

## **St Hilda's College 2014-15 – Some Practical Issues for Freshers**

### **Where are the banks?**

Most of the major banks have branches in Cornmarket. There is a NatWest branch in Cowley Road (No.189).

### **Where are the ATMs/Cash Machines?**

There is an ATM outside Sainsbury's on The Plain (roundabout).

### **Where is the Post Office?**

The Central Post Office is in St Aldates.

The nearest post office to St Hilda's is 120 Cowley Road. Opening hours: Mon to Fri 8.45am – 5.30pm, Sat 8.45am-1.00pm

### **Where is the Police Station?**

The main police station is in St Aldates.

There is also another police station on Oxford Road, Cowley.

The police telephone no is 0845 8 505 505

### **Where are the chemists/pharmacies?**

There is a Boots Pharmacy on the Cowley Road, and in Cornmarket.

Superdrug is located in Market Street.

### **Where is the Sports Centre?**

The university sports centre is on the Iffley Road.

### **Where are the bookshops?**

In Broad Street you will find Blackwells main, music and art bookshops.

Waterstones is on the corner between Cornmarket and Broad Street.

### **Where can I buy stationery?**

Honest Stationery on the Cowley Road (good quality at low prices).

WHSmith in Cornmarket.

Rymans is on Queen Street.

Tesco and Sainsburys also sell stationery.

### **Where can I hire a suit?**

Moss Bros in Cornmarket is a menswear shop which hires suits etc.

### **Where can I buy kitchen utensils/household stuff?**

Boswells shop on the corner of Broad Street and Cornmarket is an emporium of household goods. They often offer a student discount in October.

There are several charity shops on the Cowley Road, including Oxfam, where you can buy cheap glasses, plates etc.

There are also charity shops in Headington and in Summertown.

### **Where can I buy food?**

Most of the big supermarkets are situated on the outskirts of Oxford and only really accessible by car. A small Sainsbury's is on The Plain, and a larger one is in the Westgate Shopping Centre. Marks and Spencers in Queen Street has a food hall. Tesco is on the Cowley Road.

The Covered Market (off the High Street). It is open every day except Sunday. Every Wednesday there is an open air fruit and veg market in Gloucester Green. There is a Chinese supermarket on the Cowley Road and on Park End Street.

### **Where are the cafes and restaurants?**

The Cowley Road has a wide range of restaurants such as Italian, Indian (including the award-winning Aziz Restaurant), Moroccan, Lebanese, Chinese, Japanese, Thai. Tick Tock café beside the Plain Roundabout is the nearest café to St Hilda's and is good for sandwiches, coffee.

The Covered Market (off the High Street) has lots of cafes and restaurants and is good for sandwiches, cakes, coffee etc. George Street has lots of restaurants, as well as pubs which serve food.

For healthy wholefood, try The Nosebag in St Michael Street or the Jericho Café on Walton Street. For vegetarian and vegan restaurants see this [link](#).

Other areas with a good selection of cafes and restaurants:

Little Clarendon Street  
The Castle Complex, off Castle Street  
Gloucester Green  
Summertown.

### **Where can I buy a bike?**

Look at the following for secondhand bike adverts:  
Dailyinfo.co.uk; Gumtree.com; College noticeboards.

There are several bike shops on the Cowley Road. Many offer special discounts in October:

Cycloanalysts, 150 Cowley Road, Oxford 01865 424444  
Cycle King, 128-130 Cowley Road, Oxford 01865 728262  
Bee-line Bicycles, 205 Cowley Road, Oxford 01865 246615

## **How do I get around the city?**

### **Buses**

The Central Bus Station is in Gloucester Green.

Maps of bus routes across the city and location of bus stops are available to download from: [www.oxfordbus.co.uk](http://www.oxfordbus.co.uk)

### **Taxis**

Taxi phone numbers:

ABC taxis: 01865 775577

001 Taxis: 01865 240000

N.B. Due to complicated one way traffic systems in Oxford, taxis often have to take a circuitous route and can be expensive in time and money.

## **How do I get to London?**

### **Buses**

Buses run from Oxford to London every ten minutes, round the clock.

They depart from Central Bus Station, with pick up points on High Street (outside Queens College), on St Clements and in Headington.

See <http://www.oxfordtube.com/> and <http://x90.oxfordbus.co.uk/>

Megabus has cheap fares to London, tickets must be booked online.

<http://uk.megabus.com/>

### **Trains**

There is a frequent train service between Oxford and London.

The Rail Station is in Park End Street.

You can access the timetable online at:

[www.nationalrail.co.uk](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk)

## **How do I get to the airport?**

### **Buses**

There are frequent direct buses (the Airline bus) from Oxford to Heathrow and Gatwick airports.

Buses to the airports depart from Central Bus Station in Gloucester Green, with pick up points in St Clements and in Headington.

You can access the timetable and prices on: [www.oxfordbus.co.uk](http://www.oxfordbus.co.uk)

Tel: 01865 785400

### **Trains**

There is no direct train from Oxford to Heathrow or Gatwick Airports.

You need to take the Oxford to London train to Paddington Station and from there take the Heathrow Express train to Heathrow Airport. The Gatwick Express train leaves from Victoria Station.

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