



ARRANGEMENTS FOR NEW STUDENTS AT THE START OF MICHAELMAS TERM 2026

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 asterix 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 College 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

SATURDAY 3 OCTOBER

18:30 -	<i>International dinner with Wadham College</i> (Hall Lawn)
20:00	Pizza on Hall Lawn to give freshers a chance to socialise at the start of term

SUNDAY 4 OCTOBER

14:00 -	<i>International essentials tour</i> (Meet at the Lodge)
15:30	A must for all new international students
15:30 -	<i>Intercollegiate international picnic</i> (Hall Lawn)
18:00	Picnic and snacks on Hall Lawn with freshers from three other colleges
19:00 -	<i>Informal dinner</i> (Dining Hall, South Building)
20:30	Informal dress, but please be in the Dining Hall by 19:00
21:00	<i>Group pub trip</i> (Meet at the Lodge)
	Social trip to the <i>Oranges and Lemons</i> pub on St Clement's

MONDAY 5 OCTOBER

09:00 -	<i>*Undergraduate registration</i> (Academic Office, South Building) *
16:30	Meet the Academic Office team. University Cards and other essential documents will be handed out.
11:00 -	<i>Drop-in snacks and craft with the JCR welfare reps</i> (JCR, Hall Building)
16:00	A time when students can go to the JCR in a relaxed environment and meet the welfare JCR reps
14:00 -	<i>*Meeting for new Visiting Students* (prompt start at 14:00)</i> (Julia Mann Room, South Building)
16:00	Meet the Director of the Visiting Students Programme, the Senior Tutor, and other students in your year group
16:30 -	<i>Walking tour of Oxford</i> (Meet at the Lodge)
18:00	See the sights of Oxford: Sheldonian Theatre, Broad Street, Rad Cam, High Street, Ashmolean Museum and the Covered Market
20:00 -	<i>Post-dinner Knoop's trip</i> (Meet at the Lodge)
21:00	Try the famous Knoop's hot chocolate
20:00 -	<i>Post-dinner G&D's trip</i> (Meet at the Lodge)
21:00	Try the famous G&D's ice cream
21:00 -	<i>Glam pre-drinks</i> (JCR, Hall Building)
22:30	A chance to get to know the student bar team and other freshers before going to Glam nightclub

MONDAY 5 OCTOBER (CONTINUED)

22:30	Glam club night (Meet at the Lodge) Club night at Glam, close to the college site
22:30	Movie night (Old Law Library (OLL), inside JCR, Hall Building) For those who'd prefer a chilled night in

TUESDAY 6 OCTOBER

09:00 -	Morning walk around Christ Church meadow (Meet at the Lodge)
10:00	Sweep those cobwebs away and explore the greenery in the centre of the city!
10:30 -	*Meet the Welfare Team (prompt start at 10:30) (The Pavilion) *
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) (The Pavilion) *
11:30	The IT team will brief you on the complications of Oxford IT
12:00 -	Sub fusc trips (Meet at the Lodge)
13:45	A chance to buy sub fusc
	College Introductions: Academic and Support (prompt start at 14:00) (The Pavilion) Hear from the Principal, Senior Tutor, Academic Registrar, Dean and Writing Fellow
14:00 -	College Introductions: Bursarial and Facilities
15:30	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
15:30 -	Meet the JCR Committee (The Pavilion)
16:30	An introduction to all aspects of the JCR Committee and what each role does
16:30 -	Rowing BBQ (JCR, Hall Building)
18:30	A chance for all freshers to get to know the Boat Club (SHCBC) and find out more about rowing
18:30 -	Pub quiz pre-drinks (JCR, Hall Building)
19:30	
19:30 -	Pub quiz night (JCR, Hall Building)
21:30	Traditional style pub quiz, competing in groups for a prize
21:30	Tues-gays/Plush club night (Meet at the Lodge) An introduction to the Oxford event Tues-gays run by the LGBTQ+ reps (the event is open to everyone)
21:30	Oxford jazz night (Meet at the Lodge) A chill alternative to clubbing is going to The Bear, just off the High Street, for the regular Tuesday Jazz Night
21:30	Board game night (Old Law Library (OLL), inside JCR, Hall Building) Another chill alternative to clubbing

WEDNESDAY 7 OCTOBER

09:00 -	* Library Induction (College Library, Hall Building)*
12:00	30-minute tours in small groups. Check your welcome pack (issued by email in September) for allocated groups and times
10:00 -	Charity shop crawl (Meet at the Lodge)
12:00	A chance to find something for Freshers' Formal, and to learn about sustainable practices in Oxford
09:30 -	Sports morning (Meet at the Lodge)
12:00	
12:30 -	Oxford Student Union Freshers' Fair (Exam Schools, High Street or meet at the Lodge)
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 safety talk (The Pavilion)*
15:30	The College nurse will give a talk on the dangers of alcohol spiking and how to stay safe.
15:30 -	*Consent Briefing (The Pavilion)*
16:30	An informal briefing led by our Welfare team at St Hilda's on the topic of consent.

WEDNESDAY 7 OCTOBER (CONTINUED)

16:30 -	JCR games (JCR, Hall Building)
18:00	Practice your proficiency at classic JCR games, such as table football, darts and pool
19:00	* Freshers' Dinner (Dining Hall, South Building)* Academic gowns should be worn. Please comply with the seating plan that will be displayed in South Foyer.
21:30 -	Hilda's Wednesday night live (JCR, Hall Building)
12:00	Come down and see Hilda's very own musicians performing!
22:00	SportWatch night (Old Law Library (OLL), inside JCR, Hall Building) A chance to mingle with other years whilst watching sport on the TV
22:00	Bully club night (Meet at the Lodge) Come out to see another one of Oxford's clubs

THURSDAY 8 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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09:00 -	* Library Induction (College Library, Hall Building)*
12:00	30-minute tours in small groups. Check your welcome pack (issued by email in September) for allocated groups and times
10:00 -	Morning brunch BBQ (Wolfson Lawn)
12:00	Recover after some big nights out with a nice picnic on the lawn
11:00 -	Oxford library tours (Meet at the Lodge)
12:30	Take a look around some of Oxford's most famous libraries!
11:00 -	International check-in (Hall Lawn)
12:30	A chance for international students to chat with the international JCR rep
12:30 -	BAME trip to Gloucester Green (Meet at the Lodge)
13:30	Get to know other people within the BAME community
13:00 -	Bike buying workshop (JCR, Hall Building)
14:30	Drop in for guidance on how and where to buy a bike in Oxford
13:00 -	Croquet on the lawn (Wolfson Lawn)
14:30	Get familiar with the one of the sports at Hilda's, meet the passionate croquet team and learn a new and exciting sport
14:00	Possible meetings with Subject Tutors
onwards	You must attend if your tutor has scheduled a meeting
14:30 -	LGBTQ+ picnic and card games (South Lawn)
16:00	Run by the LGBTQ+ JCR reps to help the LGBTQ+ community get to know each other
15:00 -	Oxford library tours (Meet at the Lodge)
16:30	Take a look around some of Oxford's most famous libraries!
18:00 -	Introduction to College Music and the JdP (prompt start at 18:00) (JdP Building)
18:30	Find out about college music, including practice rooms, choir and events
19:00 -	College family night
21:30	Second-years will take out their new college kids to get to know them, with a family dinner and a pub trip
21:30	Ou est le unicorn? (Meet at the Lodge) Running around Oxford to find the elusive unicorn whilst getting to know Oxford pubs
21:30	Charcuterie and chat (JCR, Hall Building) Chill alternative

FRIDAY 9 OCTOBER

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10:00 -	Queen's Lane Café (Meet at the Lodge)
11:00	Come with us to the iconic café for tea and chat
10:00 -	Run club and post-run coffee (Meet at the Lodge)
11:30	
11:30 -	Drop-in environment and arts & crafts session (JCR, Hall Building)
12:30	
	Afternoon at Longbridges (Meet at the Lodge)
12:00 -	A picnic and chance to row at our St Hilda's College boat house (Longbridges): students are welcome to hop
17:30	in a boat with some experienced rowers, go up to our erg room and learn the basics of how to row, or simply sit and picnic in the lovely surrounding area
13:30 -	Drop-in session - Accommodation and Facilities help desk (Room 10, Anniversary Building)
14:30	Come with any questions about your accommodation or College buildings
14:30 -	Drop-in session - IT help desk (IT Office, Anniversary Building)
15:30	Please bring your laptop, tablet, and/or phone, and our IT Team will try to help you
19:30 -	Disco bingo night (JCR, Hall Building)
20:30	
20:45 -	College bar crawl (Meet at the Lodge)
23:00	
21:00	Movie night (Old Law Library (OLL), inside JCR, Hall Building)
	For those who'd prefer a chilled night in
23:00	Bridge club night (Meet at the Lodge)
	Visit another of Oxford's clubs

SATURDAY 10 OCTOBER (END OF WEEK 0)

Note that BRUNCH will be served from from 12:30 because COLLECTIONS will be held in the Dining Hall for returning students

09:00 -	Longbridges (Meet at the Lodge)
17:30	Rowing novice taster sessions at our St Hilda's College boat house (Longbridges)
12:30 -	Hangover recovery brunch (Dining Hall, South Building)
13:30	
14:00 -	Hilda's freshers' fair (The Pavilion)
16:00	See the huge range of Hilda's own sports and societies on offer
21:00	Freshers' BOP (JCR, Hall Building)
	Don't miss the first party of the year!

SUNDAY 11 OCTOBER (START OF WEEK 1)

09:00 -	Longbridges (Meet at the Lodge)
17:30	Rowing novice taster sessions at our St Hilda's College boat house (Longbridges)
13:00 -	Intercollegiate sports day (Meet at the Lodge)
17:00	Compete against freshers from other colleges
17:30 -	Welfare tea (JCR, Hall Building)
19:00	A chance to check in with others before term starts tomorrow
19:00 -	International essentials workshop (JCR, Hall Building)
20:00	For international students: how to set up basics such as a Tesco club card, international money issues etc