



St John's College
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Welcome Week Timetable

2026

Schedule for JCR Members
3/10/26 – 11/10/26

Join the WhatsApp for essential information and updates before and throughout the week:
<https://chat.whatsapp.com/LxxmFZkWKKiE1eAE5SYBVU>

Saturday 3rd October

<i>Time</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>
All day	International arrivals Collect your room key from the Porters' Lodge.	Porters' Lodge
17:30 – 19:30	International Freshers' Dinner An information session + Q&A for international students followed by an informal dinner.	Meet at Marquee, TW Quad

Sunday 4th October

<i>Time</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>
10:00 – 16:00	Arrivals: collect the key to your college room Our student helpers will be available to help with luggage and to show you to your room	Porters' Lodge and then Hall
15:00 – 16:30	Meet the Team! Come to the marquee to pick up a snack or to hang out once you're unpacked from 15:00. We'll run a Q+A session at 15:30.	Marquee (in Thomas White Quad)
19:00 – 20:30	Welcome Dinner College provides a complimentary (non-formal) dinner in hall.	Hall
20:30 – 22:00 (after dinner)	Pub Quiz Enjoy drinks (including non-alcoholic ones), win prizes, and socialise with your year! Team up with friends and unleash your inner quiz maestro.	Marquee

Monday 5th October

<i>Time</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>
8:00 – 9:15	Free Breakfast! Come to Hall for a free breakfast before your day starts. It's a great chance to meet some new faces and catch up with friends.	Hall
9:30 – 9:45	Welcome to St John's College The President, Professor Dame Sue Black, will welcome you to the college and introduce our community.	Garden Quad Auditorium

9:45 – 10:45	An introduction to academic life The Senior Tutor, Dr Matthew Nicholls, will lead a discussion about ways to approach your academic work so that you are able to flourish	Garden Quad Auditorium
11:00 – 11:30	Academic Skills Introduction Members of the St John's Study Skills Team will introduce you to support the college offers and provide hints and tips to help you with your academic work. <i>If unsure where to go, check your inbox for an email from the admissions office.</i>	Humanities + Social Sciences - Garden Quad Auditorium Sciences- Garden Quad Reception Room
12:30 – 13:30	College department drop-in session Meet staff working in different parts of the college to hear about what they do and ask any questions you may have.	Marquee
12:30 – 13:30 OR 16:15 – 17:00	Registration Essential. Collect your university card and a goodie bag from the JCR and College! A great opportunity to meet important college staff such as welfare, librarians, junior deans, and IT support.	Marquee
14:00 – 15:15	Introduction to Welfare, Self Care and Anti-harassment The College Welfare Team will give an overview of sources of support, guidance on how to look after your own welfare, and information about how we expect members of the College to interact with each other appropriately.	Garden Quad Auditorium
15:30 – 16:15	Health and Safety Briefing To ensure the safety of you and others around you, we will discuss fire safety procedures as well as other important safety information.	Garden Quad Auditorium
16:15 – 17:00	Another opportunity to register if you couldn't do so earlier in the day (see above)	Marquee
18:30 – 19:30	Pizza Night! Enjoy some free pizza and drinks (alcoholic or soft) after a long day!	Marquee
20:00 – 22:00	Tote Bag Painting A chance to unwind and socialise with some arts and crafts!	Larkin Room, TW Quad
00:00 – 03:00	Club Night – Glam Our student helpers will take you to the Glam from college. You'll have the chance to buy tickets from our Entz Officers on the night – keep an eye out on WhatsApp	Glam

Tuesday 6th October

Time	Activity	Location
10:00 – 11:15	Consent Training This training will help you navigate obligations around consent, dispel myths, and offer practical advice.	Garden Quad Auditorium
Various sessions, 12:00 – 17:00	Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Introduction <i>Please refer to the email from the Admissions Office to confirm which group you have been assigned to for the session. Additional session times are available at the bottom of this document.</i>	Garden Quad Auditorium
Various sessions, 12:00 – 17:00	Library Induction <i>Please refer to the email from the Admissions Office to confirm which group you have been assigned to for the session. Additional session times are available at the bottom of this document.</i>	Library
Various, pm	Academic Meetings Tutors may arrange academic meetings. These take priority over social events.	Various
14:00 – 16:00	Ice Cream Van We've arranged for an Ice Cream van in North Quad for free ice cream!	North Quad
20:00 – 23:00	Pub Crawl Discover the best pubs that Oxford has to offer!	Meet in College Bar
20:30 – 22:00	Movies and Hot Chocolate For those who prefer a cosy night in, enjoy a movie night with friends! A build-your-own hot chocolate station will be available as well.	TV Room
00:00 – 03:00	Club Night – The Varsity Club Student helpers will be available to accompany you to the Varsity Club from college. As with Glam - keep an eye out on WhatsApp for tickets!	The Varsity Club

Wednesday 7th October

<i>Time</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>
Various, pm	Academic Meetings Tutors may arrange academic meetings. These take priority over social events	Various
20:00 – 21:30	Cheese Please!	Marquee
00:00 – 03:00	Club Night - Bullingdon Helpers will be on hand to help you get there. As usual – keep an eye out on WhatsApp for tickets!	Bullingdon

Thursday 8th October

<i>Time</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>
9:30 – 11:00	Disability support drop-in An informal drop-in session with the College's Disability Coordinator, Donna Jones.	Kendrew G4
9:30- 9:45	Managing your finances Gary Chappell of the Accounts Team will provide advice and helpful tips on managing your finances to make sure your incoming funding can cover your outgoings.	Garden Quad Auditorium
9:45 – 10:00	Careers service introduction The College's link advisor at the University Careers Service, Callum Buchanan, will provide an overview of the Careers Service and what support it can provide you with throughout your studies.	Garden Quad Auditorium
11:00 – 12:00	Oxford Student Union Freshers' Fair Discover the different clubs and societies you can take part in around the University. Businesses will also be there, so keep an eye out for promotions and freebies!	Examination Schools, 75-81 High Street
Various, pm	Academic Meetings Tutors may arrange academic meetings. These take priority over social events	Various

Key: **This** indicates compulsory event
This indicates student-organised event

18:30 – 20:30	Welcome Formal Dinner A more formal (but friendly) welcome to college, hosted by the President and your subject tutors. All students are expected to attend. Invitations will be circulated in early September.	Reception at 18:30 in Garden Quad Reception Room, dinner in Hall at 19:15
20:30 (or after dinner) – 22:00	Cocktail-Making Competition Compete with your friends on who can make the best cocktail (or mocktail)!	Marquee
20:30 – 22:00	Smoothie Bowl Making Collab with Oxford Smoothie Soc! Make your own bowl with an acai base and a variety of fresh fruit and toppings. Limited to 30 spaces.	Larkin Room, TW Quad
00:00 – 03:00	Club Night - Bridge The final club night of the week! As always, our helpers will be there to help you get there. Similarly to before, information on how to get tickets will be on the WhatsApp !	Bridge

Friday 9th October

<i>Time</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>
Various, pm	Academic Meetings and Departmental/Faculty Events Tutors may arrange academic meetings and departmental/faculty events may take place. These take priority over JCR & other events	Various
10:00 – 12:00	St John's Freshers' Fair Get familiar with all the societies & sports on offer at John's! From Football and Fiber Arts to Quadball.	Marquee
20:00 – 20:30	College Family Kahoot Get to know your college parents in this big mixer!	Marquee
20:30 – 23:00	Karaoke! Friday night karaoke is a big deal at John's; be sure not to miss this regular fixture and bring your best belters.	Marquee

Saturday 10th October

<i>Time</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Location</i>
14:00 – 16:00	Sports Day St John's sports clubs are running taster sessions – a great chance to try out some new sports with no commitment or experience needed.	The Fortress – College Sports Ground, Woodstock Road
21:00 – 22:00	Bop Prep Prepare an outfit for your first bop (of many) - the theme is "Polar Bopposites". We have face paint and other miscellaneous arts and crafts materials to help you prepare the perfect outfit!	Marquee
22:00 - 01:00	Bop! "Polar Bopposites" themed bop! Free cocktails, beer, cider, and non-alcoholic drinks will be available, as well as a breakout room.	Kendrew Events Room
20:30 – 22:00	Craft Night Collab with Oxford Stitch 'n Bitch Soc! Introductory crocheting session with snacks and non-alcoholic drinks.	Larkin Room, TW Quad

Sunday 11th October

<i>Time</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Location</i>
10:00 – 12:00	Sunday Brunch Enjoy the famous St John's Sunday Brunch! Highlights include French toast, waffles, and savoury stuffed croissants.	Hall
14:00-16:00	Tommy White Tea & College Family Mixer Come to the Marquee for some free food – including the now iconic smoked salmon bagels organised by our lovely welfare officers! Make sure to come on time as the salmon tends to run out quickly.	Marquee

Tuesday 6th October: Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Introduction

Please attend at the time allocated to your subject – keep an eye on your email for your slot.

12:00 – 13:00 Group 1	15:00 – 16:00 Group 3
14:00 – 15:00 Group 2	16:00 – 17:00 Group 4

Tuesday 6th October: Library Induction

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12:00 – 12:30 Group 1	15:00 – 15:30 Group 5
12:30 – 13:00 Group 2	15:30 – 16:00 Group 6
14:00 – 14:30 Group 3	16:00 – 16:30 Group 7
14:30 – 15:00 Group 4	16:30 – 17:00 Group 8

If you have any questions at all, please email / WhatsApp / DM us!
WhatsApp group chat [link](#):

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/LxxmFZkWKKiE1eAE5SYBVU>

SJC love,
Ruth, Dom, & Sanjay (JCR Freshers' Week Co-Chairs)