



ARRANGEMENTS FOR NEW STUDENTS AT THE START OF MICHAELMAS TERM 2024

This programme lists the official College events that are organised for new students in yellow, and the Junior Common Room (JCR)-organised events in blue.

Please note that the activities shown with a thick border and asterisk are compulsory; other activities are optional but all are designed to be useful to you in settling in to College academically, socially and domestically. All events run to a tight schedule, so please arrive promptly.

Students should also regularly check their email and pigeonholes in the Porters' Lodge for notices from subject tutors. There will also be meetings organised by your department/faculty which you must attend.

Meetings with tutors or department/faculty inductions take precedence.

See the interactive College map at <https://www.st-hildas.ox.ac.uk/find-us> to find your way around

SUNDAY 6 OCTOBER (INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS ONLY)

13:00 - 14:00	Internationals' Picnic (<i>Lawn next to Hall Building</i>) Lunch provided on the lawn to get to know your fellow international students and meet the Freshers' Reps ('Freps'), Alex and Charlotte
14:30 - 16:30	Snacks at Merton (<i>Merton College - leaving from the St Hilda's Lodge at 14:15</i>) A great opportunity to meet international students from Merton and Pembroke Colleges - students are encouraged to bring their favourite snack from their home country, with extra food being bought closer to the time by the JCR (with a poll to choose which snacks on the St Hilda's Freshers' Instagram account - @sthildasfreshers24)
17:00 - 18:30	Walking tour of Oxford (<i>Meet outside the Lodge</i>) A guided tour to help you find your way around Oxford, with various JCR Reps on hand to answer any questions
19:00 - 20:30	Informal Dinner (<i>Dining Hall, South Building</i>) Informal dress, but please be in the Dining Hall by 19:00
21:00 - 23:00	Pub trip (<i>Meet outside the Lodge</i>) A classic British pub experience as the perfect evening activity to round off the first day at St Hilda's

MONDAY 7 OCTOBER

09:00 - 16:30	*Undergraduate Registration* JCR Freshers' Reps ('Freps'), Alex and Charlotte, will be stationed by the vehicle entrance to welcome freshers and provide answers to any questions, with other second-years on hand throughout the day to help unpack cars and direct students to the Academic Office to complete registration
12:00 - 13:00	Najar's Trip (<i>Meet outside the Lodge</i>) A trip to Oxford's iconic Lebanese wrap food stall, run by Internationals' Rep Nani but welcome to everyone who has moved in by then
14:00 - 16:00	*Meeting for new Visiting Students* (prompt start at 14:00) (<i>Julia Mann Room, South Building</i>) Meet the Director of the Visiting Students Programme, the Senior Tutor, and other students in your year group
14:00 - 16:00	Drop in Craft and Chat (<i>JCR, Hall Building</i>) Drop in at any time to this relaxed crafts session decorating room name labels and accessories for the BOP (Big Organised Party - a college party in the JCR) at the end of this week, run by the Events (ENTZ) Reps, Ava, Ruby and Kalina

16:00 - 17:00	Welfare Tea (JCR, Hall Building) Come along to the first of the weekly 'Welfare Teas' to eat snacks provided by the JCR and chat to the Welfare Reps ('Wep's), Eva, Julie and Tobe
17:00 - 17:45	Freshers' Week Introduction and Meet the JCR (The Pavilion) Introduction from the Freps running through the key points of Freshers' Week, followed by the chance to meet this year's JCR committee and understand each role's significance to first-year students
19:30 - 21:00	Night Tour of Oxford (Meet outside the Lodge) JCR President Melinda and Vice-President Nouha will lead a nighttime walking tour of Oxford to help you get your bearings, with various JCR reps on hand to answer any questions
21:00 - 23:00	Evening in the JCR (JCR, Hall Building) Meet and chat to other freshers in the college bar (with pool, darts and table football on offer), and chill in the Old Law Library (OLL) next door with a variety of boardgames available
23:00 - 01:00	Film Night (JCR, Hall Building) Relaxed film night in the JCR, with the film chosen via a poll on the St Hilda's Freshers' Instagram account (@sthildasfreshers24) closer to the time
23:00 - 03:00	Club Night at Glamourous (Leaving from the JCR, Hall Building) Club night at the classic local Hilda's club 'Glam', a frequent destination for many after BOP nights. Second-year 'Sober Angels' will meet outside the club to take a group of you back to college every hour from midnight onwards, with some located inside the club ready to help with any emergencies or general queries. Tickets will be sold via the St Hilda's Freshers' Instagram account (@sthildasfreshers24).

TUESDAY 8 OCTOBER

09:00 - 10:30	Buttery Breakfast (JCR, Hall Building) Continue to get to know your year group with a relaxed start to the morning and with a variety of breakfast foods on sale from the Buttery Team, Darina, Rosie and Millie
09:00 - 10:30	Drop-in session - Welcome to the Sanctuary (The Sanctuary, Anniversary Building) Meryem (the Chaplain) will provide baklava and refreshments to welcome students to the Sanctuary. It is open all week as a quiet space.
10:30 - 11:00	*Meet the Welfare Team (prompt start at 10:30) (The Pavilion) * St Hilda's provides lots of welfare support to its community; come and meet the team to find out more
11:00 - 11:30	*Information Security Awareness (prompt start at 11:00) (The Pavilion) * The IT team will brief you on the complications of Oxford IT
11:30 - 13:00	Trip to buy Sub Fusc (Meet outside the Lodge) Trip to buy gowns, mortar boards and any other items you need ahead of Wednesday's formal dinner and matriculation at the end of Week 1
14:00 - 15:30	*College Introductions: Academic and Support (prompt start at 14:00) (The Pavilion)* Hear from the Principal, Senior Tutor, Academic Registrar, Dean and Writing Fellow College Introductions: Bursarial and Facilities Hear from the Bursar, Domestic Bursar, Buildings team, Catering Manager, Accommodation Manager and Sustainability Fellow Safety, including Personal Safety Hear from the University Security Service and the Fire Safety Officer
15:45 - 17:30	Scavenger Hunt around Oxford (Leaving from the Pavilion) Beginning after the talks, work in groups with your floor neighbours to solve various clues leading to places around Oxford, with a fun prize for the winning team!
17:30 - 21:00	College Family Night (Location of your family's choice) Your college parents will contact you about what they have organised for your family! Check in with the Weps or Freps if you haven't heard about your family's plans by Tuesday morning.
21:00 - 23:00	Beer Tasting (JCR, Hall Building) Taste a variety of different beers supplied by Chadlington's Brewery who produce our very own 'Hilda's Pale Ale'
21:00 - 23:00	Slime Making (The Pavilion) Relive your childhood with this silly slime-making session, a great way to relax after a busy afternoon

WEDNESDAY 9 OCTOBER

09:00 - 12:00	<p>* Library Induction (College Library, Hall Building)* 30-minute tours in small groups. Check your welcome pack (issued by email in September) for allocated groups and times</p>
10:00 - 12:00	<p>Union Tour (Meet outside the Lodge) Join our college members of the Union Committee on a tour of the Oxford Union, with a chance to ask any questions you may have</p>
11:30 - 12:45	<p>BAME Tea (Lady Brodie Room, Hall Building) Join the BAME (Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic) Rep Celine for a relaxed event with snacks to get to know the other members of the BAME community and find out more about life at Hilda's!</p>
13:00 - 14:00	<p>Oxford Student Union Freshers' Fair (Exam Schools, High Street) Entry is free. See the huge range of sports and societies on offer... as well as pick up lots of free stash!</p>
14:30 - 15:00	<p>*Alcohol spiking talk (The Pavilion)* The College nurse will give a talk on the dangers of alcohol spiking and how to stay safe.</p>
15:00 - 16:30	<p>*Consent and Equality workshops (The Pavilion)* An informal workshop led by our Welfare team at St Hilda's on the topic of consent, plus a workshop for all new undergraduates on equality led by a team of our JCR Reps.</p>
16:30 - 17:30	<p>Salsa Workshop (JdP Building) An opportunity to try your hand at Salsa in this workshop run by the University's Dancesport Club - it is a beginner-friendly session run by a professional teacher, featuring a demo by trained ballroom dancers!</p>
19:00	<p>* Freshers' Dinner (Dining Hall, South Building)* Academic gowns should be worn. Please comply with the seating plan that will be displayed in South Foyer.</p>
20:30 - 23:00	<p>JCR Evening (JCR, Hall Building) Continue to get to know your fellow freshers after your first formal in the college bar, and relax in the OLL (Old Law Library, inside the JCR) with glass painting and chatting</p>
23:00 - 01:00	<p>Film Night (JCR, Hall Building) Relaxed film night in the OLL (Old Law Library, inside the JCR), with the film chosen via a poll on the St Hilda's Freshers' Instagram account (@sthildasfreshers24) closer to the time</p>
23:00 - 01:00	<p>Pool, Darts and Table Football Tournaments (JCR, Hall Building) Test your newfound JCR game skills with some friendly competition</p>
23:00 - 03:00	<p>Club Night at Bullingdon (Leaving from the JCR, Hall Building) Club night at the iconic Oxford club 'Bully'. Second-year 'Sober Angels' will meet outside the club to take a group of you back to college every hour from midnight onwards, with some located inside the club ready to help with any emergencies or general queries. Tickets will be sold via the St Hilda's Freshers' Instagram account (@sthildasfreshers24).</p>

THURSDAY 10 OCTOBER

Note that BREAKFAST will be served from 07:30 - 08:30 and LUNCH from 12:30 because COLLECTIONS will be held in the Dining Hall for returning students.

Many students will have introductory sessions in University Departments and Libraries. Information is also available online at <https://www.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/ask/getting-started/under-post-graduates>

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12:00 - 13:00	<p>Womxn's Bracelet Making (JCR, Hall Building) Make some friendship bracelets as a keepsake for your time starting university with Womxn's Rep Nithu</p>

13:00 - 14:00	LGBTQ+ Picnic (<i>Lawn next to Hall Building</i>) Join LGBTQ+ Reps, Bee and Zach, and Trans Rep Zoë, in this relaxed picnic to meet other members of the community and join rainbow families
14:00 onwards	Possible meetings with Subject Tutors You must attend if your tutor has scheduled a meeting
14:00 - 15:00	Drop-in session - Accommodation and Facilities help desk (<i>Room 10, Anniversary Building</i>) Come with any questions about your accommodation or College buildings
15:00 - 16:00	Drop-in session - IT help desk (<i>IT Office, Anniversary Building</i>) Please bring your laptop, tablet, and/or phone, and our IT Team will try to help you
16:00 - 16:30	Academic Introduction (<i>Lady Brodie Room, Hall Building</i>) Led by Access Officer Cat, this session will provide more information about the academic side of Oxford and hopefully calm any fears you may have! There will also be subject representatives at the session to whom to direct specific questions
17:00 - 17:30	Introduction to College Music and the JdP (prompt start at 17:00) (<i>JdP Building</i>) Find out about college music, including practice rooms, choir and events
17:30 - 19:00	Rowing BBQ (<i>Outside the JCR, Hall Building</i>) Find out more about St Hilda's Boat Club, chat to current members, and sign up to rowing taster sessions happening the coming weekend
19:00 - 20:30	Pub Quiz (<i>JCR, Hall Building</i>) Head into the JCR to put that Oxford student knowledge to the test - and find out that no one here actually knows anything - with the first pub quiz of many this year, run by the Bar Team, Eddie, Josh and Niccolo
20:30 - 23:00	Thursday Night Live (TNL) and Karaoke (<i>JCR, Hall Building</i>) A Hilda's showcase where students can enjoy musical performances put on by other members of the college. This will be followed by karaoke open to everyone!

FRIDAY 11 OCTOBER

<i>Note that BREAKFAST will be served from 07:30 - 08:30 and LUNCH from 12:30 because COLLECTIONS will be held in the Dining Hall for returning students</i>	
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10:00 - 11:00	Origami Session (<i>Julia Mann Room, South Building</i>) A Hilda's showcase where students can enjoy musical performances put on by other members of the college. This will be followed by karaoke open to everyone!
11:00 - 13:00	Rounders (<i>Meet outside the Lodge</i>) Join Sports Reps, Anna and Austin, for a laidback rounders session in some (fingers crossed) lovely weather!
13:00 - 16:00	Mega Picnic (<i>University Parks - meet outside the Lodge for those who haven't been at rounders</i>) A large intercollegiate picnic with lots of food and drinks provided; a great way to meet freshers from other colleges and also spend more time with those from Hilda's
16:00 - 16:30	Academic Introduction (<i>Lady Brodie Room, Hall Building</i>) Led by Access Officer Cat, this session will provide more information about the academic side of Oxford and hopefully calm any fears you may have! There will also be subject representatives at the session to whom to direct specific questions
19:30 - 23:00	Hilda's and Catz Bar Crawl (<i>Leaving from the JCR, Hall Building</i>) Explore another college bar and meet new freshers with the college bar crawl this evening. We will be starting in the Hilda's bar at 19:30, leaving from the Porters' Lodge to make our way to Catz at 20:30, and then both Hilda's and Catz students will be returning to Hilda's at 22:00
21:00 - 23:00	G&D's Trip (<i>meet outside the Lodge</i>) Head out on this night-time trip to George & Danver to get an ice-cream or a warm drink (depending on the temperature!)

23:00 - 01:00	Film Night (JCR, Hall Building) Relaxed film night in the JCR, with the film chosen via a poll on the St Hilda's Freshers' Instagram account (@sthildasfreshers24) closer to the time
23:00 - 03:00	Club Night at The O2 Academy (Leaving from the JCR, Hall Building) Club night at Cowley's O2 Academy, the venue of 'Indie Fridays' and 'Swiftogeddon' nights. Second-year 'Sober Angels' will meet outside the club to take a group of you back to college every hour from midnight onwards, with some located inside the club ready to help with any emergencies or general queries. Tickets will be sold via the St Hilda's Freshers' Instagram account (@sthildasfreshers24).

SATURDAY 12 OCTOBER (END OF WEEK 0)

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14:00 - 15:00	St Hilda's Freshers' Fair (Rooftop Suite, Anniversary Building) Find out which sports and societies you can join at Hilda's, and sign up for various taster sessions and try-outs for the sports teams
19:30 - 23:30	Freshers' BOP (JCR, Hall Building) Hilda's first BOP (Big Organised Party – a college party) of the year! Stay tuned to @hildas_entz on Instagram for the theme reveal

SUNDAY 13 OCTOBER (START OF WEEK 1)

10:00 -	Post-BOP Buttery Brunch (JCR, Hall Building) Rejuvenate after the BOP and start Week 1 off correctly with a brunch sold from the Buttery!
16:00 -	Welfare Tea (JCR, Hall Building) Join the Weps and other year groups in the JCR for the weekly 'Welfare Tea'.
17:30 -	Mock JCR Meeting (JCR, Hall Building) A chance to find out how the bi-weekly JCR meetings work