

Freshers' Week Programme 2025

Compulsory events are indicated below.

NB: All new graduates should attend the following programme where possible, although departmental induction arrangements should take precedence.

Events that require bookings

For the following events, booking is required via [this form](#)

- The Welcome Dinner
- The Matriculation Lunch
- Tours of the College

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- Meetings with the Principal – these are an informal welcome meeting which each new student is expected to attend

Signing in for meals in hall

All students are required to sign in for all meals other than breakfast and the deadline for doing so is 2.00pm the day before. To sign in please logon to <https://meals.hmc.ox.ac.uk/>. There is one exception which is the Welcome Dinner on Wednesday, 8th October.

For the Welcome Dinner please would you complete the webform available at [Freshers' Week Bookings](#) to confirm whether or not you would like to attend. The deadline for responses is **10:30 AM on Monday 6th October**. The dress code is smart (not black tie). In recognition of the fact that many of you won't yet have had the opportunity to buy an academic gown, gowns won't be compulsory for this dinner. However, those who have a gown are encouraged to wear them.

Registration (mandatory):

All freshers are required to register at the Academic Office. It is advised that you do this at the earliest opportunity as until you are registered you will not be able to access the University's online resources and in the case of those in receipt of a UK student loan registration triggers the release of funds.

In advance of registration you will need to have self-registered via Student Self Service (www.ox.ac.uk/students) and for this you will need to have received your Single Sign-on. For those who were not issued a University Card on arrival will be able to collect theirs during registration. The Academic Office can be found on the first floor of the main building and will be open 9am-3.45pm Monday-Friday. If you haven't yet received your SSO then please contact admissions@hmc.ox.ac.uk. To arrange a time to register and collect your University Card please [book here](#). If you are a visa holder then please see the note below.

Visa holders

All freshers on a visa (including those with Settled or Pre-Settled Status) will be contacted by the Academic Office to provide scans of passports, and Share Codes for the gov.uk website (see <https://www.gov.uk/view-prove-immigration-status> for further details). We will not be able to register you until these have been received. This applies to all fulltime students who are not UK or Irish nationals and passport copies and share codes can be uploaded [here](#).

MyOxford student app

Once you have received your SSO please download the MyOxford app. MyOxford is the official app for on-course students at the University of Oxford. Designed to support you throughout your time at Oxford, the app provides quick and easy access to essential University systems and services. Further information can be found here: [MyOxford student app | University of Oxford](#)

Online Consent Training (mandatory)

All incoming students are required to attend compulsory consent training. The training is to be completed online in advance of coming up to Oxford and you will need your SSO before you can access it. Further information about the training and the training itself can be found here: [Consent Training | University of Oxford](#).

Online Fire Safety Training (mandatory)

Incoming students are invited to take a short compulsory fire safety training course in advance of coming up to Oxford. The training will require your Oxford Single-sign-in (SSO) and so please logon once your account has been activated. The training can be accessed [here](#). If you have any trouble accessing the training then please get in touch. Please also familiarise yourself with the What to do in case of Fire plan which can be found in Part I of the [College Handbook](#), page 27.

Medical Induction (mandatory)

Please make sure that you have watched the introductory video from the College Doctors who are located at 19 Beaumont Street (opposite the Ashmolean Museum). The video can be found [here](#)

There will be 2 online Q&A sessions held by the College Doctors – times and Teams links are below:

25th September at 3:45pm-4.45pm [Join the meeting now](#)

8th October at 5.00pm-6.00pm [Join the meeting now](#)

Library Inductions

A map of all Oxford libraries can be found here: [Map of the Libraries in Oxford](#) or you may wish to visit the 'Find a library' webpage.

Bodleian Libraries Inductions for Undergraduates and Taught Postgraduates:

Libraries will play a big part during your time at Oxford, whether providing access to online articles on your reading list or helping you find that elusive book. The Bodleian Libraries is the library service supporting the University and can help you get the most out of your course.

A short 30-minute webinar has been scheduled into your timetable to introduce you to the Bodleian Libraries and how they can help you. This will take place via Microsoft Teams. There is no need to register; just click the link in your timetable to join. You will get the best experience by joining via the [Teams desktop app](#), but you can join via a browser too (Google Chrome is recommended). If you have any accessibility requirements you would like to declare, please contact usered@bodleian.ox.ac.uk.

Additionally, you can attend a tour of your subject library. Details are on our [Getting Started webpage](#) where you can also watch a brief welcome video. For details of the library/libraries for your subject area, and to watch a brief video about the subject library, visit our [Libraries web page](#).

Tours and professional welcome video:

All major libraries will be hosting tours. Depending on local practice, students will either need to book or can drop in. Tours are not set up yet, but details and links will be found on our [Getting Started: Undergraduates and taught postgraduates web page](#) when they are ready. Indeed, the professional Welcome video is already there at the top of the web page, and students will find other information on the page useful as new starters.

Subject library welcome videos:

The subject library welcome videos are optional for libraries to make. If a library has created one, it will be available on their library web page. Details of libraries are on our [Bodleian Libraries website](#).

Accessibility for webinars and tours:

For the webinars, if students have any additional requirements they would like to declare, they can email usered@bodleian.ox.ac.uk so that we can make sure they get the most out of the session. This is detailed in the text below for your induction packs.

For the tours, students should get in touch with the library or libraries they are visiting. This will be outlined on the Bodleian Libraries website and through the booking process, if the library requires booking.

Graduate Library Inductions

Your Department/Faculty will be in touch directly to let you know the details of your Library induction. The subject library welcome videos are optional for libraries to make. If a library has created one, it will be available on their library web page. Details of libraries are on the [Bodleian Libraries website](#).

Please note that you will also be required to attend a College Library induction. Details of the College Library inductions can be found on the programme below.

Undergraduate Student Library Inductions

Please note that the Bodleian Library will be offering inductions for undergraduates by way of Webinars this year. You only need to attend one of the following and no registration is required [click on <https://go.glam.ox.ac.uk/bodleian-welcome-webinar> to access any of the sessions below]:

Wednesday 8th October

10:00am-10:30am, 11:15am-11:45am, 3:00pm-15:30pm, 4:15pm-4:45pm

Thursday 9th October

9:15am-9:45am, 11:00am-11:30am, 2:00pm-2:30pm, 4:30-5:00pm

Friday 10th October

9:30am-10:00am, 11:30am-12:00noon, 1:30pm-2:00pm, 3:30pm-4:00pm

The webinars will take place via **Microsoft Teams**.

College Library Inductions

Please note that you will also be required to attend a College Library induction. Details of the College Library inductions can be found on the programme below.

IT Support

There is an IT drop-in session scheduled on Tuesday morning but if you are unable to attend then please contact the IT help team on it-help@hmc.ox.ac.uk.

Matriculation Lunch

There will be a matriculation lunch on Saturday 18th October at 12.30pm. All freshers are welcome to attend whether they will be matriculating or not. If you would like to attend the lunch then please could you complete [this form](#).

Useful web links:

Freshers' webpage: <https://www.hmc.ox.ac.uk/freshers-information>

Oxford's webpages dedicated to incoming students: [New students | University of Oxford](#)

Freshers' WhatsApp Group: [WhatsApp Group Invite](#)

The Freshers' Week programme is below

Group specific events

Different groups are invited or required to attend specific events. Events exclusively for undergraduate students (and subsets) are coloured green, events exclusively for graduate students (and subsets) are purple. Events that are for all students are yellow.

Sunday 5 th October			
6.00pm	All students	Pizza Night <i>Dietary requirements will be catered for but if you have an unusual one then please let us know in advance.</i>	JCR
Monday 6 th October			
7.45am-9.00am	All students	Breakfast	Arlosh Hall
10.00am	Theology graduates (including PGDip) only (Mandatory)	Departmental Induction - General induction	Schwarzman Centre for the Humanities
12.30pm-1.30pm	All students	Lunch	Arlosh Hall
3.00pm	All students	Meet your College Family	Warrington Room
5.00pm	All students	Walking Tour of Oxford	Meet at the Bursary

5.00pm	All students	Meet the Musical Director, Stephen Taylor This is an opportunity for anyone to discuss any of their musical ambitions and opportunities in College for performances in concerts and to join the Choir. Everyone is welcome	Warrington Room
6.00 pm- 7.00 pm	All students	Dinner <i>Please note that dinner is not formal</i>	Arlosh Hall
7.30pm	All students	Pub Quiz <i>The bar will open at 7.30pm (non-alcoholic beverages will be provided)</i>	Warrington Room
Tuesday 7th October			
7.45am- 9.00am	All Students	Breakfast	Arlosh Hall
9.30am- 12.30pm	Law undergraduates only (Mandatory)	Induction class with Hatim Hussain	Thomas Halik Room
9.30am	All students (Mandatory – pick one of six sessions)	Tour of the College with Nick Jefferies <i>Please note that it is compulsory to attend one of the 6 tours available on this programme. There will be a tea and Q&A session at the end of each tour.</i> <i>Tours are limited to 10 places per tour and booking is required via this form</i>	Meet outside the Bursary

11.00am	All students	College History Tour Interested in the College's history? Want to know more about the paintings and buildings? Ever wondered who Harris was? Why not join Kate Alderson-Smith, Fellow Librarian and Kate Wilson, Personal Assistant to the Principal for a stroll around the College and chat about how the College came to Oxford, the beautiful chapel and library, the gardens and statues, and other buildings. Open to new and returning undergraduates and postgraduates	Meet outside the Bursary
11.00am-12.30pm	All students	IT drop in clinic <i>An opportunity to speak to an IT person about any IT related issues you are having</i>	Charles Wellbeloved Room
12.30pm-1.00pm	All students	Photos Malcolm Gilmour will be taking individual photos of freshers outside the Arlosh Hall. Please ensure that you have your photo taken either on Tuesday or Wednesday lunchtime. The photos are voluntary and will be displayed in the corridor of the main building.	Arlosh Hall
12.30pm-1.30pm	All students	Lunch	Arlosh Hall
2.00pm	All students (Mandatory – pick one of six sessions)	Tour of the College with Nick Jefferies <i>Please note that it is compulsory to attend one of the 6 tours available on this programme. There will be a tea and Q&A session at the end of each tour.</i> <i>Tours are limited to 10 places per tour and booking is required via this form</i>	Meet outside the Bursary

2.45pm-3.25pm	Undergraduate Freshers only (Mandatory)	Academic Induction with the Senior Tutor	Warrington Room
3.30pm-4.30pm	Experimental Psychology and Psychology & Philosophy undergraduates only (Mandatory)	Psychology Subject Tea	Maevadi Hall
3.30pm-5.00pm	Theology and Religion, and Philosophy & Theology undergraduates, Astrophoria students and PGDip Theology graduates (Mandatory)	Theology Subject Tea	Charles Wellbeloved Room
4.00pm-5.00pm	Asian and Middle Eastern Studies undergraduates, MPhil Modern Middle Eastern Studies and MSc Contemporary Chinese Studies (Mandatory)	Asian and Middles Eastern Studies Subject Tea	Tomas Halik Room

6.00pm-7.00pm	All students	Dinner <i>Please note that dinner is not formal</i>	Arlosh Hall
6.55pm	All students	Crazy Golf	Meet at the Bursary
Wednesday 8th October			
7.45am-9.00am	All Students	Breakfast	Arlosh Hall
9.30am	All students (Mandatory – pick one of six sessions)	Tour of the College with Nick Jefferies <i>Please note that it is compulsory to attend one of the 6 tours available on this programme. There will be a tea and Q&A session at the end of each tour.</i> <i>Tours are limited to 10 places per tour and booking is required via this form</i>	Meet outside the Bursary
10.30am	All students (Mandatory – pick one of two sessions)	Health Relationship, Sexual Consent and Harassment Training Please note that there is an alternative session on Thursday morning and attendance is only required at either one or the other	Quiet Room
10.30am-11.30am	English Language and Literature undergraduates only (Mandatory)	Subject Meeting with Kate McLoughlin 10.30am Ben Phillips 11.20am Tom Albanese	Kate McLoughlin's Office, 2 nd Floor of Arlosh Tower

10.30am	Graduates only (Mandatory – pick one of three sessions)	Library Tours <i>Please attend just one of the three College Library sessions</i>	Meet outside Tate Library
11.00am	Classics undergraduates only (Mandatory)	A subject meeting with Dr Ivan Parga Ornelas	Memorial Room at Jesus College
11.15am	Graduate Freshers only (Mandatory – pick one of three sessions)	Library Tours <i>Please attend just one of the three College Library sessions</i>	Meet outside Tate Library
11.35am	All students (Mandatory)	Induction talks with College Officers <i>Meet the College Officers (Academic Administrator and Deputy, Dean, Junior Deans, and Tutor for Graduates)</i> 11.35am Academic Office 11.45am Dean and Junior Deans 11.55am Tutor for Graduates	Chapel
12.30pm-1.30 pm	All students	Lunch	Arlosh Hall
1.00pm-3.00pm	All students	Harris Manchester Societies Fair	Warrington Room

2.00pm	All students (Mandatory – pick one of six sessions)	Tour of the College with Nick Jefferies <i>Please note that it is compulsory to attend one of the 6 tours available on this programme. There will be a tea and Q&A session at the end of each tour.</i> <i>Tours are limited to 10 places per tour and booking is required via this form</i>	Meet outside the Bursary
2.30pm	Classics undergraduates only (Mandatory)	Classics Subject Tea	Quiet Room
4.30pm	English Language and Literature Undergraduates and Graduates only (Mandatory)	Subject Tea	Charles Wellbeloved Room
5.00pm	All students	There will be a live online Q&A session with the College Doctors. <i>This will cover the services they provide (and not any medical queries).</i>	<u>Join the meeting now</u>
5.15pm	All Students	Welcome Tea The Chaplain and Director of Music would like to invite all students to tea and cake.	Chapel
6.00pm-6.30pm	Classics undergraduates only (Mandatory)	Induction with Professor Armand D'Angour	Jesus College, first quad, staircase V room 5.5

6.45pm	All students	Welcome Dinner <i>(see notes above for dress code)</i> Please would you complete the webform available at Freshers' Week Bookings to confirm whether or not you would like to attend. The deadline for responses is 10:30am on Monday 6th October <i>The Bar in the JCR will be open after dinner</i>	Arlosh Hall
Thursday 9th October			
7.45am-9.00am	All Students	Breakfast	Arlosh Hall
9.15am-10.15am	Law undergraduates and graduates only (Mandatory)	Law Subject Tea	Maevadi
10.00am-11.00am	All Students	Freshers' Fair <i>Visit the fair to collect freebies and join Clubs, Societies and Sports Teams and find out what is on offer at the University of Oxford</i>	Exam Schools
10.00am	All students (Mandatory – pick one of six sessions)	Tour of the College with Nick Jefferies <i>Please note that it is compulsory to attend one of the 6 tours available on this programme. There will be a tea and Q&A session at the end of each tour.</i> <i>Tours are limited to 10 places per tour and booking is required via this form</i>	Meet outside the Bursary

10.00am-10.20am	PPE and Engineering undergraduate students only (Mandatory)	College Library Induction	Meet outside Tate Library
10.30am	All students (Mandatory – pick one of two sessions)	Healthy Relationships, Sexual Consent and Harassment Training Please note that there is an alternative session on Wednesday morning and attendance is only required at either one or the other	Quiet Room
10.55am	Archaeology & Anthropology undergraduates only (Mandatory)	Subject tea with Dr Linda Hulin	Halik Room
11.00am	All students	Welfare Tea The College Welfare Lead, Kerry Minton, will be hosting a tea which is a great opportunity to meet Kerry and other College welfare contacts	Quiet Room
11.00am-11.20am	Law, Philosophy & Theology, Theology and Religion, and Astrophoria undergraduates only (Mandatory)	College Library Induction	Meet outside Tate Library

11.25am-11.45am	Economics & Management, Classics, English Literature and Language, and Human Sciences undergraduates only (Mandatory)	College Library Induction	Meet outside Tate Library
12.30pm-1.30pm	All students	Lunch	Arlosh Hall
2.00pm	All students (Mandatory – pick one of six sessions)	Tour of the College with Nick Jefferies <i>Please note that it is compulsory to attend one of the 6 tours available on this programme. There will be a tea and Q&A session at the end of each tour.</i> <i>Tours are limited to 10 places per tour and booking is required via this form</i>	Meet outside the Bursary
2.00pm	PPE and History & Politics freshers only (Mandatory)	Subject Meeting with Caroline Ashcroft	Warrington Room
2.00pm	Law undergraduates only (Mandatory)	Criminal Law induction with Rebecca Williams	Pembroke College

3.00pm-5.00pm	Philosophy & Theology and Theology and Religion undergraduates only (Mandatory)	Undergraduate Induction at the Faculty of Theology and Religion <i>The afternoon will include a welcome from the Chair of the Faculty Board, a presentation by the librarian, Dr Hilla Wait and a course induction presentation by the Director of Undergraduate Studies.</i>	Schwarzman Centre for the Humanities
3.30pm	Archaeology & Anthropology, Asian and Middle Eastern Studies, Experimental Psychology, History, History & Economics, History & Politics, Psychology & Philosophy undergraduates only (Mandatory)	College Library Induction	Meet outside Tate Library
3.30pm	Economics & Management and PPE undergraduates only (Mandatory)	Subject Tea with the Economic & Management and PPE tutors	Maevadi Hall
5.00pm	Graduate students only	Graduate Drinks party with the Tutor for Graduates, Professor Robert Klassen. This will be an opportunity to meet your College Advisor	Warrington Room
6.00pm-7.00pm	All students	Dinner <i>Please note that dinner is not formal</i>	Arlosh Hall

7.30pm	All Students	Board Game Night/Pub Crawl <i>For those interested in board games, go to Maevadi basement (non-alcoholic drinks and snacks will be provided).</i> <i>For those interested in the Pub Crawl please meet in the JCR</i>	Board Games: Maevadi Basement
Friday 10th October			
7.45am-9.00am	All Students	Breakfast	Arlosh Hall
9.15am-9.50am	Law Undergraduates (Mandatory)	Law Faculty Induction - <i>The Legal Research and Mooting Skills Programme (LRMSP), including the LRMSP Introduction, is a compulsory course, which all first year law students must attend.</i> <i>A link to the session will be issued by the Law Faculty in due course</i>	Via Teams
9.15am	Asian and Middle Eastern Undergraduates only (Mandatory)	Faculty Induction	Taylor Institution, St Giles'
10.15am-11.15am	Economics & Management, History & Economics and PPE students only (Mandatory)	An Introduction to Economics	Charles Wellbeloved Room

11.00am-1.00pm	Human Sciences only (Mandatory)	A subject meeting with Dr Amanda Palmer	Tomas Halik
12.30pm-1.00pm	All students	Photos Malcolm Gilmour will be taking individual photos of freshers outside the Arlosh Hall. Please ensure that you have your photo taken either on Tuesday or Wednesday lunchtime. The photos are voluntary and will be displayed in the corridor of the main building	Arlosh Hall
12.30pm-1.30pm	All students	Lunch	Arlosh Hall
1.00pm-5.00pm	Economics & Management undergraduates only (Mandatory)	Economics & Management Induction 1pm-2pm – Registration, access card collection and school tours at SBS, Park End Street, Entrance Hall 2pm-4.30pm – Talks by the Dean, Course Programme Directors, Library, Welfare, IT & Canvas and others	Said Business School, Park End Street
11.30am	Engineering undergraduates only (Mandatory)	Engineering Subject tea	Charles Wellbeloved
1.30pm-2.00pm	History & Politics undergraduates only (Mandatory)	Q&A with the Politics Director of Undergraduate Studies	Lecture Theatre, Manor Road Building

1.55pm	Undergraduate Engineering students only (Mandatory)	Departmental Induction	Lecture Room 1 (1 st floor), Thom Building, Department of Engineering Science
2.00pm	Graduate Freshers only (Mandatory – pick one of three sessions)	Library Tours <i>Please attend just one of the three College Library sessions</i>	Meet outside Tate Library
2.30pm	Human Sciences undergraduates only (Mandatory)	Departmental Induction	Pauling Centre, 58a Banbury Road
2.00pm	Experimental Psychology and Psychology & Philosophy undergraduates only (Mandatory)	Introductory talk for new Experimental Psychology students	Lecture Theatre 1, Lower Ground Floor, Life and Mind Building, South Parks Road
2.00pm-6.00pm	Law undergraduates only (Mandatory)	Departmental Induction 2.00pm Welcome to Law 3.00pm An introduction to Moderations Lectures in Law (Part I) 4.00pm An introduction to Moderations Lectures in Law (Part II) 5.00pm Refreshments	Faculty of Law

2.00pm-2.45pm	English Literature and Language undergraduates only (Mandatory)	English Faculty Induction 2.00pm Studying English 2.20pm Careers 2.30pm Libraries	Lecture Theatre B2.004 (in the basement), Schwarzman Humanities Centre, Radcliffe Observatory Quarter
2.30pm	Classics undergraduates only (Mandatory)	Departmental Induction	Lecture Theatre, Ioannou Centre, Classics Faculty
3.00-3.45pm	PPE undergraduates only (Mandatory)	PPE Induction A video from the Politics Director of Undergraduate Studies is available here to please watch before the in-person Q&A Videos from the other two Directors of Undergraduate Studies are available via this Canvas page An in-person Q&A with all three Directors of Undergraduate Studies for PPE will take place at this time	Lecture Theatre, Manor Road Building
3.30pm	All students	College History Tour Interested in the College's history? Want to know more about the paintings and buildings? Ever wondered who Harris was? Why not join Kate Alderson-Smith, Fellow Librarian and Kate Wilson, Personal Assistant to the Principal for a stroll around the College and chat about how the College came to Oxford, the beautiful chapel and library, the gardens and statues, and other buildings. Open to new and returning undergraduates and postgraduates	Meet outside the Bursary

4.00pm-6.00pm	Archaeology & Anthropology undergraduates only (Mandatory)	Departmental Induction	St Hugh's College
6.00pm-7.00pm	All students	Dinner <i>Please note that dinner is not formal</i>	Arlosh Hall
6.35pm	Graduate Students only (but undergraduates may join if spaces allow)	Boat Trip Party – Saints and Sinners Dress code Angelic, demonic or something in between. Please meet at 6.35pm sharp to avoid missing the boat. The event is expected to finish at 10.00pm. Please book a place via this link: Saints & Sinners Boat Party!!!	Meet at the Navapan Gate
7.30pm	All students	Movie Night/Board Games Movie will be at 8pm in the Maevadi Basement	Movie Night: Maevadi Basement
Saturday 11th October			
8.45am-9.45am	All students	Breakfast	Arlosh Hall
1.00pm	All students	Picnic	Meet at the Bursary

8.00pm	All students	Bop The theme of the Bop is 'Neon' The Bop will be followed by a club night – further details to follow	JCR
Sunday 12th October			
10.00am-11.00am	All students	Brunch	Arlosh Hall
2.00pm	All students	Coffee Walk	Meet at the Bursary
Monday 13th October			
5.00pm	Human Science Undergraduates only (Mandatory)	Freshers' Party	Pauling Centre, 58a Banbury Road
Tuesday 14th October			
11.00am-12.30pm	History, History & Economics and History & Politics undergraduates only (Mandatory)	Subject Tea with Professor Catherine Jackson and current undergraduates	Charles Wellbeloved Room

Friday 17th October

6.00pm-8.30pm	Economics & Management Undergraduates only (Mandatory)	Welcome Event	Saïd Business School
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Saturday 18th October

	All Freshers (Mandatory)	Matriculation 09:00 – Registration (in foyer) and individual photos in College (in Tate Quad or Warrington Room if wet) 10:00 – Group photo (in Tate Quad) 10:45 – Briefing from the Dean of Degrees (Tate Quad or Chapel if wet) 11:00 – Leave for the Sheldonian 11:30 – Ceremony begins 12:30 – Lunch in College Please see https://www.ox.ac.uk/students/academic/dress for details of academic dress which is compulsory for this event. Please also RSVP to this form by 8th October to book yourself into the Matriculation Lunch. Please note that if you have matriculated at Oxford previously then you do not need to attend this event. Those who have matriculated are welcome to attend the group photo and matriculation lunch. All those taking part in the photo must wear academic dress (sub fusc).	Meet in Tate Quad
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