



Dear Fresher,

Many congratulations on securing your place at St Hilda's College. We look forward to welcoming you.

ARRIVAL

Please arrive in Oxford no later than noon on Sunday 5 October. There will be an optional informal dinner served for new graduates at 7pm that evening.

Both the college and your department will run induction events in the week of 6 October. You should plan to participate in these as much as possible. In the case of any timetable event clashes, please note that departmental events take precedence over college events.

- A guide for students on safely navigating their way from the airports/Eurostar terminal to their Oxford college can be found at www.ox.ac.uk/students/new/international
- A map of Oxford can be found at www.ox.ac.uk/visitors/maps-and-directions
- A plan of St Hilda's College can be found on our website at www.st-hildas.ox.ac.uk

UNIVERSITY REGISTRATION

Please note that you must register with the University from 1 September onwards, via [Student Self-Service](#), using your Single Sign-On data. Information about Single Sign-On and University registration will be sent to you by email from the University once you have returned your contract. Please check and verify your details online and update them, if necessary.

If you require assistance with the online registration process, please contact student.registration@admin.ox.ac.uk

COLLEGE REGISTRATION

You are welcome to collect your University card from the Academic Office (Room 27, South Building) anytime from 12 September. *Please note that your University card will not be issued unless you have completed the University registration above by using the activation code sent to you by University IT Services.*

On the morning of Wednesday 8 October, there will be a College Introductions session, including a welcome from the Tutor for Graduates and introductions from key College Officers. This will be followed by a social meeting for all new graduates with current graduate students and College Advisers. Full details will be in your welcome pack.

FINANCIAL AND DOMESTIC MATTERS

Information relating to fees, charges and the College payment policy can be found on the Freshers' webpage. Please contact those below for more details:

- hemlata.bountra@st-hildas.ox.ac.uk for any questions on financial matters
- gerri.cane@st-hildas.ox.ac.uk or nicky.charles@st-hildas.ox.ac.uk for any questions on domestic matters including if you have any special accommodation needs, for instance relating to a disability, or require any special domestic arrangements.

HEALTH AND DISABILITY INFORMATION

All students at the University are required to register with an Oxford doctor. Please ensure you complete the NHS registration form, which can be found on the Freshers' webpage.

The College and the University offer a range of support to help students with a disability. Helpful information is available on the University website at www.ox.ac.uk/students/welfare/disability. See also the 'Disabilities' document on the College Freshers' webpage.

MATRICULATION

In order to be officially admitted as a member of the University of Oxford, you are required to matriculate at the start of your first degree at Oxford. The matriculation ceremony will take place on **Saturday 18 October** and attendance, in academic dress, is **compulsory** for all students.

You should wear the gown and cap of your previous University, or the Oxford University graduate gown: details about academic dress can be found on the Freshers' webpage.

Sub fusc must be worn. *Sub fusc* consists of a dark suit with dark socks, or a dark skirt with black stockings or trousers with dark socks and an optional dark coat; black shoes; plain white collared shirt; a black tie (a narrow black ribbon, tied in a bow, will suffice) or white bow tie. 'Dark' in this context means black or very dark grey or navy blue. Those who wear a headdress for religious reasons should choose a black scarf. Gowns may be bought at any Oxford tailor's shop. Dress should be appropriate for formal occasions.

Please note that the matriculation ceremony is only open to students.

I wish you a very happy and rewarding time with us in Oxford.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs Rebekah Unwin
Academic Registrar