



ARRANGEMENTS FOR NEW STUDENTS AT THE START OF MICHAELMAS TERM 2025

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 5 OCTOBER (INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS ONLY)

13:00 -	International Picnic (Hall Lawn)
14:00	Welcome to College over snacks and drinks
14:30 -	Intercollegiate Meet-Up with snacks (Meet at the Porters' Lodge)
16:30	We will be joining Keble College for a chance to meet other international students
17:00 -	Walking Tour of Oxford (Meet at the Porters' Lodge)
18:30	Small groups to be taken around Oxford on an informative walking tour of various landmarks and important spots
19:00 -	Informal dinner (Dining Hall, South Building)
20:30	Informal dress, but please be in the Dining Hall by 19:00
21:00 -	Pub Trip (Meet at the Porters' Lodge)
23:00	A trip to a pub near St Hilda's for a classic British pub experience

MONDAY 6 OCTOBER

09:00 -	*Undergraduate registration (Academic Office, South Building) *
16:30	Meet the Academic Office team. University Cards and other essential documents will be handed out.
12:00 -	Najar Trip (Meet at the Porters' Lodge)
13:00	A lunch trip to Najar's cafe for those freshers who have settled into their rooms
14:00 -	Drop-in Craft for BOP (JCR, Hall Building)
16:00	A relaxed arts and craft session to help make decorations for the Saturday BOP and to get to know one another and the Entz team
14:00 -	Welfare Tea (JCR, Hall Building)
16:00	A classic welfare tea hosted by the welfare team with lots of snacks and refreshments
17:00 -	Meet the JCR Committee (The Pavilion)
17:45	An introductory presentation to Freshers' Week and a chance to meet the JCR Committee members
20:00 -	Bingo (JCR, Hall Building)
21:00	Classic Bingo with prizes and music
21:00 -	Glam Club Night pre-drinks (JCR, Hall Building)
23:00	A relaxed environment in the JCR for everyone, with music to create a fun environment for those who are ending their night then, or for those who are continuing onto Glamorous

MONDAY 6 OCTOBER (continued)

23:00 -	Glamorous Club Night (<i>Glamorous night club</i>)
03:00	A club night at Glamorous with sober angels to assist and help people get back to college safely
23:00 -	Film Night (<i>OLL, inside JCR, Hall Building</i>)
01:00	A cosy club night alternative with the opportunity to unwind and have some quiet time watching a film together

TUESDAY 7 OCTOBER

09:00 -	Buttery Breakfast (<i>JCR, Hall Building</i>)
10:30	Hosted by the buttery team as an introduction to the buttery cafe
10:30 -	*Meet the Welfare Team (prompt start at 10:30) (<i>The Pavilion</i>) *
11:00	St Hilda's provides lots of welfare support to its community; come and meet the team to find out more
11:00 -	*Information Security Awareness (prompt start at 11:00) (<i>The Pavilion</i>) *
11:30	The IT team will brief you on the complications of Oxford IT
11:30 -	Sub fusc Trip (<i>Meet at the Porters' Lodge</i>)
13:00	A planned trip to Ede and Ravenscroft to buy sub fusc before tomorrow's formal dinner
14:00 -	*College Introductions: Academic and Support (prompt start at 14:00) (<i>The Pavilion</i>)*
15:30	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 -	Scavenger Hunt (<i>Meet at the Porters' Lodge</i>)
17:30	An organised scavenger hunt across the city to work in a team and get to know each other with fun clues and prizes
17:30 -	College Family Night (<i>TBC</i>)
21:00	A family night evening hosted by college parents
21:00 -	Pool, Darts and Table Football Tournament (<i>JCR, Hall Building</i>)
23:00	A chance to try out and get involved with some friendly competition in the JCR - welcome to all!
21:00 -	Plant Pot Painting (<i>OLL, inside JCR, Hall Building</i>)
23:00	A drop-in crafting event to decorate plant pots to add some decor to your college room

WEDNESDAY 8 OCTOBER

09:00 -	* Library Induction (<i>College Library, Hall Building</i>)*
12:00	30-minute tours in small groups. Check your welcome pack (issued by email in September) for allocated groups and times
10:00 -	Oxford Union Tour (<i>Meet at the Porters' Lodge</i>)
12:00	A tour of the famous Oxford Union hosted by a current member for all those interested in attending or joining the society
11:30 -	Womxn's Biscuit Decorating and Picnic (<i>JCR Lawn</i>)
12:30	A chance to meet the Womxns rep and enjoy some snacks and biscuit decorating
13:00 -	Oxford Student Union Freshers' Fair (<i>Exam Schools, High Street</i>)
14:00	Entry is free. See the huge range of sports and societies on offer... as well as pick up lots of free stash!
14:30 -	*Alcohol spiking talk (<i>The Pavilion</i>)*
15:30	The College nurse will give a talk on the dangers of alcohol spiking and how to stay safe.

WEDNESDAY 8 OCTOBER (continued)

15:30 - 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 - 17:15	<p>Snacks and Sips Stash Hunt (TBC) An exciting scavenger hunt around the college site to try and find drink and food tokens for the Park End club night</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>Hilda's Wednesday Night Live - karaoke/music (JCR, Hall Building) A fun music-filled evening hosted by the college Music rep, including a live music performance and karaoke</p>
23:00 - 03:00	<p>Park End Club Night (Park End night club) A club night at the infamous Park End</p>
23:00 - 01:00	<p>Hot Chocolate and Recovery (OLL, inside JCR, Hall Building) A quiet evening in the OLL to chat and unwind with a comforting hot chocolate and snacks available</p>

THURSDAY 9 OCTOBER

<p>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.</p> <p>Many students will have introductory sessions in University Departments and Libraries.</p>	
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12:00 - 13:00	<p>BAME Gloucester Green Visit (Meet at the Porters' Lodge) A chance to join the BAME reps from St Hilda's and Pembroke Colleges for a trip to Gloucester Green food market</p>
13:00 - 14:00	<p>LGBT Charcuterie (Hall Lawn) An event hosted by the LGBTQ+ reps on the lawn with charcuterie boards and more</p>
14:00 onwards	<p>Possible meetings with Subject Tutors You must attend if your tutor has scheduled a meeting</p>
14:30 - 16:30	<p>Intercollegiate Throwback Sports Day (University Parks, east side, entrance near Keble College) Join us for a throwback sports afternoon, full of your favourite games: egg and spoon race, three-legged race, parents race, wheel-barrow race, tug of war</p>
17:00 - 19:00	<p>Rowing BBQ (Hall Lawn) Find out more about Hilda's boat club, chat to current members and sign up for taster sessions hosted over Michaelmas Term</p>
18:00 - 18:30	<p>Introduction to College Music and the JdP (prompt start at 18:00) (JdP Building) Find out about college music, including practice rooms, choir and events</p>
19:00 - 20:30	<p>Pub Quiz (JCR, Hall Building) A lively pub quiz in the JCR with a range of topics and themed questions to test your competitive skills!</p>
19:00 - 20:00	<p>Sunset in South Park (Meet at the Porters' Lodge) A group trip to our nearby park, South Park, for some of the best sunset views Oxford has to offer (weather dependent)</p>

THURSDAY 9 OCTOBER (continued)

20:30 -	<i>Ou est le unicorn</i> (Meet at the the Porters' Lodge)
23:00	A great way to work together and explore different pubs throughout Oxford to find the college mascot
20:30 -	<i>G&D Trip</i> (Meet at the Porters' Lodge)
22:30	A college trip to the Oxford go-to G&Ds on Cowley Road for late night icecream and other treats

FRIDAY 10 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>	
<i>Many students will have introductory sessions in University Departments and Libraries.</i>	
09:00 - 10:00	<i>Hilda's Run & Buns</i> (Meet at the Porters' Lodge) Join us for a welcoming, easy paced run, available to all abilities finishing with a delicious sweet treat from one of Oxford's bakeries
11:00 - 13:00	<i>Garden versus Wolfson Rounders</i> (University Parks, east side, entrance near Keble College) A chance to encourage some healthy competition between residents of Garden and Wolfson Buildings (with South Building able to join whichever team they want)
13:00 - 14:00	<i>International Picnic and Catch-Up</i> (JCR Lawn) Join the International rep for a picnic on the lawn and a chance to chat and catch up about the week so far
14:00 - 15:00	<i>Salsa/Latin Dance Workshop</i> (JdP Building) A great opportunity to try your hand at salsa dancing guided by a professional in the JDP music building
15:00 - 16:00	<i>Drop-in session - Accommodation and Facilities help desk</i> (Room 10, Anniversary Building) Come with any questions about your accommodation or College buildings
16:00 - 17:00	<i>Drop-in session - IT help desk</i> (IT Office, Anniversary Building) Please bring your laptop, tablet, and/or phone, and our IT Team will try to help you
17:00 - 18:30	<i>Drop-in session - Welcome to the Sanctuary</i> (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. The Jewish Society will provide an anti-semitism awareness talk from 17:00 to 17:30.
19:30 - 23:00	<i>Bar Crawl with St Catz</i> (Meet in the JCR, Hall Building) Start at Hilda's College Bar where we will be joined by St Catz for an evening of drinks and socialising before moving onto St Catz bar and then the O2
23:00 - 03:00	<i>O2 Club Night</i> (O2 night club) A trip to the home of Indie Fridays and some of the other best live music events in Oxford
23:00 - 01:00	<i>Charcuterie and Recovery</i> (OLL, inside JCR, Hall Building) Club alternative for those who have chosen to have a relaxed night in college with delicious snacks for everyone

SATURDAY 11 OCTOBER (END OF WEEK 0)

<i>Note that BRUNCH will be served from from 12:30 because COLLECTIONS will be held in the Dining Hall for returning students</i>	
12:30 -	<i>Hanover Recovery Brunch</i> (Dining Hall)
13:30	Brunch after a busy week of freshers' activities to relax and catch up with friends
14:00 - 15:00	<i>St Hilda's Freshers' Fair</i> (The Pavilion) A chance to explore St Hilda's wide range of societies on offer, including college sports and more
19:00 - 23:00	<i>Freshers' BOP</i> (JCR, Hall Building) The first BOP (Big Organised Party) of the year held in the JCR with themed decor, music and prizes for best costumes

SATURDAY 18 OCTOBER (END OF WEEK 1)

12:45	*Matriculation (<i>Meet in the Dining Hall</i>)* <i>Sub fusc</i> required. Details will be sent to each student.
14:45 - 15:45	Lunch (<i>Dining Hall</i>)