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**To new Graduate members of College:**

Matriculation is the ceremony that confers membership of the University, including entitling you to use the university's libraries or other facilities. New members will be formally admitted to the University at a matriculation ceremony in the Sheldonian Theatre on **Saturday 18th October at 10:30 am.** It is a statutory requirement of the University that all students must matriculate as members of the University at the beginning of their course.

Given that Matriculation confers membership of the University on students, therefore you do not need and, are not permitted, to matriculate at the start of any subsequent degrees at the University.

If you hold a degree from the University of Cambridge or Trinity College Dublin, you may be able to “incorporate”, i.e. to be admitted to an equivalent Oxford degree at a degree ceremony *in absentia*, instead of matriculating. Please email academic.office@sjc.ox.ac.uk if you would like to incorporate instead of matriculate. Students choosing to incorporate therefore do not attend the matriculation ceremony. Please note that the University charges a fee for incorporation (currently £130).

For all those who are matriculating:

Please arrive in the **Dining Hall at 9.15 am prompt to sign the register.**

After the ceremony in the Sheldonian is over, you are asked to return directly to the Front Quadrangle of the College for a group photograph of **those who matriculated** which is to be taken at approximately 11.30 am.

 For both the ceremony and the photograph you should wear ‘academic dress’ - postgraduate gown, a mortar board or soft-cap, and your preferred sub fusc from the following list:

1.       One of

a.      Dark suit with dark socks, or

b.      Dark skirt with black tights or stockings, or

c.       Dark trousers with dark socks

2.       Dark coat if required

3.       Black shoes

4.       Plain white collared shirt or blouse

5.       White bow tie, black bow tie, black full-length tie, or black ribbon.

You can find more information about academic dress, including the definition of ‘dark’, and where to buy your gown here: <https://www.ox.ac.uk/students/academic/dress>.

**Please note that the Bedels at the Sheldonian will not admit anyone to the ceremony who is not wearing academic dress exactly as set out above.**

If you have any access or support requirements, please let us know in advance so that we can put in place any reasonable adjustments.

This is a private ceremony, so please note that family and friends are not allowed to attend.

Best wishes

The Academic Office