

THE ALTERNATIVE PROSPECTUS



MAGDALEN COLLEGE, OXFORD



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All Things Living

What makes Magdalen special?

Magdalen is one of the (if not *the*) most beautiful colleges in all of Oxford, housing the famous tower, two deer parks, and Addison's Walk, a place that inspired a C.S. Lewis poem. Prospective student and their families are welcome to have a look around at no cost (just ask at the porter's lodge).



Beyond its beauty, Magdalen stands out for how supportive and welcoming it is. Students benefit from **accommodation for all years of your undergraduate degree** (accurate at the time of writing), generous financial support, subsidised meals in the Hall, and access to kitchens if you prefer to cook. The community is friendly and easy to settle into, with plenty of ways to get involved and meet people across years and subjects.

Magdalen is also known for its traditions, the most famous being **May Morning**, when the college choir sings from the top of Magdalen Tower at sunrise on May 1st every year. Thousands of people gather outside to listen, making it one of Oxford's most iconic annual events.



There are also day-to-day perks: free punting in summer, huge lawns to relax on, and peaceful walks past the river and deer park. Despite its grand appearance, Magdalen is a place that manages to feel welcoming and homely and is truly a great place to live.

Magdalen's Location



Magdalen sits at the **eastern end of Oxford's High Street** - close enough to town to make Tesco runs effortless, but far enough from the crowds to feel calm. You're just a short walk from various libraries, Exam Schools and most faculty buildings, as well as near quieter spots like St Clements and Cowley Road. These spots are student favourites for their pubs, coffee shops, clubs and affordable food – everything from Sri Lankan curry to a techno-night at the nearby club.

When you need a break from the bustle, Magdalen backs directly onto the river and meadows. You can be surrounded by greenery within seconds of leaving your room – something few Oxford colleges can offer.

Accommodation

One of Magdalen's standout perks is that it offers college accommodation for the entire duration of your undergraduate degree. That means no stressful house-hunting, no landlord drama and more time to enjoy Oxford life.

First-year students are housed in college or just nearby, with rooms allocated randomly, which is a great way to meet new people and to bond as a year group.



This is a room in St Swithun's III – one of the rooms available in college!



In later years, you get to choose your room via a ballot: second-year students are drawn in random order, and third-year students are given the reverse of that order, meaning everyone at some point gets a fair shot at a top pick. There's also priority given to students with specific access or welfare needs.

The rooms themselves vary in size and character, with some featuring en-suites, large kitchens or even separate living areas. Crucially, **all rooms cost the same**, helping ensure that finances don't determine your access to nicer spaces. Whether you're drawn to ancient staircases or modern facilities, there's something for everyone.

What do you like about living in Magdalen?

Ioan, 2nd year History

Well, what's not to like? Nowhere else can you live as part of such a vibrant, thriving community and ALSO wake up every morning and open your window to see a deer park and a gentle, winding river. A deer park! And yes, it's an Oxford cliché that Magdalen students can't stop talking about our deer park and grounds, but it's also true. They're beautiful whatever the weather, and the best part of living in the best (ok, so I'm slightly biased...) college in Oxford.

They provide solace and quiet when you need it. A place to wander whilst you just figure out the crucial argument for this week's essay. Or a place to walk when meeting up with friends. Or even a place to run through if you feel like a quick bout of exercise.

Magdalen College's grounds are the physical manifestation of the college community: large, welcoming, and friendly, but also part of one continuous whole. One continuous community.



All Things Work

Contact Hours

All Magdalen students take part in **Oxford's tutorial system** — a key feature that sets teaching here apart from most other universities. Tutorials are small-group sessions, usually with just one or two students and a tutor, where you discuss your work in depth. You might be asked to write an essay, solve a problem set or get through a reading list and then spend the tutorial going through your ideas, answering questions and receiving feedback. A typical student has around **1 to 2 tutorials a week**.

Tutorials are usually organised by your college, meaning you will often be taught alongside other Magdalen students in your subject cohort. Depending on your course and your tutor's specialisms, you may also have some tutorials or classes at other colleges. Lectures at Oxford are usually run by the university department for your subject, and some subjects also involve labs, seminars or classes which are often arranged by your university department rather than the college.

Work Spots

Oxford has a reputation for its libraries, and Magdalen is no exception. Our on-site **Longwall Library** is open 24/7 and has four floors of study spaces. The top floor retains its historic charm, while the Beckwith Reading Room at the bottom is a modern, well-lit space loved by many.



We have a helpful and friendly library team who don't charge late fees, will happily order books for your course, and are always around to help.

All accommodation at Magdalen comes with a desk, so many students choose to work in their rooms, especially during revision season. Others prefer working in cafés, and Magdalen's great location on the High Street means places like Jericho Coffee Traders and High Street Café are just a few steps away. In the warmer months, you'll often find students working outdoors, whether that's lounging with a book on the New Buildings lawns or writing an essay next to the deer park.

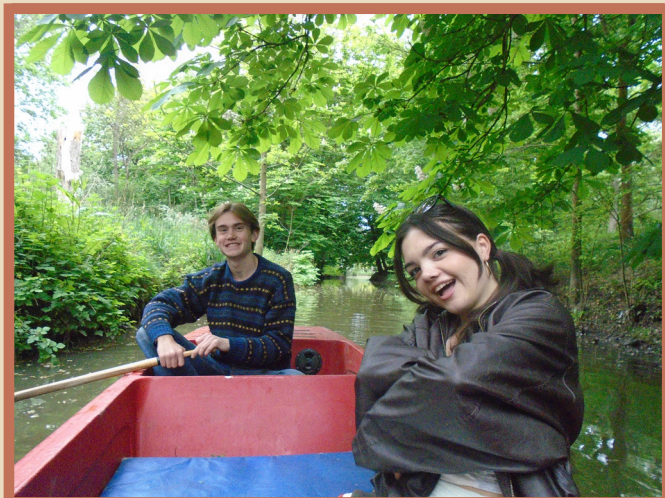


What is the work-life balance like at Magdalen?

Olivia, 2nd year Classics

At Oxford, it can be hard to manage your time in a way that keeps you in control of your work, without letting it consume your life. Everyone's balance looks different, but there are some common strategies. The first is making time to recharge each day, whether that's going for a walk, calling home, or anything that helps you briefly disconnect. Establishing a routine also helps build a steady foundation, making it easier to avoid slipping into extremes.

And, of course, there's the 'work' part of work life balance. It must be done, but remember - it will get done, and there will be a time to rest and feel proud. Let go of perfectionism. Striving matters, but expecting perfection is both unrealistic and unkind to yourself. Most importantly, don't let work bleed into everything. Compartmentalising is powerful: your work is your work, your life is your life. Let them co-exist.



All Things Money



Financial Support

Magdalen is committed to ensuring that no student is held back by financial worries. Whether you're facing unexpected costs or looking to take part in activities outside your degree, there's a wide range of funding available to help.

Oxford-wide schemes include:

- **Crankstart Scholarships**, for UK students from lower-income households, offer generous funding and access to exclusive opportunities (like internships and events).
- **Oxford Bursaries**, which are annual non-repayable grants based on household income

Magdalen also offers its own financial support, which includes:

- **Hardship Grants** and a generous **Student Support Fund** for students facing unforeseen financial difficulties.
- **Academic Prizes** for strong performance in exams and collections.
- **Non-Academic Grants** to help fund things like **sports, music, drama and language learning**.
- **Vacation Project and Travel Grants**, which support academic projects during the holidays.

There's also **JCR (Junior Common Room) funding**, where students can apply for **small grants** to support welfare events, new society ideas, costs associated with sports or creative projects (the JCR has a dedicated **Sports Fund** and **Creative Projects Fund**) or extra-curricular activities.

Rent

At Magdalen, all undergraduate rooms are charged at the the same rate, regardless of size or location. This helps make accommodation fair and accessible, so all students get the chance to access the nicest rooms. This rent includes utilities (heating, water, etc.) and 24/7 access to college facilities, like the library and laundry.

A Students' Guide to Budgeting

Haja, 2nd year History and Politics



I first came to university not having ever had to budget before, which meant it took a lot of adjusting to do in the first term. I considered a few things when I started budgeting: How often do I eat out? What do I like to buy at the supermarket? Do I want to go on a night out?

Do I have money aside for the sweet treat that I'll inevitably need at the end of the week? In time, once you figure out how much you spend in an average week, it becomes much easier to budget.

The thing that takes away a large amount of my money every week is food, largely because I love it and I love cooking! When I get too busy in the week, I sometimes go to Hall, as it is more efficient than cooking and is much cheaper than a takeaway, and gives you a much larger and balanced portion of food than getting a meal deal or a ready meal.

My best tip would be to get a student account. I transfer money from my main account every week and use that to spend. If, at the end of the week, I have money left to spare, I'll reset the money in my student account so that it never goes over my spending limit - this way, I save money over time.

I also have learnt to be more willing to ask for help. Most people at university struggle with balancing finances, and at Magdalen, I realise how lucky I am to have good funding all around me. We are so lucky at Magdalen because the funding they have for different things is so extensive - they cover sport, books, and travel costs for degree-related activities. They even have a hardship fund available to students. The Student Support Team are lovely, and will often point you to funds available if you need them - just ask and they'll be happy to support!

All Things Food

Outside the OKB, flowers in full bloom



OKB

The OKB (short for **Old Kitchen Bar**) is Magdalen's cosy, **riverside café** and a favourite hangout spot for students. It's open on weekday lunch-times and offers a range of **reasonably priced, subsidised meals**.

It offers options like baguettes, much-loved jacket potatoes, salads, soups, soft drinks and coffee. It's a great place to grab lunch between lectures or sit and chat with friends.

Dining Hall

The main Dining Hall serves breakfast, lunch (called "**Buttery lunch**"), dinner, and Saturday brunch. Food is subsidised to keep it affordable, and there are always vegetarian, vegan, and halal options available. Many students choose to eat in the Hall regularly – it's a great way to save time and money, and the food is generally rated highly by students.

The setting is just as memorable: the Hall is grand and historic, with high ceilings, portraits, and long wooden tables, but also home to catch-ups and casual dinner chats.



Formal

Formal Hall is a special dinner served in the same Hall, usually four times a week. It's a **three-course meal**, served by candlelight, and begins with a **short Latin grace** – a traditional Oxford touch. Students wear their

academic gowns, and it's a lovely way to mark the end of a busy day. Formals are optional but popular, and often themed around **cultural events** like Diwali, Lunar New Year, and Burns Night, with special menus to match.



Kitchens

If you'd rather cook for yourself, **shared kitchens** are available in most of our accommodation blocks. They're equipped with the basics (fridge, oven, hob, kettle), and many students use them for everything from a midnight snack to full group dinners. Shelf

space in the fridge is famously competitive, but with a bit of planning, self-catering is completely doable. Some students cook regularly, while others mix it with Hall meals – it's totally up to you!

All Things Looking After Yourself

Oxford can be intense – the workload, the new environment, the pressure to always be “on it.” However, at Magdalen, looking after yourself is just as important as excelling academically. Whether you’re dealing with stress, adjusting to a new environment, or just need someone to talk to, there’s a strong welfare network in place, made up of staff and students who are here to help.

Welfare Overview

Magdalen’s welfare system is broad and accessible. The **Dean for Welfare** oversees all support within the college, and you can also reach out to:

- A **College Counsellor** who offers free, confidential sessions right here on site.
- A **College Nurse** who can help you find a suitable GP or dentist, and can give medical advice.
- A **College Mentor** who can help with anything from academic worries to personal life or relationships.
- **Sub-Deans**, postgraduate students who live in college and are on hand to help with welfare and community matters.

The JCR (Junior Common Room) also plays a huge role. Magdalen students elect a **Welfare Team** every year. They’re fellow undergrads who organise events, stock free contraception and chocolate in the Pidge Room (Magdalen’s mailroom), run drop-in sessions, and provide essentials during exam season. They organise regular welfare teas (which involve **A LOT of free food**) and welfare events like hanging out with alpacas. They’re also just good people to talk to if you’re having a rough day.



Disability and Accessibility



If you have a disability, long-term health condition, or mental health diagnosis, there is support available to help make your time at Magdalen comfortable and manageable. If you need an accessible room, the accommodation team will do their best to meet your needs, and all requests are handled sensitively and individually.

Oxford also has a central **Disability Advisory Service**, which can help set up exam adjustments, study support, or assistive tech. Magdalen works closely with them to make sure everything runs smoothly.

Belonging and representation

Magdalen has a range of **JCR representatives** dedicated to supporting students of different identities and experiences, including an LGBTQ+ Rep, a BAME (Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic) Rep, a Socioeconomic/Class Rep, a Women's* Rep, an International Rep, a Faith Rep, and a Disabilities Rep.

These representatives run regular events like state-school teas, BAME teas, and socials designed to bring people together. Magdalen also runs a BAME parent scheme, connecting new students with older students from similar backgrounds.

Magdalen's **Dean of Divinity** offers pastoral support and runs events like inter-faith dinners. You don't need to be religious to speak to the Dean - their job is to be there for everyone, and they are always happy to listen.





What's your experience been like with the welfare provision at Magdalen?

Gaurav, 2nd year Philosophy, Politics, and Economics (PPE)

I think the welfare provision at Magdalen has been really helpful to me because of the range of people you can speak to. At points in my degree, I've spoken to deans, sub-deans (post-graduate students), tutors, the college nurse, and, of course, other undergraduates. With the variety of people available, it really does feel as though welfare is prioritised at Magdalen and seen as something to be given equal importance as academic and extracurricular achievement. A key part of the welfare provision is making sure that students' welfare needs are acknowledged and validated, something that Magdalen excels at. When you feel comfortable asking for help, you're much more likely to get it than otherwise.

All Things Social

Social life at Magdalen is whatever you want it to be – whether that’s nights out, relaxed chats over brunch, creative activities, or something in between. There’s a huge variety of events happening throughout the year, many of them organised by student societies or the JCR (Junior Common Room) Committee. At the start of each term, the JCR publishes a **term card**, listing all the events going on – from karaoke nights and movie screenings to formals, quizzes, and poetry readings. Students are also welcome to suggest or run their own events, so there’s always something new popping up.

Outside of organised events, people hang out in the **JCR room** (complete with sofas, a TV, games, and a bar), go **punting** along the river by Addison’s Walk, or just relax in college with friends. There’s no pressure to have a particular kind of social life – the vibe at Magdalen is open, friendly, and laid-back.

College Societies

Magdalen has a wide range of **student-run societies**, which are a great way to meet people, try something new, and unwind. Some of the most popular include:

- **Magdalen College Music Society**, known for its open mic nights, concerts, and “Chapel & Chill” events
- **Florio Society**, Magdalen’s poetry group, which hosts readings and workshops
- **The Magdalen Players**, the college’s drama group, put on an open-air garden play every summer
- **MacIntyre Society** (for history lovers) and the **Sherrington Society** (for those interested in the medical sciences), which organise academic and social events for their subject communities



The Junior Common Room Committee

The JCR is both the name of the undergraduate student body at Magdalen and the name of the physical room where students often hang out – yes, it's a bit confusing at first!

The JCR Committee is made up of elected students who organise much of the social life in college. Some highlights include:

- **BOPs (Big Organised Parties)**, run by the **Entz (Entertainment) Reps**, are themed college-wide parties held in the OKB (our bar). Think fancy dress, cheesy tunes, and the energy of a Year 6 disco but in the best possible way.
- **OKB Reps** host relaxed events in the bar and common room, like karaoke nights, pub quizzes, and pool tournaments.
- **Welfare and Catering Reps** run wholesome events like JCR brunches and welfare teas, often stocked with baked goods, fruit, and tea.



The JCR also includes representation officers who organise events and community spaces for different groups. For example:

- **“TuesGays”** - a regular social hosted by the LGBTQ+ Rep
- **State School Teas**, run by the Access Rep
- **Galentine's**, organised by the Women's Officer

What's the best thing about socialising at Magdalen?

Rosie, 3rd year Archaeology and Anthropology

One of my favourite things about Magdalen is the random events that are constantly going on. I only have the 'BOP' bug about once a term, so the rest of the time I'm on the lookout for chill non-drinking events to go to. After (almost) three years here, I've been to a lot, but here are my top five random activities that I've been to in college:

1. Chapel and Chill, hosted by the **Welfare reps** and **Magdalen College Music Society**
2. **Arts Week Oil Painting**
3. **Watching The Godfather at Magdalen Movie Mondays**
4. **Florio Poetry**
5. **Crochet Picnic in Botanical Gardens**

All Things Active



Whether you're a seasoned athlete or have never kicked a football in your life, Magdalen is a brilliant place to get involved in sport. All college teams welcome beginners, and the emphasis is just as much on fun and community as it is on winning.

There is a wide range of sports on offer, from rowing, football, and rugby to netball, tennis, and cricket. Most teams run weekly training sessions, and some are supported by external coaches to help with skills and strategy. Sport is also a great way to meet people from different year groups and subjects, and many students say it's one of the easiest and most fun ways to settle into college life.

Magdalen helps fund its sports teams, covering the cost of things like kit, match fees, and even coaching. The JCR also has a sports fund that reimburses students for costs related to participating in sports, including buying equipment or shoes.

Competition and College Spirit

Sport at Oxford often takes place between colleges. These inter-college matches are called “Cuppers”, and they're a fun way to compete in everything from football to lacrosse. There are also more casual friendlies organised between colleges throughout the year. One of the best-loved events in the college calendar is “**Magdalen vs Magdalene**”, when Magdalen (Oxford) plays a full day of matches against Magdalene College, Cambridge. It's a brilliant day of friendly rivalry, with everyone encouraged to play or cheer on the sidelines.





In Trinity Term (the summer term), Magdalen students can also enjoy grass tennis courts on-site, or take part in **Summer VIIIs**, a massive student rowing competition held on the river that's just as fun to watch as it is to row in.

Facilities

Magdalen's sports grounds are just a short walk from the college, and they're used for everything from team practices to informal games. You'll also find:

- An **on-site gym**, currently available to all rugby players and rowers
- Free University **gym membership** for all undergraduates, giving access to the full facilities at **Iffley Road**, including a gym, pool, and athletics track.
- **On-site bike storage** for those who enjoy cycling around Oxford
- Space to run or walk around **Addison's Walk** or Christ Church Meadow, both beautiful and nearby

There are also more relaxed ways to stay active: in Trinity Term, students often play **croquet** on the lawns, or hire out **Magdalen punts** and go out on the river.

What do you like about the sports available at Magdalen?

Niamh, 2nd year English

One of my favourite things about the sports at Magdalen is how accessible and welcoming the teams are. I picked up rowing as a new sport in my first year, and the club was so supportive in teaching everyone how to row, organising training both on and off the water, and tailoring my experience to my abilities. I've also loved the social aspect of the sports at Magdalen, from the nights out with sports clubs from other colleges to the Sunday morning knock-about with hockey. The highlight of the Magdalen sporting calendar is the Magdalen v. Magdalene (Cambridge) sports day, which allows everyone to get involved in a fun, friendly competition – last year, I even had a go at football, which I've never played before!



All Things Student Life

Olivia, 2nd year Classics

I'm not an early bird (nor particularly a night owl), so my usual wakeup time ranges anywhere from 8 to 9:30 on a weekday. At the moment, my productivity is sourced from a "wake-up!!" playlist and copious amounts of yoghurt with honey. After I'm sufficiently bushy-tailed, I get a start on work, usually in my room for the first few hours to reduce transition times. For lunch, I'll head to the OKB to eat with friends (if there's a good soup on the menu), or eat what I've got in my room if I'm on a time crunch. As a Classicist, any given day, I'll have an essay or language problems to work on, and I need to make the most of my limited productive hours, since my brain refuses to focus after 8 pm. We also have relatively few contact hours, which has the bonus of flexibility, but also means that you have to hold yourself accountable for working every day.

Around 4 pm, I'll venture out again, either on a walk around Addison's or to a friend's room, and then I usually go to the college gym. Depending on the day, I'll spend 1-2 hours there, then go home to shower, grabbing dinner ingredients from Sainsbury's on the way. Cooking with my friends is one of my favourite parts of the day, and a great time to unwind. After dinner, I'll finish off one of my smaller tasks – if I'm feeling good – and then settle into the evening, either going to one of my friends' rooms to prepare for a night out or have a chat, or I'll have a quiet night in.



Bradley, 2nd year Chemistry

Most days begin with two or three lectures from 9 to 11 or 12 pm. Topics vary depending on the term, covering areas like thermodynamics, organic synthesis, or transition metals. The lectures are clear and structured, and it's easy to settle into a routine.

Twice a week, at 11 am, I head straight to labs, which are scheduled to run until 5 pm. These vary quite a bit – some days involve synthetic work; others are focused on more physical techniques. Around 1 pm, I normally go for lunch, where a few of us usually walk to the Alternative Tuck Shop to grab a sandwich before heading back to the lab.

Once labs finish, I'll head back to college and start writing up the lab report while the methods and results are still fresh. The deadline isn't immediate, but it's easier to work on it sooner rather than later.

I have dinner in the Hall with friends, then head back to my room to do a bit more work or take the evening off by hanging out on the lawns!



Sankavi, 2nd year Philosophy, Politics, and Economics (PPE)

I am up by 8am on deadline days; otherwise, I savour a lie-in. I fuel myself with a bowl of Weetabix and fix up a cup of instant coffee, and begin with relevant readings for philosophy and politics or catch up with lectures for economics. Occasionally, I go for breakfast in Hall to catch up with friends and have a hearty meal (sausages, eggs, hash browns) for a reasonable price. I normally cook lunch and dinner for myself, and occasionally go to the OKB in time for a jacket potato with mozzarella and butter, and absolutely not with baked beans.



Most of my lectures are in the mornings in Exam Schools, which is a short walk away from Magdalen (literally 2 mins), but I prefer to watch them online. When tutorials roll around, I go through my notes and read over my essay as well as my tute-partner's in preparation. For tutes near New Buildings, I leave early to wander past the deer.



On fine Trinity-term days, I attempt to work on the lawns but inevitably get sidetracked chatting with fellow procrastinators. I also love going on Addison's Walk, either with friends or alone, listening to music and I sometimes read on a bench, living my best country-side life.

By 6pm I wrap up with work and like to go to Feminist Society discussions, Tamil Society games nights or even to the beloved pub quiz at the Oranges and Lemons. Sometimes there are club nights that tickle my fancy, especially those hosted by HipHop society or launch parties for certain magazines. Normally, it is an 11pm bedtime, with some phone scrolling time factored in.

FAQs

What made you choose Magdalen?

Max, 2nd year French and German

When I walked up Longwall Street on a sunny day in June 2022, I was an ambitious but slightly nervous sixth former, and I quickly fell in love with a college that completely reshaped how I imagined university life. The first thing that struck me was just how incredible the facilities were. From nearby sports grounds surrounded by greenery, to the college itself, a maze of hidden corners filled with art, history, and culture, Magdalen felt like a living, breathing academic sanctuary. The Hall, with its soaring ceilings and centuries-old paintings, felt grand and awe-inspiring, yet also welcoming, with framed photographs of staff that made it clear this is a place where community matters. The gardens are equally special, full of wildflowers and towering trees - it's a space that reminds you that this is a college where people, ideas, and aspirations are encouraged to grow and thrive.



How easy did you find it to settle in?

Jasmine, 2nd year Physics

Settling into life at Oxford took a little time, but looking back, I'm so glad I stuck with it. The first term was a steep learning curve, and the jump from A-Levels to university-level work was bigger than I'd expected. It was overwhelming at times, and I had moments of doubt. I arrived full of hope: ready to make close friends, love my course, and balance everything smoothly. While things didn't fall into place immediately, that was completely normal. It was something I'd only realised later. In truth, most people were feeling the same way; we just didn't talk about it.

The second term was a turning point. Coming back felt reassuringly familiar. I started to build deeper friendships, my course became more manageable and I found a rhythm that worked. Since then, things have only grown

better. Over a year later, I feel genuinely settled. I love where I live, I've found my people, and I feel more confident in my studies. Whenever I'm away, I miss Oxford – the college, the community, the life here. It truly feels like home.

Is Magdalen's student body diverse?

Sankavi, 2nd year Philosophy, Politics, and Economics (PPE)

While Magdalen, like much of Oxford, isn't as outwardly diverse as somewhere like London, I've never found that to be a barrier to belonging. Although diversity of thought isn't always the first thing people consider when thinking about diversity at Oxford, as a PPEist, I've really come to value the wide range of perspectives my coursemates bring to tutorials. Varied backgrounds and experiences shape these, and they've made discussions genuinely thought-provoking and hugely enriched my own learning. Coming from London, it's also been refreshing to meet people from across the UK and beyond. I've learned so much from hearing about the histories and outlooks that have shaped them.

Oxford may not match London's diversity, but it's far more diverse than many parts of the UK. BAME student admissions rose to 28% in 2023—a significant and encouraging step forward. At Magdalen, I've appreciated the warm South Asian community across the years; we attend events like Desi Ball together and keep in touch through group chats. College initiatives like the BAME parent scheme and BAME teas also help build strong inter-year bonds and a real sense of community. Because the diversity here can feel limited, there's a heightened sense of solidarity—we all look out for each other, even if we don't see each other every day.

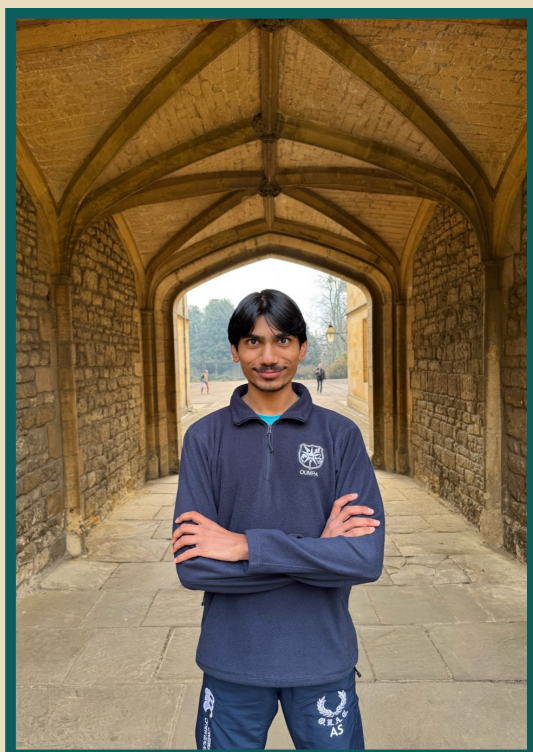
Beyond college, cultural societies like Tamil Society help foster that sense of community. As an active member of Tamil Soc, I've found a Tamil community across different colleges that's made Oxford feel less alien.



Do you have time to socialise?

Seirian, 2nd year Philosophy, Politics, and Economics (PPE)

Yes, I definitely have plenty of time to socialise alongside my degree! You become accustomed to the workload quite quickly and learn how to manage your time well. My work definitely doesn't consume my days. As a PPE-ist, I have very few contact hours, and so my schedule is really flexible. During the day, people are always free to go for lunch, coffee, or (in the Summer) to study on the lawns. In the evenings, there are loads of events every day – be they society events, talks, or club nights. Socialising and doing things outside of your degree is a huge part of being at Oxford, and there is plenty of time to get involved!



What's one thing you wish you knew before applying?

Anish, 2nd year Biochemistry

There are different levels of financial support available at each college. As a person who plays a lot of sports, it can be quite expensive to fund different aspects of life, such as extracurriculars. Being a student at Magdalen means you have access to Magdalen-specific funds, which are wide-ranging and could help fund the costs.

Resources

Websites

Magdalen JCR Website - <https://www.magdjcr.co.uk/>

Outreach Resources - <http://www.magd.ox.ac.uk/studying-here/outreach/>

Chat to our students online! - <http://www.magd.ox.ac.uk/studying-here/as-an-undergraduate/chat-with-the-students/>

Oxplore - oxplore.org

Social Media

Magdalen JCR Outreach Instagram - @discover_magdalen

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