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Hi everyone,

I'm Holly Hayward and I'll be your student liaison officer at Magdalen, which essentially means that I'll be your contact with the current undergraduate population of the College. It's my job to make sure your time at Magdalen is really enjoyable and to be around in case you need someone friendly to help you out with anything, or just someone to have a cup of tea and a chat with.

Settling down at College is not as daunting as it might seem: everyone is really friendly, all clubs and societies are very welcoming, and the tutors and non-teaching staff are really helpful if you need anything. If, however, you do experience any difficulties – whether it be general home sickness, or anything more specific – then you can contact me using the details below. I'll do my best to help you, or point you in the direction of someone who can.

There are lots of extra-curricular activities in Oxford; many different sports clubs, drama's very big, there's lots of music (of all kinds; classical, jazz, acapella etc.), dance, politics, debating, volunteering and even a Pooh-sticks society! The University sports centre is just a short walk from Magdalen, there you can continue training if you already have a sport you play or can get involved in a new sport (like water polo or korfball!). College sports are great to get involved in, anyone can take part, whether they have played the sport before or not; rowing is especially big in the Oxford colleges, and most people who take up rowing in Oxford have never tried it before. I really recommend doing things other than work as Oxford has so much more to offer, and you can make some great friends in the process. I'm more than happy to help put you in contact with people in clubs/societies you'd like to join, or you can have a look at the OUSU website to see a list of most of the Uni-wide societies/clubs.

There are many more aspects of College life that I could go into, but you've probably been inundated with letters, leaflets etc. already, so I'll try not to bore you too much. Suffice it to say that I'll try and get in touch with all of you personally at the beginning of term to organise a meeting. If you want to ask me anything before then just send me an email and I'll try my best to answer any questions you might have. Alternatively, click on our 'chat with students' link on the Magdalen page, where there are several Magdalen students who will be more than happy to help answer questions!

I look forward to meeting you all,

Enjoy the rest of your summer!

Holly

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