



# St Hilda's College 2025

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## Offer Holder Newsletter

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## GOOD LUCK!

Many of you will be preparing to receive your exam results. We at St Hilda's want to wish you the best of luck.

This edition of the newsletter looks at welfare provision at St Hilda's and a little bit about what you can expect when you arrive for Freshers' Week in October. More information about Freshers' Week and starting at St Hilda's will be sent out in mid-August.

Good luck and we hope that you enjoy the summer. We're looking forward to you joining us in October!



### EMBARGO INFORMATION

Each year, UCAS and universities and colleges are given early access to results under strict embargo arrangements with the Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA) and the Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ). An embargo period covers the defined period of time where early access to embargoed examination results is given. This allows universities and colleges to prepare and make decisions by the official publication dates of exam results in August.

During the embargo periods universities and colleges cannot discuss an applicant's individual status with them, or their schools. The main embargo period normally lasts about a week and ends on A-Level results day. There is an earlier embargo period around the release of Scottish qualifications. If you contact us during these periods, we will not be able to reply to you. Both of these embargoes apply to all offer-holders, even those who already have their exam results.

This year's dates are:

18:00 on Monday 28 July until 09:00 on Tuesday 5 August

08:00 on Friday 8 August until 08:00 on Thursday 14 August



### OFFER HOLDER TIMELINE

#### Early July

Summer reading lists - we've now been in touch with all St Hilda's offer-holders

Please update your email address to a non-school one, if you've not done so already, following the instructions

#### By 31 July

English Language qualifications completed and returned

#### Mid-August

- All qualifications sat and completed

#### 14 August

- A-Level results released and places confirmed via UCAS.
- Students with an Open Offer will be informed of their college
- Freshers' forms will be sent out to all St Hilda's confirmed offer-holders

You will hear from us on 14 August; but it will be a very busy morning. Please don't phone us asking for an update; that will just slow things down - we will get to you as soon as we can, via email

- Students needing visas will be contacted by us in the few days after A-Level results day

#### 1 September

Freshers' forms to be completed and returned

#### 19 September

Oxford Open Day - offer-holders are welcome to attend

#### 6 October

First day of Freshers' Week! UK students arrive on this date. International students are welcome to arrive in College on the 4 or 5 October, subject to discussion in advance with our accommodation manager.

Full term dates here





## WELFARE

St Hilda's is an open and friendly College. We hope that all students will feel free to ask for help or advice at any time. There are a number of ways in which advice can be sought within College, and from related services within the University.

The support network available in College includes the Welfare Officer, College Nurse, College Counsellor and Junior Deans, as well as Personal Tutors and the JCR Welfare Officers. More information will be given when you arrive in October; in the meantime, see our 'Meet the Staff' section to hear from Laura, our Welfare Officer.

## FRESHERS' WEEK

Freshers' Week is your first week at the College and University.

When you arrive at the beginning of the week, you'll come to the Academic Office to complete your registration.

A formal Freshers' Dinner is held in the middle of the week, and the JCR organises social activities throughout the week. So, you'll have lots of opportunities to meet other students and make friends.

You'll also have a series of talks covering essential information about life at St Hilda's.

The timetable for Freshers' Week should be available from mid-August.

## ACCOMMODATION REMINDER

### A few key points about accommodation:

We're able to offer accommodation to all undergraduate students in all years.

You don't need to apply for accommodation in your first year. You will automatically be allocated a room.

Please contact us at [undergraduate.admissions@st-hildas.ox.ac.uk](mailto:undergraduate.admissions@st-hildas.ox.ac.uk) 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.

## PRE-ARRIVAL STEPS

### (AFTER YOU ACCEPT YOUR OFFER)

When you have met the conditions of your offer, you will be sent an email with a link to a webpage where you can download the College contract and your university card form. You then upload this as part of the online freshers' form. This includes uploading a passport-style photograph. This photograph will be used for the entirety of your undergraduate degree, so pick wisely!

You will also receive arrival information at this time. This, and the following steps, normally happen in August and more information will be provided then.

Once you have signed and returned your University card form, and in advance of the start of term, you will be sent your University of Oxford Single Sign On IT account details, giving you access to central IT services.

After this, you should complete the first step of your University registration by verifying your details online using Student Self Service before you arrive.

Remember to take a look at the University's '[before you arrive](#)' page so that you can ensure your arrival at the University goes smoothly.

Please also see the College's [Information for Current Offer-Holders](#) page for further information.





# MEET THE STAFF

## LAURA LYSENKO - WELFARE OFFICER

### WHAT DOES YOUR ROLE INVOLVE?

As Welfare Officer here at St Hilda's, I am available to talk about absolutely anything you are worried about or struggling with. I can help you find specialist sources of support within College, the University or externally, depending on what you need. I can also help you develop your study skills, including time management and coping with stress, so please don't hesitate to reach out.

You will meet me and the rest of the Welfare Team during Freshers' Week, when you will find out more about how we can help and how to book an appointment. I look forward to welcoming all of you to St Hilda's later this year and supporting you during your time here.

### WHAT'S YOUR FAVOURITE THING ABOUT ST HILDA'S COLLEGE?

My favourite thing about St Hilda's is our wonderful College community. As you walk through College you will find plenty of smiling faces and friendly chatter.



## KEEPING IN TOUCH

Don't forget to keep an eye on the

**[Offer-Holders' webpage,](#)**

which 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](mailto:undergraduate.admissions@st-hildas.ox.ac.uk)**

Warmest Wishes,

*St Hilda's College*

