

UG Freshers' Timetable 2025

You are expected to attend all College events unless marked as optional in the 'event type' column. If you have good reason to be excused from an event that is not optional, please get in touch with the Academic Office in advance. Meetings with tutors and departmental inductions take precedence over JCR events.

Day	Date	Time	Event	Event Type	Location
0th week					
Sunday	05-Oct	10:00 - onwards	Sign in at the Lodge on your arrival. Please remember to bring your signed key form. You will be issued an electronic fob and/or key to access College and your room. Once you are signed in, take personal possessions to your room. Student helpers will be available to assist. Please note: some rooms may only be available from 14:00.	College	Lodge
		10:00-12:30 13:30-16:00	ID Check for all freshers. Please remember to bring your passport and eVisa (share code). You will be issued your University Card once the ID check is complete. If you cannot come at this time, please come to the Academic Office on Monday.	College	Academic Office, Staircase III
		10:00-16:00	Welcome tea for freshers, friends and families. A good place for parents and carers to wait while you do your ID check.	College: optional	Hall
		10:00-17:00	Walking Tours of Oxford organised by the JCR. Leaving every half hour.	JCR: optional	Meet in 1st Quad
		10:00-17:00	JCR Watchalong. Come join us to watch some TV once you finish moving in and have done your ID check.	JCR: optional	JCR
		17:30-19:30	Meet the Staircase. A chance to get to know the other freshers living on your staircase before eating in Hall together.	JCR: optional	Your staircase
		18:00-18:45 18:45-19:30	Informal Meal in Hall. Continue getting to know the other freshers at this meal in Hall. Free of charge; no need to register. No dress code. There are two sittings, split by staircase: 18:00 and 18:45. You will be notified of which sitting to join nearer to the time.	College	Hall
		20:00-21:00	Quiz night. A chill quiz in the JCR.	JCR: optional	JCR

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Monday	06-Oct	09:30-10:30	<p>College Admission Ceremony.</p> <p>Join the Principal and Senior Officers to formally recognise your admittance to College. Smart dress but no academic gowns or formal jackets.</p> <p>Please make your way to the Hub at 09:15 to ensure that you are seated for the start of the ceremony, which starts promptly at 09:30.</p>	College	Cheng Digital Hub
		10:30-11:00	<p>Introduction to Living in College.</p> <p>Join Angela Unsworth, Director of Accommodation, Catering and Conferences, for tea and cake, and a brief guide to College meals, accommodation and to staying safe.</p>	College	Cheng Digital Hub
		14:00-15:30	<p>Consent Workshop.</p> <p>Led by fully trained student facilitators, the session will explore: healthy relationships; the meaning of consent; the impact of sexual harassment, violence and relationship abuse. It will also signpost you to support.</p> <p>Questions or concerns about attendance can be sent in confidence to the Welfare Officer, Kirren Mahmood, on welfare@jesus.ox.ac.uk.</p>	College	Cheng Digital Hub
		16:00-17:30	<p>Picnic & Games.</p> <p>Snacks, games and a kick about in University Parks organised by the JCR.</p>	JCR: optional	Meet in 3rd Quad
		19:15-21:00	<p>Freshers' Welcome Dinner.</p> <p>A relaxed dinner in Hall with the Principal and JCR Committee members. No dress code. Free of charge; no need to register. Seating plan in alphabetical order.</p> <p>Please make your way to Hall at 19:00 to ensure that you are seated for dinner that starts at 19:15.</p>	College	Hall
		21:00-23:00	<p>BOP.</p> <p>A BOP, which stands for Big Organised Party, organised by the JCR, just for Freshers.</p>	JCR: optional	JCR
		21:00-23:00	<p>G&D's.</p> <p>Join the JCR for locally made ice cream in town, chit chats, and a walk around Oxford.</p>	JCR: optional	Meet in 3rd Quad
		22:30-02:00	<p>Club Night at The Varsity Club.</p> <p>Tickets for all club nights have been organised by the JCR.</p>	JCR: optional	The Varsity Club

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Tuesday	07-Oct	10:00-11:00	Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) workshop. Facilitated by the Welfare Officer, Kirren Mahmood, this workshop considers: why EDI matters; the barriers to EDI, including prejudice and discrimination; what we can do to promote a culture of belonging; and support for EDI-related concerns.	College	Cheng Digital Hub
		11:00-11:45	Welfare induction and tea. Join members of the welfare team for an introduction to health and welfare support in College and the University, and some practical tips on how to support your health and wellbeing while completing your studies. Tea, coffee and cake will be available.	College	Cheng Digital Hub
		12:00-13:30	College Family Brunch. Get to know your College family over brunch. They will contact you with details nearer the time.	JCR: optional	TBC
		14:00-15:10	Introduction to Studying at Oxford. Join Luisa Ostacchini, the Academic Skills Fellow, and members of the Academic Office for an introduction to: tutorials and lectures at Oxford; effective studying; academic standards; academic skills development; reasonable adjustments; support systems.	College	Cheng Digital Hub
		15:10-15:30	College EDI Survey. Stuart White, EDI Fellow, will introduce you to the College's EDI aspirations and invite you to complete a survey.	College	Cheng Digital Hub
		16:00-17:00	College Freshers' Fair. See all the societies we have to offer in College.	JCR: optional	Cheng Café & 4th Quad
		18:00-20:00	Squash Taster Session. Our squash club is running taster sessions! More info to come	JCR: optional	Squash Courts
		19:00-20:30	Tote Bag Painting. Design and paint your own tote bag in the JCR.	JCR: optional	JCR

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Wednesday	08-Oct	9:30-13:00	Meeting with Tutors. Time(s) and venue will be organised by tutors, so please check your email, notice boards in the Lodge or your pigeonhole for details.	College	TBC
		13:00-15:00	Interfaith gathering for UG and PG freshers. Join Philip Harbridge, Chaplain and Interfaith Coordinator for an informal gathering. Refreshments and snacks will be provided. Drop by at any time.	College: optional	Cheng Café
		14:00-16:30	College Library Induction by Subject Groups. See timetable for the day and time of your subject group induction.	College	Library, staircase 17
		Various	Introduction to Bodleian Libraries. Join one of the 30-minute Teams sessions this week. No need to register. Just join via the Teams link at one of the following times: 10:00, 11:15, 15:00, 16:15.	Recommended	Teams link
		Until 16:30	JCR Scavenger Hunt. Make a team of up to 6 within your cohort and complete tasks around Oxford to score points and WIN PRIZES. Tasks to be revealed on the day. A fun way to get to know the city and University.	JCR: optional	
		16:00-17:30	LGBTQ+ Picnic. Get to know our LGBTQ+ rep and some of our Equal Opportunities committee at a chill picnic.	JCR: optional	2nd Quad Benches
		18:30-19:00	Freshers' Drinks Reception. Your tutors will confirm the venue ahead of time. It may be ground floor of Cheng or another room in College. Please leave promptly at 19:00 for dinner in Hall.	College	Ground floor Cheng, or TBC by tutor
		19:15-21:00	Freshers' Dinner. Free of charge; no need to register. Seating plan by subject group. Dress code: smart but no academic gowns. Please make your way to Hall at 19:00 to ensure that you are seated for dinner at 19:15.	College	Hall
21:00-23:00	Bar Night & Karaoke. Explore our bar (with a UV room) and enjoy lots of karaoke.	JCR: optional	College Bar		

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		21:00-23:00	Movie Night. Watch a movie with blankets, popcorn, and snacks on the sofas in the JCR.	JCR: optional	JCR
		21:45-23:30/ TBC	ALTS Ice Hockey Taster Session. Ice hockey taster - good for all skill levels	JCR: optional	ALTS Ice Rink
		23:00-02:00	Plush Club Night. Tickets for all club nights have been organised by the JCR	JCR: optional	Plush
Thursday	09-Oct	All day	Begin your academic work , as set by your tutors.	College	
		10:00-15:30	College Library Induction by Subject Groups. See timetable for the day and time of your subject group induction.	College	Library, staircase XVII.
		Various	Introduction to Bodleian Libraries. Join one of the 30-minute Teams sessions this week. No need to register. Just join via the Teams link at one of the following times: 09:15, 11:00, 14:00, 16:30.	Recommended	Teams link
		14:00-15:00	SU Freshers Fair. Go check out all the societies the university has - and get all the freebies!	SU: optional	Exam Schools
		17:00-18:00	International Student Snack & Chat. An opportunity to meet other international students in College while enjoying some snacks.	JCR: optional	JCR
		18:30-20:00	Jesus College Choir – initial rehearsal. The choir is non-auditioning but richly resourced and rewarding. It performs weekly during term. All are welcome to give it a try.	College: optional	Chapel
		19:00-20:30	Cupcake Decorating. Decorate a cupcake and eat it, or just come to have a cupcake.	JCR: optional	JCR
		20:30-22:30	Games Night. Board games & many more.	JCR: optional	JCR

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Friday	10-Oct	All day	Continue your academic work , as set by your tutors.	College	
		07:30-08:30	Morning Run Club. Discover the best running trails in Oxford	JCR: optional	
		Various	Introduction to Bodleian Libraries. Join one of the 30-minute Teams sessions this week. No need to register. Just join via the Teams link at one of the following times: 09:30, 11:30, 13:30, 15:30.	Recommended	Teams link
		11:00-16:00	BBQ & Sports Day. Sports & BBQ at our 3rd year accommodation site. Feel free to come and go as you wish.	JCR: optional	Barts
		18:00-19:30	JCR Subject Drinks. Meet the people in other years doing your subject at the College. Location organised by Subject Reps.	JCR: optional	TBC
		20:30-23:00	Whole College BOP. A themed party in the JCR with the theme to be revealed nearer to the time.	JCR: optional	JCR
		21:00-23:00	Games night. Board games & many more.	JCR: optional	Cheng Café
		22:15-0:00/ TBC	ALTS Ice Hockey Taster Session. Ice hockey taster - good for all skill levels	JCR: optional	ALTS Ice Rink
23:00-03:00	Bridge Club Night. Tickets for all club nights have been organised by the JCR	JCR: optional	Bridge		

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Saturday	11-Oct	10:00-16:00	Sports Taster Session. Try some of the sports we have on offer in College and meet your new teammates.	JCR: optional	Barts
		18:00-20:00	College Family Dinner. Have dinner with your College family at our 2nd year accommodation.	JCR: optional	Steven's Flat
		20:00-23:00	Steven's Flat Party & Games Night. Party and/or games at our 2nd year accommodation.	JCR: optional	Steven's Flat
1st Week					
Sunday	12-Oct	12:30-15:30	Rowing Taster Session & BBQ. Open to all skill levels. Welcoming everyone with and without rowing experience.	JCR: optional	Boathouse
		17:30	Freshers' Evensong The first performance given by this year's College Choir.	College: optional	Chapel
Monday	13-Oct	18:30-20:00	GP drop-in session. You are invited to meet your College Doctors and Team. Surnames A -L from 18:30 and M-Z from 19:15.	College: optional	Northgate Health Centre
Saturday	18-Oct	08:00-08:30	Individual Matriculation photos with Gillman & Soame photographers.	College: optional	TBC
		09:00-09:30	Location is weather dependent: 1st and 2nd Quad or Chapel and/or meeting rooms.		
		08:45	Matriculation group photograph with Gillman & Soame photographers. * Should you choose not to participate in the group photograph but still need to matriculate, please ensure that you find the Fellows' Secretary on the day to register your attendance.	College: optional*	2nd Quad
		09:30	Procession led by Dean of Degrees to Sheldonian Theatre for Matriculation. Matriculation is mandatory, unless you have already matriculated. You must assemble well ahead of the procession, even if you choose not to join the group photograph	Mandatory unless already matriculated	1st Quad

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		10:00	<p>Matriculation Ceremony.</p> <p>All students must wear appropriate academic dress. Further details to be sent nearer to the time. You are free to leave after the ceremony.</p>	Mandatory unless already matriculated	Sheldonian Theatre
5th Week					
Monday	11-Nov	18:15-19:00	<p>International drinks reception: all welcome.</p> <p>The Principal, Academic Director, International Fellows, and Chaplain invite you to drinks and nibbles. A chance to see what you are making of Jesus College, Oxford. Ask any questions that have occurred to you.</p> <p>Further details and a link to RSVP will be sent via email nearer to the time.</p>	College: optional	Cheng Building Café