Welcome

Hello future Peterites!

First off, massive congratulations for earning your place at Peter’s - it’s no mean feat getting through the Oxford application process, but when you get here you’ll see what all the fuss was about! Sounds cliché but this is a really massive part of your life, and you’ve got good reason to be excited!

Of course it’s also natural to be a bit nervous, everything will seem new and different. But trust me, St Peter’s is an incredibly friendly community, and the more you throw yourself into it, the more you will gain. Few places maintain such a balance between a relaxed and informal nature while also inspiring such genuine college pride and a sense of community, and before you’ll know it, you’ll experience this amazing feeling. And also believe me when I say you’ll know the words to “Peters’ Boys are Magic” by the end of term!

Anyway, this booklet, beautifully crafted in the style of primary school student learning how to use Publisher for the first time, should hopefully give you a heads up as to what’s to come.

Looking forward to meeting every single one of you,

Will—Vice President
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Hi I’m Gemma! I will be your JCR President this year and I study Philosophy, Politics and Economics (PPE). In my spare time I sing in the choir at Peter’s. I can’t wait to meet you all during Freshers’ Week! I’ll be around the whole time during that week to make sure you guys have the best time and to answer any questions. You guys have chosen a brilliant college and before you know it Peter’s will feel like home from home. Enjoy your summer and make sure you get lots of rest - Freshers’ Week can be pretty tiring! I look forward to meeting you all soon x

Will Jackson—JCR Vice President [Fresher’s Committee]

Hi all, that distressed looking fella in the photo to the right is yours truly, and I study German and Italian from scratch. You’ll hear my sarcastic undertones throughout this booklet, and you’ll hear them even more when you get here. I spend my spare time watching the Chels perform about as consistently as my sense of logic after a couple of pints. I’m also living proof of the fact you can contribute to a sports team without talent or fitness. You’ll probably find me winding up old men in the bar, my mates in the JCR or myself in the library because I can’t write my essay. Make sure you enjoy your summer, you’ll work hard here but I genuinely hope you’ll love it as much as me, if there’s ever anything I can do to help just drop us a message. Free drink to the first person I see who asks Gemma if she knows what fun is.
Hi guys I’m Alice and I study Economics and Management. I’m going to be the JCR’s treasurer so will be looking after our sweet money. Can’t wait to meet you all, Peter’s is a super fun place to be and your freshers week is going to be wild. See ya soon!

Louisa Wolley—JCR Secretary

Hiya! I'm Louisa and I study Biochemistry. I'll be your JCR Sec for this year, so I'll be the person who emails you lots (and lots) throughout the year. Although I won't be around for all of Freshers’ week (holidayyy soz) please message me if you have any questions about anything! Excited to meet you all! xx

Louise Beer—Male Welfare Officer [Fresher’s Committee]

Three Haikus:

Lou helps your welfare, yet neglects his own through poor diet and no sleep.

I care about you. We provide free condoms but they often run out.

You can talk to me! I’m a peer supporter, and your nan would love me.
**JCR Committee**

**Christina Kartali—Female Welfare Officer [Fresher’s Committee]**

Hi! I’m Christina and I study Law. I like coffee, painting and Bridge Thursdays. Beyond that, I enjoy helping people. As Female Welfare Officer I have peer-support training, so I am here to talk through any life-troubles you might have during Freshers’ week and beyond. Our chats would be strictly confidential, so please don’t suffer in silence! Feel free to approach me about anything welfare-related at anytime. Drop in during my Peer- Supporter visiting hours, Welfare Teas, or just send me a Facebook message/email and we will find a time to meet that suits you (I’ll take you out for a coffee xx).

**Lucy Koster— Gender, Sexuality and Orientations Rep [Fresher’s Committee]**

Hi I’m Lucy! I study Archaeology and Anthropology and I will be your Gender, Sexuality, and Orientations rep this year. I’m really looking forward to meeting all of you, however you identify, in October. Oxford has a fabulous queer community, and I’m here to help anyone who identifies as part of it navigate it. I’m always up for a chat, so do Facebook or email me with any questions you may have before you arrive (lucy.koster@spc.ox.ac.uk), and feel free to come find me anytime you need over the year. I look forward to seeing you in Freshers’! 😊

**Miranda Loughry—Disability Rep [Fresher’s Committee]**

Greetings, Freshers! I’m Miranda, I study Archaeology and Anthropology, and I’ll be your Disability Rep this year. If you have a disability (mental health difficulties included), I can help make sure you get all the support you need. You can find me around college (I’m quite easy to spot), and I’m always available via email or text. I’m so excited to welcome you all to Peter’s this October; I’d say I look forward to seeing you, but I’m blind, so... Perceive you soon!
Will Wong—Black, Asian & Minority Ethnic Rep

Hi, I’m Will, I study Medicine and I will be your BAME Rep for this year. I’m originally from Hong Kong but have lived in the UK for a while now. I think that having people from different backgrounds, cultures and countries adds a great deal to both our college and uni experience. Peter’s is already an incredibly welcoming place and I only hope to help continue to this on throughout the year with social events, themed meals in hall and other activities. In addition to being BAME rep I am also a peer supporter so if you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me at william.wong@spc.ox.ac.uk, through Facebook or just in

Pauline Gümpel – International’s Rep

Hey everyone! I’m Pauline, and I am this year’s JCR Internationals rep! I come from Germany and I study French and Italian (yay, languages!)

Moving to a different country to start university, probably only with the most important things that you can fit into your suitcase, seems quite challenging, but living abroad is also a very rewarding experience, especially at Peter’s where we have a great, diverse community!

In case there’s anything you’re worried about, when it comes to moving to the UK or settling in to Oxford, feel free to message me (pauline.gumpel@spc.ox.ac.uk) – I’m happy to help!

Desmond Asante—Outreach and Access Officer

Hi, I’m Nana(aka Black Oxford Prince) and I study Mathematics. I’m your access and outreach officer and I will be your voice on how to make Peters a more accessible place to study and live so if you have any ideas feel free to talk to me! Peters really is such a welcoming community as you will soon find out and I’m looking forward to meeting you all!
Hello Freshers I’m Lara and work to provide entertainments for the college, not just in freshers week but also throughout the whole year. I know Oxford may have a reputation of being dull but hopefully your opinion will change as soon as you get here! Can’t wait to meet you all!

Hello Freshers, I'm Joe. I study Spanish and Czech with Slovak (I know, I didn't think it was a real course either...), I enjoy having fun with my friends, boozing, and occasionally I help run the St Peter's College bar. See you in October.

Hallo! I’m Tommy and I study Geography. As bar treasurer, you’ll be seeing me behind the bar selling you the cheapest, strongest and tastiest drinks in Oxford. Also if you want to work behind the bar (getting that juicy, juicy £10/hour) you’ll be dealing with me a lot. Can’t wait meet you and exchange some extremely dubious fresher-week chat. Let’s get hyped for the best Freshers’ week in Oxford. Feel free to drop me an email with any questions you have. Much love xx
**Yva Petit—Academic Affairs Officer**

Hi! I’m Yva- a second year medic and the Academic Affairs Officer for this year. This means that I’m responsible for liaising with the college on anything that’s related to academics. I’ll be the person that you come and speak to if you’ve got any problems with tutorials or workloads that you want to discuss. Also, I’ll be holding feedback meetings in second term to produce a report for the tutors. Looking forward to meeting all of you!

**Martha Southall—Charities Rep [Fresher’s Committee]**

Hi, I’m Martha, I study PPE and I’m one of the two Marthas who are your charities reps this year, so if you have any fun charitable ideas let me know! I’m also on the freshers committee and am always here for a chat over tea (inspiration pictured). Xxx

**Martha Claxton—Charities Rep**

Hi new Peterites, welcome to the magical wonderland that is St Peter’s! I’m Martha and I’ll be half of your charity rep, so am happy to be referred to as ‘the other charity rep’ or ‘the other Martha’. I am very easily identified by having a loud voice/laugh and dancing like I think I’m a backing dancer on a dodgy 80s music video, but like cold sober and at all times of day <3 Martha and I are going to be in charge of organising FUN and INCLUSIVE and EFFECTIVE fundraising events next year and I’m really looking forward to hearing what kind of exciting & worthy causes you’re all interested in =) please hmu if there’s any charities things you want to get involved in/ask about/suggest for college xxxxxxxx see you soon
Ellie Harrison—Sports Rep
Hi I’m Ellie and I study biology. I’ll be your Sports Rep for next year, so I’m involved in ensuring both college and uni sports for Peterites run smoothly. There are so many college sports to try out and it’s a great way to meet new people, so get involved! When I’m not playing hockey or procrastinating from work, I have plenty of time to sort out any queries relating to your sporting needs. If you have any questions, feel free to add me on Facebook or email me (ellie.harrison@spc.ox.ac.uk). Look forward to meeting you guys in October!

Dominick Weatherby—Arts Rep
Hi! I’m Dominic, a second year History and English student, and your Arts Rep. I can’t wait to get to know you all! I will be on hand during Freshers week (and for the rest of the year!) to cater for all your Artsy needs. Whether you’ve never held a paintbrush before or have a couple of Grammys knocking about in your wardrobe, now is the ideal time to get involved. Feel free to drop me a message or just come and say hi! I’d be very happy to answer any questions you have.

Michael Diamond—Alumni Relations Rep
Hey, I’m Michael and I’m the Alumni Relations Officer this year. I do Medicine and I like music and sport so if you have any queries in any of these areas you can shoot me a message. Hope you all enjoy first year, I had a blast!
Olivia Mappin-Kasirer—Women’s Officer

Hey hey hey! I’m Olivia, a second-year French Sole student from Montreal Canada and I’ll be your Women’s Officer! This is a brand new role in the JCR, so like your acceptance to Oxford, very worth celebrating for all the female and female lovin’ people of the SPC community. You can find me catching up on reading at the Taylorian Language Library, playing tennis in uni parks, doing yoga on paddle boards or having tea and cake at LEONs with friends. I hope you join me in any or all of those activities sometime this coming year! I can’t wait to meet and get to know you all and please message me if you have any questions for the coming year.

Paul Wang—Finalists Rep

Hi! I’m Paul, the Finalists Rep, and I study E&M*. I’m not too sure why I’m even in this booklet as I won’t really be interacting with you guys in my role anyway, and you probably won’t even read this far down in the profiles, but I look forward to meeting many of you over the course of the next year! But yeah, regardless of what you hear, I can assure you that Oxford isn’t really as daunting as it may seem. *Note: study is a term used loosely when referring to Easy & Manageable. [Editors’ note: Just write the thing Paul stop bitching]

Francesca Chapman—Environment & Ethics Officer

Hey! I’m Francesca, I study PPE and I’m your Environment & Ethics officer this year. I’m very excited to meet you and tell you about / hear your ideas on sustainability, recycling and other environmental and ethical issues around Oxford. There are loads of opportunities to get involved with campaigns and projects around college and uni, so join the SPC Environment, Charities & Campaigns Facebook page or get in touch with me to find out more – let’s make Peter’s the eco-friendliest college! Can’t wait to meet you all!
Monica Minea—Fresher’s Secretary

Hey, I am Monica and this year I will be your Freshers’ committee Secretary! I study Maths, so this is proof that people doing Science can also do other stuff than be in the library all day long (place which I shamefully admit to have only visited once during my first year). I cannot wait to meet you all and get you involved in bunch of super fun activities. I am also here for anyone having any questions/ worries/ complaints regarding anything really, or if you just want to have a chat, so don’t hesitate to spam me with messages!

Dom Bennett

Greetings freshers! I’m Dom, I do history and I’m from the cultural melting pot that is Huddersfield. Well done to you all for getting in, and I hope you all truly feel like Peterites as quickly as I did! You are in for a real treat with this mighty college, we may not have the most dramatic quads, but we do have the best bar and college drink. You will find me playing uni football (or at least wearing the stash), frequenting the bar for a £1.80 pint of Kingston Press (or enjoying a slightly more expensive Magners at £2.39 in Spoons when the bar has closed), or eating a mission burrito. You are all going to love it here, feel free to get in touch if you are interested in representing our fine college at football, or if you want any advice on how to not spend £60 on jagerbombs on the first night of freshers. Enjoy!

Eleanor Burgess

Hi I’m Eleanor and I’m part of the fresher’s committee for 2018 so I will be around to meet you, help you move in and try and sort out any problems you might have ! I study History of Art (aka the coolest subject) and I love photography/architecture/all things arty. First year will be A M A Z I N G experience and I wish I could do it all again ! Feel free to message me with any Qs and see you all XX
**Freddie Hayward**
Hello all, my name is Freddie and I study PPE. I’m from Macclesfield, if any of you aren’t from London and have perhaps heard of it. I’m one of our bar supervisors this year and will serving up copious amounts of alcohol (Kaltenberg, £1.80, being my favourite). Freshers week is going to be a lot of fun and there is no need to be nervous about it. Look forward to meeting you all soon.

**Navin Raess**
Hello. My name’s Nav and I do German and Portuguese at the one and only SPC. I’m here to assuage your fears about Oxford and to show you what a fun time you can have at this uni. As you’ll soon come to realise, Peter’s is the place to be – with our ever-buzzing JCR, our famously friendly atmosphere and (above all) our world-class bar, you’ll never be bored, and I look forward to meeting you all during Freshers’ to show you the ropes. I’ll be about all week, so if you’ve got any questions or issues feel free to hit me up. Much love and enjoy your summer holidays xx

**Rohit Bagewadi**
I’m only serious about two things: Orange Calippos and making sure freshers’ week lives up to the hype. Aside from this I’m really good at napping and not so good at studying Economics & Management.

Bonus skills: I’ll be on hand all week to help you settle in and power through awkward icebreakers

**Julia Mervis**
Hello. I’m Julia, and I’m a science student - Geography specifically. I’ll be around all of your freshers’ week to try and make your time settling in as fun and easy as possible. Feel free to ask me any questions/voice your concerns/complain. People at St Peter’s College are really friendly so I think you have a lot to look forward to! See you soon
Arriving

St Peter’s is located in the centre of Oxford - a blessing on every day but the first and last of term. When you arrive, you should be able to find a place to park along New Inn Hall Street at which point you can get a parking permit from the Porters’ Lodge for up to 30 minutes. This should be enough time to move all your stuff in, with the help of the Freshers’ committee to show you where your room is and carry what they can - you’ll know who they are by their St Peter’s t-shirts and sunny dispositions. (I’ll probably be there laughing at Gemma, our Pres, attempting to be fun and cool, make sure to join me)

There will be a set of tables by the large gates on New Inn Hall Street (the other side of the Chapel to the Lodge) where you can sign in and collect the key for your room. Later that day you will need to collect your University card (often called a Bod-card) from the Academic Office, as this card will allow you entrance to various doors around the college.

Once you’ve moved in, the best place to start meeting other freshers is around the JCR and the quad behind it - there will likely be members of the Freshers’ Committee who’ll be looking forward to meeting you. While it might seem daunting at first, it’s the best way to start getting to know people and remember that everyone is in the same position!

If you turn up before Sunday then just head straight to the Porters’ Lodge where you will be provided with a parking permit and room details. There are usually lots of Peterites around college who will be eager to welcome a new face and help you move in.
Accommodation

The majority of Peter’s accommodation is arranged around corridors, which means that while everyone has their own space, the proximity of everyone to each other provides a strong sense of community. Although there is access to fridges in Matthews and the JCR Kitchen, most people eat in the dining hall in their first year (although don’t feel obliged, I made it through first term essentially teaching myself how to cook).

As a first year you’ll probably be either in New Block or Matthews Block, although you could also be in Chavasse. All of the rooms are very similar and whichever room you are assigned will very quickly begin to feel like home, whether that be through adding your own personal touches or just dumping your stuff on the floor and leaving it there. All rooms have single beds, plenty of storage space (like the floor if you tidy your room like me) and sinks - bathroom facilities are shared.

If you have questions about accommodation generally, just ask! Contact your college parents, or myself (because accommodation is part of my remit as VP).
Accommodation

The majority of first years will either be in:

**New Block:** Feast your eyes on that brick arch. Clue’s in the name, the newest block of accommodation in Peter’s, reflected in the really nice decor. Light and airy, and nice and near hall for an easy stroll to Sunday Brunch!

(NB: Strategically placed guitars to increase how cultured you appear are not provided)

**Matthews Block:** Olden but golden, deliciously close access to the legendary Peter’s Bar. Larger rooms as well with great views of Oxford from the upper floors.

(NB: Strategically placed weights to increase how dedicated to fitness you are not provided)
**What to bring**

You will not know which accommodation block you will be living in until the day you arrive. However your room will quickly become your bedroom, living room, minikitchen and study area all rolled into one. Whilst not everything on the list is necessary, I wouldn’t personally recommend the Spartan lifestyle, so have some nice things!

- Mugs, glasses, plates, cutlery, bowls etc. and a kettle
- Duvet and pillows and bed linen - two sets is advisable
- Rug (not essential but helps personalise your room/absorb dust)
- Bike, helmet and D-lock - bike theft is commonplace in Oxford so investment in a decent lock is essential, as is the helmet for safety
- Clothes including sportswear/equipment and sub fusc—see glossary
- Towels and hand towels
- Washing powder/tablets, washing-up sponge, dish towels, fairy liquid
- Lamp - you might want an extra one, though there is one provided
- Multi-socket adaptor
- Chequebook—(Or just mobile banking)
- Drying rack for washing - helps to reduce laundry costs and is more environmentally friendly than a tumble drier
- Mini-fridge—make sure to register it with Porters.
- Padlock—all rooms have a safe box for valuables
What NOT to bring

DO NOT BRING A MICROWAVE, TOASTIE MAKER, TOASTER, ETC. AS THEY DO NOT COMPLY WITH FIRE REGULATIONS. (NB: You CAN bring a kettle)

PETS ARE ALSO NOT ALLOWED.

(shouty caps to highlight how you CANNOT bring these things)

It’s also worth bearing in mind that Oxford is a city with lots of shops, if you forget something feel safe in the knowledge you can probably buy it.

Although I would recommend against repeatedly forgetting your phone charger, is very soul crushing having to buy them again.

Also don’t worry too much about food for freshers’ week, as you will automatically be signed up to food in hall for the week.
What is the JCR?
The JCR refers to two things. Firstly, it’s the big room opening out onto Mulberry Quad (opposite the entrance to Matthews block) that acts a bit like a college living room, home to wild bops and intense pool action. Secondly, it’s the collective body of undergraduates at St Peter’s - you are now all members of the SPC JCR.

What is the JCR committee?
The JCR committee is a group of around 20 undergraduates (predominantly second years) who have been voted into their positions by other members of the JCR. It is our job to look after the welfare of the JCR members and represent your interests to the college. With officer roles ranging from sports to charities to the arts, the committee is your first port of call for pretty much any non-academic issue - not that our welfare team isn’t more than happy to give advice or just talk about any problems you may have with tutors or work! (If you have a wider issue you think the JCR committee should be looking at, then general meetings (GMs) are your opportunity! Every other Monday at 7pm in the JCR, we hold a general meeting that all members of the JCR attend, in which motions are proposed and discussed, giving you a direct input into the actions of the JCR. Essentially, there is no pressure to be an active member of the JCR during first term, but for any of you who would like to get involved there is a position on the committee for first year rep, visiting students’ rep, first year entz rep and college mascot; elections at end of 1st term. Chat to Gemma if you’re interested!
Domestic Facilities

Washing
There are washing machines and tumble driers available on the ground floor of staircase IV. Washing costs can be paid by credit or debit card. Full instructions are on the machines.

Room Cleaning
St Peter’s has a wonderful set of Scouts, who despite sounding like they belong in the woods making campfires are all very dab hands at helping you live in (relative) cleanliness. They will take out your rubbish on weekdays and give your room a brief clean once a week. Say hi, its nice to be friends with the person who may see you nursing a particularly bad hangover.

Practical Problems
The Porters’ Lodge is the first thing you come to when entering through the big green double doors at the front of college. The porters staff the lodge 24 hours a day and they are your first port-of-call for any issues that you may be having around college, e.g. a leaky sink or a dodgy floorboard, and are also frequently the first port of call for banter, latest footy scores or just a friendly natter.
Informal hall

St. Peter’s is a catered college; this means that Monday—Friday, breakfast, lunch and dinner are served at specific times in the dining hall. On Saturday and Sunday, brunch and dinner are available.

The way in which you pay for your food is simple: using the uPay Chilli website (www.upaychilli.com), you log on with your college email and password and ‘top up’ your account by entering your bank card details. Then in hall, you simply take your Bod-card (library and university card) with you, which you hand over to the staff at the cash register to be swiped and charged. Each item has a specific price that you will be able to check on the menu.

A typical ‘informal hall’ dinner meal will offer two meat and two vegetarian options for mains, with accompanying vegetables, salads, fruit, dessert, yoghurts and juices: lunch and dinner menus are emailed out weekly. ‘Informal hall’ refers to the usual, ‘canteenstyle’ arrangement for eating.

The uPay Chilli pay-as-you-go system is really convenient because it gives you complete freedom with where you eat - if you would rather cook in the JCR kitchen or eat out in the town you won’t have lost out on a meal in college that had already been paid for.

JCR Kitchen

Equipped with a microwave, 8 hobs and a couple of random George Foreman grills, as well as plenty of cooking equipment. Own plates and cutlery is recommended regardless, helpful in case you need to make a sandwich if you miss meals in hall!
Formal Hall:
Currently runs twice a week, Tuesday and Thursday, slightly later in the evening than informal hall. At formal hall you wear your gown over your normal clothes and hear a Grace in Latin before you begin. It is optional but very popular, and great value for three courses. The food tends to be of better quality but there are only two options— one meat and one vegetarian though vegans are also catered for. You are served at your table by the staff and can bring wine, but not spirits, in with you. The college community seen in formal hall is great to bring guests along to. You sign up for formal hall via the uPay Chilli website (https://www.upaychilli.com/), usually two days in advance. Often certain events, such as Welfare Drinks or Burns Night include formal hall and are extremely popular.

Meal times are as follows –

Breakfast (Mon – Fri): 8am-9am

Lunch (Mon – Fri): 12pm - 1.30pm

Dinner (informal hall): 5.30pm - 7.30pm (until 6.30pm on formal hall nights)

Dinner (formal hall): 7.30pm prompt

Brunch (Saturday and Sunday): 10am-11.30am (the waffles are probably the best hangover cure going!)
As you get ready to arrive at St Peter's for your first term at Oxford there's no doubt that you'll be keen to get your internet and IT accounts setup as quickly as possible. IT at Oxford is generally fairly straightforward. Although it can all seem a bit confusing at first, you will find that it is an invaluable resource that helps to make your Oxford life simpler.

The first thing to know is that you will soon (if you haven't already) be assigned a university email address and username. You'll also be prompted to choose a password (which can be changed later). Your email address will look something like john.doe@spc.ox.ac.uk and your username ('spet number') will have the same format as spet1234 but with a different unique collection of numbers. As far as IT is concerned, these are the two most important details to remember, and both will stay with you for your entire time at the college. It is usually through your university email that your tutors will stay in touch with you and you will receive updates from departments, societies and Peter's itself. On the other hand, your spet number grants you access to a number of other university-wide online services. In short, if you need to log-in to something at Oxford there's a very good chance that either your email address or spet number will do the trick!

Almost all students at Peter's use a laptop and many take them along to libraries and lectures. You are of course welcome to bring a desktop computer, but be mindful of having to unpack and pack it each term when you have to move in and out of your room. Whilst you can quite comfortably get by at Peter's without your own printer, bringing one along will almost certainly save you money in the long-run. If you don't bring one, the online college printing system charges 4p per page which is put on your battels (termly bills) at the start of the following term.
Getting Your Computer Connected

St Peter's college provides high-speed internet access to all Freshers via a wired link to their computers in their rooms. This being the case, one thing you might want to bring with you - besides the computer itself - is an ethernet cable. These cables can be bought at pretty much any electronics or computer shop and come in two varieties: patch and crossover. Make sure that you get a patch cable (a crossover cable simply won't work). There is wifi in college and all the libraries you’ll need to work in but with the high amount of traffic, a cable might provide a faster connection. In addition to bringing along a patch cable you should confirm that your computer does indeed have an ethernet socket to plug the cable into. Almost all modern computers have them.

Once your computer is actually plugged into the wall, the final step towards getting online is registering your computer onto the St Peter's college network. A step-by-step guide on getting registered will be finding its way to you soon. Briefly, getting registered involves nothing more than locating a unique number that belongs to your computer, making sure you're using university approved anti-virus software, and then installing a small program. Registering is (almost always) a one-off procedure and can occasionally be tricky to do. St Peter’s has two dedicated IT technicians - Cheryl Bresnark, IT Manager, and Chris Beesley, IT Officer - who are available during office hours on the ground floor of Staircase III and always happy to help get Freshers up and running. If you're having any trouble at all, please don't give a second thought to asking!

In the unlikely event that you can't get your internet working straight away, don't panic. The college has a number of computers with internet access that any student is welcome to use. These can be found in the library foyer.
The JCR (LEGENDARY)

The JCR stands for the Junior Common Room and it is both the communal space in college for all undergraduates as well as being a committee that represents the needs of the students by meeting regularly with the college. The JCR is home to a large TV, comfy sofas, vending machines, a pool table, a table tennis table, a table football table and a constant supply of all of the major national newspapers. You can’t say what degree you will leave Oxford with, but its pretty much a certainty that your pool skills will improve.

The Bar (MORE LEGENDARY)

Unlike most other colleges, our bar is fully student-run and staffed which lets us pick the drinks, create the atmosphere and employ the students (look out for paid jobs each term to bolster the student loan). This means that the bar is a great place to start a night out or just go for a quiet drink in the evening with a couple of friends. (So many a good night started with a Cross Keys). It has a great collection of memorabilia on the walls (WAHOO) that give it a distinctive Peter’s character whilst casual interiort has made it an extremely comfortable place to be whether you’re working or drinking. Outside; the Johnny Fraser memorial garden is a great place to be on warmer days in Trinity term.

Prices are very reasonable and any profit goes straight back into the running of the bar, so that the managing team can afford all the free shots they sneak behind the scenes! (My predecessor put just joking here, but it does occur). But primarily so they can continue to improve it, and keep prices low. If you ever have any suggestions or queries, get in touch with Joe Kearney. Feel free to buy him a pint of his favourite beer, Shipyard to really get in his goodbooks!
St Peter’s Facilities

The Punts

The JCR hires a punt from Magdalen Bridge each Trinity Term – you’ll hear more about this nearer the time. If you’ve paid the punt charge, you can book the punt for free as many times as your plans allow.

The Library

The college library is a really useful resource—it will have many (but not all) of the books you need for your course and it is also a great place to work with the added advantage of it being open 24/7 during term time (the solidarity you feel with others during the ‘night shift’ is truly a sacred bond without equal). You can borrow 15 books at any one time, and the standard loan period is 28 days. There is also a photocopier. You will be given a library induction at some point in Freshers’ Week to tell you how to find books and take them out.

The Music Room

The music room is a large airy room situated above the MCR (Middle Common Room). It boasts a grand piano and an electronic drum kit. You can collect the key from the porters to use it for rehearsals/practices. You have to apply to be put on the ‘approved users’ list first, which can also be done through the Porters’ Lodge. If someone is already in there you can always book it for later. You may also be able to practise on the piano in the chapel, with permission – ask the Lodge for more details.
The current College Policy on smoking is that as of Michelmas Term 2018 smoking is banned on college premises.

All rooms are fitted with smoke alarms (which are really loud at 2am for everybody).

In terms of where to smoke near college, we recommend either out the front of the college in New Inn Hall Street or in the passageway between the college and the Master’s House.

The issue is under review. Gemma and I will be making sure we represent your views and feelings on this to the Governing Body.
Money

For many of you university is going to be the first time you’ve had to deal with spending large amounts of money on rent, bills and food. Managing your money carefully is essential, so here are some tips to help you make sure you live within your means!

Make a Budget and Monitor your Spending
Making a budget can help you build up a picture of what you have coming in vs. what you are spending. Try keeping receipts and making a record at the end of each month of what you have spent to see whether you have stuck to your budget, and if you haven’t, where you can cutback. Also make sure you open all your bank and credit card statements – ignoring them does not mean they don’t exist! The biggest thing is to be realistic and not bury your head in the sand. Internet banking is a useful thing to set up, and will become vital when you are living out in your second year.

Where it is obvious that you are overspending don’t put off addressing the problem; instead, take time to sit down and reassess your finances. Also don’t forget to budget for the vacation. If you would like further information or advice visit the Student Finance Officer, Katie Pullen-Rowland, (based in the Finance Office at Peter’s) who is here to help with financial matters; your conversation will be completely private and confidential!

Banking
Don’t forget to go down to your bank and upgrade your account to a student one - this will have a lot of benefits. Banks love students and therefore offer a wide range of different incentives, but there are a few things you need to look out for.
**Overdraft**
The size of the overdraft on your student account will differ depending on your bank. Most should offer an interest free overdraft for the duration of your degree, which you will probably need to use at some point.

**Free stuff**
Most banks will offer free stuff with their student account, ranging from travel cards to music downloads. Find out what they are offering and go with the account that benefits you the most – but don’t get sucked in by freebies only to find out that the deal on your account isn’t actually that great. Shop around.

**Talk to your bank**
If you are lucky enough to have some extra savings then you should discuss this with your bank; they should be able to tell you where the best place is for your money. ISAs and online savings accounts are usually the highest interest.

Don’t go over your overdraft limit! Try not to cut into your overdraft too much, and don’t go over the limit; bank charges can be pretty high! It can take a couple of weeks to process a student bank account, in particular the overdraft, so we recommend sorting it out now instead of worrying about it during Freshers’ Week.

**Battels**
Battels are the bills that you have to pay to College by Friday of 2nd Week each term. They cover rent, heating, electricity and water. Library fines, punt charges and photocopying can also be charged here too. If you have problems paying Battels on time, go and see the Student Finance Officer who will sort things out – please don’t keep it to yourself. The college can help with student loans queries and budgeting along with any Hardship issues you may face. Alternatively you can go and see the JCR welfare officers, who can give you advice too.
Getting a Job

Due to the short terms and heavy workload, you will have very little time for a job. The college does offer you the opportunity to work in the bar; which is not a massive time commitment (usually 4 nights a term) but gives you a bit more cash in the pot as well as some serious street cred. (Joe was nothing before he found the bar). There are also opportunities to stay in Oxford during the Christmas vacation to help with interviews. Your long vacation in the summer is probably the best time for you to seek employment, as you will want to relax or prepare for exams during the Easter and Christmas vacations.

Links (because links printed out on paper are amazing)

Two very useful sites with money saving tips and student discounts are:
https://www.studentbeans.com/
https://www.studentmoneysaver.co.uk/

Oxford University Living Costs
https://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/undergraduate/fees-and-funding/living-costs?wssl=1

The Telegraph’s Top 10 Student Money Saving Tips
As well as student loans and parents, there are other sources of income available to students that often don’t need paying back! The JCR, the college itself and the University provide various types of bursaries and grants for different needs, from helping out with the general living costs to funding for trips, art projects and sports equipment.

Oxford tuition fee reductions and Oxford Bursaries are available from the University for UK/EU students from lower income households. The University can see whether you are eligible from your household income assessment in your student finance application. EU students will be contacted directly via Student Finance EU to complete a separate form. Eligible students will receive their Bursary via the University.

Other Sources of Help
If you are having any issues with your student loan the best thing to do is contact Student Finance directly, This can be difficult at busy times so be patient! If you are unsure about any loan-related matter don’t hesitate to ask the Student Finance Officer. The College can sometimes contribute towards the cost of academic projects and trips. For students who have obligatory field trips (e.g. Geography, Earth Sciences and Biology), the college has funds that can often pay for a part, if not the whole, of the costs. For personal trips, there are other grants, with deadlines often in March/April that can go towards expenses as long as you prove you’ll be spending it wisely — these are available through the college and university.

For advice on all funding matters including student loans, budgeting and bandlees queries, see the Student Finance Officer, Katie Pullen-Rowland (Monday to Thursday, 8.30—4.00 pm, katie.pullen-rowland@spc.ox.ac.uk)
Books

Books, probably going to see a fair few of them during your time here. If that comes as a surprise, consider me impressed.

Depending on your subject you may wish to buy a couple of your textbooks when you get to college, but you’ll find that nearly everyone just gets their books out of a library. Oxford is packed to the brim with libraries so even if the book you need is not in the college library, you’ll be able to find it somewhere. The college library lets you borrow books for a month, and even then it is only a simple online renewal process to allow you to borrow them for longer. (http://solo.bodleian.ox.ac.uk will be your friend and lifesaver very quickly)

You’ll probably be sent a reading list over summer. Email/message your college parents and ask them what books they’d recommend buying or borrowing. If you do want to buy any, look on amazon.co.uk, where you can often buy copies with a large discount off the RRP. If you are buying second hand books, remember that for some subjects it’s only worth buying the most recent edition; older ones may be a waste of paper and money. On the top floor of Blackwell’s you can get second hand books for 2/3rds of the cost of new books.

In terms of reading lists, some of them will seem bloody daunting! Have a stab at them, but be smart, read summaries on difficult texts before attempting them, chat with your college parents/other people on your course to get a grip on what you need to know, what you don’t. Look at the reading lists, and if you don’t understand something, ask someone, be it your college parent or your tutor. Don’t put it off till the end of summer, some books are always going to be a pain to get a hold of, be proactive!
Shops & Restaurants

Due to our central location, pretty much everything you need is within walking distance of college. We’re right by the High Street, which is lined with shops including all the usual high street chains and a few more unusual places too. There are two shopping malls within a three minute walk from college: the Clarendon Centre, and Westgate which is brand spanking new. There are a lot of quirky boutiques in the covered market, which is also home to Moo Moo Milkshakes and the rightly famous Ben’s Cookies.

If you need to stock up on food, shampoo or other essentials you have many stores you can choose to visit. There is also a small late-opening Sainsbury’s Local on St Giles (just round the corner from Debenhams, and only 5 mins walk from college) which closes at 11pm Mon-Sat. There is a larger Tesco’s just next door which is cheaper and closes at midnight Mon-Sat and 5pm on Sundays. (Just go Tescos) There’s also another Sainsbury’s with less convenient times hidden in the Westgate centre.

We’re right opposite the Castle complex, which has a range of restaurants and bars including a Pizza Express and a Wetherspoons pub. For chicken lovers there’s a (decidedly uncheeky) Nando’s further down George Street. Jamie’s Italian, just opposite the end of New Inn Hall Street, was the first to open in Jamie Oliver’s chain, designed to be accessible to the student budget. Other nearby highlights include La Baguette, Mission Burrito, Itsu (half-price half an hour before close!) and most other chains. Studentbeans.com is a great website that provides students with many brilliant offers on most large chain restaurants.
Clubs ‘n’ Pubs

Clubs
There are quite a few clubs in Oxford which cater to a large range of different music tastes. Student nights are mainly week nights—although BOPs (JCR parties) take place on Saturdays from around 9-12 with the option of going out after as well. (BOPS > any club night hands down)

A number of events companies on Facebook will send you annoying messages every other day reminding you that their night of the week is the BEST. Freshers’ week provides an opportunity for us to show you our personal favourites (unfortunately Peterites’ club of choice, Wahoo, has closed down, but there are plenty of every clubs where the Peter’s turnout is legendary!). Big names include Parkend Wednesdays and Bridge Thursdays. You will be dragged to JT’s at some point as well. It’ll be a laugh.

Pubs
Oxford is pub paradise. From the tiny back-street charms of The Bear to the busy Turf Tavern, Oxford’s worst kept secret, there are old pubs oozing with character to suit every drinker, and every occasion. Sitting in the heart of the southern brewery territory, every pub in Oxford has at least one real ale on draught; White Horse Brewery and the excellent Wychwood range of ales are always firm favourites. Also, there are a few pubs located out of town, such as The Perch or The Head of the River, but similarly to city centre pubs, their locations mean high prices!

VPs top tips: Peters Bar everyday for price and consistency. Blenheim Arms if you fancy midday old man drinking, Four Candles (Spoons) for variety, Aldgate Arms for the Oxford experience at a reasonable price. Kings Arms is a rip off.
Culture

Film
There are two Odeon cinemas, located at the bottom of the road from college and near the Sainsbury's local, showing all the big blockbusters. The Phoenix cinema, about 15 minutes’ walk away in Jericho screens a wider mix including foreign language and arthouse pictures. The Ultimate Picture Palace in Cowley is an undiscovered gem which offers a cheap, slightly shabby experience which makes you feel as if you’ve been catapulted back a couple of decades. If you become a member of the Oxford Union, their library offers a wide collection of DVDs for rent.

Theatre
There are lots of theatres, all very close to college, which put on some very high standard plays throughout the year, many (if not most) of which are student productions. The student drama scene is run by OUDS and is very wide-ranging and exciting to get involved in. There are always plays to audition for and shows to go and see — both are very rewarding and highly recommended. You’ll find out more about drama opportunities in Freshers’ week. Garden plays are also a treat!

Museums
Oxford is unsurprisingly littered with Museums. The University Museum is located between the Science area and University Parks, and features skeletons, fossils and rocks collected over its history. Alongside this museum is the Pitt River Museum which looks at the anthropological side of the earth. The newly renovated Ashmolean is just a five minute walk from college, and offers a bit of everything and is staggeringly beautiful. Best of all, museums are free!
Ice Skating
There is an ice-skating rink just past Park End Street, and an outdoor pool (Hinksey pool) off the Abingdon Road.

Gyms
St Peter’s has its own small gym containing a few rowing machines and a weight rack. JCR members are entitled to free membership at Iffley Road gym, in Iffley sports centre. An extra annual charge also gives access to the indoor pool and power-lifting room. The gym is located shortly off Magdalen Bridge on Iffley Road (15-20 min walk) and has CV equipment and weights. The gym also provides other classes, such as circuits and spinning as well as housing many of Oxford’s sports clubs.

There is also a PureGym 3 minutes walk from St Peters. While busy the facilities are very good, and if you use a PureGym back home membership is pretty reasonable. For Oxford only use it is quite expensive, but it is much more convenient than Iffley gym.
At Oxford, extra-curricular activities occur at two levels; either through the University or with a college. Enthusiasm and enjoyment are the key to getting involved or starting a sport at St Peter’s. University sports teams take people from all colleges, so it is harder to gain a place on a University team for some of the more popular sports. Some sports, such as martial arts, shooting or water sports occur solely as University-wide sports clubs, as they cannot feasibly be run separately within each college. The Oxford University Freshers’ Fair will let you see all the different activities throughout the University, however Peter’s itself can offer a great range of fun and competitive sport!

Here are just some of the sports available at St Peter’s: Rowing, Football, Rugby, Netball, Cricket, Tennis, Lacrosse, Badminton, Hockey, Croquet and Ultimate Frisbee.

Each team has their own mantra for practices and matches. In your first couple of weeks, trials and try outs will be occurring alongside practices and the start of season matches, get involved, get bonding and get representing—or at least keep fit! The sports teams at Peter’s strike the balance between being both inclusive and competitive, making it a great college to take up a new sport! The college freshers’ fair is the perfect place to explore the sports on offer, chat to the captains and sign up. If the weather decides to be nice, we hope to run some very casual sport sessions in Uni Parks which we would encourage everyone to attend!

This year Peter’s had some fantastic sporting achievements in both the college leagues and inter-college tournaments known as ‘cuppers tournaments’, although full credit must go particularly to the rugby team (I was a proud benchwarmer), for winning the league for the first time in 12 years and second time in college history, as well as reaching the cuppers final.
The College provides a Welfare team comprising staff and students who are committed to helping you, and whom you should feel free to approach with any issues. The official College Welfare Officers are Edward Scrivens and Alice Raw. They can help you approach your tutors if you have issues that may affect your work (although we hope you never do!). The Tutor for Welfare, Prof Mark Moloney, is in overall charge of the College’s welfare provision. The College Nurse, Kate Tempest, runs a daily surgery on a drop-in basis. In addition, the Chaplain, Dr Elizabeth Pitkethly, is available for pastoral and welfare advice. You will be introduced to all of these at the Freshers’ Breakfast on Monday of Freshers’ Week. They’ll have regular hours so that you can call in to see them—you’ll be given full details on arrival.

Within the JCR there are male, female and GSO welfare officers, Louis, Christina & Lucy, plus a whole team of Peer Supporters who are here to help out with any problems you may have, confidentially and for free. They have all attended training sessions and know how to cope with any situations and the welfare phone number is posted around college. They’ll be around a lot in Freshers’ Week and we will make sure that you know who they are. Don’t forget all your JCR and Freshers’ committees care about your welfare and are happy to help with any problems as best as we can.

Twice a week, there are Peer Support Drop-Ins ("Just Drop In!"). During these, one or more peer supporters will be in the Theberge room (although this may change, posters will be going up in Freshers’ Week) for you to come and chat about any problems you have, or anything you want to get off your chest. Anything from problems settling in to worries with work, we’ll do our best to help and support you, and also, just to listen. We also have good links with the University counselling services and can be your first point of call if you want to get in touch with them.
FREE STUFF:
Peter’s Welfare loves you, and they show that my giving you free stuff. Welfare teas are legendary, keep your eyes peeled for Louis Beer’s easy peelers love (ha punny) with the announcements of free food in the JCR at least once a week, abandon that essay for 20 minutes and come eat some Jaffas and hummus (not necessarily together) and natter with the other people in college.

In the JCR kitchen there is more free stuff. The welfare cupboard is always stocked with get Durex condoms, pregnancy tests, attack alarms and earplugs, which you can get from your college welfare officers as well, completely free.

Summer Welfare tea at its finest, during the rare occasion of the sun shining
Welfare in Oxford

Student Advice Service (SAS)
https://www.oxfordsu.org/wellbeing/student-advice/
e-mail: advice@oxfordsu.ox.ac.uk or drop in to the Oxford SU Offices at 4 Worcester Street.

The SAS is a service run by the Oxford University Student Union (Oxford SU). It is an impartial, confidential advice and information service, and can advise on a whole range of issues from pregnancy to housing problems to academic issues.

Nightline: http://oxfordnightline.org/ Telephone: (01865) 270 270, 16 Wellington Square. Nightline is a listening and information service run by trained student volunteers. The office is open from 8pm until 8am. If you want to talk things over with someone, telephone or drop in personally. There are always two people on duty, one male, and one female. They can call you back or accept reverse charges if you’re calling from a 01865 (Oxford) number. Nightline is run by students who are not a branch of any counselling service and, though not professionals, are well-trained and dedicated. All calls are treated sympathetically and in the strictest confidence. Nightline can help you with a wider range of things than you might imagine, and they also provide information on just about anything you could imagine. So if it’s the middle of the night and you want to get a condom, but don’t know where to go, or if you’ve just finished a really difficult essay and everyone else in college is asleep, but if you want a chat, then give them a ring. Nightline is always looking for new volunteers; look out for information at University Freshers’ Fair or posters in College. It’s one of Oxford’s most worthwhile things to do.
Welfare in Oxford

University Counselling Service [www.ox.ac.uk/students/welfare/counselling] Telephone: (01865) 270 300, 3 Worcester Street
Run by professionals for members of the University, they deal with a wide range of issues affecting people’s lives, whether social, academic or personal. You might like to use it in times of crisis or in a more developmental and exploratory way. The staff are a mixture of full and part-time professionals who, as well as dealing with broad counselling issues, have specialist skills in areas such as study related issues and anxiety management. Help is usually offered on a one-to-one basis, but there are also groups, which cover topics such as communications skills, exam anxiety, women, and sexuality. The centre is open from 9am to 5.00pm, Monday to Friday (check vacation times). Appointments can be made by telephone or by a personal visit.

The Samaritans; Telephone: (01865) 722 122, Address: 60 Magdalen Road. You can phone 24 hours a day, or call in at the centre Monday to Friday 8am to 10pm. They will accept local reverse charges. The Samaritans are a nation-wide organisation particularly involved with the despairing or suicidal, but anyone who simply wants to talk is welcome. They are not a religious organisation and treat all calls confidentially.

Oxford Women’s Line: OSARCC; Telephone: (01865) 726 295 Email: support@osarcc.org.uk. Open Monday and Thursday 6.30pm to 9pm, Friday 11.30am to 2pm, Sunday 6pm to 8.30pm. They provide a sympathetic ear and advice to women who have been sexually assaulted. Other sources of help may be found in the Oxford Handbook or from the JCR Welfare Officers.

For more, just ask the Welfare Reps, who will point you towards all the support Oxford has to offer.
The Arts are a huge part of life at St. Peter’s. We have a strong reputation in the university as a whole and take an inclusive and energetic attitude towards creative expression of all forms both inside and outside college.

A large part of our success comes from the enthusiasm and reach of arts at St. Peter’s with people engaging at all levels of skill— from our own Tom Mcauliffe who sings for the Oxford commas, to Micky D taking time out from his degree and alumni relations to make his new house mixes, to Tommy Hurst spamming the JCR Facebook page with ads for comedy shows.

Regular opportunities for artistic expression include open mic nights, jazz evenings, recitals and performances hosted in college, as well as the opportunity to contribute to the termly publications of the college arts magazine, MISC, or the satirical Peterphile. For Freshers, the drama cuppers competition in Michaelmas term offers a great opportunity to act in and produce short plays. St Peter’s has recently started its own drama society ‘Cross Keys’ which has since put on a number of successful productions and is looking to do more throughout the coming year.

Every Trinity term our Arts events culminate in an Arts Week where we aim to get as many people as possible involved in doing as many arty things as possible!

There are a variety of opportunities to play music at St. Peter’s, both in a formal and informal context. For your own personal or group practice it is possible to book the music room, or use the chapel, both of which have pianos in them. More formal musical activities include the twice weekly evensong performed by the Chapel Choir. There are also student recitals on some Tuesday lunchtimes, any additional recitals (always happy to help you put on your own recitals of any kind!) and large scale orchestral concerts.

If you have any ideas, dreams, talent, interest, none of these, hit up Dominic with whatever art related thoughts you have!
Before your arrival at St Peter’s each of you will be assigned a college ‘parent’. Your parent will be a second year who is also studying your subject. Generally most people are ‘married’ to someone else who is studying a different subject (inter-subject marriages are not permitted by pain of death or socially pressured divorce) who will also have been assigned a college ‘child’ so you will end up with at least one or two college ‘siblings’. It all sounds quite strange from an outside perspective but it is essentially a mentoring system so that you have a direct contact to someone in the year above who is studying the same subject as you. People often become good friends with their ‘parents’ and ‘siblings’ and it is a connection that will last throughout your time at St Peter’s. Your college parent should be able to answer many of your questions that you have before arriving at St Peter’s and if they are unable to answer anything then they should know who to contact.

College ‘children’ are assigned to second years shortly after results day and they are provided with your contact information so that they can get in touch with you in order to introduce themselves and be as helpful as possible. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to get in touch with them.

If you have questions and your college parent has not made contact with you before mid-September please feel free to contact Gemma, myself or email doga.basaran@spc.ox.ac.uk and he will either attempt to answer your questions, or direct you to the relevant person.

**Generally Facebook is the best form of communication, we highly recommend you have a Facebook account for keeping up to date with activities/resources in college**
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In Freshers’ week you’ll hear a lot of weird words; here’s our guide to what they all mean!

Term names:
Michaelmas – October to December
Hilary – January to March
Trinity – April to June

Oxford weeks are also confusing: You arrive at college in 0th week – in Michaelmas this is Freshers’ week, and then in other terms you may have exams in college, aka, collections. Work officially starts in 1st week, and goes through until 8th week (though in Trinity many people’s exams will be held on 9th week).

Battels – Payment of tuition fees and college fees (accommodation and food) plus all those extras such as library fines, photocopying etc. Need paying by Friday 2nd week of each term.

Black tie – For guys; dinner jacket with a black bow tie. For girls; this just means smart.

Blue – what you get awarded if you play sport for the university.

Bod-card – Your University card, which will allow you access to buildings in College, and also to University libraries and other buildings. If you lost it, contact the College’s Academic Office.

Bop – Bops are college parties held in the JCR which normally have a fancy dress theme. These are a great way for the college to socialise as a large community and enjoy the bar and a boogie in the JCR. (If you say ceiling damage 3 times while looking at a mirror, an Entz rep of the past, present and future will come and scream at you)
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**Bumps** - the main two college boat racing events (Torpidis and Summer Eights) are both bumps-style races. Divisions of 13 boats line up behind each other and race to bump the boat in front.

**BYOB**: Bring Your Own Booze (alcohol)

**Collections** – two types: Master’s collections and collections. Master’s collections are where you have to go and talk to the Master and tutors at the end of term about your progress. Collections are exams taken in the college at the beginning of term (end of 0th week) to let you know how much you have learnt in the previous term.

**Crew dates** – a dinner held at a restaurant between two different groups (usually from different colleges or different years), where sconcing (similar to ‘Never have I ever’) ensues.

**Cross Keys** - the official drink of the St Peter’s college bar. With an ever increasing range of flavours that pilgrims travel from all around the university to try, your relationship with the Cross Keys will probably be a rocky, yet loving one. I’d recommend starting with the mango flavour, indisputably the best!

**DJ Ollie East** - the unofficial mascot of St Peter’s who you’ll probably see at pretty much every club.

**Entz** – Entertainment. In college these include band nights, bops and RAG events

**Fifth week blues** – Very odd sinking feeling that affects virtually everyone in 5th week when you realise that you still have half a term to go. The welfare team always puts on lots of events during 5th week.
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**Finals** – the exams you take at the end of your degree to determine what classification you will graduate with.

**Fresher** – what you are if you haven’t sat prelims, i.e. you.

**Gown** – a bit of thin black material that you put on over your subfusc for exams/matriculation, or over normal clothes for formal Hall and collections.

**Iffley** – the area around Iffley Road, parallel to Cowley Road.

**Intermission/suspension** - When a student agrees with college to take time out from studying, usually for health reasons.

**Hack** - term used to describe people deep into Oxford Union politics.

**JCR** – Junior Common Room – the undergraduates as a student body, and also the physical common room in college.

**Matriculation**—a traditional ceremony that initiates you into the university at the end of Freshers’ Week. Details will be provided during 0th week.

**Matriculashing** - the event immediately following the Matriculation ceremony.

**MCR** – Middle Common Room— has the same functions as the JCR except is for postgraduates and mature students

**Oxford SU** – Oxford University Student Union. The official Student Union, of which most colleges are members. Not to be confused with...

**Oxford Union** – a debating society in its origin but many impressive guest speakers and interesting events. Expensive, but membership is for life!
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**Prelims and Mods** – Preliminary examinations and Moderations. These are university examinations set at the end the first year (or after two terms in a few subjects) that you need to pass in order to continue the course (a maximum of one resit is allowed). One difference is that in Prelims you have to obtain the pass mark on each paper, whereas in Mods the average over all papers is considered.

**Rustication** – A ‘rusticated’ student is one has been sent down from College temporarily for disciplinary reasons. The word is often used by students to describe their status when they’ve intermittend/suspended but in fact rustication is not the same (and is very rare).

**SCR** – Senior Common Room. The same as the JCR and MCR but for tutors and fellows.

**Scholar** – someone who has achieved a First in their Mods or Prelims.

**Sent down** – if you get expelled from Oxford, you have been sent down.

**Subfusc**— this is a traditional dress code that has to be followed on certain occasions, e.g. matriculation and exams. Consists of gown, mortar board (you’ll need it to hold but not to wear wearing—classic Oxford), suit for men, white shirt and black skirt for girls, white or black bow tie for men, black ribbon for women (although the rules are now gender-neutral... see www.ox.ac.uk/students/academic/dress)

**Summer Eights** - see bumps; this is the Trinity competition

**Torpids** - see bumps; this is the Hilary competition
Right you’re almost there, nothing like pages of reading for a taste of Oxford.

**Facebook**—as mentioned before, we recommend that all students have Facebook. It’s by no means necessary, but it is a great way of sharing information with each other, and especially for us to keep you in the loop during freshers’ week. You should be added to the St Peter’s offers holders group.

Fresher’s Page— [https://www.facebook.com/groups/2171070576449741/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/2171070576449741/)

JCR Page— [https://www.facebook.com/groups/465308170183306/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/465308170183306/)

**Sub-Fusc**—sub fusc can be bought in Oxford as a complete set (gown, mortar board, bow tie/ribbon) from a couple of shops, but it is worth your time checking what exactly you need and seeing if you can get it online or in a charity shop for much cheaper.

**Mobile Banking**— most major high street banks have branches in Oxford, and it is recommended to move your account to these branches, but having online/mobile banking will make life easier for you.

**Packing**—While there are plenty of things we recommend we bring with you, it is always worth bearing in mind that you have to take it all back (exceptions for fridges and international students), so don’t bring everything!
Did I say I love the sound of my own voice? You would never have guessed from my comments throughout this booklet. I hope it helped, if you do have questions that this source of all knowledge somehow can’t answer, just ask your college parent, me, Gemma, a rep who can specifically deal with that problem, or Martin Brown in the college's Academic Office.

Will—Vice President (JCR)