



MAGDALEN COLLEGE  
MIDDLE COMMON ROOM

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To all incoming Magdalen graduate students,

**Welcome to the Magdalen College Middle Common Room!**

On behalf of the entire Magdalen Middle Common Room (MCR), I am very excited to meet you. Our College combines many of the best things that Oxford has to offer: beautiful and extensive grounds, numerous sporting and artistic activities, excellent academic support, and a thriving graduate community.

This year's committee is building on the work of previous years to make Magdalen the welcoming, diverse and inclusive place that it endeavours to be. Whoever you are and whatever your interests, hobbies, or background, there is a place for you to shine at Magdalen. If you have any concerns, questions or need anything, do not hesitate to reach out to me.

In an average year, the MCR hosts a variety of social events including formal guest dinners, exchange dinners with other colleges' MCRs, 'BOPs' (parties held in the common room), Sunday brunches, academic research colloquia, sports days, and the Oxford-renowned Friday evening Liquid Lounge to which every other college dreams of an invitation to. Since the last year, all events have been safely reintroduced into the term card and we hope that you will experience all of them in their full beauty without any disruptions.

During 'Noughth (0<sup>th</sup>) Week' of your first term (Freshers' Week), the MCR has prepared a number of events and activities to help introduce you to other postgraduate students at Magdalen, both new and returning. Please monitor your email closely so as not to miss anything.

You are asked to attend the 'Introduction to the MCR Committee' briefing on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October unless you have good cause not to (for example, a compulsory faculty meeting). This will be your opportunity to meet me and the rest of the Committee, and there will be some useful information about 0<sup>th</sup> Week and settling in. The Freshers' Guide accompanying this letter also contains a great deal of helpful information. If you have a more specific question, the University and College websites are very useful, and you are more than welcome to contact me at any time with any further queries. My contact details are below.

We have started a Magdalen MCR Facebook Group where you can meet other Freshers, ask questions about the MCR or Oxford in general, and see details of upcoming events. The page is called “Magdalen College MCR Freshers 2023-24” and is a great way to keep in contact before and during Freshers’ Week. Feel free to add yourself as soon as possible.

Finally, as it is tradition in our MCR, we will be organising an informal ‘College Family’ system to help you get settled in by putting you in touch with one or two current Magdalen MCR members from a similar academic background. They will be in touch with you before the start of the term to assist you in preparing for arrival and settling in once in Oxford. If you do NOT wish to be placed in a ‘College Family’, please email me to opt out.

We look forward to welcoming you to our community in person very soon, in Michaelmas Term.

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