



University College WCR Graduate Welcome Week 2024

Welcome all!

The WCR committee are so excited to welcome you to Oxford and will be leading a whole host of events during Welcome Week to help introduce you to Oxford and Univ. And don't forget to join the Univ WCR 2024/25 Facebook group and our WhatsApp group (QR codes have been emailed separately, contact graduate.admissions@univ.ox.ac.uk if you haven't received these). If you have any questions, issues or simply fancy a chat, feel free to email the WCR president, Holly (holly.johnston@univ.ox.ac.uk).

Important note (because this can be confusing): in the case of Univ, MCR and WCR are the same thing! They refer to the graduate community as well as the common room.

If you are observing Tzom Gedaliah, Yom Kippur or Sukkot and you are listed for a compulsory activity, please do get in touch with graduate.studies@univ.ox.ac.uk and an alternative date will be offered. Further information from the Jewish Society is available from www.ujs.org.uk/oxford.

Please check with your department/faculty for any events they are expecting you to attend; departmental/faculty events take precedent but if you are free please do come along to any of the college events. The timetable for the division of events, agreed between the university, departments and each college, is:

	09.00-13.00	13.00-17.00	17.00 onwards
Monday 7 October	Dept/Fac	Dept/Fac	College
Tuesday 8 October	Dept/Fac	Dept/Fac	Dept/Fac
Wednesday 9 October	College	College	College
Thursday 10 October	College	Dept/Fac (until 6pm)	College
Friday 11 October	Dept/Fac	College	College



Sunday 6th October

11.00am Tour of Univ (meet @ Univ MCR)

Some members of the committee will take you around the college in small tours to show you all the hidden (and not so hidden) corners you need to know.

12.00pm University and College Registration (Univ MCR)

until Bring your passport/photo ID to receive your University Card and register if you haven't
4.00pm already. You will also be able to collect your room keys from the Domestic Bursary if you are in College accommodation.

5.00pm WCR Meet and Greet (Univ MCR)

No better way to start freshers week than with a welcome event in the WCR, where you will be able to meet the WCR committee, current and new Univ grads alike! Drinks and nibbles will be provided, so do come along!

Monday 7th October

5.00pm Sub Fusc Shopping Trip (meet @ Univ Lodge)

For all those that want to start their Oxford life in style – we will take you shopping for your sub fusc (the Oxford gown you will need for formal dinners and exams).

5.30pm Tour of Oxford (meet @ Univ Lodge)

A short tour of our favourites in the city centre to help you with your orientation. We will walk around other colleges and point out where you find the library and good eating spots.

7.30pm Tutor for Graduates and Senior Tutor's Graduate Induction, with Drinks Reception (10 Merton Street, Lecture Theatre)

Introductions by the Tutor for Graduates and Senior Tutor. Come along and meet a few College staff and chat over wine and soft drinks.

****Attendance is mandatory****

Tuesday 8th October

If you have any departmental events scheduled today, these must take priority.

7.00pm Scavenger Hunt (meet @ Univ Lodge)

Join us for an evening of high jinks and discovery, all with the aim of orienting yourself around Univ and Oxford, and making new friends.



Wednesday 9th October

- 9.00am **Univ Chapel Choir Auditions** (*Univ Chapel*)
– 12.00 noon Univ Chapel Choir is an auditioned choir made up of members from the JCR and WCR. If you would like to audition, **then please contact Giles Underwood in advance** giles.underwood@univ.ox.ac.uk) The audition will consist of a piece of (preferably) classical music which you choose, and some sight-reading. Previous choral experience is recommended, but not essential. Further information about Music at Univ can be found here <https://intranet.univ.ox.ac.uk/music>
- 11.00am **Women's Brunch** (*Univ MCR*)
Get to know the MCR's lovely women's rep Julia and come for a chat over coffee, pastries, fresh fruits and more. This is a safe space to ask all questions you might have about contraception, sanitary product provision in college (yes it's free!) and other concerns.
- 3.30pm **Equality, Diversity and Inclusivity Workshop** (*Swire Seminar Room*)
Medical Sciences and Social Sciences Divisions ****Attendance is mandatory****
- 4.30pm **Music @ Univ Information Event** (*Univ Chapel*)
Come to the Univ chapel for an insight into the opportunities available to you to join the various choirs and other music-based groups at Univ, followed by Choir rehearsal. Any further queries please contact the Director of Music, Giles Underwood giles.underwood@univ.ox.ac.uk Further information about Music at Univ can be found here <https://intranet.univ.ox.ac.uk/music>
- 5.00pm **Beaumont Elms Doctors Surgery Live Q and A session** (*virtual-Teams*)
A link will be emailed to all Graduate Freshers if you have any questions to ask the surgery. (Please note this is a general Q&A session, not a Doctor consultation)
- 8.00pm **Pub Quiz** (*Univ MCR*)
Test your new knowledge about the college and Oxford.

Thursday 10th October

- 9.00am **Equality, Diversity and Inclusivity Workshop** (*Swire Seminar Room*)
Humanities and MPLS Divisions ****Attendance is mandatory****
- 9.45am **Univ Freshers' Fair** (*Hall*)
Come and have a look at Univ's clubs and societies!
- 11.00am **Oxford SU Freshers' Fair** (*Examination Schools*)
A fair of all the University's clubs and societies. There are millions of them (well, almost). Take your pick!
<https://www.oxfordsu.org/freshers/>
- 8.00pm **International Welcome Event** (*Univ MCR*)
Get to know our lovely International Student's Rep Anuja and speak to her about issues and concerns you might have if you have moved from abroad. We know it can be difficult



to get settled in and we are here to help! Drinks and nibbles will be provided.

Friday 11th October

- 1.00pm **Meet the Domestic Bursary** (*10 Merton Street Lecture Theatre*)
Humanities and MPLS Divisions ****Attendance is mandatory****
NB. Please be aware that exams will be taking place in nearby rooms so noise should be kept to a minimum.
- 1.45pm **Meet the Domestic Bursary** (*10 Merton Street Lecture Theatre*)
Medical Sciences and Social Sciences Divisions ****Attendance is mandatory****
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- 2.15pm **Library Induction**
Come along for a chat with Univ Library personnel. All graduates are expected to attend.
- All Humanities graduates: meet at the Old Library at 2.15pm
 - All other graduates: meet at the Old Library at 2.45pm
- 3.15pm **Sexual Consent Presentation** (*10 Merton Street Lecture Theatre*)
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- 9.00pm **BOP – Theme: UNIV (blue, yellow, Martlets)** (*Univ MCR*)
The event of the week! Our first graduate bop (this is what we call a college party in Oxford) kicks off in the Common Room at 9pm. Come along dressed on brand. Remember Univ colours are blue and yellow. Martlet decorations are welcome!

Saturday 12th October

- 3.00pm **Afternoon Tea** (*Univ MCR*)
Stop by for a lazy afternoon tea with traditionally British tea, scones and clotted cream.

Sunday 13th October

- 5.45pm **Freshers Evensong** (*Chapel*)
Join us in our beautiful chapel to experience Univ's Evensong service. There will be readings and songs from our incredible choir. This event is followed by drinks in the Alington Room.



8.00pm **Sunday Social** (*Univ MCR*)

Join us for the first Sunday Social of term, a regular event in which we unwind from a stressful week, have a glass of wine and some cheese and get to know each other in a relaxed environment.



1st Week events

Tuesday 15th October

- 5.00pm **Welcome event for Black students** (*Master's Lodgings*)
An opportunity for Black students at Univ to meet Black students from neighbouring colleges: Christ Church, Corpus Christi, Merton, Oriel and Pembroke.

Wednesday 16th October

- 6.45pm **Altschul Pre-Dinner Drinks** (*Hall*)
Your College Advisor may be in touch to arrange drinks before the Altschul Dinner. These drinks might be held in their office. Keep an eye on your inbox. If you don't hear from them, do just come along to Hall for a drink before dinner.
- 7.15pm **Altschul Dinner** (*Hall*)
This is the formal dinner at which all new graduates are officially welcomed to the College. Dress code: formal wear (smart dress/jacket and tie/whatever you like so long as it's smart. Black tie/tuxedo not required). Please note that you do not need to wear gowns/sub fusc.
****Attendance is mandatory****