



St Hilda's College 2025

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Offer-Holder Newsletter

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CONGRATULATIONS!

Well done on receiving an offer to begin your studies at St Hilda's in 2025.

This first newsletter is aimed at helping you understand what to expect over the next few months, as you prepare for the transition to university.

Below are some key dates in the application process. You might find that not all of them apply to you, but it's a good idea to make a note of those that do. You'll receive further information from us and UCAS closer to the time.



APPLICATION TIMELINE

By End of March

Financial declaration sent out to all Offer Holders

By 1 April

Email certification to the Undergraduate Admissions Officer (for post-qualification Offer Holders)

4 June

Most students reply to offers on UCAS - confirming your firm and insurance choices

By 30 June

Financial declaration form to be completed and returned

End of June/Early July

Receive your pre-arrival reading list (most subjects)

By 31 July

English language qualifications completed and returned to the Undergraduate Admissions Office

From Mid-August

- All qualifications sat and completed
- A-level results released
- Students needing visas will be contacted by us
- Freshers' forms issued for completion and return



OFFER-HOLDER DAY: THANKS FOR JOINING US!

It was lovely to meet some of you at the Offer-Holders' Day on Saturday 1st March.

We hope that you enjoyed getting to know other offer-holders and found it useful to chat with our current students! St Hilda's students often describe the College as open, inclusive and friendly. We hope you experienced this when you visited and can see yourself being comfortable and thriving here.

This newsletter covers a bit more about what you can expect from life at St Hilda's, including information on accommodation and our societies and sports clubs.

For those of you who couldn't join us, we look forward to meeting you in October!



REMINDER: WHAT YOU NEED TO DO

Financial Declaration Forms

By the end of March, we will have been in touch with you regarding your Financial Declaration Form (FDF). The FDF asks you for details on how your studies will be funded and must be returned to us by 30 June. If you are applying for a loan via the Student Loans Company (SLC) or other funding sources, please start the application process as soon as possible as it can take a while.

There is lots of helpful information regarding fees and funding in the University's [2025 Entry Fees and Funding Guide](#).

Replying to your Oxford offer

Information on how to accept your offer is given on the UCAS website.

Updating to a non-school email address

If you have a school email address registered on UCAS, we ask that you change this to a personal one as your school email address will stop working after you have sat your exams and we will not be able to contact you.

Change your email address on UCAS and please also email us at undergraduate.admissions@st-hildas.ox.ac.uk from your old account to confirm this change. Please copy your new email address into the email. It is helpful if you can include your UCAS number when you contact us.



ACCOMMODATION

We're able to offer accommodation to all undergraduate students for the entirety of their course.

You don't need to apply for accommodation in your first year. A room will automatically be allocated for you in **Garden Building, South Building** or **Wolfson Building** on the main St Hilda's site, so all the College facilities will be on your doorstep.

Rooms have a washbasin, and generally there are two or three showers, three toilets, and a kitchen area per floor. You'll normally be on a floor with 11 to 12 other students. This gives you the opportunity to meet lots of people and make new friends.

Every College room is regularly cleaned by a College 'Scout' and you'll have access to on-site laundry facilities.

Please contact us if you need accommodation adjustments and we can discuss your requirements. (Please be aware that we will normally need to see medical evidence.)

You'll be given a key to your accommodation on the first day of Freshers' Week, so you can settle into your room and start enjoying your time at St Hilda's from the moment you arrive.



COLLEGE CATS

The College has three cats that you may spot around the site.

Our oldest cat, and a St Hilda's institution, is Teabag. Teabag's home is in the Lodge, so pop in and say hello when you're picking up your post!

Baroness Kitkat and her son Bourneville live with our Principal, Professor Dame Sarah Springman DBE. They can normally be seen near the Principal's lodgings.



TEABAG

SPORT

At St Hilda's, we have a number of College sports teams which everyone is welcome to join, regardless of ability level. Our sports teams include rowing, hockey, rugby, trampolining, lacrosse, football, badminton and netball.

You can even start your own Sports Society (or any Society for that matter) if you put forward a proposal to the student body; most recently a kayaking club has been started thanks to our location on the river.



JCR

When you start at St Hilda's you become a member of the Junior Common Room (JCR) and join our welcoming and active student community. Your time here is the perfect opportunity to explore your interests, whatever they may be.

CHARITY & WELFARE

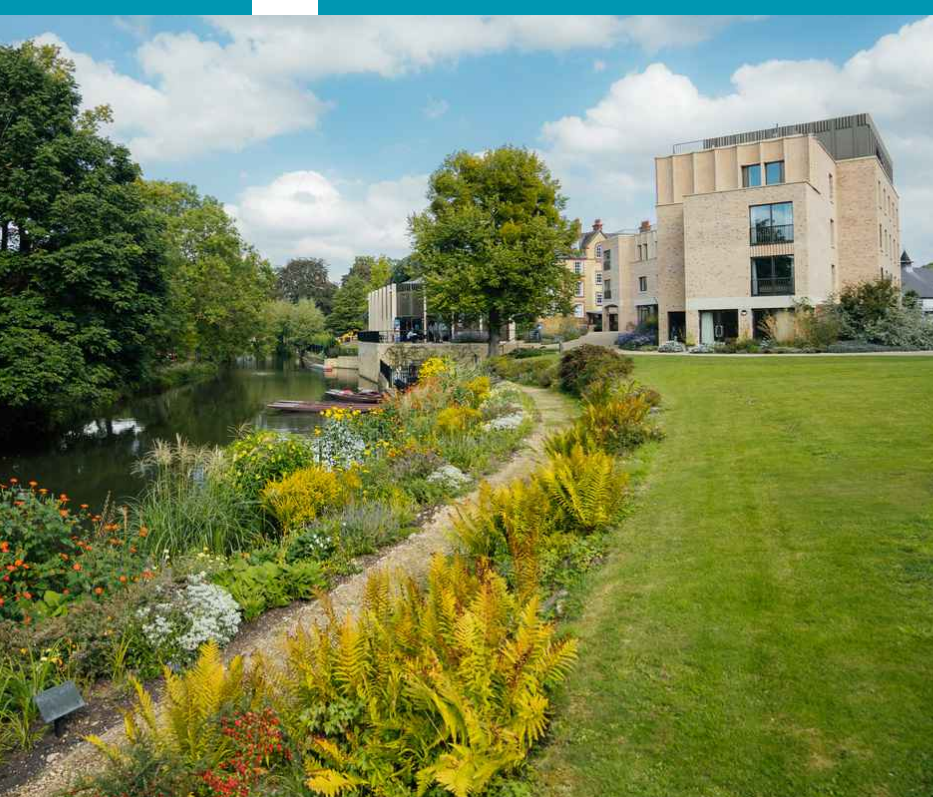
The JCR committee members host various charity events, including a Charity Formal, Movember and karaoke nights. They also organise donation collections for foodbanks and the annual FemFest, a week-long intersectional feminist festival.

Welfare events are run throughout the year, including welfare teas and pub quizzes. In addition, the 5th week of every term is welfare week!

ARTS & MUSIC

There's lots of ways you can express your creative side at St Hilda's. There are frequent open mic nights, as well as the Drama Society and College Choir. The College also hosts weekly music recitals in our concert venue, the **JdP**, which is home to five music practice rooms as well as a recording studio.

St Hilda's Arts Week is an annual event that brings the whole College together through creative and artistic enterprises. It includes showcases, plays, recitals, poetry readings, acting workshops, writing groups and more!





MEET THE STAFF

ST HILDA'S COLLEGE DISABILITY TEAM

WHAT DO YOUR ROLES INVOLVE?

We support students with disabilities and/or long-term health conditions by implementing recommendations from the University Disability Advisory Service. We also act as a first point of contact in College if you want to have an initial chat about any disability needs.



**LORNA SMITH -
DISABILITY FELLOW**



**BECKY UNWIN -
DISABILITY
COORDINATOR**

ADMISSIONS AND OUTREACH TEAM

WHAT DOES YOUR ROLE INVOLVE?

We are part of the friendly and welcoming Academic Office at St Hilda's. Our role is focused on supporting prospective students and offer holders, so you'll be hearing lots from us in the coming months!

We are the faces behind the undergraduate.admissions@st-hildas.ox.ac.uk email address.



**SUZANNA SHELDON -
UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS &
OUTREACH MANAGER**



**SOPHIE MCSPADDEN
UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS &
OUTREACH OFFICER**

KEEPING IN TOUCH

Don't forget to keep an eye on the

[Offer-Holders' Webpage](#)

It is updated regularly with relevant information and contains answers to most frequently asked questions.

If you have a question that isn't covered on the offer-holders' webpage, or need to update us about any changes over the coming months, please don't hesitate to contact us at:

undergraduate.admissions@st-hildas.ox.ac.uk

Warmest Wishes,

St Hilda's College

