

KEY DATES FOR NEW GRADUATES

Thurs 28th Sept
- Sun 1st Oct

Arrival Dates

All new graduates should arrive in Oxford by no later than Sunday 1st October. If you have secured college accommodation please report to the main porters lodge when you arrive.

Sun 1st – Sun 8th Oct

Freshers' Week Events

The College MCR Committee organise a full programme of introductory, social and cultural events aimed at helping you meet other graduate students and to get you orientated with the college and oxford.

Mon 2nd – Fri 6th Oct

University Departmental Induction Programme

Your department/faculty will contact you directly about the induction programmes and meetings that they are organising

Venue – [Check with your Department/Faculty](#)

Mon 2nd Oct (3.45pm)

I.T. Induction Talk

An introductory lecture on computing in the College and the University for all Freshers'. Attendance for Graduate students is optional but advisable especially for those who are new to Oxford University and its I.T. systems. Issues such as connecting to the college network, staying secure online and how to get IT help in Oxford are covered in the talk.

Venue – [Kendrew Quad Events Room \(B24\)](#)

Wed 4th Oct
(morning – various times)

College Library Tour for Graduates

The Tour will include;

General Introduction to the Library

Our College Librarian, Stewart Tiley, will guide you around the library so you can discover what resources and study aids are available. The tour will also include plans for the new study centre, information on how to request books that are not in the library and details about employment opportunities for graduate students to work in the library

Historic Collections

The College Librarian will provide information about how you can access the library's manuscripts.

SOLO and Electronic Resources

Stewart Tiley will present a basic introduction to electronic resources including SOLO, which is the search and discovery tool for the Oxford Libraries' large collections of resources.

As we can only take small groups around the Library at any time, you will need to book a place in advance on one of the four timeslots listed below. Details of how to book will be emailed to you at a later date.

Tour Times

10.00am - This tour will last approx. 40 minutes
Venue- [Library Foyer](#)

10.20am - This tour will last approx. 40 minutes
Venue- [New Seminar Room](#)

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Wed 4th Oct
(2.00-3.00pm)

Fire Safety Talk

The Fire safety talk is compulsory and all Freshers' must attend.

Venue – [Hall](#)

Wed 4th Oct
(3.00-4.00pm)

College Induction

The Fellow for Graduates and other key members of the College will welcome you and provide you with all the necessary information that you will need about St John's College. All Freshers' must attend.

There will be a break for 'Afternoon Tea' which will be served after the Induction Meeting and before the MCR Workshops (approx. 3.30pm)

Venue – [Hall](#)

Wed 4th Oct
(4.00-5.00pm)

Introduction to the MCR & Workshops

Meet the Middle Common Room (MCR) Committee, who will provide you with information about their social events, welfare services and workshops (further information can be found on their website).

Venue – [Hall](#)

Thurs 5th Oct
(11.00am-Midday)

Freshers' Fair

The Oxford University Student Union Freshers' Fair which is packed with stalls showcasing the best of Oxford student life, there's something for everyone.

For the first two days (Wednesday 4th and Thursday 5th), the Fair is for new students only and you can only attend during St John's allocated timeslot which is between 11.00am-Midday on Thursday 5th October. To gain entry you will need a wrist band which will be issued to you at the College Induction Meeting.

On the final day (Friday 6th October), the Fair is open to all members of the University - just take your University Card to gain entry.

Venue - Examination School, High Street

Fri 6th Oct
(2.30-4.00pm)

College Library - Open Afternoon

Come and meet the College Library Staff who will be available to answer any queries you might have relating to the library services and facilities.

Additionally you will have an opportunity to have a 'hands on' look at a few items from the library's special collections, including medieval manuscripts and early printed books

Venue – College Library

Sun 8th Oct

Start of Term

The University year officially starts on Sunday 8th October, Michaelmas Term.

Mon 9th Oct
(5.30-7.00pm)

Welcome Drinks

The Fellow for Graduates will host a welcome party for all new and current graduate students, senior college members and key college staff.

Venue – The Barn

Wed 11th Oct
(7.00pm)

New Graduates Dinner

The President and Fellows of the college host a formal dinner to welcome all new graduates to St John's College. All new graduates will receive a formal invitation which you will need to reply to by no later than 4th October.

Venues - Pre-Dinner Drinks: President's Lodgings (7.00pm)
- Dinner: Hall (7.30pm)

Sat 14th Oct
(9.30am)

Matriculation

Matriculation is the ceremony that marks your formal admission to the university.

Full details can be found on the college website.

An official college photograph will also be organised for this date. Freshers' who do not need to attend matriculation can still attend for the photograph.

Venue – Front Quadrangle of College