



RECEPTION OF NEW GRADUATES – COLLEGE TIMETABLE Michaelmas Term 2023

The University has asked that all new graduate students should be in Oxford by the evening of *Sunday, 1 October* for reception arrangements in departments and faculties early in the next week. Some courses – Clinical Medicine, the BCL, and the PGCE – require students to arrive earlier (in September). New students should contact the MCR Freshers Officer (tbc) on arrival.

On arrival at Magdalen please come to the Porters' Lodge at the main entrance on the High Street to sign your Licence to Occupy and to collect your room keys.

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE ESSENTIAL, EXCEPT WHERE MARKED WITH AN ASTERISK

SUNDAY 1 OCTOBER

6.00 p.m. to 7.15 p.m. *Dinner in Hall for freshers (not formal).

MONDAY 2 OCTOBER

6.00 p.m. Sophia Sheppard Room. Welcome from the Tutor for Graduates, Academic Administrator, Home Bursar, Senior Dean, Dean for Welfare, the Dean of Divinity, the Tutors for Equality and Diversity, the Sub-Deans, and the College Mentor for Students. **Please arrive no later than 6.25 p.m., as brief talks by the above College officers will begin then.**

7.00 p.m. **DINNER IN HALL** with the President (Dinah Rose KC), College Advisers, and the President of the MCR (Clara von Randow). New graduates will be grouped with College Advisers in their subject; table plans will be displayed. **Gowns will be worn.**

TUESDAY 3 OCTOBER Reserved for Departmental induction.

WEDNESDAY 4 OCTOBER

8.15 a.m. to 1.15 p.m. Registration with the Student Support Administrator (strictly by timetable). Note that students must verify their student data online **before** coming to register (see: <https://www.ox.ac.uk/students/registration>).

2.15 p.m. – 3.00 p.m. **All** new students in the **HALL** for an introductory talk by the College Doctors, College Nurse, and College Counsellor.

3.15 p.m. – 4.45 p.m. Tours of **LONGWALL LIBRARY** in groups of 15 (by subject). Timetable in your pigeonhole.

THURSDAY 5 OCTOBER

9.00 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. Registration with the Student Support Administrator (strictly by timetable). Note that students must verify their student data online **before** coming to register (see: <https://www.ox.ac.uk/students/registration>).

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THURSDAY 5 OCTOBER continued

Noon – 1.00 p.m. *Oxford SU Freshers' Fair in the **UNIVERSITY PARKS**, entrance on South Parks Road and Parks Road. For further information see: <https://www.oxfordsu.org/home/>.

6.00 p.m. – 6.30 p.m. *Choral Evensong sung by the College Choir.

FRIDAY 6 OCTOBER

3.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m. Sexual Consent Workshop (in the auditorium)

6.45 p.m. *Magdalen Chapel tour for newcomers (free pizza in Cloisters IV.2 after).

SATURDAY 7 OCTOBER

9.00 a.m. – 10.00 am Informal meetings with the **President** in the **President's Lodgings** (it is not necessary to wear a gown). Timetable in your pigeonhole.

9.20 a.m. – 1.00 pm Individual welfare/pastoral meetings with the **Dean of Divinity** in **CLOISTERS IV, Room 2**. Timetable in your pigeonhole

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SATURDAY 14 OCTOBER MATRICULATION CEREMONY IN THE SHELDONIAN THEATRE

Magdalen matriculands will be in the first group, at 9.30 a.m.

7.30 a.m. – 8.00 a.m. Assemble in **Hall** for roll call and group photograph, wearing academic dress as described in *Information and Regulations*.

Please note that the photographer will be in St John's Quad from **10.00 a.m.** until 11.30 a.m. for individual portraits.

MCR Freshers' Week Schedule

Magdalen College 2023/2024



Your MCR committee has organised a busy schedule for you to enjoy during Freshers' Week. Everything has been coordinated with the College's official reception events (shown in grey on this timetable). However, you may have departmental commitments, so please check your faculty's schedule.

Most activities outside of College begin at the 'Plodge', which is the Porter's Lodge at the front entrance of the College. If you have any questions, or would just like to find out what's happening, please contact the MCR President Clara von Randow (clara.vonrandow@magd.ox.ac.uk) or the Freshers' Week Officer, Adam Khan-Qureshi (adam.khan-qureshi@magd.ox.ac.uk).

Some activities have limited spaces (marked 'sign-up') and are first come, first served. An online form will be circulated closer to time for sign-ups and keep track of people's interest.

MCR Freshers' Week Schedule 2023

Minus-first week

Wednesday 27th SEPTEMBER

College Tour

Time: 9 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Location: Meet at the plodge at 8.55 am

Join us for a morning of exploration in and around college. We will start with a breakfast in the Dining Hall (book via [Upay](#) ahead of time), then walk through the cloisters and enjoy a short walk through the garden and grounds.

THURSDAY 28th SEPTEMBER

Wine & Cheese Night

Time: 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Location: MCR, Cloisters 8

The MCR organises regular wine and cheese nights with other colleges, which are always very popular, so hopefully this will be your first of many! Gluten-free, vegan and non-alcoholic options will also be available.

FRIDAY 29th September

College Tour

Time: 9 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Location: Meet at the plodge at 8.55 am

Join us for a morning of exploration in and around college. We will start with a breakfast in the Dining Hall (book via [Upay](#) ahead of time), then walk through the cloisters and enjoy a short walk through the garden and grounds.

Pizza & Beer

Time: 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Location: MCR, Cloisters 8

Free pizza and beer before the first liquid lounge of the term! Vegan, vegetarian, and non-alcoholic options will also be available.

Liquid Lounge (Bar Social)

Time: 9:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m.

Location: MCR, Cloisters 8

Liquid Lounge is a popular weekly social event hosted in the MCR. It is a great way to unwind after a busy week and usually the MCR of two other colleges are invited, so it's a great way to meet new people from around Oxford. Come along to this night to experience the first Liquid Lounge, which will not disappoint! Alcoholic drinks can be bought from the MCR bar, and non-alcoholic drinks are for free!

SATURDAY 30th SEPTEMBER

College Tour

Time: 9 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Location: Meet at the plodge at 8.55 am

Join us for a morning of exploration in and around college. We will start with a breakfast in the Dining Hall (book via [Upay](#) ahead of time), then walk through the cloisters and enjoy a short walk through the garden and grounds.

Oxford Scavenger Hunt

Time: 12:45 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.

Location: Meet in the MCR at 12:45 p.m. to arrange teams

A Freshers' week classic. You will be teamed up with other students to find your way around Oxford's landmarks - and win prizes!

Pub Crawl

Time: 7:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m.

Location: Meet at the Plodge at 7:00 p.m.

Come along for a pint at various pubs in Oxford. This is a great chance to experience some of the many pubs that Oxford has to offer and hopefully discover your new favourite drinking spot!

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SUNDAY 1st OCTOBER

Oxford Tour

Time: 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Location: Meet at the Plodge at 9:50 a.m.

Discover various colleges, landmarks, bars and shops all around Oxford. We will finish at college so you can join the picnic trip if you want to.

Picnic in Uni Parks

Time: 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Location: Meet at the Plodge at 11:45 p.m.

Enjoy a wholesome afternoon tea in one of Oxford's nicest parks with other members of the MCR. This is also a great chance to try some quintessential British picnic food! Join the Oxford Tour if you are interested in a little meander around town beforehand.

Introduction to the MCR Committee in the MCR

Time: 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Location: MCR, Cloisters 8

This Sunday marks the official beginning of Freshers' week. To kick things off there will be an introduction delivered by the MCR committee so you can learn more about how the MCR works and meet some of the people who are running the events in Freshers' week and the rest of the term. **This and the Sexual Consent Workshop are the only events on the MCR Freshers' timetable which you are expected to attend so please let either the Freshers' Rep or the MCR President know if you cannot attend either of these.**

Meet your college family

Time: 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Location: MCR, Cloisters 8

Get to know your 'College family' during dinner in hall (or elsewhere) with your parents! If you haven't been contacted by them in advance, then please let the MCR President know, and we will sort it out.

MONDAY 2nd OCTOBER

***PICK UP YOUR PRE- ORDERED SUB FUSC PACK FROM THE MCR TODAY. YOU NEED IT TONIGHT! ***

Morning Jog

Time: 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

Location: Meet at the Plodge at 8:30 a.m.

Slow and steady 5 km jog.

Coffee Morning

Time: 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Location: Meet at the Plodge at 10:30 a.m.

Visit one of Oxford's wonderful independent coffee shops for your daily caffeine fix!

Ashmolean Museum (sign-up)

Time: 2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Location: Meet at the Plodge at 1:45 p.m.

Join for a guided visit to England's oldest museum, which is home to the Messiah Stradivari and the lantern of Guy Fawkes, amongst other things!

6:00 p.m.

Welcome from College (see College timetable)

7:00 p.m.

Freshers' Dinner in Hall (see College timetable)

Freshers' Cocktails & Karaoke

Time: 9:00 p.m. – 11:45 p.m.

Location: Meet in MCR after freshers' dinner in Hall

Come for the Mojito, stay for the Despacito. It's free cocktails and (optional) karaoke!

TUESDAY 3rd OCTOBER**Tour of the Pitts Rivers**

Time: 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Location: Meet at the Plodge at 1:45 p.m.

Join us for a visit to the Pitt Rivers Museum, which houses the University's archaeological and anthropological collections. The Museum contains more than half a million objects from across the globe, making it the largest collection of its kind in the UK.

Arts & Crafts Afternoon

Time: 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Location: MCR, Cloisters 8

Have fun during this afternoon of creativity! There will be lots of arts and craft supplies, so come along to get creative and enjoy the company of some fellow MCR members!

TuesGay Drinks

Time: 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Location: OKB

Get to know the LGBTQ+ community within College and enjoy some great drinks and snacks.

Trivia Night

Time: 9:00 p.m. - 11:30 p.m.

Location: MCR, Cloisters 8

Test your knowledge of all things trivial with a fun quiz in the MCR. The bar will be open and there are prizes to be won!

WEDNESDAY 4th OCTOBER

Morning Walk

Time: 8:30 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.

Location: Meet at the Plodge at 8:30 a.m.

Join for a nice morning walk around Uni Parks.

Meet a Porter

Time: 9:45 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.

Location: Meet at the Plodge

Meet in St John's Quad for a brief introduction to the porters and a chance to ask any questions about the very important role of the porters in College life.

Tower Climb (sign-up)

Time: 10:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

Location: Meet at the Plodge

Climb Magdalen's Great Tower to experience spectacular views over Oxford City Centre and beyond! Tower climbs will be done in small groups so meet at the Plodge five minutes before your time slot.

2:15 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Introductory talk by the College Doctors, College Nurse, and College Counsellor (see College timetable)

3:15 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

Magdalen Library Tours (see College timetable)

Dinner with Household

Time: 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Location: Household

Get to know your new neighbours with a communal dinner at your house! It is always nice to get to know the people you are living with and so we encourage you to organise a dinner to find out more about your new housemates.

Desserts

Time: 9:00 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.

Location: MCR, Cloisters IV

Come along to the MCR after your household dinner to enjoy a fine selection of sweet treats!

THURSDAY 5th OCTOBER

Please book Sunday Formal by today to be seated with Freshers

Coffee Morning

Time: 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Location: Meet at the Plodge at 10:30 a.m.

Visit one of Oxford's wonderful independent coffee shops for your daily caffeine fix!

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

OUSU Fresher's Fair (see College timetable)

6.00 p.m. – 6.30 p.m.

Choral Evensong (see College timetable)

Magdalen Freshers' Fair

Time: 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Location: OKB

Come along to find out more information about the different student societies within Magdalen. There is something for everyone with societies for sports, music, poetry, film and other activities.

Intercollegiate Bar Night

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Meet at the Plodge at 7:00 p.m.

Visit College bars outside of Magdalen with our MCR Social Secretaries and Bar Managers. This is a great chance to meet Freshers from other Colleges and experience Oxford nightlife!

FRIDAY 6th OCTOBER

Morning Walk

Time: 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

Location: Meet at the Lodge at 8:30 a.m.

Join for a morning stroll around Christ Church Meadows.

Sexual Consent Workshop

Time: 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Location: Auditorium

In this session we will be discussing some of the complex issues surrounding sex and consent. Please get in touch with either the Freshers' Officer or the MCR President if you have any concerns regarding the workshop.

Board Games Afternoon

Time: 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Location: MCR, Cloisters 8

Spend an afternoon playing board games with your fellow Freshers whilst enjoying the free tea, coffee and biscuits available in the MCR.

6:45 p.m.

Introduction to Magdalen Chapel (see College timetable)

MCR Bop

Time: 9:00 p.m. – 1:00 a.m.

Location: MCR, Cloisters 8

The MCR throws around two bops each term and they are always great fun! Freshers' week will be no exception so head to the MCR to meet Magdalen postgraduate students from every year. Theme to be announced!

SATURDAY 7th OCTOBER**9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.****Meeting with the President (see College timetable)****9:20 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.****Meeting with the Dean of Divinity (see College timetable)****Uncomfortable Oxford Tour (sign-up)****Time:** 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.**Location:** Meet at Plodge at 1:45 p.m.

This fascinating tour provides insight into the uncomfortable legacies of inequality and imperialism in the city and the University of Oxford.

Curry Night (sign-up)**Time:** 7:00 p.m.**Location:** Meet at Plodge at 7:00 p.m.

Experience the true English delight of a curry and a beer! Sign-up to join other Freshers' for a causal night at a local curry house.

First week**SUNDAY 8th OCTOBER****Morning Jog****Time:** 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.**Location:** Meet at the Plodge at 8:30 a.m.

Slow and steady 5 km jog.

Tower Climb (sign-up)**Time:** 10:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.**Location:** Meet at the Plodge

Climb Magdalen's Great Tower to experience spectacular views over Oxford City Centre and beyond! Tower climbs will be done in small groups so meet at the Plodge five minutes before your assigned time slot.

Brunch**Time:** 12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.**Location:** MCR, Cloisters 8

Join for the first MCR brunch of Michaelmas Term! Sunday brunches are a popular weekly event and they are always catered to meet all dietary requirements.

Tour of Botanic Gardens

Time: 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Location: Meet at the Plodge at 2:55 p.m.

The Botanic Gardens are located directly opposite Magdalen and are free for Oxford University students. Join us for a nice meander around the gardens.

Formal Dinner (book this yourself on Upay!)

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Hall

Freshers are often keen to experience their first Sunday formal hall. Dress code for the formal hall on Sunday is 'formal + gown', meaning you should wear a smart outfit, such as a suit or dress, with your gown over the top. Most people wear Black Tie Attire on Sunday Formals. You do not need to wear your sub-fusc (white shirt and black trousers/skirt).

Join us in the MCR at 6:30 p.m. for some Prosecco.

SATURDAY 14thOCTOBER

7:30 a.m.

Matriculation (see College timetable)

Post-Matriculation Brunch

Time: 11:00 a.m.

Location: Colonnades of New Building

Join us for a post-matriculation brunch to celebrate becoming an official student at Oxford University!

Freshers' Week Schedule 2022

Here is an overview of all the events organised by Magdalen College during Freshers' Week. The events highlighted in grey will be organised by the College and everything else will be put on by the MCR. We look forward to seeing you at as many events as possible!

			Wed. 27 th Sept	Thur. 28 th Sept	Fri. 29 th Sept	Sat. 30 th Sept	Sun. 1 st Oct
Morning			College Tour (9-11 a.m.)		College Tour (9-11 a.m.)	College Tour (9-11 a.m.)	Oxford Tour (10 a.m.-12 p.m.)
Afternoon						Oxford Scavenger Hunt (12:45-3:45 p.m.)	Picnic in Uni Parks (12-3 p.m.) Meet the MCR Committee (4-5 p.m.)
Evening				Wine & Cheese Night (7-9 p.m.)	Pizza & Beer (7-9 p.m.) Liquid Lounge (9 p.m. - 12 a.m.)	Pub Crawl (7 p.m.-12 a.m.)	Meet College Family (6-9 p.m.)

MCR Freshers' Schedule

	Mon. 2 nd Oct.	Tue. 3 rd Oct.	Wed. 4 th Oct.	Thur. 5 th Oct.	Fri. 6 th Oct.	Sat. 7 th Oct.	Sun. 8 th Oct.
Morning	Morning Jog (8:30-9:30 a.m.) Coffee Morning (10:30-11:30 a.m.)		Morning Walk (8:30-9:45 a.m.) Meet a Porter (9:45-10:15 a.m.) Tower Climb (10:15-11:45 a.m.)	Coffee Morning (10:30-11:30 a.m.)	Morning Walk (8:30-9:30 a.m.)	Meeting with President (9-10 a.m.) Meeting with Dean of Divinity (9:20 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.)	Morning Jog (8:30-9:30 a.m.) Tower Climb (10:15-11:45 a.m.)
Afternoon	Ashmolean Museum (2-3:30 p.m.)	Tour of the Pitt Rivers (2:00-3:30 p.m.) Arts and Crafts (4:30-6:30 p.m.)	Talk by College Doctors (2:15-3:00 p.m.) Magdalen Library Tours (3:15-4:45 p.m.)	OUSU Freshers' Fair (12:00-1:00 p.m.) Magdalen Freshers' Fair (2:00-3:00p.m.) Choral Evensong (6:00-6:30 p.m.)	Sexual Consent Workshop (3:00-4:00pm) Board Games Afternoon (4:30-6:30 p.m.)	Uncomfortable Oxford Tour (2-3:30 p.m.)	Brunch (12:30 - 2:00 p.m.) Botanical Garden (3:00-4:00pm)
Evening	Welcome from College (6:00 p.m.) Freshers' Dinner (7:00 p.m.) Freshers' Cocktails and Karaoke (9:00-11:45 p.m.)	TuesGay drinks (7:00-9:00 p.m.) Trivia Night (9:00-11:30 p.m.)	Household Dinner (7:00-9:00 p.m.) Desserts (9:00-10:30 p.m.)	Intercollegiate Bar Crawl (7:00 p.m.)	Magdalen Chapel Tour (6:45 p.m.) MCR Bop (9 p.m.-1 a.m.)	Curry Night (7:00 p.m.)	Formal dinner (7:00 p.m.)