JCR room. The agendas for these meetings are determined by the students; any JCR member (i.e. any current undergraduate student) can raise issues, have their say, and vote on motions. The topics tend to relate to the wellbeing of the JCR as a student body; we care about what goes on around us and how we can create positive change for all of our members.

The JCR is run and represented by the JCR Executive who are elected by us (the student body). It is their job to represent your views to the College as well as to the Oxford SU (Oxford Student Union). Our JCR is structured into committees, some of which have a Vice President (VP) to chair their meetings (see below for details). The JCR representatives also sit on a number of various College committees, with the aim of getting us undergraduates' voices heard in discussions about the way college is run. They aim to protect your financial, academic, and pastoral interests on all fronts, while also dealing with your concerns and requests. Generally, this is not as difficult as it sounds, since the college authorities are normally sympathetic and receptive to our cause.

During your first term, there will be elections for a number of committee spots, one of which has to be filled by a first year. Being part of the JCR Exec is a great chance to get involved in college life outside of academic work, so do consider it! If you don't want to be directly involved, but still want to play a part in this democracy, come along to a JCR meeting, get in touch with the relevant JCR Exec member, or see the JCR president, Emily Rosindell.

The JCR Executive: Who's Who?

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Ball

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The JCR Executive: Some More Roles Explained

Most of the members of the JCR Exec have introductions featured in this Book but there isn't space for everyone, so most of the roles that haven't got their own intro have got a short summary here, to fully clue you up on how the JCR works:

Secretary (Omar Lecointe)

Omar's job mainly involves administrative tasks such as taking minutes, arranging meetings, and briefing us via weekly e-mails. The secretary is also in charge of organising (with the College) the room ballot in Michaelmas to sort out where everyone will live next year (see more under "Accommodation").

Environmental Affairs and Ethics (Chris Faulkner)

Anything concerning both college and the broad sweep of "Environment Affairs" is in Chris' domain. One of his responsibilities include recycling bins, and he works with college to promote environmentally friendly practices and awareness around college.

Catering Officer (Khusrau Islam)

Khusrau liaises with the catering department, providing a frequent dialogue on food, costs and service. Events this year have included special formal halls such as Diwali dinner, and some exciting new food options have entered the menu. He is also working to make sure all food preferences are catered for equally.

Treasurer (Arek Bielak)

Arek keeps track of the JCR's accounts to make sure we always have enough money for the important stuff like our Sky subscription, comfy beanbags in the JCR, and our newly purchased Wii.

Outreach and Communications (Muscab Mohamed)

Muscab is in charge of liaising with the Oxford SU (Oxford Student Union), which involves meetings with the university-wide committee. He is Exeter's voice on important university matters, organising student votes and representing our college.

Social Media Officer (Jasmine Kaur)

Jasmine is also in charge of Exeter JCR's Instagram page (@exeterjcr) and Twitter (@exeterjcr), both of which you should definitely go follow if you don't already!

Domestic and Accommodation (Jessica Burge)

Jessica interacts with college on matters of accommodation and is your point of contact, should anything go wrong with your room. If you want anything to be changed about the JCR kitchen, talk to her. She will also be on hand to help with second-year accommodation. In the past, the Domestic and Accommodation manager has sorted new beanbags and sofas for the JCR, making it an even nicer space to hang out in!

Charities and RAG (Raise and Give) (James Green)

James' job is to organise and promote charity events in college, which are always fun and memorable occasions. You will meet him in Freshers' Week where there will be plenty of opportunities to get involved with Exeter's charity work but feel free to contact him if you're already keen!

Mental Health and Disabilities (Emily Speake)

Emily is our disabilities and mental health officer who ensures that college is doing everything in its power to best support students with disabilities and mental health issues. It is a varying role covering aspects of welfare, policy, and innovation which helps shape the direction in which diversity and inclusion is promoted on a college-wide scale.

Academic Affairs (*tbc*)

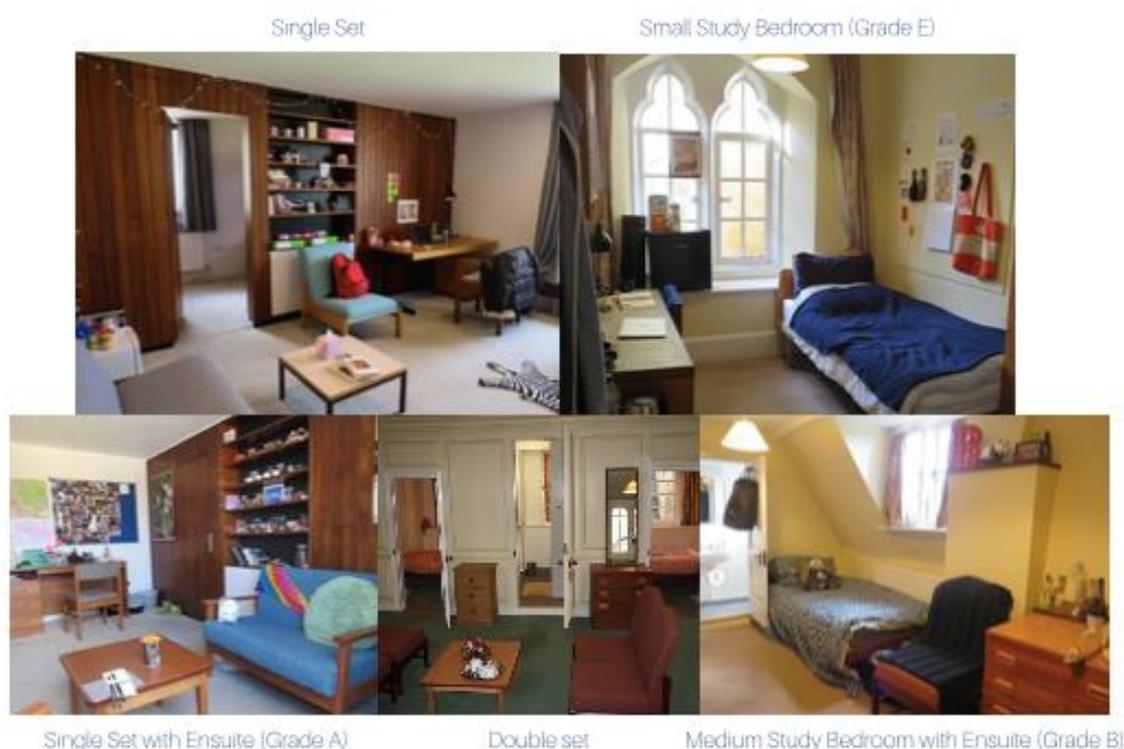
This role is your point of call if you have any Academic issues, acting as a go-between with the Admissions Officer and the Access and Outreach Officer as well as others in college.

Accommodation & Facilities

First Year

In first year, **you automatically get a room in college**, on the Turl Street site. This means all freshers will live in the same place, with everything and everyone truly on your doorstep. The rooms are arranged in staircases, numbered 1-15 (with staircases 1 and 4 being reserved for Fellows) and most freshers have rooms on staircase 9.

All rooms have basic furnishings: bed, desk and chair, chest of drawers, wardrobe, shelves and a sink. Some will also have a coffee table and extra chairs (this is especially the case in double sets). Rooms do not come with appliances (like a kettle or a mini fridge) so you'll have to invest in these yourself, I'm afraid.



Rooms vary in size, and the room you get in your first year depends largely on luck, as the single ensuite rooms (i.e. rooms with an adjoining bathroom) are highly coveted by finalists. You will have already received, and completed, a preference form for accommodation. Rooms are categorised by type and grade:

- Rooms are **graded from A-E**, A being the most expensive and E the least.
- **Study bedroom:** a standard bedroom, one big room with a desk and a bed.
- **Single sets:** these are rooms for one person, but they are split into multiple parts: a desk area and a bedroom area. Some may also be ensuite (i.e. have a bathroom with a toilet and a shower adjoining the room); these tend to be the highest grade (A).
- **Double sets:** these rooms are designed for two people, and if you choose to live in one of these you will need to fill out the questionnaire so that college can pair you up with the best possible match. These consist of two small bedrooms connected to a communal living area

and an ensuite bathroom shared between the two of you. These often become very sociable, depending on their location (and inhabitants).

Second Year & Beyond

At the end of Michaelmas, the housing ballot takes place, which starts the ball rolling on the room allocation process for the following academic year. It's at this point that the process of acquiring your second-year accommodation begins. Second years are split across a number of sites as follows.



Turl Street

The main college site where most of you will have lived in your first year. Each year, a few lucky second years end up back here, but mostly Turl Street is freshers and finalists.

Cohen Quad

College's third quadrangle, located on Walton Street next to Worcester College in Jericho, so it's a walking distance from the Turl Street site.

It's a beautiful new building equipped with a common room (with a ping pong table!), a café serving breakfast and lunch at reduced student prices, several meeting rooms (you may have tutorials/classes here) as well as student rooms. Definitely go check it out, even if you don't choose to live there!



College-owned Friendship Houses

On Iffley Road (220, 222, 224, 226) and Abingdon Road (100, 101). The houses share a big communal garden, and in which either 8 or 9 students can live depending on which house it is. These are equipped with a kitchen and living area, a few bathrooms and a room for each student. They are really fun, social spaces to live in and tend to be occupied by college second years. (Do be aware that these tend to be organised in 6th Week of Michaelmas)

Exeter House

On Iffley Road, Exeter House is Exeter-owned accommodation with its own common room, sense of community, and space for second years all the way to postgraduate students.

College Facilities

This will all be explained to you during Freshers' Week (and you'll pick it up quickly anyway), so don't be too worried about learning and remembering it all right away. This is simply meant to ease you in and set any worries to rest!

Bicycles

If you have a bike, we recommend bringing it (unless you're an international student!). Although Exeter is central, bikes come in handy – especially if you have to go all the way to St Hugh's College for a tutorial! If you play sports or row, you can drastically shave off the time it takes you to get to the river/pitches/courts/fields by biking. College provides bike racks (in the Bike Quad) where you can leave bikes both in and out of term time. If you fail to park your bike in the racks, it will be removed and impounded, so get into good habits from the start. You will also need to register your bike at the Lodge; in return they will put a college-crested sticker on your frame (a must-have accessory). Don't worry about doing this on day one, but get it done at some time during your first week. BRING A D-Lock too, as bike thieves operate in the city, and a helmet as well – the traffic and narrow bike lanes can be scary!



Electricity and Heat

These are included in your battels (bills that you pay for rent each term). Rooms generally seem warm enough with the radiators, but still remember to bring warm clothing for the cold weather and inevitable night time fire alarm (yes, that does happen!).

Laundry



The college laundry room is in the basement of Staircase 10. The cost last year was £1.60 per wash, while the dryers can be used for £1.20. This works with contactless payment! You need to buy/bring your own laundry detergent. College provides irons and ironing boards, which aren't used too often but you might be lucky and catch someone using them once in a while (and assume that they're probably about to attend a fancy event!)

Porters' Lodge

In the porters' lodge, you'll find your own personal pigeonhole, in which your post is always placed. To "pidge" work to your tutor or someone at another college, you can hand it in to the Porter (and they'll do the rest of the work for you). There is a porter in the Lodge 24 hours a day, with a first aid box, spare room keys, photocopying cards, the boathouse key, free light bulbs (should yours blow out) – they're lifesavers, essentially. There are notice boards in the Lodge detailing sports activities as well as upcoming drama and music events, and if you have questions or don't know where to go – ask the porters!



Computers

All rooms have wi-fi, so that you can easily work (or watch Netflix) in your room. But there is a computer room (the Balsdon Room) down the stairs at the foot of Staircase 9, with multiple computers (should you need it) and a printer (which you will most likely need). There is also a photocopier in the Balsdon Room as well as in the library and the lodge, although you will need to buy a cheap card from the Porter to use them. There will be more instructions on WiFi, printers, and other IT-related stuff in Freshers' Week, so don't worry too much about it now.



E-mail

The Oxford University e-mail service is Nexus Webmail, an internet-based service, which all undergrads, postgrads and tutors use. Everyone's e-mail will be: `firstname.surname@exeter.ox.ac.uk`. It is a college rule that you must check your e-mail daily – you'll miss something important otherwise! It is how your tutors communicate with you and thus vital for arranging meeting times and academic work. E-mail is the principal means the university and college will use to communicate with you.



JCR – Junior Common Room

The College lounge – the beating heart of Exeter. Impossible to sit here without seeing twenty people you know walk through. Home to daily papers, temperamental vending machines, a Wii, a TV with Sky and a DVD player. Important to keep it tidy. The scene of much fun and welfare tea.

GCR – General Common Room

This room is next to the JCR and has 4 computers as well as a printer. It happens to be one of the Frep's favourite room in college. Pictured on the right in good use by two undergrads. Working hard, or hardly working?



Kitchen

Just off the JCR, quite small but nonetheless useful. Make sure to wash up after yourself though – it can get quite messy otherwise.



Gym

Furnished with weights and other gym equipment, located at the bottom of staircase 11. You can only get the key from the Porter if you attend one of the induction sessions during the first term. Exeter students are also entitled to use the University Gym (Iffley Road Sports Centre) on Iffley Road, with much more gym equipment and a more professional vibe, as well as a swimming pool on site.



Music Room

A practice room down the stairs between the bike racks and staircase 14. The Porter holds the key, and you need to book ahead for a slot. Alternatively, go to the Music Room in Cohen Quad or the Music Faculty on St Aldate's and use one of their practice rooms if you want somewhere with natural light and a nice acoustic! You can ask Emma Little (our MAD rep) for more music advice!

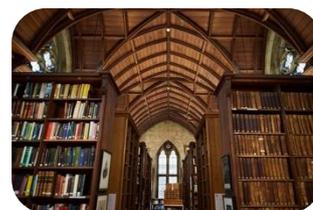
Chapel

You can't miss the Chapel when you are in the Front Quad. It's the college's third edition of the chapel and was built in 1859. Everyone is welcome to use the chapel – it's for the whole college community. There are daily services during Full Term (you'll get a term card in your pidge in 0th week), and everyone is welcome – even if you are not religious. The choir is one of the best in Oxford, so do come and listen sometime. The Chapel relies on members of the college to help it run, so if you'd like to have a go at reading or playing with fire (in the form of a thurible full of incense), please get in touch with the chaplain, Andrew.



Library

Throughout the academic year 2022–23, the College Library is being refurbished. A temporary library can be found in the Saskatchewan Theatre, with reading spaces provided around College. But don't worry – it'll look amazing once it reopens.



Fellows' Garden

A beautiful haven, complete with benches. The best view in Oxford! Home to croquet, sunbathing and picnics in the summer months. It is open to students from 9 am until 8 pm. Afternoons of Trinity term are decidedly dreamy here...

College Pitches

Exeter owns football, cricket and rugby pitches about a 10-minute cycle from college. You will be shown where they are in the introductory sessions in Freshers' Week. They are regularly flooded (and thus out of use in winter terms), so check with the porters before heading out. We also have squash courts, ask the porters for more information.

Boat House

Through Christ Church Meadow, next to the river, the one with the shiny red door. Useful for circuits, erg training, and rowing.



Bar

Officially known at the Undercroft, everyone calls it the Bar. You can use your BOD card to pay for drinks here (which are relatively cheap) and paninis – a great alternative to hall. The bar was renovated seven years ago and has been decorated since, so it's a nice place to hang out and chill, and you can play board games and pool if you want. It has 2 TV screens, a pool table, table football and a darts board, and is also the place where BOPS are held. (Get ready for the BOP on Saturday of Freshers' Week!)

Hall

Hall is where most of the food is. Highlights include weekend brunch, where you can get a full English or Continental breakfast. College provides breakfast, lunch and dinner (for prices see the FAQ page on p. 64). Breakfast (opens at 8 am) is usually in the Undercroft Bar, offering a good range of bacon/sausage/egg baps, cereal, pastries and hot drinks.



Lunch can be had either in the Bar (where soup, baguettes and panini are available) or in Hall (hot dishes from 12 pm). Dinner (from 5.30-7 pm in hall) is always a popular option. Second hall, known as formals (Wednesdays 7.15 pm and Sundays 7.30 pm) have to be booked in advance online. The Fellows eat at High Table (with posher food) so best behaviour! You pay for your normal meals on a pay-as-you-eat basis, using your BOD card – this is an electronic paying system. You can top up your card online (via Upay) or in the Bar/Lodge. You can also eat breakfast and lunch in the Dakota Café at Cohen Quad – it's for everyone, not just those living at Cohen! They serve great salads, baguettes, hot food, etc.

Check out the college website for more information!

What to bring to Oxford



Packing is a valuable skill that you'll be able to practice a lot during your time here; not only do you have to pack stuff from home to bring with you to Oxford, but you also need to unpack it all again to bring back with you when term ends. If you're an international student, you'll be able to use the limited storage space in college. While you should give some thought to what you bring to Oxford, you should remember that it's an actual city with various shops and not just a university. If you forget something, chances are that you can get it somewhere in town or online. If you're an international student, you should also read the "Packing" section in the 'International Freshers' Handbook', since some of the advice is more specific to moving from another country!

Clothes and Laundry

- **Underwear and socks:** the more you bring, the less often you'll have to do your laundry
- **Your favourite wardrobe:** uni is a place where you can express your own style but bear in mind that it will get cold during term – though it may be sunny when you arrive, Michaelmas finishes in December. A good coat, a raincoat (and/or umbrella), and shoes that don't dissolve in a puddle are essential!
- **Sports gear:** Tracksuits, thermals, workout clothes, trainers, etc. are a great idea to bring, but there are many shops in Oxford if you forget these. If you already plan on playing a sport which requires equipment (e.g. a gum shield or a racket), bring that with you too!
- **Fancy Dress:** All BOPs are fancy dress so you may want to bring along that bright blue wig or Halloween costume, just in case. However, as themes are only released a couple of days before, it's usually a Friday trip to Primark or Tiger.
- **Really fancy dress:** As in a dinner jacket for black tie or an evening dress. Those of you who wear dresses are advised to bring all the cocktail dresses you own, and maybe even a full length dress because Oxford is the perfect place to finally use them! The first black-tie event will be the Freshers' Drinks in your first week.
- **A dressing gown:** Essential for avoiding the inevitable awkward towel-slipping encounter on the way back from the shower.
- **Scarf and gloves:** Oxford can get VERY cold in Michaelmas and Hilary terms. Snow, if we're lucky (or unlucky)!
- **Laundry stuff:** Laundry basket (or you can just use a Tesco shopping bag), clothes horse, laundry detergent, sewing kit (and safety pins). To keep yourself looking presentable. Consider buying some of those colour catchers too!
- **2 sets of bedding:** College provides you with a duvet and two pillows, a mattress protector and two pillow protectors. The rest is up to you. It's a good idea to bring 2 sets of bedding because they need to be washed, contrary to popular belief. Some people also bring/invest in mattress toppers for a comfier sleep! All the beds are standard single size, with two pillows provided.
- **Towels and tea-towels:** They need be washed too, so it's a good idea to bring two.
- **Coat Hangers:** College will only provide you with five of them.



For your room



- **Kettle and mugs:** Necessary for fuelling your caffeine addiction and hosting tea parties.
- **Toaster:** and a metal tray to put it on as per College regulations.
- **Mini fridge:** You can survive without one, but it's definitely worth considering buying/bringing one if you think you'll use it. You will need permission from the Accommodation Manager (Mihaela Groza) but this can be done once you have arrived.
- **Speakers:** To listen to music with but if you want to make friends with the people in your corridor/staircase, it's not a good idea to blast loud music at 3 am.
- **Alarm Clock** (or just use your phone): Gets you to the labs and lectures on time if you're a Science student, or makes sure Humanities students don't miss dinner.
- **Desk Lamp:** All college rooms come equipped with one big lamp on the desk, but you can bring an additional one to go somewhere else, e.g. by your bed
- **Posters, photos, plants:** 8 weeks is quite a long time to spend in one room, so it's a good idea to decorate it and make it your own space, so you can feel more at home!

For your life

- **Laptop:** College does have a 24-hour computer room so this isn't strictly essential, but it will come in very handy throughout your degree!
- **Printer:** Not an essential, since the college has two which are easy to use; each student is given an individual allowance for printing, and it's easy to print wirelessly from your room and then go to collect it. But it can be useful if you don't fancy a last-minute sprint to the computer room right before a deadline or a class.
- **Stationery:** Can be bought here, but you will need pencils, pens, folders etc.
- **Planner:** You will be busy, so a diary is a good way to keep on top of what you need to do but you can also use online calendars – whatever works for you!
- **Mobile and charger:** Self-explanatory, you'd think, but there's always someone who needs their charger sent via the post!
- **Bike, light, lock, and helmet** (all recommended): Oxford is a busy city with congested roads, so stay safe – wear a helmet and don't drink and ride. Many people end up buying a helmet after a week or so, as they've had a near miss. Save yourself the trouble and just bring one along with your bike.
- **Musical Instrument:** For serenading/disturbing your neighbours. Check your tenancy agreement for whether you are allowed to play in your room.
- **Washing up liquid:** For cleaning your dishes in the sink. Also bring a sponge or cloth! But these can all be bought at the lovely two-floored Tesco around the corner.
- **Adapters and extension leads:** For extra outputs if you need them. **NB!** Do NOT get the cube ones, only the strip kind.



Information for International Freshers

Hi guys! I'm Tiana and I'm your International Rep this year! I'm from India and grew up in the Middle East, so coming to the UK was a massive culture shock. It's really easy to get overwhelmed with everything that needs to be taken care of when moving to a new country but there's an excellent support system available and you can always reach out!

Exeter also has quite a few international students, so you'll be far from the only one. Events run by societies and International Reps will give you more opportunity to connect with other students. We're all here to help and I can't wait to meet you!

If you have any questions, you can message me on Facebook or email me at tanvi.dhingra@exeter.ox.ac.uk



Basic admin

A good place to start is with the university's page of international freshers, which can be found [here](#). By the time you're reading this, you are most likely to have already sorted out your **visas** but just in case things got delayed, you can always go onto the [university visa webpage](#), [COVID-specific page](#) and the [government official website](#) for visa information.

Note: A word of advice to people who have not applied for visas yet and are from countries that require TB screening certificates for their visas, the appointments take quite long to get scheduled, so try and book it ahead of time, and take care to do it from the registered centres only! Check the government health check page for the relevant information.

You will not be able to collect your Freshers' pack (which contains your University/Bod card without which you cannot access college in the evening) without collecting your BRP, so try to get it as soon as you can! Information on BRP collection can be found [here](#).

Another important change to immigration rules for EU, EEA nationals and Switzerland nationals, you might need to apply for a visa and you can find the relevant information on the [student visa webpage](#). It is also good to note for anyone at all who needs to apply for a visa that it is no longer called a Tier 4 visa and is instead now called the [student route visa](#) (this does not have much change for you right now, but it essentially means that after you graduate, you can convert to a graduate route visa which allows you to stay in the UK for two years while looking for a job or further education opportunities.) For any other student information for those from the EU, EEA and Switzerland, you can go to the [EU student page](#).

Banking

Most banks let students set up their accounts online (Lloyds, Barclays, Santander, Nationwide, HSBC, NatWest are some of the common ones and all have branches very close to college site). Once you set it up online, you will be required to bring your proof of identity and proof of address in person to your chosen bank for verification. Your passport should suffice for proof of identity, and your enrolment certificate from your college is your proof of residence. You can find the certificate by logging onto your Student Self-Service and going into the My Student Record tab.

PLEASE ENSURE that the address you type in during your online account set-up is identical to the one on your enrolment certificate (I had to go to the bank twice just because mine had an extra line of address in it).

Taxes

You may be asked to fill in a form when you set up your bank account concerning your tax address. As you will be living in the UK for at least six months of every year, you are tax resident in the UK. Do remember this to avoid confusion!

Voting

As a student resident in the UK, you may (depending on where you are from) be eligible to vote in local or national elections or referenda. You'll receive information on how to do that in your Freshers' Packs.



Climate and Clothing

The UK is going to be very cold throughout Michaelmas and Hilary terms and if you are from a tropical country, and are not used to the cold, I would recommend you pack the warmest clothes you can find (a good warm coat, gloves, hat are a good place to start). For Hilary term, it might even be a good idea to pack an extra blanket, some sweaters and good thermals. You can definitely buy these things in Oxford anytime, but it is good to have a head start so that you don't have to worry about clothes straight away after arriving.



Appliances

Your room in college will have radiators and will usually be sufficiently heated in the winter months. The college staff is also happy to get you extra duvets and blankets if there are any available. It might be worth investing on a portable heater if you are super-sensitive to cold but it is not an essential. The college rooms get quite warm (especially if you live on the top floor), so it might be worth getting a portable fan in the summer months. Most students also invest on mini-fridges, kettles and toasters once here but those are best bought in Oxford.



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Health

If you are not vaccinated against meningitis and some other diseases listed [here](#), you should either try to get them in your home country before you arrive here, or if they are not available there, get in touch with your local GP or the college nurse to get an appointment for those vaccinations as soon as possible after arriving. If you

have any effective cold, headache, etc. remedies from your home country, it is worth bringing them along. Multivitamins are also quite a good thing to have and may be cheaper in your home country than in the UK.

Culture

First and foremost, don't be intimidated by either the British culture or Oxford traditions. Both are weird and ancient places, and an outsider's perspective makes all the more exciting to explore!

Secondly, do not hesitate to call anyone out on anything at all that you find insulting or insensitive. Most members in college will be glad to know if something has made you feel uncomfortable and will be willing to help solve any problems that might arise. You can also confidentially talk to any of the welfare reps, peer supporters, or me about any issues you encounter at any time.



Studying at Oxford

Work at university is harder than work at school but (hopefully) also more interesting. The most difficult aspect is managing your own time. Some subjects have more contact hours than others, but everyone will have to learn how to motivate themselves to do work while also allowing themselves to sometimes relax and do other things besides studying. Please don't worry about this. It will take a bit of time to settle into a rhythm, but trust that it will happen. Before you know it, you'll be into your own routine.



If you ever feel like it's getting too much, you can always talk to your tutor. They understand that this is all a new experience for you, and that you might need some help. Do not be afraid to ask for help when you need it.

If you don't feel comfortable talking to your tutor, there are plenty of other people you can go to, such as the welfare officer (Helen Thornton), a Junior Dean, the Chaplain (Andrew Allen), a Tutor from the Undergraduate Advisor Panel, or your College parent. The Welfare Reps and Peer Supporters (other Exeter students who are trained to support and guide you) can also help if you're not sure who to talk to first; they will point you in the right direction.

Teaching

Tutorials

Depending on your subject, you'll usually have one or two tutorials a week. Tutorials can be one-to-one with your tutor, but it's more likely that you will have a tutorial partner. In these tutorials, you will discuss the work that you have done in preparation for it, e.g., the essay you handed in the day before or going through a problem sheet. Although it can be intimidating to be at such close quarters with your tutor, remember that you are here to learn— you're definitely not expected to have all the answers in your first week (or ever, for that matter!). You should also remember that you are here for a reason, and that the tutors did not make a mistake in offering you a place. They knew what they were doing!



Classes

Classes usually refer to everyone doing your subject in your year in college being taught by your tutor at the same time. In some cases (especially for smaller subjects), the tutors will create joint classes with students (in your year, doing your subject) from another college. Classes are different depending on your tutor and your subject – they may take the form of a discussion in which you're encouraged to take part or a mini-lecture by your tutor from which you can absorb their wisdom. These may be a regular thing or happen every few weeks – either way, you will be told about them in advance by your tutor.

Lectures

At the beginning of every term, you will receive the university lecture list from your department. Some subjects (usually Sciences) have compulsory lectures but for others (usually Humanities), you are mainly free to go to the ones that interest and apply to you. Lectures can be great opportunity to hear world experts talk about their subject, and, as tempting as it is to sleep in, they can be incredibly useful.



Labs

If you are reading for a science degree, some of your timetabled teaching will be labs. Your hours per week will depend upon which science you are studying. In first year, these will not be too challenging, and most things will be explained if you don't understand them. To Humanities students, labs are mysterious things which seem to take up a lot of time.



Work

Essays

Most Humanities subjects will require one or two essays per week. The length of them will depend on your subject and your tutor, but aiming for around 2000 words is often a good benchmark. It's a good idea to plan your essays before you write them out, as it will keep you focused and, at the end of the day, actually save you time. Procrastination is the worst enemy, so start your essays as soon as you can in the week leading up to the deadline, especially since some essays require additional reading (e.g., criticism, theory, or just reading the book you're supposed to write the essay on... oops). Plagiarism is taken seriously, so make sure it's all your own work, and not just a cut and paste job from the internet. It's probably going to be difficult to motivate yourself to work with the deadline a week away, but you'll soon get used to it and you won't fall behind. Promise!

Vac Reading

Some subjects (mostly Humanities) set you some reading to do during the vacation, before you arrive. You might have already received or will soon receive a reading list from your tutor(s). The most important thing is not to panic. It's basically unheard of that anyone will arrive having read every single book on the entire list. Instead, focus on the texts that seem the most important (or longest) and aim to read those before you arrive. Your college parent should also be able to advise you on which texts to read first, so feel free to reach out to them!



Problem Sheets



For Science subjects, you'll probably be given weekly problem sheets to complete for your tutorials. As with the essays, it's better to get started on the problem sheets sooner rather than later. If you get stuck, don't panic! It might help to come back to the problem later or to talk it through with other people in your subject (without cheating!). Your college parent might also be able to help out. Again, remember that you are here to learn, and aren't expected to know all the answers straight away. You can use your textbooks to help teach yourself, but if you're facing a really difficult problem, talk about it with your tutor, and they'll help you. It's usually better to

admit that you don't know, and get taught how to do it, than trying to pretend you understand it perfectly and getting caught out.

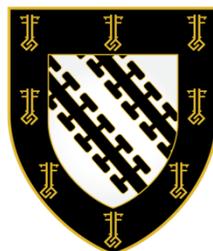
Examinations

Collections

These are the exams set by your tutors at the beginning of every term (except your first, don't worry!). Their main purpose is to confirm to your tutor that you have been working during the previous term and the vac, and to give you some practice before your Mods or Prelims (see below). Don't worry about them too much, but aiming to do well in them is no bad thing. You can even get collections prizes, which means book vouchers!

First Public Examinations

These are usually known as Mods or Prelims, depending on your subject, and are the names given to your first set of University exams. Lawyers do them at the end of their second term, and Classicists do them in the second term of their second year. Everyone else does them at the end of the third term in your first year. Scary as they may seem now, you will be well prepared by the time you reach them. They have been done many times before, and there's no reason you can't succeed in them too!



Sport

Amalgas Officer's Welcome

Hi everyone! I'm Manan and I'm the Amalgas officer for the college. Amalgas stands for 'Amalgamated Societies', which sounds all fancy, but really just means I oversee all things sporting here at Exeter. I may be biased but I do believe college sport can be one of the best parts of your time at university! Joining sports teams are a great way to get involved in college life and meet people from different years and other colleges! Especially at Oxford, sport can provide a much-needed break away from academics while also improving both your physical and mental health. The great thing about college sport is there is a huge range of abilities, meaning there is something for everyone. Whether you consider yourself sporty or not, I urge everyone to get involved! For those who want to play even more competitively, college teams can be a nice gateway into university sport which is a higher commitment.

For more information, make sure you attend the Freshers' fairs as sports teams will often have stalls there.



There are a range of sports teams, both unisex and mixed, already well established in college including football, rugby, cricket, rowing, netball, hockey, lacrosse, badminton, darts, rounders, and pool! The best thing is that all sports are run by students, so there is nothing stopping you from setting up your own club if you think something is missing! For example, last year, both table tennis and ultimate frisbee clubs were set up by 2nd year students. Annual cup competitions ('Cuppers') exist for most sports in which those who want to play more seriously and show their prowess can take part in, while league fixtures and friendlies often occur weekly for those who just want to have some fun.

Exeter College Boat Club is one of the most active teams with nearly fifty students involved including complete beginners and experienced rowers. There are three main races throughout the year, with one aimed purely at novices that is often very popular for freshers as rowing is such a unique experience! Our top football team also recently got promoted in the League and clinched 2nd place in the prestigious Hassan's Cup. Even those not involved often flock to these big sporting events and there is a real sense of college community – one of the big bonuses of sport at Exeter.

We have various sporting facilities including a gym at Turl Street that is excitingly being refurbished this year. The JCR also covers membership of the Iffley Road Sports Centre, which has various facilities including a more extensive gym, a sports hall, and a pool. A short cycle/20-minute walk away from college are our very own football and rugby pitches that become a cricket ground in the summer. Our boat house lies along the Isis, and we even have a joint squash court with Hertford.

Another highlight of the year is our annual sports day with our sister college at Cambridge – Emmanuel. This is always great fun, even if you do not end up playing any sport, with many using it as a break away from work to socialise in the sun! Definitely not something to miss out!

If you have any questions about sport in college, or at university in general, feel free to get in touch: email me at manan.pant@exeter.ox.ac.uk, message me on Facebook (Manan Pant), or even just say hi if you see me wandering around Turl Street. Well done on getting your place here, and hope to see many of you taking part in college sport in October!

Iffley Road Gym

In 2013, the JCR voted to affiliate to Iffley Road Sports Centre. This means that with the £7.50 charge on your battels, you have access to the gym and swimming pool all year round! The Iffley Road Sports Complex is the central focus for Oxford University Sport, and the Pulse Gym is equipped with a range of cardiovascular, resistance and free weight equipment, from rowing machines to cross trainers to treadmills. It also puts on various exercise classes, including aerobics and circuit training. Perfect for keeping fit and burning off any essay or problem sheet stress! The Iffley Road Sports Complex is about five minutes from Exeter College by bike. Go down the High Street and when you get to The Plain roundabout (just after Magdalen Bridge), go down Iffley Road (third exit) and it will be on your right after about 200 metres. You can find the latest updates on [the official university website](#).

As you can see from the photo on the right, it takes all sorts, regardless of ability or commitment.



Rowing



Rowing is Oxford's Biggest sport and ECBC (Exeter College Boat Club) offers anyone in college the chance to get involved. The main events of the year, Summer Eights and Torpids, held in Trinity and Hilary Terms respectively bringing thousands of supporters down to the riverbanks to watch the colleges battle it out in bumps racing. Bumps racing involves boats chasing each other in single file, with each crew attempting to catch and "bump" the boat in front without being caught by the boat behind. The order of boats is then continued on to the next year.

The majority of people who row for ECBC never rowed before university and so it's a great opportunity to start a new sport. Whether you want to give it your all and train to row at a high level or you want to get involved and make some friends we cater to both. It is your decision how much time you wish to put into it. Our top boats may train up to 6 times a week whereas the more novice boats may only go out a couple times a week. We have had two difficult years after floods in 2019-2020 and then Covid, but after a year spent rebuilding the men's and women's boats, we have high hopes for 2022-2023. So, if you get involved this year and put in your all you might quickly find yourselves in the first boats. We are looking to recruit as many new people as we can.

Importantly, we are also looking for new people to get involved with coxing. In a boat the cox is responsible for steering the boat, issuing commands and during a race, motivation. In bumps races

coxes can quite often 'win or lose' the race depending on the line they take. No prior experience is necessary.

We also have a great social side at the club with regular 'crewdates' with other colleges and termly black-tie boat club dinners involving some Scottish dancing to celebrate the term of rowing.

We hope to see and talk to as many of you as possible at the freshers' fair and get you all onto our mailings list and Facebook page. We also plan to run a freshers' BBQ at the boathouse and do taster sessions in a boat for as many people as we can. From there we will start doing regular novice outings after which novices will be combined into our men's and women's boats. Please drop us a message with any questions in the meantime.



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Women's Captain: Chloe Howgate – chloe.howgate@exeter.ox.ac.uk

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Club Instagram: [@exetercollegebc](https://www.instagram.com/exetercollegebc)

Women's Football



Sexville. It's where you want to be.

Sexville is the combination team of students at Somerville and students at Exeter. The atmosphere between the two colleges is electric and we just know this year will be a good one!

In the past, our team's incredible energy has often carried us to victory, winning one match 11-0!

Whether you're a complete beginner or have been playing for years, we need you to join us to destroy division two and make it to the top. We have matches and training once a week but there's no pressure to attend. Just come when you're free and keen!

If you want to exercise, meet new people on ridiculous crew dates and have loads of fun then join the Sexville women's football team. Sign up at the Freshers' Fair and join the Facebook group. Despite this competitive talk, it's really very chill and low pressure. The most important thing is messing around on the pitch and having fun. Can't wait to play some football with you in Michaelmas!

Captain: Sarah Hussan from Somerville, sarah.hussan@somerville.ox.ac.uk

Men's Football

Football, like anywhere in the UK, is a huge sport in Oxford, and at ECAFC we have three teams in the University leagues. We're a non-judgemental, fun way to either start playing football, or to

play in a competitive team. Cuppers is one of the highlights of the year for football - lots of people from college come to support you in the games, and getting to the final or winning it really is an honour!

The 1st Team at ECAFC plays at a good standard, but definitely don't let you put that off! Last year several of the freshers got involved, and there will always be a chance for you to show us what you're made of! 2nds football is a lot more relaxed; if you are available to play, you will always be picked and get some game time. Normally, the 2nds have a good laugh too, while also attempting (and often failing) to play a good attacking game of football!



The MCR team consists of both JCR and MCR members of the college, normally played on a Saturday morning. Games are played throughout the week, so there's always lots of chance to play footy around your work. Arguably one of the best parts about ECAFC is 'Footy Bevs' on a Thursday night. This is always a fun couple of hours, with no need to drink if you don't feel like it, and involves us players having a good laugh playing some games and discussing the previous weeks footy. Can't wait to see you all in Oxford in Michaelmas, hopefully playing lots of footy and enjoying the social aspects of the club too!

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Mixed Lacrosse



Working with Univ (the ultimate dream team), mixed lacrosse thrives at Exeter. Before the disease-which-shall-not-be-named, we reached the eventually unplayed league final (matches played throughout the year) and were runners up at cuppers (the day-long round robin inter-collegiate tournament in Trinity). It's only with your help that we can ensure future victories in both of these!! The basic requirement is no more than enthusiasm: we actively encourage complete beginners (it's a bit of a laugh at the end of the day) and it is very low commitment – about once a week. Looking forward to seeing you both on and off the pitch!

Captain: Jenny Claridge, jennifer.claridge@exeter.ox.ac.uk

Rugby



ECRFC (Exeter College Rugby Football Club) is an integral part of college life for its members both on and off the pitch. Often described as being an inclusive and progressive club, ECRFC welcomes players of all abilities, so do not hesitate to get involved and help carry on the traditions which have been passed on through the club for generations. For those of you who are unsure if you want to play college rugby or unsure if you have the ability to play college rugby, ECRFC will be starting in Division 4 (lowest division) due to a

change in the league system, so this will be an opportune time to get involved in college rugby. With weekly social events, ECRFC provides a great platform to meet like-minded people from all years in college and creates great camaraderie amongst the team. We hope to see you soon!

Captain: Vasco Faria, vasco.faria@exeter.ox.ac.uk

Netball

Rumour has it ECNC is the best up-and-coming team Exeter has to offer! We have very relaxed and fun training sessions once per week and play weekly matches too (weather permitting - this is the UK). You can come to all of them, or none of them, or somewhere in-between: it's really up to you! Recently, we have even levelled-up and ordered stash, so even if you can't play the game, you can definitely look the part. Everyone is welcome, whether you haven't played since year 9 compulsory PE or are basically Geva Mentor, we encourage you to come along. Find us at the college Freshers' Fair or message us before!



Captain: Rhi Procktor, Rhiannon.procktor@exeter.ox.ac.uk



Badminton

Badminton is a fun, social sport and welcome to everyone, regardless of your level! We have a fantastic blend of experienced players who play for the university team and people who are playing for the first time. Last term, we arranged a fun recreational session with Hertford college which we'll definitely do more this year. In terms of inter-collegiate competition, we won the league last term! (albeit the loser's strand, but that's a minor detail). Bring your racket if you have one (we have a few spares and provide shuttles) and look out for us at the Freshers' Fair in college!

Captain: Charlie Wallace, Charles.wallace@exeter.ox.ac.uk

Mixed Hockey

We've had varied levels of success over the last couple of years, but with your help and commitment, that can change! If you've never played hockey before or you're a seasoned veteran, ECHC welcomes you with open arms. It's a great way to meet new people from across college and to keep you fit. The only requirements are shin guards and a gum shield, Exeter has lots of spare sticks. Hope to see you soon!

Captain: Charlie Tindal, Charles.tindal@exeter.ox.ac.uk



Ice Hockey and ALTS

While colleges don't have their own ice hockey teams, there are 4 university teams for ice hockey, with skill levels ranging from 'I can skate forwards almost comfortably enough to simultaneously consider handling a puck' to 'the NHL wishes I didn't want a degree', along with everything in between. Impressively, all 4 teams regularly manage to lose to Cambridge at Varsity, but we have lost no hope, and with new talent will be ready to seek revenge next year.

Aside from standard ice hockey, however, there is an Oxford exclusive sport dubbed 'Alternative Ice Hockey' (ALTS), where everyone of all skating levels (including complete beginners) is welcome, and no equipment (not even skates) is required. ALTS is a no-commitment non-contact for-fun version of ice hockey, and acts as a great steppingstone to the real thing. Every year an intercollegiate competition is organised for ALTS in Hilary Term, attracting around 20 teams of 6 (Last time Exeter came 4th). The competition aside, ALTS does not necessitate anyone to arrive with college-exclusive teams, nor with any teams for that matter, and acts, among other things, as a social venue. All in all, with the ice rink less than 15 minutes away from Exeter College, both forms of ice hockey offer great opportunities to do some sport in the evenings.

Email manan.pant@exeter.ox.ac.uk for more information!

Darts

Darts is one of our most recent additions to college sport and was set up a year ago by two students who had barely touched a dart before. Despite our team's lack of experience, we consistently overcame the odds. With lots of practice, faith, and college support, we made it to the final in both Michaelmas and Hilary terms against some seriously tough opposition. In the first two terms, 23 different students represented Exeter in darts, so I'll say it again – college sport is truly for everyone!

Captain: Guy Nehushtan,
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Rounders

Rounders is one of Exon's strongest assets, with every team member bringing either skill or chat (both equally important) which has led us to win every game – even the one against ChCh, where they cheated and claimed they won. The crate of beers brought to the games showed how cool and good we are (#legends), and that we can win every game even if a little bit drunk (but drinking the beer is not compulsory in the slightest!). Guaranteed great laughs and fun – definitely play.

Captain: Matt Lister, matt.lister@exeter.ox.ac.uk

ECAPS

ECAPS (Exeter College Association of Pool and Snooker) had a highly successful first season.

Founded by a group of freshers in 2016, the team was not anticipating a great deal of success, however, driven by a core group of freshers,

ECAPS reached the semi-final of cuppers. Such was the extent of the success, that three ECAPS members took part in the pool and snooker varsity match. Since the pool table is in the bar, there is a great social side to ECAPS; it was typical that for a cuppers match, the bar would be packed out with forty spectators. We're not sure what will happen this year in terms of competitions, but we hope to see you in the bar and on the table soon! Keep your eyes peeled for any announcements on Facebook!

Email manan.pant@exeter.ox.ac.uk for more information!



Music, Arts, and Drama

MAD Rep's Welcome



I'm Emma (she/her) and I'm your MAD Rep this year! I have the super exciting job of organising all events associated with music, art and drama and can't wait to get started! As an English student, my interest in the arts comes with the brand, so I guess running for MAD Rep was kind of a predictable character move. I'm really passionate about anything arts related and so honoured to be able to carry on the 'MAD' legacy! Gianna, last year's MAD Rep, did such an incredible job, so I have a lot to live up to! Rest assured, you can expect to see a return of the live music nights, a college favourite, involving an open mic where you can sing until your heart's content — or simply watch and show your support! I'd also love to organise other events, such as karaoke in the bar,

college plays, as well as others that are more chill, including a wine and crafts night and landscape drawing in the Fellows' Garden.

Below I've put together a more in-depth list of the 'MAD-ness' you can expect from Exeter and Oxford more generally:

Music:

- Live music nights
- Collabs with Entz to bring you karaoke and open deck nights in the college bar
- The Exeter College choir provides you with the opportunity to sing in a mixed-voice choir within the stunning setting of the College Chapel
- Turl Street Orchestra - a non-auditioning orchestra, offering an informal environment to rehearse and perform
- There is a music practice room in college which can be booked via the porters' lodge. This space contains a keyboard, amps and drum kit which can be accessed via the steps located just outside the entrance to staircase 14. The college chapel and the practice room at the Cohen Quad both house grand pianos, which can be used upon obtaining permission
- There are also University-wide societies such as the Oxford University Music Society (OUMS) which organises ensembles and boasts two large symphony orchestras. Auditions for these groups are usually held at the end of Freshers' week.

Arts:

- Drink and draw - whether you know it or not, everyone is secretly an artist. Unleash your talent within the relaxed setting of drink and draw night (with the promise of alcoholic/non-alcoholic beverages obviously...)



- Drink and draw night may also potentially be extended to include other similar events, such as ‘wine and crafts’
- Landscape drawing in the Fellows’ Garden - a great opportunity to forget about academics for a while, whilst appreciating the beauty of college!
- JCR artwork - the JCR has an art store from which you can borrow art to spice up your room during the year
- The Ashmolean Museum puts on free after-hours events, as well as hosting lectures, workshops and exhibitions of artwork from the last century
- The Ruskin School of Art offers life drawing classes, exhibitions of current students’ work and collaborative art events throughout the year



Drama:

- Drama Cuppers - freshers have three weeks to create and perform a 30-minute play in the Burton Taylor Studio in Michaelmas. Cuppers is such an amazing way to get to know fellow like-minded freshers whilst maintaining some healthy competition with other colleges. As a part of Cuppers last year, I can vouch for how fun this was — also, we won a few awards and need someone to continue our legacy...
- I would love to potentially put on a Christmas panto, and/or create a drama company
- Sign up to the mailing lists for OUDS (Oxford University Dramatic Society) and TAFF (Oxford University Theatre, Technicians and Designers) at the Freshers’ Fair to hear more about the drama related opportunities available to you across the University.

TSAF (Turl Street Arts Festival):

- In Hilary Term, the Turl Street colleges (Exeter, Jesus and Lincoln!) come together to put on an arts festival. Events vary from year to year, but have been known to include craft workshops, life drawing and a Jazz Ball! There’s literally something for everyone and is an absolutely amazing way to get to know other people outside of college.



I’m so excited to hopefully bring you an array of artistic activities to get involved in this year! If you have any questions, or have any suggestions, feel free to email me (emma.little@exeter.ox.ac.uk) or message me on Facebook (Emma Little).

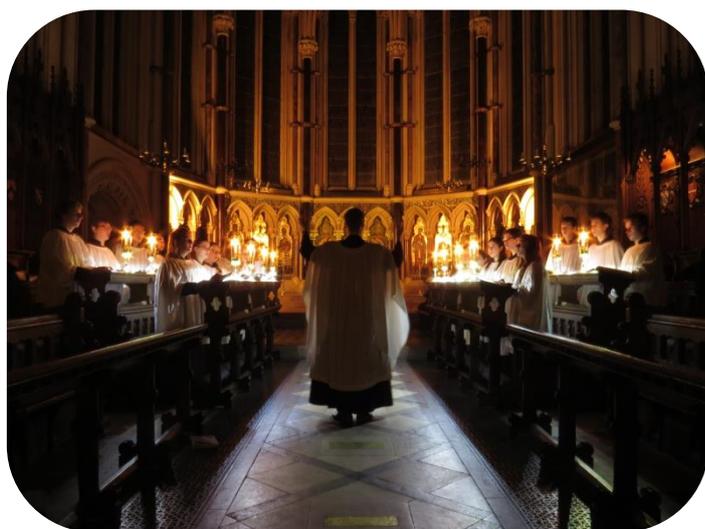
MAD love xxx

Exeter College Choir

Exeter College Chapel Choir consists of approximately 20 singers drawn from Exeter College and the wider University, and has vacancies for all voice parts from Michaelmas Term. Members of the Choir sing three services per week under the direction of the two student organ scholars, Christopher Holman, a third-year doctoral student reading Music, and Miles Swinden, a second-year undergraduate also reading Music. The weekly schedule includes services every Tuesday, Friday, and Sunday evenings throughout term with rehearsal prior to each, and a general rehearsal every Wednesday evening. Singers receive a small stipend, individual singing lessons throughout term, and dinners following every service (formal hall on Sundays, informal on weekdays).



One of the most special aspects of Exeter choir is that we're student-led, which makes us one of the friendliest and most supportive communities of all the Oxford college choirs. Yet we still work to a very high musical standard: highlights of this coming year include singing the Mozart Requiem with New Trinity Baroque, a CD recording of the choral works of Amy Beach, appearing as a guest ensemble at St Paul's Cathedral in London, and a two-week tour to the USA in September 2022 (including a performance with GRAMMY-nominated baroque ensemble Ars Lyrica Houston). Through these many opportunities, we explore the great breadth of choral repertoire, from early medieval music to newly-composed works, including at least one world premiere per term. We also organise plenty of fun social events throughout the academic year in Oxford. Being in the choir is a fantastic way to meet people from the wider university in all stages of their academic life, working in every discipline, and many of our members become lifelong friends.



We do not expect any amount of choral or singing experience, though due to the sheer amount of repertoire our schedule demands, some skill in sight reading is a necessity. If you have any questions or wish to schedule an audition, please email Christopher Holman at christopher.holman@music.ox.ac.uk. And if you don't have time to sing with the choir, please do visit the chapel and come to an evensong or organ recital at some point during your time in Oxford — it's a wonderful opportunity to take a break and hear wonderful music in an inspiring space. For more info, please visit www.exetercollegechoir.co.uk.

Other Societies

ExVac



ExVac is Exeter's very own charity which aims to take disadvantaged children from the Oxford area on a week-long holiday over the Easter vacation (hence the name!). We run two identical holidays in the vacation, entirely organised and run by our student leaders, giving about thirty children the break they truly deserve. The children we take with us don't always get a chance to go on holidays with their families, and often have a lot of challenges to deal with at home. ExVac hopes to give the kids a care-free experience where they get the chance to behave like children for a while: playing outside, making new friends and trying fun, new activities.

ExVac is able to continue running holidays every year thanks to a dedicated group of volunteers from all walks of student life at Exeter. As well as looking to external sources such as local churches, trusts and alumni, our fundraisers organise lots of events throughout the year within college itself – from bake



sales, Valentine's Day roses, and cocktails at Welfare Karaoke, to Pimm's bars at college sports events. Previous years have even raised money by making a charity naked calendar! No matter what you're interested in, there will be an ExVac event to suit you, so please do consider getting involved in our team. The charity plays a huge role in college social life, as well as being one of the causes supported by our JCR.

We're always looking for people to get involved with our events, help us fundraise and most importantly get involved with the holidays themselves. There will be a presentation during Freshers' Week where you can hear more about what ExVac does, and applications for Holiday Leaders will open later in Michaelmas, so please look out for those! We're excited to meet you!



ExVac love xx

P.S. If you have any queries please contact the current President, Carla Handford at carla.handford@exeter.ox.ac.uk

Christian Union

Hey Freshers!

We're Amy (2nd year English) and Tom (2nd year PPE) and this year we'll be repping Exeter Christian Union. We're part of a wider group called Oxford Intercollegiate Christian Union, or OICCU for short (sorry for the clunky acronym!) which is open to Christians from all cultural and denominational backgrounds, as well as anyone who is curious or asking questions about life and faith.



Not to be too cheesy, but we genuinely believe life with Jesus is the best it gets and we want to share this good news. Every other week we'll be holding Bible studies- usually over a meal- along with prayer sessions and events (usually with free food). We meet as a wider CU on alternate weeks, and there are many events running throughout the week, from working with homeless individuals to theological events with external speakers.

Exeter is known for its friendly nature, and we want to be a positive, inclusive space within college. We don't want to practice conditional love. Every voice is welcomed!

Add us on Facebook, and message or email if you want to ask questions or just have a biscuit and a friendly chat, no matter your background or whether you identify as religious or not. If you're not religious, but would be interested in chatting or asking for non-pressured prayer then do reach out!

Love, Tom and Amy :)))

P.S. If you're a Fresher and reading this before 15/09/22 have a think about our pre-term residential trip called [Freshaway!](#) We both found this a great opportunity to meet other Christians across different colleges, and we met some of our best friends through this.

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Turl Street Homeless Action

Help the homeless! Turl Street Homeless Action (TSHA) is a Uni-wide organisation that goes out on nightly shifts to give food to homeless people. Giving out the food partly acts as a conversation starter, and TSHA volunteers enjoy getting to know the friendly and interesting people in our community who are so often ignored. We go out in groups of 2–4 people, typically meeting at Lincoln College at 7 pm to make sandwiches and then taking them around the city centre for an hour or two.

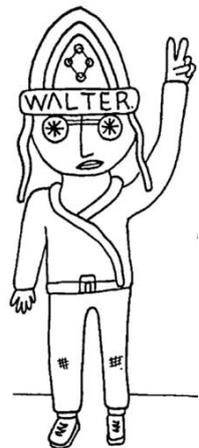


There is absolutely no commitment needed, simply sign up on the online rota for an evening that suits you and give it a go. Look out for the stalls at the Exeter and Student Union Freshers' Fair!

The Egg

Look no further than the Exeter Egg for your semi-regular fix of college gossip, news updates, vaguely thought-provoking articles, and questionable satire! This completely student-run, mostly termly publication is quite secretive, so no one really knows who is behind our collection of juicy tea (that's gossip if you're not with the slang btw), but it's a nice writing outlet if you're interested!

We post a pdf to the Exeter JCR FB page, so you'll still never be far from the finest pseudo-humour Exeter College's student body has to offer. Just don't be caught gossiping in the JCR or your news may well end up in the next edition of the Exeter Egg...



The Oxford Union

The Oxford Union is the largest and most recognised society in Oxford, not to be confused with the Oxford SU (the "official" University student union). Founded in 1823, the Oxford Union was formed by a group of students at the University of Oxford whose freedom of expression was severely restricted by the university authorities. Nowadays, the Union, though still preserving its reputation as a "last bastion of free speech", has moved on to become a central venue for some of the most famous celebrities in the world.

Throughout the term, the Oxford Union hosts a great number of speakers and organises weekly debates that all members are free to attend. Leaders in virtually every field have spoken at the Union, including former US Presidents Nixon and Reagan, Mother Theresa and the Dalai Lama. It was here that Malcolm X demand black empowerment "by any means necessary" in December of 1964.

Over the last few years, the Union has hosted over 100 speakers including:

- Film: Morgan Freeman, Kit Harington, Ed Westwick, and Sir Ian McKellen
- Music: Billy Joel, Nick Jonas, Scouting for Girls, Gerard Way, D'Banj, A\$AP Rocky
- Sport: Tony Hawk, Sepp Blatter, Brian Lara, Andrew Strauss, and Sol Campbell
- Politics: Jeremy Corbyn, Hamid Karzai, Malala Yousafzai, and Herman Van Rompuy
- Business: Eric Schmidt (Executive of Google), Jack Dorsey (Twitter) and Lord Alan Sugar
- Academics: Michael Sandel, John Nash Jr, Joseph Nye, and Derek Parfit



It is a great opportunity to meet interesting people, learn, and ask questions. If you ever wanted to ask Chuck Bass whether or not he is single, or ask Blatter whether he prefers Messi to Ronaldo, the Union is the place to be. There are also numerous opportunities to attend drinks and dinner receptions with guests. Union membership is expensive but also great for cheap drinks in the bar and useful because of its library, which has an excellent collection of books for both arts and sciences. They'll be at the University Freshers' Fair.

International Relations Society

Oxford International Relations Society is one of Oxford's most distinguished student societies. Lifetime membership for only £20 grants access to highly distinguished speakers every week, drawn from the world's leading practitioners and academics. Recent guests have included

statesman Lord (David) Owen, M. Levent Yilmaz, Chief Economist to President Erdogan and the Israeli UK Ambassador Mark Regev, not to mention other talks on Al-Qaeda in Yemen and the North Korean economy. Their upcoming term card promises equally stimulating talks on terrorist non-state actors in the Middle East, British diplomacy and Russian foreign policy. There are also opportunities to have dinner with their speakers before events. The society publishes a student-led termly journal 'Lighthouse' as well as podcasts, daily bulletins and blogs. IRSoc also leads trips to leading think-tanks Chatham House and IISS to connect Oxford students interested in a career in IR with the wider IR community. For more information, look out for them in the University Freshers' Fair or visit their Facebook, Twitter pages or <http://www.oxirsoc.com>.

Oxford Hub

The Oxford Hub is a great place for those of you who want to get to know more people outside of college through voluntary work. The Hub is known as the social hub for all the student-led groups in Oxford, ranging from those focusing on Human Rights and International Development to Environment and Sustainability and Social Enterprise. In addition, they were awarded the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service! There's always something going on in the Hub. It's located just above the Turl Street Kitchen, so the "it was far away and I was tired"-excuse doesn't apply to Exonians. You can drop by the Oxford Hub stall at the Freshers' Fair and check out their [website](#) for more.



Oxford Hub

Bringing people and organisations
together to build a better Oxford.

Nights In & Nights Out

College Entertainment (Entz)

College holds loads of great events over the course of the year: BOPs, open mic nights, themed second halls, Christmas dinner and end of term drinks to name but a few. We have a team of three Entz reps who have been hand-picked for their party skills and aptitude for fun (see previous Entz rep pages). We've got three elected already, and we'll elect another at a by-election in October.

Normally, Entz will sell tickets for club nights throughout the year and will try and shepherd us all to the best venue on the best night. They organise other events throughout the year, so you're sure to see a fair amount of them. Although you will have to do academic work at Oxford (no surprises there I'm afraid), there is still plenty of time to enjoy going out (though not clubs yet, unfortunately) and socialising, whether it's popping into the Bar or a pub in town. It's definitely possible to manage work well and get out during the week, as well as doing extra-curricular activities (more later). We are students, after all.



BOPs

A BOP is a fancy-dress party that would normally happen in college every couple of weeks (we aim to have three BOPs in Michaelmas, and two in Hilary). Dressing up makes BOPs a lot more fun, so please go all out on the costumes! Loads of Exonians of all years descend on the Bar, which will have been transformed into a party venue with BOP juice on tap. Themes are announced a few days in advance, giving you some time to shop for fun outfits and/or accessories! The music is provided by aspiring College DJs, so if you want to have a go behind the decks at some stage in your time at uni, this is the perfect place –everyone and all types of music are welcome! BOPs end at midnight, so some people head out to a club. With the BOP juice, great music, ridiculous outfits and blissfully short stagger to your room in college, BOPs always turn out great!



Clubbing

Clubbing at Oxford is something else. You might be coming to Oxford for its academic life rather than its world-famous clubbing reputation (or perhaps lack thereof), but there are still a lot of brilliant nights to be had. Don't be disheartened that you actually made your offer (congrats!) and didn't get to enjoy Leeds/Bristol/Manchester – there are still plenty of venues to suit your tastes in music and people. Entry to the following venues is generally £6 (though cheaper if early or with a wristband), and, for the most part, drinks are reasonably priced.

Bridge

'Bridge Thursday', for many, is a religion. Not just a club, but an institution – with its two main dancefloors and an extremely loosely-guarded VIP area, Bridge can be an attractive destination for



the Oxford clubber. On the top floor, you'll be hearing mainly electro dance club bangers whilst the bottom floor bangs out pop and R&B tunes, yet a lot of people go to Bridge just for the legendary smoking area alone. Some even venture into the connected bar Anuba (or now 'Spirit', but the rebrand is an unpopular one) for some reggae x house, mixed expertly by DJ Neil Leonard, which can also be used as a quick entry into bridge for those with FIXR tickets. Within Exeter, the consensus on Bridge is very much a divided one. Some swear by their weekly pilgrimage whereas others vehemently dislike the club given

that the cons of Bridge include massive queues if you arrive after 11 (not if you go via Anuba!) and the drinks are pricey. There is also an Oxford Brookes (the other uni in town which isn't Oxford uni) night every Monday. Bridge is on Hythe Bridge Street, about a 10 to 15-minute walk from college.

Park End (aka Atik)

What the third years and above call Park End and the second years know only as Atik is Oxford's only "superclub" (I don't know what that means either). It hosts the University's biggest student night every Wednesday during term time and is also a popular post-crewdate destination. The club has three dance floors – the Main Room (electronic music and dance anthems), the Urban Room (known as the R&B room, playing Hip Hop, Garage, Grime), and the Party Room (known as the 'cheese floor', playing tunes that bring you right back to the awkwardness of a pre-pubescent school disco like One Direction, the Pokémon theme song, or S-Club classics). It's difficult to find someone who calls Park End 'sh*t' and you can be safe in the fact that you'll always find Exxon company on the cheese floor. This glorious club is a 10-minute walk from college and not to be missed but you'll need to get there relatively early.



Plush

Oxford's premier LGBTQ+ venue and a firm favourite among the second years, running weekly LGBTQ+ nights, Plush could arguably be one of the best nights out in Oxford. Expect classic tunes, cheap drinks and its famous pole, acting as the centrepiece for the dance floor. It is open Tuesday through Saturday until 4 am. 'Skintier Fridays' and Haute Mess, a super fun drag night, are both popular, along with the Queerfest and Wadstock after-parties. Plush is potentially the closest club to Exeter, waiting for you down a memorably alluring set of stairs on Cornmarket St.

The Varsity Club

This cocktail lounge bar with roof terrace view over Oxford is not necessarily a club but it is an experience. The cocktails are delicious, there's a beautiful view, and it's definitely a place you should visit at least once in your Oxford lifetime. TVC is on the High Street, about 3 minutes from College.



O2 Academy

This is one of Oxford's concert venues. It's less popular with Oxford students as it is also around 25 minutes from the centre on Cowley Road. In its calendar, it has everything from regular bands

to drum n bass jungle events till 4am, so there might be something of interest to you. Keep in mind, though, that drinks are pretty expensive and possible queues as well as checks from bouncers on the door may take longer than your average club in central Oxford. Tickets can be purchased online or slightly cheaper from the box office if you're willing to make the trek. Note also that the O2 hosts an all-night event on May Day (as does the Bullingdon) which closes at 6am. The O2 and the Bullingdon are the only two venues you'd ever consider getting a taxi to, but the walk is still doable and refreshingly sobering on the way home (but never walk home alone at night!).

Bullingdon

The Bullingdon (aka 'The Bully') is located on Cowley Road, about a 25-minute walk from College. Potentially the *best venue* that Oxford has to offer, the Bully plays host to a multitude of fantastic



nights. "Simple" legitimately brings in some of the best techno and house currently playing and former nights such as SE10 and Organised Fun have flourished in the open spaced one room dance floor (the musical medicine nights, for more of a groove, are enjoyed by many!). Outside of the heavier techno/house genre, the Bullingdon is a lovely cocktail bar, hosting jazz nights and gigs too. However, much like the O2, the bar is pricey. (No affiliation with the Bullingdon Club you might be thinking of, don't worry!)

Glamorous

A brand-new venue in St. Clements. As an unknown factor in Oxford nightlife – having opened at the end of Trinity '22 – we're yet to reach a verdict on Glamorous.

Gone but not forgotten...

A number of legendary venues have closed their doors in the last two years or so due to COVID: most notably our beloved Fever found next to Tesco and the rogue happy hour destination of Cirkus on George Street. We'll have to wait and see if any new clubs fill in the gaps these closures have left in our city and in our hearts...

Bars

Frevd

This stone church has been revamped into a bar with the façade making you feel very grand indeed as you ascend the steps. Hosting anything from swing dance nights to Jive Hive, to just being a really lovely place to have a drink (or something to eat), this is a place that is really worth a look. It's in Jericho, close to college's Cohen Quad site but only a 15-minute walk from the Turl Street site. We'll be having our freshers' ball here in 2022, so you'll get a taste for it nice and early on!



Café Baba

A Moroccan-themed cocktail bar. Slightly unconventional, but a nice stop on your way to (or from) the O2 or the Bullingdon. Impossible to book, but once you're there it's worth the aggro.

The Oxo Bar

Right in the heart of the city, The Oxo Bar serves deliciously cheap cocktails and is on the way to both Atik and Bridge. I'm just saying...

Our College Bar, The Undercroft

This had to be included, and is pictured on the left. Great value for money, and always great company. Raised to extraordinary levels of homeliness by Oscar, our lovely bartender.



Pubs: Classic Spots

Turf Tavern

The food and drinks here are on the pricier end, but it's very cosy and truly a classic. You're bound to see someone you know.

The Kings Arms (KA)

Similar to the above. You will inevitably walk past it a lot, since it's located on the corner of Broad Street.

The White Horse

Opposite Exeter College on Broad Street, you'll find this pub to be cosy, welcoming, and everything you wouldn't expect for something squished between two walls of the Blackwell's bookshop.

Chequers

This classic has a lovely outside area and two different levels within the pub if you want to sit in a more secluded area. Try to spot the Exeter crest on the walls! It is found off the High Street.



The Bear

A more intimate pub, hidden away from crowds off the High Street. They also have a sheltered outside area with heaters, and there's live music every Tuesday.

The Four Candles

Ah, Wetherspoons. A trusted staple. If you can't get in here, you may want to endure the trek to the Swan and Castle past Westgate, Oxford's other Wetherspoonian (?) offering.

The Head of the River

Right by the boat houses, so it's perfect if you fancy a post-training pint. A few of us reunited last Trinity there can be seen above. Happy happy times.

The Jolly Farmers

Oxford's prime LGBTQ+ pub, the JF is a regular spot for LGBTQ+ socials and in general Exonians after a welcoming atmosphere for a drink

White Rabbit

Pub with honestly some of the best pizza the second years have tasted. Friendly bar staff, and an all-round supreme vibe. Not one to miss out on: just head to Tesco and go down Friar's Entry (the little alleyway to the side of Tesco). You also get a very unique view down into the fruit & veg aisle if you're into that sort of thing. I mean just look at that. Delish.



Pubs: Further Afield

The Rose and Crown

North Oxford. Truly worth the walk, with a gorgeous fairy lit beer garden. It's pink and it's aesthetic.

The Rusty Bicycle

East Oxford. Located right between the Stapes houses and 223, this cute little pub is an exon favourite. Check out the back garden to see some vamped up beach huts, most certainly very far from their natural habitat.



The Oxford Blue

Next to the Iffley Road Sports Centre. With 2 for 1 pizzas every Monday night, it's no wonder this place is a hit – especially amongst the sportier individuals (or if you live there I guess, the pizza is really good).

The Cape of Good Hope

At the Plain Roundabout. Close to the Iffley Road Sports Centre if you fancy a post-workout pint!

The Perch

If you're looking for refuge from the hectic inner city, this pub is the perfect spot. Cosy and intimate, it can be found by Port Meadow (also a great place for some head space and a nice 25 to 30-minute walk from college along the River Thames).

Jericho Tavern

Lovely setting for a drink or two near Cohen Quad: great beer, and a lovely patio garden with heaters for those early Hilary chills...

The Isis Farmhouse

Bit of a trek but boasts a colossal beer garden right on the Isis: ideal for a sunny sunset outing, if you ask us!

The Mad Hatter

East Oxford. Nestled right by the Iffley Road Sports Centre, this pub is Alice in Wonderland themed (as is the White Rabbit: we can't get enough of it here, clearly), serving cocktails to share in teapots, amongst other things. But most importantly, it is the home of the wonderful Jazz Night! In a non-corona world, Tuesday night is for JazzSoc where a special band plays for the first two hours, followed by an



open mic session, ending at 11 pm – the perfect time to move on to other things or to your sweet, sweet bed. You're bound to leave wishing you had more musical bones in your body.

Places to impress...

TVC (The Varsity Club)

Located right above the covered market, this three-floored bar is equipped with a gorgeous rooftop terrace overlooking Oxford.

The Lighthouse

When asking the bartender what they recommended from the extensive drinks menu here, they tend to ask 'What's your favourite spirit?' in return. In addition to having the longest drinks menu you might ever see, they serve some really delicious light food and have a pretty outdoors area over the river. It is right by both Bridge and Park End so you can head there straight after if you're feeling groovy.

Sandy's

If you're out to impress (and it's before that time in term where your bank balance is approaching negative numbers) definitely consider taking a special someone (or just #treatyoself) to this fairy-lit bar with live music. As well as serving some very fancy cocktails, Sandy's often gives you the opportunity to request songs from their live pianist.

Westgate (Top floor)

On the Westgate terrace there are all kinds of more upmarket restaurants and bars, including the Alchemist whose drinks really make us believe Harry Potter walked on Oxford land. Mowgli, a funky Indian restaurant, is great for all you budding influencers as it's absolutely rammed with purple flowers that look great on an Insta story.



Living in Oxford

Food & Drink

Top tip: being a student means DISCOUNTS! It's always worth asking whether a place has them or not. (If you choose to become a member of the Oxford Union, that also comes with additional discounts, so be sure to check that out too). It's also worth checking out the app "Too Good to Go" which helps combat food waste; selected restaurants in Oxford sell their leftover food at closing time to a much lower price, so it's kind of a mystery box that you order in advance via the app.

Being on Turl Street, we are right by the High street, Broad Street, the Covered Market and Westgate, which means we have all kinds of big chains on our doorstep, including: Franco Manca, Wagamama, Leon, McDonald's, Five Guys, KFC, Zizzi, GBK, Byron, Comptoir Libanais, Pret (there are two Prets on Cornmarket alone), Itsu and Wasabi (All sushi is half price 30 minutes before closing in both Itsu and Wasabi). All of these are less than a 5-minute walk from college. But if you are looking for something slightly more off the beaten track, here are some other suggestions:

Cafés

- **G&Ds** (St Aldates): They make their own ice cream and sorbets – an Oxford staple! They also sell delicious milkshakes, cakes, and bagels at good prices. Also located in Little Clarendon Street and Cowley Road. Open 'til midnight!
- **Missing Bean** (Turl Street): The closest coffee shop just down Turl Street is an Exeter favourite and you will see plenty of people carrying these coffee cups in Freshers' Week. Great valued coffee and they sell delicious sandwiches too. It's popular and usually packed all day!
- **Vaults and Garden** (Radcliffe Square): Located opposite the RadCam, underneath a church and equipped with garden seating, this café makes for the perfect study break. Some say they make the best scones here.
- **Society Café** (St Michaels Street): the loveliest café with every kind of tea you can think of. Great spot to meet others or work, just 2 minutes from college!
- **Taylor's** (various): there are a few dotted around Oxford, with two on the High Street alone. These serve everything from sweet treats, to baguettes, to DIY salads (and pasta if you're in the Covered Market – this one does discounts).
- **Prêt à Manger** (various): Everywhere you look in Oxford there's a Pret. Try Cornmarket Street and, more recently, Westgate.
- **Paul** (various): Paul is a lovely café that will make you feel like a true Parisian. There's one on the High Street and one in the Westgate. Be sure to ask for the 20% student discount!
- **Brown's Café** (Covered Market): The closest greasy spoon to college, therefore one of the best. Good deals.
- **Sofi de France** (Covered Market): a hidden gem of a brunch location. Staff are lovely and will be there for you if you're ever in a crisis.
- **Knoops** (Turl Street): Turns out I've been pronouncing it wrong all year, but this lovely cafe does the best chocolate milkshakes, chocolate smoothies, chocolate coffees, and hot chocolates I've ever had. If you're a fan of chocolate... need I say more?



Lunch Spots

- **Gloucester Green Market:** Food market open Wednesday through Saturday daytime, with foods from all over the world. Note that they tend to only take cash. Also on site are some stands selling vintage clothing and little gizmos so get ready to be distracted. Look at its beautiful canopy on the right...
- **Alpha Bar** (Covered Market): Every day they have a freshly made selection of hot meals and salad options (definitely not the boring kind!). They are also fantastically flexible, so for the indecisive amongst you, I recommend a hot dish with a half and half salad rather than the rice you automatically get with the hot dishes.
- **Najar's Place** (St Giles): Number one recommendation. Lebanese and Mediterranean wraps made on the spot here for takeaway. Falafel, halloumi, chicken – you can have anything you want.
- **Tortilla** (Cornmarket Street): The burritos are made in front of you with fillings of your choice. Highly recommended and an Exeter favourite.
- **Souvlaki Brothers** (Covered Market): For those of you who have never had one of these bad boys, a souvlaki consists of a pita bread enveloping freshly grilled meat (or halloumi), fries, paprika and some vegetables all smothered in tzatziki goodness. Also very customisable!
- **Sassi's Thai** (Covered Market): You really will not regret the trip, though it may put you in a mild food coma for a little while after. All your Thai curry and spring roll needs shall be beyond satisfied here.
- **G&Ds** (various): they have great filled bagels.
- **Dakota Café** at Cohen Quad: Seriously don't forget about our own gem – some of the best value for money in Oxford.
- **Alternative Tuck Shop** (Hollywell Street): Affectionately known amongst New College members as 'ATS', this place serves every kind of sandwich imaginable, from paninis to bagels and wraps – all customisable. They also have some sweet treats to get you through, and they now take card.
- **The Oxford Sandwich Company** (Covered Market): yum.
- **Morton's** (Broad Street, New Inn Hall Street): There are a few of these around Oxford, with good lunch deals.



Restaurants

- **Quod** (High Street): delicious food, but often busy/loud. Well worth a few visits, especially if your parents are paying.
- **Nosebag** (St Michael's Street): Truly a hidden gem in the centre of Oxford. Canteen style in setup, they serve hearty meals including lasagne, quiches, and a brilliant duck ragu pappardelle (sounds fancy but it's amazing value), which tend to include some side salad options, and have an extensive menu, as well as some of the best brownies.
- **Pierre Victoire** (Little Clarendon Street): reliably good French food in a romantic setting (wooden tables with a candle – can't get any classier than that). Mains are around £8 and starters begin at £3.
- **Edamame**: very small and very odd opening times but very worth-it Japanese food. On Hollywell Street just opposite New College. Sushi at lunch time and hot food in the evenings.

- **Tse Noodle:** delicious Chinese food on Ship Street – right next door to Exeter! It might take a bit of time to get your meal, since it’s a one-man operation, but the noodle soups are worth it.
- **Pizza Express** (off Cornmarket): 30% student discount, you know the drill.
- **Westgate:** Westgate itself hosts many cafes and restaurants, including Tommi’s burgers downstairs, an amazing Danish Bakery called Ole & Steen, and Pho. Check out their website for a truly extensive list.
- **Westgate’s top floor:** here are the slightly more upmarket restaurants, including Victors (great to go to with parents for a real treat). There’s also funky Pizza Pilgrims (perfect for when the queue at Franco Manca is too long) and The Breakfast Club.
- **George Street Social** (George Street, unsurprisingly): This place has a small but funky interior, equipped with board games if that’s something you like during your meals. More of a diner vibe, this place has a broad menu but much of it draws upon American classics.
- **Chiang Mai** (Just off High Street): Thai restaurant in an attractive building with delicious and varied food.
- **Branca** (Walton Street) a great option for Italian food. Set price lunch menu is good value. Having your parents pay is even better value.
- **Ollie’s Thai** (East Oxford): Excellent Thai food, but notoriously hard to get a table, so get on it early!

After Hours

- **Hassan’s** is the nearest kebab van to Exeter and therefore the best one in Oxford. Colleges get very attached to their kebab man and his van. Univ and Oriel reputedly almost went to war against each other over who “owned” Ahmed’s on the High Street. Hassan, our man with the van, resides on Broad Street. Cries of “Hass-aaan!” will soon become familiar to you and you will be eating from his van at some point during your first year. Here’s one of our Freps defending his beloved purchase from an attack; as you can see, the chaos has reduced him to a primal state. Horrific situation, really.
- **Ahmed’s** is another kebab van found on the High Street, but it’s not worth your time. Home is where Hassan is, famously.
- **Gloucester Green Pizza:** definitely don’t limit yourself to after-hours here. Pizza is made on the spot in this van, and trust me, always ALWAYS go for the large (don’t be fooled by the medium size drinks deal oh no).
- **Maccies:** for those late-night essay-crisis/post-Plush McFlurries



Supermarkets

Although Hall keeps you well fed, it's always a good idea to keep a supply of food and snacks in your room. The closest supermarkets are Tesco and Sainsbury's on Magdalen Street (just walk West down Broad Street, and when you reach the junction, you'll see them to your right).

First thing you should do is get a **Clubcard** for Tesco. It's lifechanging. The amount of money you'll save is so ridiculous it should be illegal.



Friendly Black Hottie
@MONROWE

Tesco cashier: That'll be £78.49

Me: I have a club card.

Tesco cashier: Why didn't you say so?! That's £2.85. In fact it's free. No in fact, we owe you money. Take the contents of the cash register.



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The Tesco on Magdalen St. is home to the famous Tescalator, which has such a following in town that it's got its own Facebook group of admirers. We thoroughly recommend you join for all Tescalator updates.

Theatre

Oxford is brilliant for theatre. There are numerous venues offering traditional and more original productions. They're always well-advertised, so all you have to do is to keep an open mind! The Oxford Playhouse holds mainly professional productions such as touring shows and comedy. The Burton Taylor Studio is smaller and home to more unusual plays, such as Drama Cuppers every Michaelmas and student productions throughout the year. The Old Fire Station holds good stuff during the year too.

Cinema

There are five main cinemas in Oxford. **The Odeon** on Magdalen Street West is the nearest and it's smaller than the Odeon on George Street. There are other cinemas further out. **The Phoenix** (part of the Picturehouse chain) is in Jericho and worth the walk: it's a two-screen joint, often has the more unusual films (including old and foreign language movies), and has a lovely bar. There's also the **Ultimate Picture Palace** on Cowley Road, which is Oxford's only independent cinema. Finally, there's the **Curzon** in Westgate, which is big and impressive, with lots of special options for those with disabilities (wheelchair-friendly seating, screenings for those hard of hearing, etc.). Whichever cinema you go to, remember your student card for discounts!

Shopping

As you have been told many times by this point, one of the best things about being at Exeter is its location. Being so central means that you will be less than a minute away from the **Covered Market**, a very popular attraction in Oxford. All sorts of food can be found in here, from the foodie delights of Ben's Cookies to the cute independent shops where you can find great presents for friends, family, or yourself. For the practical trips, **Cornmarket Street** is very close to Exeter and where you can find Boots, WHSmith's and Pret. For the pricey restaurant and shopping-sprees, check out **Westgate!**

Useful Information

The Other Colleges

Lincoln College

The third of the Turl Street colleges, Lincoln rarely precedes Exeter or Jesus in any meaningful sentence.

Jesus College

Located directly opposite Exeter on Turl Street, Jesus College is the Master to our Doctor, the Voldemort to our Harry Potter. Whilst Jesus Christ is not listed among former or current members, the Jesus College Office allegedly hold out an unnamed postgraduate position for him every year. Allegedly. But have you ever seen them win the league?

College rivalries [\[edit \]](#)

A tradition of the University is a [friendly rivalry between colleges](#). Often, two neighbouring colleges will be rivals, and each college will pride itself in its athletic victories over the other one. Examples include:

- [Jesus College and Exeter College](#)^[65]

Brasenose College

Not properly a Turl Street College, despite their sustained attempt to join the club. The Alma Mater of former Prime Minister David Cameron, Brasenose is our next-door neighbour on Radcliffe Square. Alumni of Brasenose are known as Brasenostrils. It seems we got away very lucky with our name, Exonians.

Balliol

Old (likes to think it's the oldest). Many secrets seem to linger behind those big, big walls but sadly, unlike Trinity, we cannot spy on them from Marge quad rooms. One secret is out though – Boris went there.

Christ Church College

Big and scary. They actually make tourists pay to go in there. Beware of the bowler hat porters roaming around. You'll probably meet one of them who insists on saying they attend 'The Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral Church of Christ in Oxford of the Foundation of King Henry the Eighth'. Yep, exactly.

Corpus Christi College

Teeny weeny, rather wholesome vibes – all rounded off with a greenhouse. They also host the famed annual tortoise race (which we unfortunately haven't been able to take part in for some time...)

Harris Manchester College

They only accept students above the age of 21 (aka “mature students”).

Hertford College

Allegedly, Hertford stands on Exeter College's original site. It's nearby, I'm sure you'll run into some Hertford students before long.

Keble College

The one that looks like a big BIG (it's a BIG college) lasagne. Bit of a marmite one – you love it or you hate it (the building I mean).

Lady Margaret Hall (LMH)

Political and that. Got their own punts. Cool.

Magdalen College

They have a deer park (!!) in the college! Its grand buildings will look down on you every time you go to the Iffley Road Sports Centre. They also exploit tourists for cash.

Mansfield College

You'll walk past Mansfield a lot if you're a scientist or like to branch out with your libraries. Leading the way on State School admissions.

Merton College

Known for being on the quirkiest (sometimes more ambitious) side but I've been reassured that the people are good'uns – by a Merton student. This college is however totally underrated among non-Merton students – check out their lush grounds and you'll see what I mean. Reputedly 'where fun goes to die' but we can neither confirm nor deny...

New College

Founded in 1379, New College can only really be called “New” with any sincerity by older and superior colleges (i.e. Exeter). It is in fact 65 years younger than Exeter (founded 1314).



Oriel College

The rowers.

Pembroke College

They row too? Nobody seems to know where it is. Our sibling college.

The Queen's College

Very pretty but you don't tend to see many students walking around – maybe the freaky statue at the front scares them off? Also, why do they insist on having 'the' before their name. All a bit much, if you ask me.

Regent's Park College

Extremely small, but fun.

St Anne's

So far away it's basically Hugh's. They had an Ann Summers-themed bop last year with Somerville – points for creativity.

St Benet's Hall (1897-2022)

Despite the closure of St Benet's Hall, they deserve a mention as their students have been absorbed into new colleges or halls around the university – so you'll see them around, in very limited-edition merchandise.

St Catherine's College (Catz)

Perhaps a slightly edgier crowd, with the original building as a backdrop for whatever goes on way out there.

St Edmund (Teddy) Hall

Rugby boys. Wouldn't be surprised if they'd formed their own haka over the vac – the whole college, not just the rugby team. Very good at sports but you will see at least one Teddy student on every night out.

St Hilda's College

So far away you may never go there. Interestingly, it was the last remaining women-only college and did not allow men until 2008.

St John's College

You can walk from St John's Oxford to St John's Cambridge on just John's owned land (it's huge!). They basically own all of St Giles too – when you ask for a student discount in the G&Ds on Little Clarendon Street, you will probably be asked: 'are you a John's student?'

St Peter's College

Lowkey good at everything, though that must be because they have some shared tutors from Exeter there. Worth visiting for the fabled 'Cross-keys', a drink of such notoriety you just have to give it a go.

Somerville College

Big college north of us. They have far too many joint events with Jesus (one ball every two years), but Sexville (our women's football team) is a united front of Exeter and Somerville students so we have a soft spot for Somerville.

Trinity College

They embody 'too big for your boots' – and not just because their lawns are so big you can barely spot the buildings on it. They like Hassan's though, thank the lord. And if your room faces out onto Broad Street in first year, they're what you're seeing.

University College (Univ)

Another oldie but goldie! Rumour has it that their brunch rocks, if you ever get the chance to go near it.

Wadham College

One website called it 'the indie monarch of Oxford', with quite a rep for being queerer and more left wing than other colleges. It's also the host of the legendary events Queerfest and Wadstock!

Worcester College

They have their own lake and some mega gardens. It's pretty, really pretty.

All Souls' College

In spite of its all-encompassing name, All Souls accept no undergraduates, and no souls have ever been spotted within its grounds. This doesn't come as a surprise considering that they only have EIGHT postgraduate students. Eight. You can, however, gain access to this mysterious domain if you are in need of a particularly niche book by applying for a library card.



St. Hugh's College

Miles away. Theresa May went there.

St. Anne's College

Also, miles away. Theresa May didn't go there

FAQs

These are some of the questions we asked last year as freshers. Much more information about all aspects of college life can be found in the Red Book and the Green Guide. Of course, the situation is different this year, so we understand if you have lots of questions still. Feel free ask on the “Exeter College Oxford Freshers 2022-23” FB page or to e-mail one of us (see contact information on the last page).

When do we find out which rooms we will have?

You will only find out the exact staircase and room you have been allocated on the day you arrive at college and get your room key from the porter. The accommodation procedure varies between colleges, so don't worry if friends from other colleges have already been told which room they have.

On arrival day, are there spaces for us to park and unload?

As Turl Street is narrow and very busy, there are no designated parking spaces. However, while unloading, college has a number of **parking permits** which allow you to park on the road directly outside college for half an hour. When you arrive just come into college and ask the porter for one of these. After that, your parents will need to move the car somewhere else (there are car parks fairly nearby Gloucester Green and Worcester Street). Then you can use the trolleys in front quad to get your stuff to your staircase!

When will we have to pay for our accommodation?

You will receive your first accommodation bill, called a Battels bill, first when you arrive in Oxford. You will receive one of these bills each term and it will include the costs of all amenities and rent. Don't panic though, the deadline for paying the bill (Thursday of 1stweek) is not until after the first instalment of your student loan has arrived (as long as you're a UK-domiciled student, neither visiting nor international). If your student loan is late, speak to the lovely Accounts Department before the deadline, so they know you're having problems paying.

Do I need contents insurance for my room?

College insures your personal belongings against loss or damage up to the value of £1,500 per person (subject to an excess per claim). This does not include bicycles, valuables such as jewellery, musical instruments or electronic items such as laptops. It is recommended you take out your own insurance for such items.

How much do college meals cost?

A wide range of meals and drinks are served throughout the day in the hall, the Undercroft bar and the Dakota Café (at Cohen) to be purchased on a pay-as-you-go basis. Usually, breakfasts costs from around £1.70, lunch from around £2.30 and dinner at around £3.90 for main and £1.25 for dessert. There's usually also a pasta-option for lunch and dinner, which will only cost you around £1.50 (definitely recommend this, it's just as tasty). Formal hall prices can vary but are usually around £16 for Exeter students, £18 for guests.

What is a bod card and when will I get mine?

A bod card (short for Bodleian card) is your university ID card. You will receive it on Monday of Freshers' Week. Your bod card is used to: buy meals in hall and drinks in the bar, take out books from the library (college, university, and faculty libraries), identify yourself in examinations, and open the door to get back into college in the evening. If you lose it, you can get a new one, but it'll cost you around £20.

Are there facilities for me to self-cater?

There is only one kitchen on the Turl Street site; it can be found next-door to the JCR. The kitchen is small but well-equipped with an oven, fridge, microwave and toaster. It can be opened by scanning your bod card. You'll most likely find that you use it less than you expect, so there's no need to bring too much kitchen equipment, though some students use it every day – it's up to you!

What is my new address at Exeter College?

Exeter College
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Glossary & Explanations

Here's a short introduction to the often mind-boggling Oxford lingo. Don't worry, you'll pick it up soon!

Battels = the itemised bill for rent, hall food charges, rowing pay-outs etc. that you receive from College each term. Pay this promptly or as soon as your student loan comes in.

Blackwell's = Oxford's largest bookshop located tantalisingly close to college on Broad Street. Students have been known to get lost in there, during the simple quest of purchasing a textbook. Helpfully equipped with a cosy coffee shop for that little bit of extra procrastination temptation.

Blue = sporting accolade won when you play against Cambridge as a member of a University first team, complete with complementary superstar status.

Bod Card = your life in a small square of plastic. Much more than a standard university ID card, this magic bit of plastic allows you to borrow books and acts as your pay-as-you-go College cash card for the bar and dinner hall. Great for casually flashing to get into places cheaper and to those you wish to impress. It also grants you access to college at night, so don't lose it.

Bodleian (Bod) = the University's mammoth principal library, affectionately known as the Bod and luckily right next to Exeter.

BOP = Inspired name for the sweaty, fancy-dress discos held in the bar throughout term. You WILL spend all day and your entire weekly budget making a costume.

Carfax = The crossroads beneath the tower in the centre of Oxford. All roads lead to Carfax....

Cherwell = A river running through Oxford and the name of a student newspaper.

Cohen Quad = Exeter's third quad. It's in Jericho, about a 5-minute cycle from college. Lots of third years (and a few lucky second years) live there. Don't miss a chance to use it – eat at the café, work in the open-plan, etc. It's amazing!

Collections (written) = The test your tutor sets you at the beginning of every term (except your very first) when you get back to College after the vacation. Their principal function is to check whether you have done or caught up on the work from the previous term, as there will usually be no formal testing during the 8 weeks. They mostly take place on Thursday and Friday (sometimes Saturday) of 0th week, by which time you are required (by college rules) to be back in Oxford.

Collections, Rector's = A glorified and compulsory version of your end of term report reading for which you must wear your academic gown. This takes place in the Rector's Lodgings in the company of the Rector, Academic Dean, and your subject tutor(s), who report on how you have been getting on throughout the term. Of course, it's nothing to fear if you have been working.

Coming up = 'Coming up' means arriving at Oxford at the start of term. Apparently, you always come 'up' to Oxford, even if you live up north.

Commoner = A title that applies to all freshers (except for the organ scholar) and all others who wear a short bum-freezer gown. You can rise to the dizzy heights of Scholar or Exhibitioner after a first-class performance in your Mods or Prelims.

Crew Date = Dinner (and accompanying revelry) which you and your team go to with a sports team of the opposite sex from another college. These can vary in quality as much as any real dinner date.

Cuppers = Intercollegiate competitions in sports, drama, etc. The Drama Cuppers competition in Michaelmas is reserved for Freshers. Budding directors and thespians among you, please take centre stage.



ExVac = Exeter's fantastic children's charity. You will hear more about this in Freshers' Week!

Fellows = The trustees of the college. The Fellows' Garden is home to midsummer madness in Trinity and boasts a spectacular view over Radcliffe Square that will impress any visitor or prospective love interest.

Fire Alarm Test = Exceedingly loud noise which will see you heading into the chapel in often amusing stages of undress. College loves its 9 am fire alarm on Friday mornings, just to make sure Humanities students make it out of bed.

Freshers = New students, i.e. you.

G&Ds = A hallowed haven where ice cream can be purchased from 8 am until midnight every day of the week. Great for essay-crisis nights (note the plural). Oxford has three of these, conveniently located in the areas of town where Exonians like to frequent the most.

Gown = A garment which you wear for Matriculation, formal exams, Rector's collections and formal hall in college. This item of clothing is also worn with Subfusc clothing for Matriculation, university exams, and graduation, and leads your friends to believe that you actually go to Hogwarts.

Hassan's = Kebab King. Feeds souls as well as bodies.

Hawk = Animal employed by college to rid the beautiful architecture of roosting pigeons. Dare we propose the obvious solution of enlisting the pigeons to carry post between colleges? Two birds, one stone.

Hilary = Winter term, starting in January.

Iffley Road = The name of one of the roads leading East from The Plain (towards Iffley), and the location of University sports facilities you are bound to visit. This road is also home to “Stapes” (Stapledon House and Annexe) and Exeter House, off-site college accommodation, in which a number of members of College live.

JCR = (The Junior Common Room): refers both to the living, breathing body of undergraduates in college and the place where this body congregates to watch Eurovision, read the daily papers, and attend JCR meetings. Unfortunately, the room itself often assumes a living, breathing state of being after it has been visited by late night partygoers and consumers of kebabs (clean up after yourself!).

Jericho = Swanky and hipster area of town about a 10-minute walk North-West of College and home to an eclectic mix of bars, restaurants, and Exeter’s amazing Cohen Quad.

MCR = (The Middle Common Room): Where you can find graduates chilling and hanging out. This room is a cut above our JCR, most likely because we are not allowed in it to sully it.

Matriculation = This is the ceremony during which you formally become a member of the University. It would normally take place at the Sheldonian Theatre on Saturday of 1stweek and is preceded by a group photo of all the Freshers – subfusc and gown are worn all day (and night). This year, it will be online instead.

Michaelmas = The first term of the year, and over before you know it.

Mods = The first set of public/University exams you sit in Law or Classics. As opposed to Prelims, these exams are called Honour Moderations (Mods). For Classics, they happen in the Hilary Term of second year. For Law, they happen in the Hilary Term of first year.

Other Place, The = Derogatory name of that other old university we don’t like to talk about (Cambridge). Ditto “the place in the Fens”.

Pennying = verb, “to penny”: A game typically played at crew dates, and which involves the dropping of a penny into the victim’s drink, whereupon they must down it.

Pidge = Short for Pigeonhole and located in the Porters’ Lodge. You will quickly become obsessed with checking your Pidge any time you go through the Lodge.

Prelims = The names given to the first set of University (aka “public”) exams you sit. These happen in Trinity of your first year, the week depending on your subject.

Proctors = Very important people who decide what appropriate behaviour is for an Oxford student and enforce these standards. They also oversee formal examinations.

Quad, Front -= An inviting square of virgin grass where it is a breach of contract (the terms of the use of the Quad) to desecrate it by walking over, punishable by a hefty fine calculable on number of steps taken. Okay to walk on very special occasions (and with permission). Your birthday is not one of these.

RAG (Raise and Give) = University charity fundraising organisation.

Red Book and Green Guide = This book's companions which contain useful contact info, rules and financial information not present herein. Their garish exteriors function like bright colours do in nature: as an irresistible allure to visit their pages or alternatively as a warning that you may find them indigestible. References to their contents will be made with the expectation that you have read, or at least still possess, them. So don't be a fool, read them – it'll be good practice for all the hours in the library you have signed up for!

SCR (The Senior Common Room) = Exclusive club to which all Exeter teaching staff belong. Their common room is where Philip Pullman drew the inspirations for his books, but few lowly undergraduates ever manage to gain access to this.

Sheldonian = Big concert hall next to the Bod; where Matriculation and Graduation take place.

Stapes = Stapledon House, the four houses located on Iffley Road (220, 222, 224, 226) which usually house second years.

Stash = Any clothes indicating affiliation with a team, society, college, or other organisation, adorned with a crest or logo. Some also display embarrassing nicknames.

Subfusc = Outfit that you wear for Matriculation, exams, and graduation. Either: dark suit with dark socks, or a dark skirt with black tights or dark trousers with dark socks. Add to that black shoes, a plain white collared shirt or blouse, and a white bow tie/black bow tie/black full-length tie or black ribbon. Usually, a gown is worn with it. You can purchase items of Subfusc and gowns from one of the Oxford suppliers: Ede & Ravenscroft, Walters, or Shepherd & Woodward (all of whom have webpages), to be picked up on arrival in Oxford. Don't forget the all-important mortarboard.

Summer Eights = The rowing competition which takes place in Trinity term during which the sun will shine and the Pimm's will flow. Except for all those rowers still on a drinking ban.

Suspension of Studies = Describes what happens when you need to take time off from your course, such as for reasons of ill health.

TABS = Students of Fenland Polytechnic (also known as Cambridge University in lesser circles).

Torpids = Rowing competition that takes place in Hilary Term. Cold and rain are guaranteed for the event. If rowers and spectators are lucky, it might even snow.

Trashing = What will happen to you when you finish Mods or Prelims and Finals. Your "friends" will throw buckets of cold water over you and laugh as you struggle to regain the power of speech.

Trinity = The third and final term of the year. A strange juxtaposition of sunshine-induced punting outings, Pimm's-drinking and croquet with hours spent in the library revising for exams.

TSAF = (Turl Street Arts Festival): Week-long Music, Art and Drama festival hosted by Exeter with Lincoln and Jesus. This collaborative effort is a classically jazzy-abstract extravaganza that will force your artistic talents out of you when it comes waltzing into college in Hilary term.

Tute = short for tutorial, and a word synonymous with the worst/best hour of your week, depending on whether you have done any work.

Undercroft = The glorious College bar. But to call it anything other than “the bar” would be a rookie mistake. Home to cheap drinks and an array of bar sports.

Vac = name for the six-week-study-leave between terms (4 months for summer) during which you will spend your time pining for Oxford and or/ revising for Collections.

Walk of Shame = The long trek home after waking up in someone else’s bed. You will be discernible because you are still dressed in last night’s attire, which could range from black tie to a Ninja Turtle costume.

Weeks = What each term is made up of. Full term, during which lectures run and you are guaranteed a room in college, goes from 1st week to 8th week. Weeks start on Sundays. The importance of 0th week should be made clear: Freshers’ Week will take place in 0th week of Michaelmas and you are required to be back in Oxford by noon on Thursday of 0th week each term. Minus-1st week and 9th week also feature prominently in Oxonian jargon. You will soon forget what months and dates are and speak only in terms of weeks. This will make you sound pretentious when you get back home.

Williams Students = Students from Williams College, Massachusetts, studying at Exeter College for a year.

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