

TRINITY TERM 2020 ACCOMMODATION INFORMATION

Like all of us, you will be anxious to know what is proposed for next term, especially regarding your accommodation. At the moment, neither the University nor the College knows yet how many students will be in residence in Trinity term. This depends on government policy. However, it has been agreed that if you have a licence or tenancy agreement for College, or University, accommodation next term, but are not in residence, you will not be charged rent. If you are not going to be returning to the University in Trinity Term, and therefore you no longer require your accommodation, you must inform Tania Dandy-Minto, the Accommodation Services Manager, on tania.dandy-minto@jesus.ox.ac.uk that you wish to cancel your agreement. Tania, in conjunction with the rest of our accommodation team and the Accounts team, is developing procedures for dealing with these requests and will issue these as soon as possible. Please bear with us for a few days while we deal with this.

If you are staying in Oxford, or if government policy changes and you return to the University or College accommodation, you will be charged rent in the usual way. However, it is highly likely that we will only be able to offer a very light catering offer (cold plates on a take away basis) and even this is subject to adherence to Government guidance and the availability of our staff.

For students in private rented accommodation, the University and the College have no control over the arrangements, and so students are likely to still be liable for the rest of the year to their landlords. Oxford SU provides signposting for advice on its [website](#) or by email at advice@oxfordsu.ox.ac.uk. Any students in financial distress should apply for support through the usual College channels.

We know that some students did not take all their possessions when they left Oxford. It may be possible to have your belongings sent to you in due course, although there would be a significant charge for this. We are currently working on a process to handle all of these issues but we have limited space available to store belongings of students who are not returning for Trinity Term - either to remain in the room or to be packed up and stored should the room be required. If you are in contact with Tania to inform her that you no longer require your room, please also discuss any belongings that you have left in your room or in storage.

If you cancel your accommodation contract but you still have possessions that you left in your room or flat, the College will not be able to take responsibility for any loss or damage as our insurance does not cover this. You will therefore be required to fill in and sign a Disclaimer absolving the College of responsibility for your belongings.

As you are aware, the situation regarding the response to Covid-19 is constantly changing and so we will keep you informed, via e mail and our website, as much as we are able. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact us.

Keep safe and keep well. We very much hope to all be together in Jesus College again before too long.

Kind regards
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