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To you reading this letter, welcome to Magdalen!

I'm Daniel, President of the JCR (the Junior Common Room - Magdalen's undergraduate community), and I'm writing this letter to introduce myself and explain a little about all the amazing opportunities on offer during your time here. The JCR is the body of all undergraduates at Magdalen; graduates join the Middle Common Room (MCR) and the tutors and fellows all belong to the Senior Common Room (SCR). Each Common Room has a committee, with a President, Vice-President and various other positions to represent their views and interests. These Common Rooms interact a great deal to form the Magdalen College community.

The new members of the JCR, of which you are one, are able to participate in everything that the College has to offer. We put on a great deal of events and activities, offer welfare support, and raise money for charity. We have great facilities in the form of the JCR Common Rooms which have Sky TV, a free pool table, table tennis table and football table. Beyond that, we also have a variety of board games and video games as well as an extensive film collection. The Entz Reps organise lots of fun events, all of which you can attend free of charge – we usually have “bops” (parties) every other Saturday and “Happy Hours” in the Old Kitchen Bar every Wednesday, alongside karaoke nights and charity film nights among many other events. Have a look at the [JCR website](#) for a good glimpse of College life and hall menus, formal hall bookings and other useful things as well as a list of people to contact if you have any concerns or questions.

If you'd like to get involved in sport and other college societies, we have teams ranging from football and rugby to hockey, netball, tennis and mixed lacrosse – plus a big rowing tradition! Other college groups include the Music Society, the Magdalen Players (Drama) and subject-specific talk clubs like the Sherrington Society for Medicine and the Atkin Society for Law.

The JCR has General Meetings every two weeks, usually on Sunday evenings. These are a good opportunity to voice your opinion on things, to present motions to make changes in College, and to get to know others within the College. The Committee is there to represent all aspects of the community and support its members. If you're ever in need of a helping hand or just someone to talk to, there's the Dean for Welfare and the university and college counselling services. In addition, we have three Welfare Reps and their team of Peer Supporters who can be approached for cups of tea and support if you ever need a chat, or they will be able to suggest another route for help. There are also two LGBTQ+ representatives who are available for a chat, and they also hold occasional drinks, dinners and other fun events. They will also be able to introduce you to the University society and it'll be a good way to meet people from College who can go with you. All of these people are there to make sure that you are given the best possible opportunity to have fun and to get the most out of all

that's on offer at Oxford. If you are wondering who to go to with a certain issue or question, please do reach out to me and I'll be happy to suggest the best point of contact.

Our JCR-WISC student co-ordinator for this academic year is Holly Hayward. She will help you settle in here and introduce you to life at Magdalen. Please do, however, feel free to come to me for information or help as well. If you have any questions at all – however small – please do drop me an email or reach out to me on Facebook. In recent terms the WISC students have become truly involved in the College community, in the sports teams and clubs and on a social level, so I hope that this continues to be the case.

I'm looking forward to meeting you soon!

Very best wishes,

Daniel