

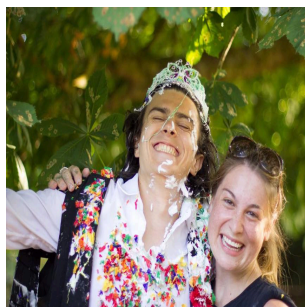
# Harris Manchester College



## Fresher's package

**Michaelmas 2018**



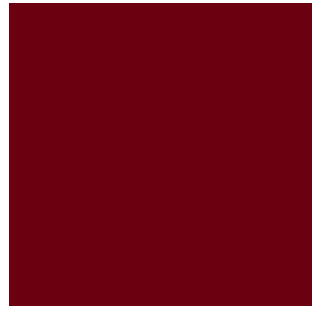


# Welcome to HMC

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# About this booklet



This booklet is designed to give you key information about coming up to Harris Manchester College. It has been put together by your Junior Common Room as a guide to HMC and how you can get involved, plus what to expect from life at college.

Do not forget all of the paper work you must send Vicky Lill before your arrival; she will have been in contact with you regarding this. However, should you have any questions about this please directly contact her via email

[victoria.lill@hmc.ox.ac.uk](mailto:victoria.lill@hmc.ox.ac.uk)

Be sure to check out the college website for current student information:

<http://www.hmc.ox.ac.uk/current-students/>

The HMC JCR committee page is regularly updated with info about events in college, plus has a Freshers' section just for you:

<http://www.hmcjcr.co.uk>

The University provides useful information and tips for new students here:

<https://www.ox.ac.uk/students/new?wssl=1>





Hello freshers,

Welcome to HMC! You are one of about fifty new students joining the college ranks this year. Congratulations, getting to that stage is no easy feat. You've also completely lucked out: for a bunch of reasons, HMC is probably the best college in Oxford.

So, what's so great about this place? Part of it is the beauty of the college grounds, with buildings ranging across the last four centuries set amid stunning lawns and gardens. Part of it is the quality and charisma of the tutors, who love teaching interested mature-age students instead of moody adolescents. But, predictably, the best part of it is the student body and the

stories we as a group bring to the home we share.

At this college, everyone has a story: all you need to do is ask. Some have spent years in military service, hacking through Bruneian rainforests while armed to the teeth with anti-tank weaponry. Others have pursued successful careers in real estate, before an epiphany moment on a round-the-world adventure prompted a return to study. Others still have suffered from illness in their final years of school, and have earned their way here through astonishing perseverance and grit. This college is full of stories, and my advice to you is to seek them out. Get to know as many of them as you can, and don't hesitate to share your own, because HMC is at its best when we learn from each other.

With that abstract stuff out of the way, here are a couple of practical pointers: **(1)** The name of our Principal is Dr Waller. Do not make the mistake I made, and walk into your first Principal's collections addressing him as Ralph. We call him by his first name amongst ourselves out of affection, and in time he may well ask you to call him Ralph. But until then, Dr Waller. **(2)** Our college is growing: over the course of this year work will be completed on Maevadi Hall, the latest addition to the college's halls of residence. Rumour also has it that the college is seeking to expand east of Mansfield Rd... Don't hold your breath though, things move slowly in this city! **(3)** Holywell Street is full of gems, including the ATS, Edamamé, the Turf and the KA. It pays to get to know your backyard.

You're in a new space – for a little while things will be unfamiliar and it will take some time for you to adjust. But if you're ever in difficulty, remember that the people of this college are always willing to lend each other a hand. The JCR Committee in particular is responsive and will provide whatever help we can. For specific points of information, check out the JCR website at [www.hmcjcr.co.uk](http://www.hmcjcr.co.uk).

I wish you every success at HMC, and will look forward to meeting you in person during Freshers' Week!

Walter Myer  
JCR President 2017



Welcome freshers,

I want to congratulate each and every one of you for choosing to pursue your education and getting into HMC! You have truly beat the odds and you deserve to be here – keep that in mind, because come 6<sup>th</sup> week you may be questioning if you belong here, and honestly you do!

As for life at HMC and Oxford, I have, along with help from the JCR committee compiled this booklet for you. It covers most of the basics and hopefully answers most of your questions, or things you haven't thought of yet. For tips beyond the general information in here, such as handling your specific course load or insight about your tutors, I do urge you

to ask your college parents. You have been matched to people who have academically faced many things you are going to experience and even better, they have made it through!

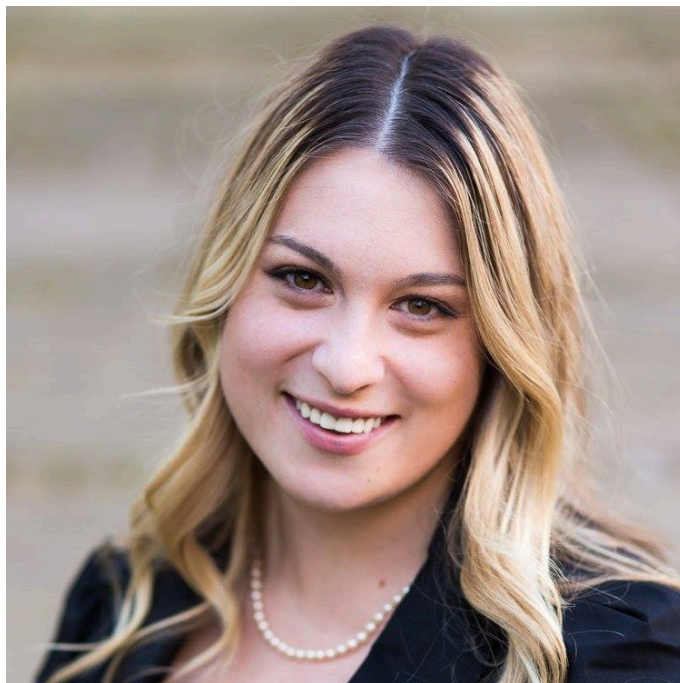
The biggest advice that I cannot stress enough to people is to get involved. Over my last year here I have learnt that Oxford is a truly magical place. And that is not because of the stunning architecture and dreaming spires, nor the brilliant people who were here before us – although it does help. But actually, Oxford and Harris Manchester are so magnificent because of the people who are here now. It is the people; students, academics, and staff that bring life to the cold marble staircases, and vast green quads. Take advantage and get to know people, everyone has such an interesting past, as Walter mentioned. I love being able to sit down at meal time, perhaps next to a stranger and by the time you leave Arlosh hall you have a unique insight into their world. Some of the best conversations I have had, have been with people over meals discussing topics I had not known a single thing about. There is so much to learn beyond your course work here!

Another great way to meet people is to join clubs, sports, and societies. They are the best way to meet others from outside of our cosy college. Plus, there are so many different things to get involved in, I always say “when else will I get the chance to do something like that?”! The only thing I must caution, is not to get too caught up in other things and forget how long it takes to write a good essay. I say this from personal experience of a few to many stressful all-nighters. It's cheesy, but balance is key.

With that, I look forward to meeting you in a few weeks' time and as your Fresher's officer I urge you to come to all of the events planned for you in 0<sup>th</sup> week!

Cheers to the wonderful year ahead,

Natasha Salonen  
JCR Fresher's Officer 2017





# HARRIS MANCHESTER COLLEGE

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| 1  | ALTERNATIVE TUCK SHOP (ATS)    |
| 2  | ARLOSH HALL                    |
| 3  | ARLOSH QUAD                    |
| 4  | ARLOSH TOWER                   |
| 5  | BRUNNER                        |
| 6  | BURSARY                        |
| 7  | CAR PARK                       |
| 8  | CARPENTER ROOM (2ND FLOOR)     |
| 9  | CENTENARY QUAD                 |
| 10 | CHAPEL                         |
| 11 | CHARLES WELLBELOVED ROOM       |
| 12 | CONWAY HALL                    |
| 13 | FARMINGTON INSTITUTE           |
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| 16 | JUNIOR COMMON ROOM             |
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| 18 | MAEVADI HALL (FROM 2018)       |
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| 23 | NAVAPAN GATE                   |
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# 2016/17 JCR Committee

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## **President** Walter Myer

Hi everyone! As your JCR President, I'm the first port of call for all college affairs. I meet regularly with the college heads of department and governing body, acting as a liaison between students and staff. I also lead the committee and work with the officers to ensure college events are running smoothly. If you have any problems or recommendations for the JCR, don't hesitate to get in touch.



## **Secretary (VP)** Aleksandra Katolik

In my role, I work with the president and the executive body to organise committee business. This involves keeping a record of committee meetings, and ensuring that JCR administration is in accordance with our constitution. I also liaise with the wider student body by accepting valid motions for consideration by the JCR, and communicating college notices on a weekly basis.



## **Treasurer** Dominic Kane

As treasurer, I ensure the financial responsibility of the JCR committee, including transparency and accountability. I'm also responsible for reimbursement, ensuring that officers have access to the funds they need, and working with the Bar Manager to make sure our student-run bar is solvent. Finally, I liaise with the college Bursary and with the MCR on financial matters.



## **Social Secretaries** James Crawshaw & Wai Chong Mak

Here at HMC, we place great emphasis on balancing work and play. It is our responsibility as social secretaries to ensure that our students are given opportunities to take time from studies – from BOPs to guest nights to amazing time in the company of friends and family!





### **Bar Manager** Johan Sjöberg

At Harris Manchester, we have one of the university's few student-run college bars, translating to some of the lowest bar prices in Oxford. As bar manager, it's my duty to keep our fridges well stocked and our clients well served. If you have any suggestions for further improvements to the bar, or if you'd like to bartend in exchange for lucrative bar credits, please contact me.



### **EDGE Officer** Ben Tan

As EDGE (Ethnic Diversity Group for Equality) Officer, I support students at HMC who identify as ethnic minorities, and ensure that our college socials are diverse and inclusive. Most importantly, I'm here to listen to your concerns or complaints regarding race and ethnicity in college – and try to resolve them. I also represent EDGE students here on a college and university level.



### **LGBTQ+ Officer** Chris McCann

In my role, I act as a conduit between the JCR and the LGBTQ+ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans, Queer) community in Oxford. I provide a voice for all identities – whether within college or at the university level. I also organise events to bring the college together and to raise awareness of LGBTQ+ issues. If you have questions or want an informal chat, my door is always open. Allies are welcome!



### **Women's Officer** Leonor Vulpe Albani

My name is Lulu and I will be your women's officer for 2017! I will be here to support, advise and represent those at HMC who identify as female and / or with the struggles women face. I help provide the women's sanitary boxes and work closely with the MCR Women's Officer, WomCam and OUSU to organise events and services that empower our fantastic and fierce females.



### **Welfare Officers** Promit Anwar & Caitlin Coulson

From organising welfare teas and walks to providing yoga classes and mindfulness sessions, our role as Welfare Officers is to help make your experience here as stress-free as possible! We also provide support with mental and sexual health, as well as being your friendly and confidential first port of call if you are experiencing any personal / academic difficulties.



### **Academic Affairs & Access Officer** Catrin Jinchin

In my role, I work to ensure that everyone has a smooth and rewarding academic experience here at HMC. I can help to resolve disputes with your tutors and direct you to assistance, but am also here if you ever feel overwhelmed (as we all do!) by the demands of academic work, and just need somebody to talk to over a cup of tea.



### **Charities & Environment Officer** Annie Grégoire

As C&E Officer, I work to improve the college's carbon footprint, and boost student awareness of environmental issues. I am also responsible for arranging the democratic selection of college charities, for keeping student informed about the charities we represent, and for several fun and fantastic fundraising events over the year.



### **Food & Beverages Officer** Renbin Woo

As Food & Beverages Officer, I tend to the gastronomic rights of the student body – from wine to tea, confit to coffee, I'm here to ensure that food and drinks are much more than subsistence; perhaps merriment! Please get in touch if you have any suggestions.



### **Fresher's Officer** Natasha Salonen

My role is to help freshers prepare for arrival in Oxford and to host freshers' events during 0<sup>th</sup> week! From surprise goodies, to welcome dinners, a pub crawl or two, and so much more, I will ensure you have a great start to the year and quickly feel a part of the Harris Manchester family!



### **IT Officer** Walter Myer

Having problems with Eduroam? Need to link up to the photocopier? You've come to the wrong place, these are not my responsibilities! For technical problems like these, you can talk to the college IT manager Jonathan Boucard. I am, however, responsible for the college JCR website (any suggestions?) and for conducting online voting.



### **OUSU Officer** Florian Mittenhuber

As OUSU (Oxford University Student Union) Officer, I mediate between the interests of our college and the wider student body. This involves attending OUSU Council meetings to vote on behalf of the JCR and generally represent its views. I also publicise elections, events and campaigns promoted by OUSU to the JCR President and students of the college.

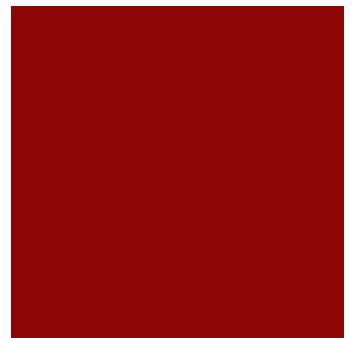


### **Sports Officer** Jakob Vikner

As Sports Officer, I'll be organising sports activities around college, as well as being responsible for getting and maintain the sports equipment we need. If you have any new ideas for activities in the future, I'll be happy to hear them!

Because we are a tight knit community at HMC we often work alongside the Middle Common Room (MCR) and their committee. Elections have yet to be held for this incoming term but updated profiles of their officers will be found here once the new committee is determined:

[www.hmcjcr.co.uk/mcr-committee.html](http://www.hmcjcr.co.uk/mcr-committee.html)





# Getting involved at HMC

Life at HMC changes from year to year based on the students' interests. Here is what we currently have on offer, if there is something else you want we are open to suggestions!



## Wine Society

We meet three times a term to enjoy and appreciate internationally acclaimed wines from around the world. We commence Wednesday evenings before college 'Guest Night' formals. For more information contact the current presidents Natasha Salonen and Aleksandra Katolik, [natasha.salonen@hmc.ox.ac.uk](mailto:natasha.salonen@hmc.ox.ac.uk) or [Aleksandra.katolik@hmc.ox.ac.uk](mailto:Aleksandra.katolik@hmc.ox.ac.uk)



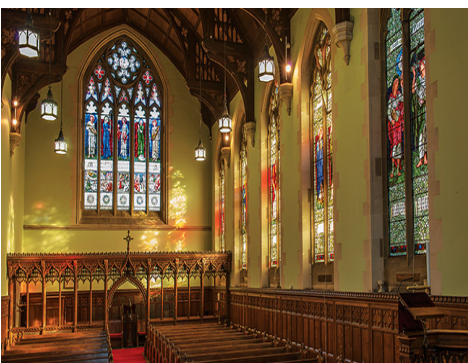
## Language Nights

As one of Oxford's most international and culturally diverse colleges, Harris Manchester provides excellent opportunities to learn or brush up on second languages. Starting in 2016, college students gather on weekly 'Language Nights' speaking Italian over dinner on Mondays, German on Tuesdays, and French on Thursdays. Contact Walter Myer for more details [walter.myer@hmc.ox.ac.uk](mailto:walter.myer@hmc.ox.ac.uk)



## Film Society

Film Society, Film Soc for short, runs weekly on Sunday evenings in the Quiet Room at 8pm. Snacks and popcorn included and movie suggestions and recommendations encouraged! Contact James Crawshaw [james.crawshaw@hmc.ox.ac.uk](mailto:james.crawshaw@hmc.ox.ac.uk) for more details.



## College Choir

Do you enjoy singing? Come and join us Monday evenings to learn and prepare new songs and old. Our choir usually does a few performances a term around college (Christmas dinner, mid-term service, intercollegiate services). Everyone welcome, join us in the chapel at 5:40! Contact our Lay Chaplain Myles Hartley [myles.hartley@hmc.ox.ac.uk](mailto:myles.hartley@hmc.ox.ac.uk) for more info.



### **Football (5-a-side)**

Once a week we get 10 Harris Mancunians together to play some five-a-side at the University Club Astroturf (500m down the road). It's great fun, so join if you're up for it! It's on a first – come – first – serve basis, usually reserved via Facebook and there is a £2 fee per match. Also, in Trinity term there will be 5-a-side Cuppers.



### **Pool**

As we have our own pool table, we normally put an HMC team in for the College Cuppers (Cupper is an Oxford term for intercollegiate sports cup). We also try to organise a pool tournament within college – probably in Hilary term.



### **Tennis**

As of Trinity 2017, we now have an HMC tennis team! (woo!) We can participate in both the tennis league (running over the first two terms) or the college cuppers (in Trinity) – but only if there's enough interest! So please sign up if you're in any way considering! There will also be an opportunity for training sessions organised by the University Tennis Club.



### **Croquet**

Mainly played in Trinity term (when the weather is good enough), croquet is great fun and, combined with Pimm's, it's a great way to spend an afternoon! In Trinity, we will have a College-Internal tournament (The McMullin Cup) as well as being able to participate in the college-wide Cuppers. The ambitious croqueteer may already start practicing!



### **Squash**

Last year we had a squash team and hopefully it will continue to exist! We are planning weekly get-togethers playing, access to squash courts, and participating in league and cuppers.





### **Gym facilities**

HMC doesn't have its own gym, but is one of the colleges that automatically gives you access to the Iffley Sports Ground Gym (the uni-wide sports grounds down Iffley Road), as well as free usage of the Four Pillars Spa and Gym!

## **Sports with other colleges:**

For other sports, for which there are not enough players at HMC, we usually team up with Wadham College – our next-door neighbours.



### **Rowing**

The Oxford Sport! Wadham has 3 women's and 3 men's boats! Quite a few Harris Mancunians row with Wadham. (And the women are currently Head of the River!) First term there is a lot of focus on new rowers (novices) and term ends with the Christ Church Regatta – a intercollegiate regatta for novice boats only. It's great fun so give it a try – even if you've never rowed before. The Wadham College Boat Club (WCBC) is great and they do a lot of social stuff too!



### **Football 11-a-side**

Wadham has three men's teams and at least one women's team. Last year we had 5 permanent HMC players in the men's team and we're very welcome. The people in charge of football at Wadham are really nice and are well aware and happy about Harris Mancunians joining. Cuppers and a college league run throughout the first two terms – no 11-a-side in Trinity.



### **Rugby**

We are joining up with the Wadham – Trinity Rugby team – games once a week, often Saturdays.

For all college sports questions or if there is a sport you'd like to see at college please contact our JCR Sports Officer Jakob Vikner [jakob.vikner@hmc.ox.ac.uk](mailto:jakob.vikner@hmc.ox.ac.uk).

Also visit the University sports website, for a list of the University sports you can get involved in





## Bartending

HMC is home to one of the few student-run college bars. With that you have the chance to bartend in exchange for credit that can be used at our bar. That's like free drinks! For more information contact our bar manager Johan Sjöberg [johan.sjoberg@hmc.ox.ac.uk](mailto:johan.sjoberg@hmc.ox.ac.uk)



## Refugee language program

Oxford is now home to a number of Syrian refugee families! We, as students and residents of Oxford, can offer these families both English tutoring and companionship. Moving to a new country is often an isolating experience, and you can help them learn the language and gain a sense of belonging. This program will involve a min. 2h a week commitment. If you're interested contact Leonor Vulpe Albari [Leonor.vulpealbari@hmc.ox.ac.uk](mailto:Leonor.vulpealbari@hmc.ox.ac.uk)



## Liberations Working Group

The Liberation Working Group is a group of JCR, MCR, and SCR members who meet at least once a term to discuss and address issues relating directly to liberation communities – BME, LGBTQIA+, Women's, & Disability – both within college and in the University at large. Meetings of Liberation Working Group are open to all members and staff of HMC.





# Life at HMC

## Dates of Term 2017-2018

**Michaelmas Term:** Sunday October 8, 2017 – Saturday December 2, 2017

**Hilary Term:** Sunday January 14, 2018 – Saturday March 10, 2018

**Trinity Term:** Sunday April 22, 2018 – Saturday June 16, 2018

## Food

Harris Manchester is home to some of the best college food across the university, with reasonable prices. College serves 3 meals every day from Monday to Friday, breakfast on Saturday and brunch on Sunday. If you live in college you are signed into every meal and can sign out to get a reimbursement for up to 16 meals a term. If you are living out you can sign into meals in advance (10am meal signup closes for that day). Mondays and Wednesdays we have formal dinners and 3 times a term we have guest nights.

### Meals times

Breakfast (Monday-Saturday)  
7:45am – 8:30am

Lunch (Monday-Friday)  
1pm

Dinner (Monday-Friday)  
6:45pm

Brunch (Sunday)  
10am – 11am

Guest Nights  
7:15pm

Please note that our catering staff do provide vegetarian and vegan options, just be sure to register for them on the online sign in form.

Also, if you have any other dietary requirements such as allergies etc. please do get in contact with the kitchen staff and they will do their best to cater to your needs.

## **Kitchens**

Although students living in do not have the option of self-catering there are kitchen facilities which are great for weekend meals. The 3 common space kitchens throughout college are located in Graham Pye, Sykera, and the MCR. Please note that crockery and cooking utensils are not provided. Also, if you do make use of these facilities to be sure to clean up after as they are common spaces.

## **Scouts (Cleaners)**

HMC is fortunate to have a wonderful staff that keep our college looking beautiful and clean. They clean all communal areas Monday-Friday plus student rooms and bathrooms. If scouts cannot gain access to your room for 3 continuous days they will enter to ensure all is well.

## **Laundry**

There is a fully-equipped, self-serve laundry facility in Graham Pye hall. There are two washers and two dryers. You will need to get a laundry card from the bursary which requires a £2 deposit.

## **Library**

Our librarians, Sue and Niall, are incredibly helpful and knowledgeable. The HMC Tate library is one of the most beautiful in Oxford. Recently refurbished, the bookcases are located on the ground floor, while desks are distributed across the lower ground and the mezzanine floors. Harris Manchester has extensive library resources, with the highest book to student ratio of any college. The college can also buy books on request, and offers a generous book grant to all first-year

## **Sustainability and the environment**

HMC is dedicated to reducing our environmental impact and we ask you to help us in our goals in reducing energy use and waste across the college. Each student room has a green bin for recycling and a waste basket. We ask that you recycle as much as you can and take your food waste to the nearest kitchen with food waste receptacle. For more information contact our environmental officer Annie Grégoire [annie.gregoire@hmc.ox.ac.uk](mailto:annie.gregoire@hmc.ox.ac.uk)



## Welfare and Health

### College Doctor

For all medical needs our college doctor is 19 Beaumont Street Surgery. You should have already completed your medical registration with them, however if you haven't they are in college during the medical induction in Fresher's week. For more information, here is their website:

<http://www.19beaumontstreet.com>

### Student Welfare

For academic, financial, personal, mental, sexual, and disabilities needs we have our JCR welfare officers, Caitlin Coulson, and Promit Anwar, plus our two college peer supporters Luke Stalley and Catrin Jinchin. Beyond that we have many other recourses and people here to help you, which are thoroughly detailed on the college website and the JCR website:

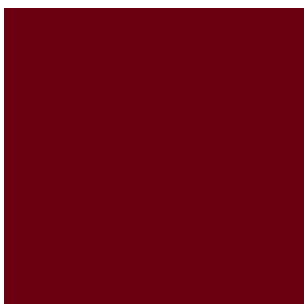
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<http://www.hmcjcr.co.uk/health.html>

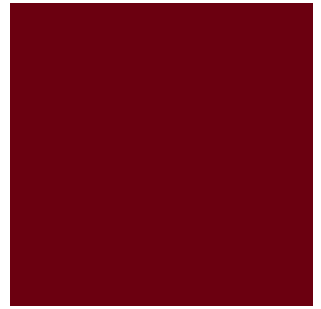
## The people of HMC

We are blessed to have a wonderful and extremely competent staff that keep HMC running! For more information on our Principal, academic and college staff please refer to the website:

<http://www.hmc.ox.ac.uk/our-people/>



# Formals and what to wear when (sub fusc & more)



## Formals

During term time (i.e. weeks 1 through 8), formal, three-course dinners are held every Monday and Wednesday. Most colleges at Oxford will hold weekly formals, which can be a great way to meet people and see the rest of the university.

Formals at HMC are a fun and relaxed affair, despite the formality (Latin prayers are said and we stand as the Principal enters and leaves the hall). Wednesday formals are the one night a week that most of the college comes together. Students living out often come in for Wednesday formals to catch up, and it is normal to invite out-of-college friends. The JCR usually fills up after dinner, where conversation and music carry on until late.

Attire is formal; business attire is suitable, and most choose to wear cocktail dresses or lounge suits. Gowns must be worn by students, so it is advisable to buy one before first week. Not that this is not “sub fusc”, the cap-and-gown ensemble that must be worn for matriculation and examinations (see below) – only the gown is required for formals.

We also have “informal” formals every Monday, where gowns must be worn, but otherwise it is casual, as per the rest of the week.

## Black tie

Can be useful – but not necessary – to have. Several non-compulsory “black-tie” events are held each term, such as Guest Nights (but a black suit, rather than a tuxedo with silk lapels, will suffice).





## Sub Fusc

Oxford's academic dress, an outfit also known as "sub fusc", is required to be worn during key milestones of student life at Oxford – including matriculation, examinations, and degree ceremonies. It is undoubtedly an unusual ensemble, and one of the many distinctive things about studying at Oxford.



We recommend that you own a set of academic dress, as the university requires it for the above events and the gown is also to be worn for college formals (see above). Part 1(5) of Harris Manchester's College Handbook, located on the college website, defines academic dress as:

[A] dark suit/black skirt, dark socks/tights and black shoes, white shirt/blouse, white collar and white bowtie/black ribbon, and both cap (mortar board) and gown are worn.

If still unsure, the photos on this page are examples and feel free to ask your college parents or the JCR committee.



There are different gowns according to student status: undergraduates wear "commoner's gown"; graduates wear "advanced student's gown"; and certain scholarship awardees, visiting/exchange students, and all undergraduates who receive a First in their preliminary examinations wear the "scholars gown". Those reading for an advanced degree (or a diploma or certificate) who have graduated from another university may wear their alma mater's gown.



The only pieces of academic dress that you may have trouble finding before you arrive at Oxford are the white bowtie/black ribbon, cap, and appropriate gown. These can be easily bought in Oxford during Fresher's Week from the following shops, which are – all within a 10-minute walk from college:

- The Varsity Shop, 13 Broad Street
- Shepherd & Woodward, 109-113 High Street
- Walters of Oxford, 10 Turl Street
- Ede & Ravenscroft, 119 High Street

The shopkeepers at these outlets should know the kind of gown you require if you tell them your student status. Typically made out of synthetic material, the gowns retail for around £20 for undergraduates and £30 for graduates. There are also options to buy gowns of higher quality, UK manufactured, which retail for around £50 at Ede & Ravenscroft. Our college charities officer will sell cheaper second-hand gowns at Fresher's Week and the college bursary may have spares as well, but these are limited.





# Arriving to Oxford and HMC

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Undergraduates begin arriving in Oxford as of Sunday of 0<sup>th</sup> week, October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017.

The college address is:

Harris Manchester College  
Mansfield Road  
Oxford OX1 3TD

College is located centrally in Oxford and about a 15-minute walk for the train station and 10 minutes from the bus station. If you plan to drive be aware there is limited street parking throughout Oxford and limit car access, so please plan ahead for street restrictions and construction happening within Oxford. For directions to college please go to the college website: [www.hmc.ox.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/Directions-to-HMC.pdf](http://www.hmc.ox.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/Directions-to-HMC.pdf)

Please ensure you have notified Vicky Lill about your expected time of arrival. On Sunday from 9am onwards there will be students within the main entrance to welcome you and show you to your room. If you plan on arriving outside of working hours you will be greeted by either our night porter or a vacation porter (this does need to be arranged in advance via Vicky Lill).

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## Travel within Oxford

### Cars

Parking and car use in central Oxford is very limited. There are NO parking facilities at college for students. If you are commuting into college there are 5 Park and Ride locations surrounding Oxford, where you can park your car and then grab a bus into town. More information can be found on the Oxford Council website:

[https://www.oxford.gov.uk/directory/8/car\\_parks\\_in\\_oxford/category/56/categoryInfo/13](https://www.oxford.gov.uk/directory/8/car_parks_in_oxford/category/56/categoryInfo/13)

## **Cycling**

Cycling is the quickest way around! Feel free to bring your own bike or you can purchase one in Oxford. There are bike racks in college that you can use, just be sure to get a free bike tag from the bursary. We recommend you wear a helmet and hi-visibility clothing. Note it is law that you have bike lights should you be biking during non-daylight hours. Bike theft is common in Oxford so be sure to get a sturdy lock and always lock your bike up!

## **Walking**

This is the easiest way to get around central Oxford. It only takes 5 minutes to get to the heart of the city from college and most faculty libraries. There are also nice walking paths for leisure such as University Parks, Christ Church Meadows, and the Botanic Gardens all within 10 minutes of college.

## **Buses**

The main bus companies in Oxford are the Oxford Bus Company and Stagecoach. Fares start with singles outside of the city for £2, and you can generally get a return ticket within Oxfordshire for about £7.

## **Taxis**

There are many companies in Oxford if you need a cab. The easiest is the 001 app to order a cab. Here are a few cab companies in town:

**001 Taxis:** tel: +44 (0)1865 240000

**Royal Cars:** tel: +44 (0)1865 777333

## **Trains**

The Oxford train station is well connected to the train lines within the UK, including direct trains to London Paddington. The main train operators are First Great Western and Cross Country Trains.

<https://www.gwr.com>

<https://www.crosscountrytrains.co.uk>

## **Coaches**

Coaches to and from London, Heathrow, and Gatwick pick up and drop off 5 minutes from college (High Street, Queen Stop K). More details and pricing can be found on their websites:

<https://www.oxfordbus.co.uk>

<https://www.oxfordtube.com>

# Top Attraction in Oxford

**The Ashmolean Museum**



**The Oxford Botanic Gardens**

**University Parks**



**The Bodleian Libraries**

**Pitt Rivers Museum**



**The Sheldonian Theatre**

**Radcliffe Square**





# Shops in Oxford

## **Bookshops**

Blackwells, Broad Street

Oxford University Press, High Street

## **Pharmacy/Drug Store**

Boots, Cornmarket Street

Boswells, Cornmarket Street

Superdrug, Cornmarket Street

## **Stationary**

WH Smith, Cornmarket Street

Rymans, Queen Street

## **Banks**

Barclays, Cornmarket Street

Lloyds, Cornmarket Street

HSBC, Cornmarket Street

NatWest, High Street

Santander, Queen Street

Co-Operative, Queen Street

## **Department Stores**

Debenhams, George Street

Boswells, Cornmarket Street

## **Grocery Stores**

Tesco Metro, Magdalen Street

Sainsbury's, Magdalen Street

## **Shopping Mall**

Westgate Centre, Queen Street (Grand re-opening October 24<sup>th</sup>)



# Before you Arrive

Before coming up to Oxford, please make sure you complete all of the paper work that Vicky Lill has ask for, including:

Return College Contract

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Complete online registration for 19 Beaumont Street Surgery, College Doctors

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Open a bank account, if possible (but you will be able to do in 0<sup>th</sup> week)

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Complete international student's paperwork (if applicable)

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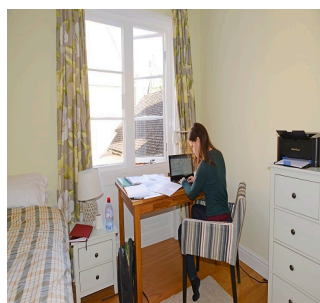
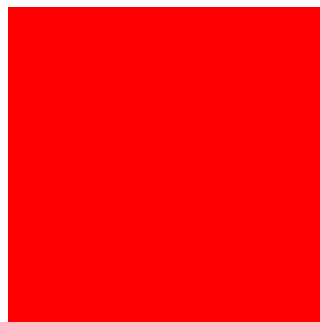
Read the College Handbook, found here

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[www.hmc.ox.ac.uk/current-students/college-handbook/](http://www.hmc.ox.ac.uk/current-students/college-handbook/)

Also, be sure to check out the Oxford University website for more fresher's information including a suggested packing list:

<https://www.ox.ac.uk/students?wssl=1>



# Fresher's Week 2017

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We have a stellar week planned for you! Please follow the link see the official schedule for 0<sup>th</sup> week! (keep checking this page, because somethings are still being added) Also join our Facebook group, links below:

Fresher's week agenda:

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Bv80axh\\_tn5Zxaz94rrqRqUg-0DQEmg4W08DFAZ-154/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Bv80axh_tn5Zxaz94rrqRqUg-0DQEmg4W08DFAZ-154/edit?usp=sharing)

Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2027271180842307/>

**We look forward to meeting you in the upcoming term! And wish you success in your first year here at the University of Oxford, and Harris Manchester College!**

