

FRESHERS' INFORMATION PACK 2023

Welcome to St Catz!



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1. Introduction

St Catherine's College is the largest college within Oxford University and teaches both undergraduate and graduate students. Although one of the youngest Oxford Colleges, we can trace our roots back to 1868, when a 'Delegacy for Non-Collegiate Students' was formed. This Delegacy enabled students to gain an Oxford education without the prohibitive costs of college membership.

This founding ethos of inclusion is still evident today, and the College has an open, friendly and diverse community amongst its Students, Fellows and Alumni.

Our modern college, affectionately known as St Catz, was founded in 1962 by our Founding Master, Lord Alan Bullock. Designed by Danish architect, Arne Jacobsen, our Grade I listing buildings were the first to be granted such status in the post-war era. Jacobsen's plans for the college did not include a chapel, defining us as a secular college and setting us apart from other Oxford colleges, most of which have a religious foundation.

Whilst treasuring the traditional values of Oxford college life, we are committed to evolving with today's society, which is reflected in our College motto 'Nova et Vetera': the new and the old.

1.1 College Contact Details

College address: St Catherine's College
Manor Road
Oxford
OX1 3UJ

Telephone: 01865 271 700

Email: lodge@stcatz.ox.ac.uk

Website: <https://www.stcatz.ox.ac.uk/>

1.2 Information and Regulations for Members of the College

To view the [information and regulations for members of the college, please click here](#). This booklet includes important information regarding the college's disciplinary and complaints procedure, academic code of practice and residency requirements, alongside a range of other information covering domestic matters and the payment of fees.

1.3 Term Dates

Oxford's year is divided into three terms and three vacations. Within each term, a "Full Term" of eight weeks is the main teaching period. [You can view the dates of term here](#).

A number of courses are subject to extended terms. The above webpage also lists dates of extended terms for these courses. Please be aware that many courses have Public Examinations after the end of Full Term.



1.4 Freshers' Study Guide

To view the [freshers' study guide for 2023-2024](#), please [click here](#).

This includes a range of important information and helpful advice about the delivery of teaching at Oxford, the rewards available for academic achievement and the welfare support provisions are available to students at St Catz.



2. Freshers Week and Matriculation

2.1 A Message from the JCR Freshers' Reps about Freshers Week

Welcome to Catz! We are excited to welcome you to the college and we hope you are looking forward to university.

Below is a summary of events we are holding throughout Fresher's Week. There are mandatory events held by College that we are not involved in, so have devised some activities around these events to help you meet other freshers, feel more comfortable in university life and find your feet at university and in the city.

Some general info that applies for the whole week:

- All day on Sunday 1st and from 11am to 5pm from Monday 2nd to Friday 6th there will be Fresher's Angels on a help-desk in the JCR who can help answer any queries or concerns that you are having.
- IT Reps will be available in the JCR at designated times each day to also help with Wi-Fi issues/technology mishaps.
- We encourage you to try and go to the activities we have planned – even if it seems daunting, especially in a new city, by pushing yourself to try and meet new people you may find friends for life!
- Even if some of the activities such as an ice cream café or going to a mixer event do not seem like 'your thing' they might still be a good opportunity to meet people. Equally, for drinking events we have some alternatives for those who would prefer that.
- Freshers Reps (Ted and Maddy) are available as your go-to support throughout the first few weeks and they can be contacted via Facebook (Ted Holbrook / Maddy Oliver)
- Most of all, have fun! Freshers week can be exciting but also very daunting – we have tried to create a timetable that accommodates to a range of people, but whatever you end up attending try to enjoy the prospect of new people and opportunities.

Ted and Maddy (JCR Freshers Reps)

2.2 Undergraduate Freshers Week Timetable

Rooms:

Arumugam = Arumugam building (where the Porters' Lodge is)

BSB = Bernard Sunley Building

Hall marquee = Dining Hall marquee

Hall annexe = Dining Hall marquee events area

JCR marquee = Junior Common Room marquee

Events in bold are obligatory



| Sunday 1 October | | |
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| | First arrival day for Undergraduate Freshers Undergraduate Freshers should report to the Lodge in the Arumugam Building at their allocated time to collect their room key. Second- and third-year undergraduates will show freshers to their rooms. Coffee/Tea for Freshers and Parents in the Mary Sunley foyer | |
| 14.00 | Walking Tour of Oxford (highlighting useful areas to know in the city) | Meet outside Porters' Lodge |
| 17.00 | Tour of Catz | Meet outside Porters' Lodge |
| 21.00 | First Charity Quiz | JCR marquee |
| Monday 2 October | | |
| | Final arrival day for Undergraduate Freshers Undergraduate Freshers should report to the Lodge in the Arumugam Building at their allocated time to collect their room key. Second- and third-year undergraduates will show freshers to their rooms. Coffee/Tea for Freshers and Parents in the Mary Sunley foyer | |
| 11.00 | IT and Fresher's Reps Q&A | Arumugam 2.1/2.2 (set-up theatre style) |
| 14.00 | Walking Tour of Oxford (highlighting useful areas to know in the city) | Meet outside Porters' Lodge |
| 15.30 | International Student Welcome and Information | Arumugam 2.1/2.2 (set-up theatre style) |
| 17.00 | Tour of Catz | Meet outside Porters' Lodge |
| 18.45 | Trip to Ice Cream Cafe | Meet outside Porters' Lodge |
| 20.30 | JCR Music/Mixer Event | JCR marquee |
| Tuesday 3 October | | |
| 09.00-15.00 | Student-led consent workshops (More details to be communicated) | BS Room A, Old MCR, Arumugam |



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| | | 1.1 and 1.2 (separated) |
| 15.00-17.00 | Undergraduate Registration Surnames: A-G: 15.00-15.15; H-P: 15.30-15.45; Q-Z: 16.00-16.15 Collect 'Fresher Bags' from Lodge ground floor | Lodge ground floor and Arumugam 1.1 and 1.2 (separated) |
| 17.00 – 17.30 | JCR Meet the Committee | JCR marquee (Identities Presentation moved to Thursday) |
| 18.45 | Meet College Parents | Old Quad |
| 19.00 | Dinner with college parents | Hall marquee (details TBC) |
| Wednesday 4 October | | |
| Morning | Meetings with Tutors, for details please consult your Registration Pack on Tuesday and/or your Oxford email account | |
| 10.00 | College Library drop-in session | Library (use rear entrance from Old MCR garden) |
| 11.00 | College Library drop-in session | Library (use rear entrance from Old MCR garden) |
| 12.40 | Walk with Freshers Reps/Angels to Freshers' Fair | |
| 13.00-14.00 | Oxford Student Union Freshers' Fair in the Examination Schools, 75-81 High Street, OX1 4BG | |
| 15.30-15.55 | Introduction by the Master, Senior Tutor, the Deputy Academic Registrar, the Home Bursar, the Dean, the Director of Studies for Visiting Students and the I.T. Manager | Hall marquee |
| 16.00-16.55 | Learning at University | Hall marquee |
| | Catz Research Showcase | Cancelled. |
| | Reception for Undergraduate Freshers and Tutors | Cancelled. |
| | Dinner for Undergraduate Freshers and Tutors | Cancelled. |



| Thursday 5 October | | |
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| | Various times throughout the day: Department/Faculty inductions – for details please consult your Registration Pack on Tuesday and/or your Oxford email account | |
| 10.00-12.00 | Brunch Munch (drop-in) | JCR marquee |
| 10.00 | College Library drop-in session | Library (use rear entrance from Old MCR garden) |
| 11.00 | College Library drop-in session | Library (use rear entrance from Old MCR garden) |
| 11.00 | Identities and Discrimination Session (Important) | Arumugam 2.1 and 2.2 set up theatre style |
| 13.00-15.00 | Catz Freshers' Fair – event showcasing clubs and societies available | JCR marquee |
| 17.00 | Welfare in College with the Dean, the College Doctor, the Panel of Advisors, the Junior Deans, the JCR President, the JCR Welfare Officers, and the Peer Supporters | Arumugam 1 st and 2 nd floors, both set up theatre style (speaker groups to alternate) |
| 20.00 | LGBTQ+ Welcome Drinks (Non-Alcoholic drinks available) | JCR marquee |
| 20:30 | Alternative Entz Event – Ice Hockey Trial Session at Ice Rink | |
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| Friday 6 October | | |
| | Various times throughout the day: Department/Faculty inductions – for details please consult your Registration Pack on Tuesday and/or your Oxford email account | |
| 10.00-11.00 | Fire Safety Talk (compulsory) | Hall marquee |
| 10.00 | College Library drop-in session | Library (use rear entrance from Old MCR garden) |
| 11.00 | College Library drop-in session | Library (use rear entrance from Old MCR garden) |
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| 14.00 | *Welfare Farm Animals | Merton Sports Field |
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| 19.30 | BAME Society Welcome Drinks (Non-Alcoholic drinks available) | JCR marquee |
| 20.30 | Alternative Entz Event | BS Room A or Old MCR (depending on the nature of the event) |
| Late | Mixer Event with Keble College JCR | External event |
| * | | |
| Saturday 7 October | | |
| | Various times throughout the day: Clubs and Societies taster sessions (details at Catz Freshers Fair) | |
| 20.30 | Pre-Entz Pizza (sign up on form sent out in Freshers' week) (TBC) | JCR marquee |
| 22.00 | The 'Name Game' – First JCR Entz (dress as something or somebody starting with the first letter of your name!) | JCR marquee |
| 22.00 | First JCR Alternative Entz | BS Room A or Old MCR |
| Sunday 8 October | | |
| | Various times throughout the day: Clubs and Societies taster sessions (details at Catz Freshers Fair) | |
| 16.00 | Welfare munch | JCR marquee |
| 19.00 | Subject socials organised by second year undergraduates (details in Freshers' week) | |
| Tuesday 10 October | | |
| 18.30-19.00 | You are invited to drop in to meet your College Doctor and Team Do you have a medical condition that needs regular medication? Are your immunisations up to date? Get your blood pressure checked | Northgate Health Centre OX1 3HL |
| Saturday 14 October | | |
| | Matriculation Ceremony (compulsory) | |
| 11.15 | Registration and Dean of Degree's presentation (important) | Arumugam – 1 st floor (for undergraduate students) |
| 12.15 | Matriculation Lunch | Hall marquee |



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| 14.00 | Process from the Hall marquee to the Sheldonian Theatre for the Matriculation Ceremony | |
| 16.00 | Matriculation Photograph – (important) | Assemble in the Quad |
| Sunday 16 October | | |
| 16.00 | Welfare Munch | JCR marquee |
| 19.00 | First JCR open meeting with pizza | JCR marquee |

* Tickets to Oxford nightclubs will be available from JCR Entz Reps for those who wish to go out after JCR events on the days marked.

2.3 Webinar Induction to the Bodleian Library

There are online induction sessions to the Bodleian Libraries, which are the main University libraries, for undergraduates at the times below. The sessions take 30 minutes and are delivered via Microsoft Teams. Students do not need to register. The webinars are not subject specific or for a particular college, so students from different subject areas and colleges will be attending at the same time. We recommend that all students attend one of these sessions. The Bodleian is a fantastic resource, and it is good to understand how to use it as soon as possible.

Wednesday 4 October

10:00-10:30; 11:15-11:45; 15:00-15:30; 16:15-16:45

Thursday 5 October

09:15-09:45; 11:00-11:30; 14:00-14:30; 16:30-17:00

Friday 6 October

09:30-10:00; 11:30-12:00; 13:30-14:00; 15:30-16:00

The same link will be used for all slots: [Microsoft Teams link](#)

2.4 Matriculation Information

Matriculation is a ceremony that confers membership of the University on students. All incoming undergraduate students are required to attend, unless you have previously attended a matriculation ceremony. All students are required to wear academic dress for the ceremony. For further information, see section 4.2 – Academic Outfitters.

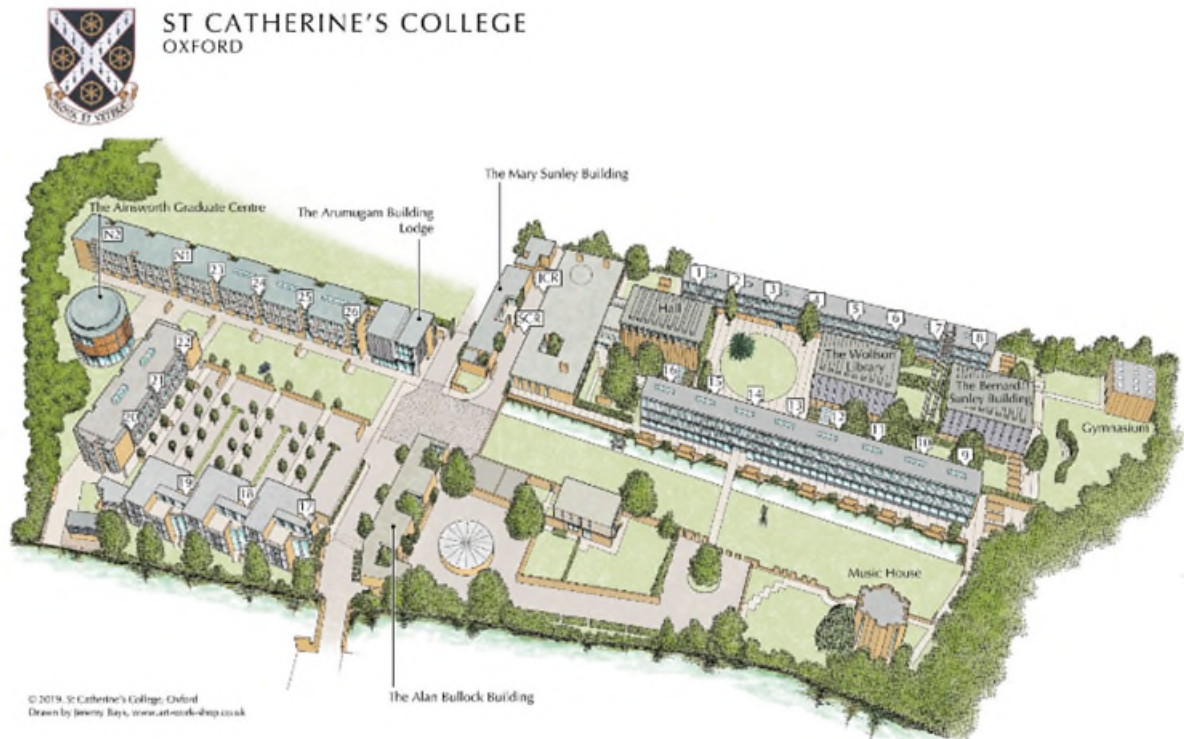
Your Matriculation ceremony will be held on **Saturday 14th October 2023**. The College Office will provide further information regarding Matriculation in due course, but you should keep this date free, as your attendance will be required.



3. College Life

3.1 Map of Catz

[You can view an interactive, digital college map here.](#)



3.2 UPay Instructions

Catz is a cashless college. Payments for meals, drinks at the bar etc. are all made by swiping your university card. Your university card acts as a pre-paid debit card and you load money onto it via the [UPay website](https://www.upay.co.uk/app/) (<https://www.upay.co.uk/app/>).

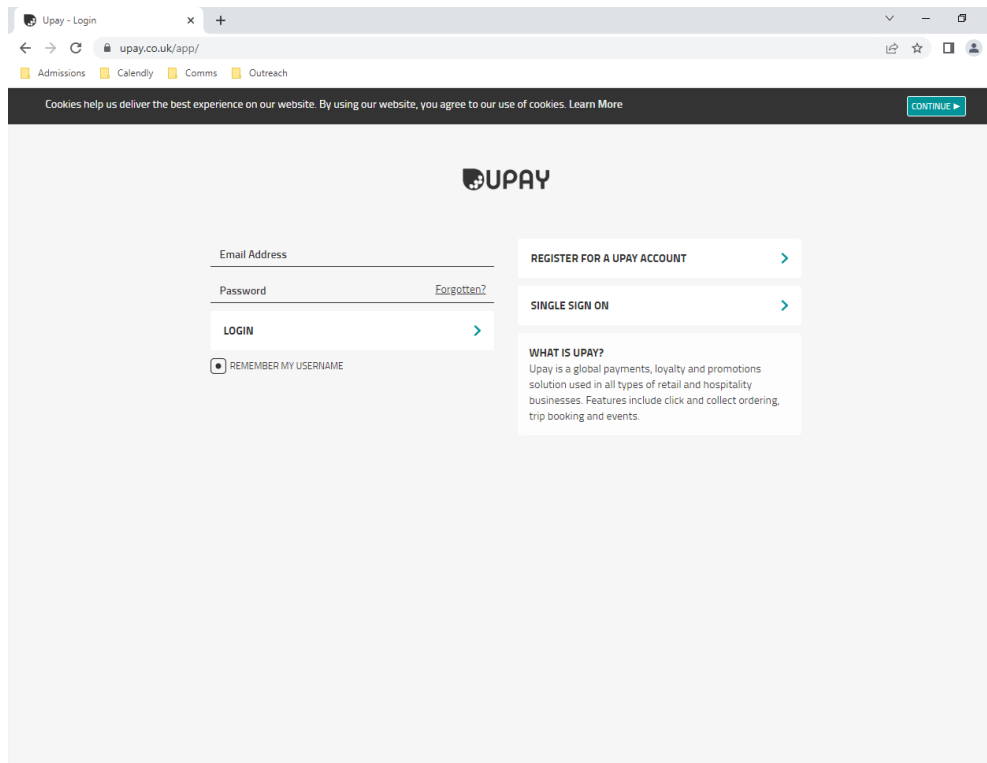
To register with UPay, you will need to know that the College's Affiliate ID is 85, and your personal User ID is the same as your University student number.

UPay will allow you to top up your card for purchases in College, pay your battles, and book and pay for college events. Parents and guardians may also top up your cashless account using your unique log-in details. Please note there is a maximum payment amount of £2,000 per transaction when using a debit or credit card.



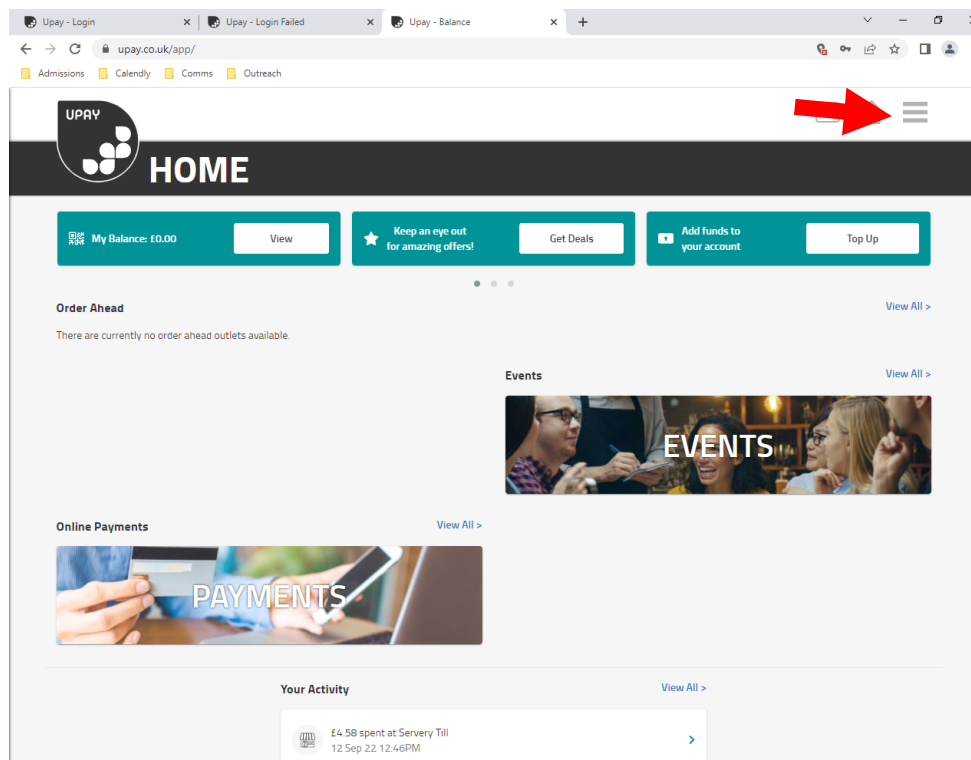
How to pay your battles using UPay:

To pay your battles, go to the [UPay website \(https://www.upay.co.uk/app/\)](https://www.upay.co.uk/app/) and login using your UPay account details.

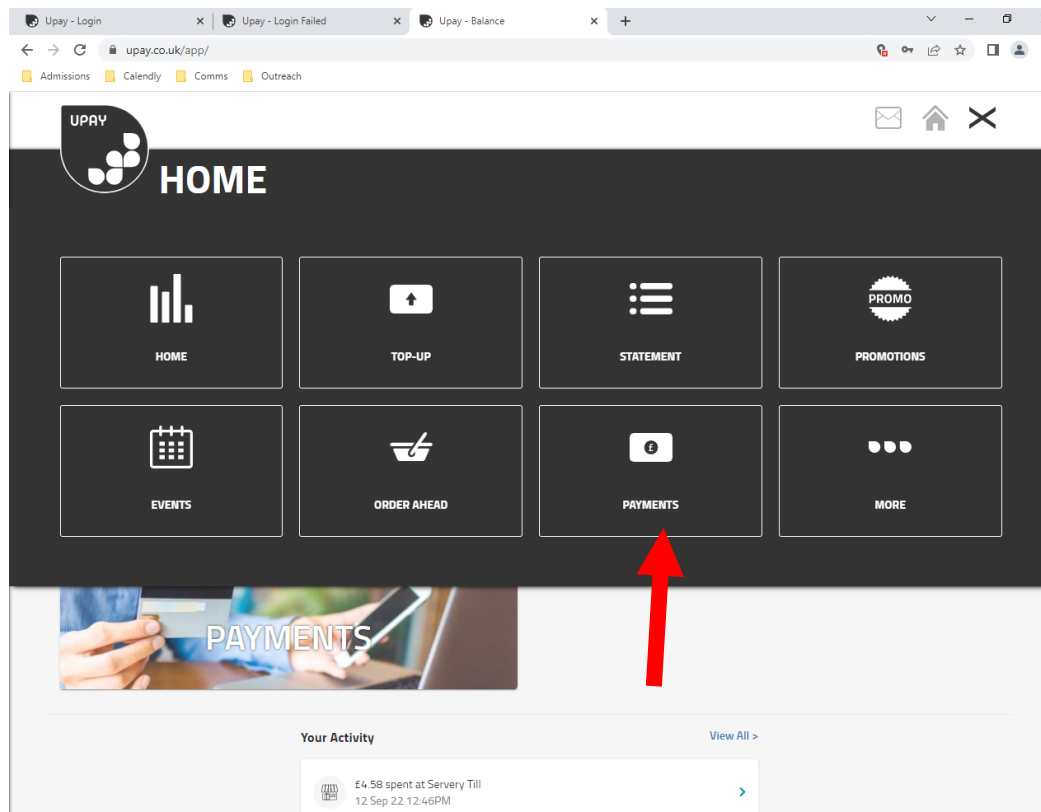


The screenshot shows the UPay Login page in a web browser. The browser's address bar displays 'upay.co.uk/app/'. A dark cookie consent banner is at the top. The UPay logo is centered. On the left, there is a login form with fields for 'Email Address' and 'Password', a 'Forgot?' link, a 'LOGIN' button, and a 'REMEMBER MY USERNAME' checkbox. On the right, there are links for 'REGISTER FOR A UPAY ACCOUNT' and 'SINGLE SIGN ON', followed by a 'WHAT IS UPAY?' section with a brief description of the service.

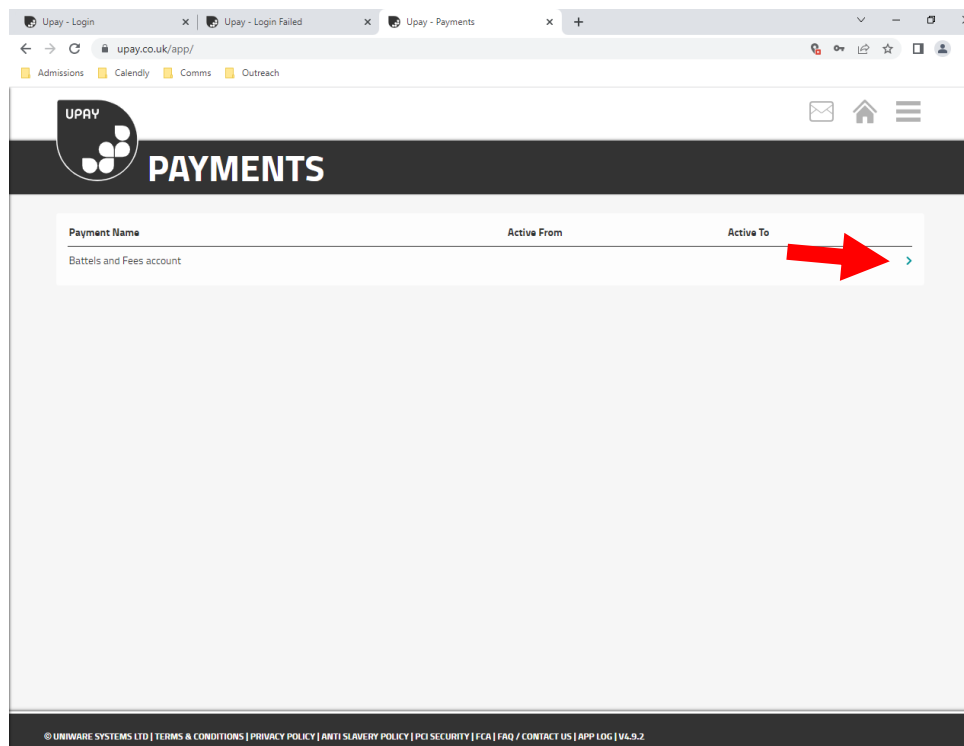
On the next screen, select the link indicated by the red arrow in the screen capture below:



On the drop-down menu that appears, select payments:



Next, press the green arrow as indicated below:



Enter the amount that you need to pay and the invoice number if you have it (this field can be left blank):

UPAY PAYMENTS FORM

Please enter the amount you wish to pay

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Invoice No.

ENTERED AMOUNT £0.00

TOTAL AMOUNT £0.00

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On the next screen, enter your debit or credit card information and confirm the payment; you will then receive an e-mailed confirmation of the transaction.

3.3 Financial Information for UK Undergraduates

Course Fees: You are eligible to apply to your region's funding body for a Tuition Fee Loan to cover the course fees of £9,250 for the academic year 2023/2024. For UK students, requests for this loan are made when applying for any income/non-income assessed Maintenance Loan, either by filling in a paper form from your region's funding body or applying online via the website for your region:

England: Student Finance England – <http://www.gov.uk/student-finance/overview>

Northern Ireland: Student Finance Northern Ireland – <http://www.studentfinancenir.co.uk>

Scotland: Students Award Agency for Scotland – <http://www.saas.gov.uk>

Wales: Student Finance Wales – <http://www.studentfinancewales.co.uk>

Student Financial Support: The maximum Maintenance Loan available for new students coming up to Oxford in 2023 is £9,978.

If you do not include a National Insurance number in your application for a Maintenance Loan you will not receive a loan.

If you have lost or forgotten your National Insurance number, see <http://www.gov.uk/apply-national-insurance-number> for information about how to find out what it is.



If for some reason you have not been allocated a National Insurance number, see <http://www.gov.uk/apply-national-insurance-number> for information about how to apply, and make sure you inform your region's funding body as a matter of urgency.

3.4 Financial Information for All Undergraduate Students

Battels: You are personally responsible for the payment of course fees (if you have chosen not take out a Tuition Fee Loan), charges for rooms and other services. Students are billed via 'battels' (the Oxford term for an invoice for fees and charges) annually in advance at the beginning of Michaelmas Term for course fees, and termly in advance at the beginning of each term for room charges. Each term payment is due by the end of the first week of term – Friday 13 October for Michaelmas Term 2023 – and your first battels bill will be sent to your Oxford email address in early October.

Your first term as a student in the College may be your first experience of meeting the costs of your own living expenses. Most students manage their financial affairs without difficulty, but you will understand that the College has to be run efficiently and it attaches great importance to the avoidance of debt. Any unpaid accounts after the Friday of First Week (Friday 13 October) are surcharged at the compound rate of 2% of the outstanding amount per month, automatically, unless you have made a prior arrangement with the College Accountant. Should you find yourself in difficulty or need financial advice, please contact the College Accountant (email: carey.forster@stcatz.ox.ac.uk).

Payment methods:

- (1) Online via the UPay system – further information will be sent with your first battels bill
- (2) Cheque payable to 'St Catherine's College, Oxford'
- (3) Debit card payment at the Accounts Office
- (4) Bank transfer – please contact Cathy Steiner (email: cathy.steiner@stcatz.ox.ac.uk) for information.

Room charges: Your room charge for Michaelmas Term 2023 will be £27.11 per day; this includes room (but not meals), duvet, pillows, bed linen (but not towels).

St Catherine's College sets its room charges on the basis of annual discussions between representatives of Common Rooms and College Officers. Those discussions focus on a full review of the actual costs of running the residential side of the College's operation and an assessment as to how those costs might fall or increase between the point at which those discussions take place (usually just after Christmas) and the next academic year. Junior members can have a very real influence on the level of charge that is set. Where costs fall or rise in one year, the effect of that decrease or increase in expenditure will feed through to charges in the following year. The College separately identifies the elements of the room charge which cover the costs of gas, electricity and water. In each of these areas consumption by students has an effect on the charge. Consequently, it is important to turn off lights and equipment when they are not needed.

Consideration should be given to eating meals in Hall rather than staircase pantries - this will reduce electricity usage (currently with a higher carbon emission bill than gas) and wrapping waste brought into College. Controlling heating (supplied by gas boilers) by turning down thermostats, rather than by opening windows will help in terms of reducing gas charges. Sensible use of water will assist in keeping costs down in that area as well. The separately identified charges are related to the introduction of the Carbon Commitment Efficiency Scheme which the Government has introduced under the Climate Change Act. In future, in addition to charges for the consumption of gas and electricity, charges will be levied by Government on the carbon emissions associated with that use. If the College and Junior



Members are to keep their costs down, it is becoming vitally important to be very careful about the use of gas and electricity.

The College will review spending on gas, electricity and water at the end of Michaelmas Term 2023 and the end of Hilary Term 2023. If expenditure changes by more than 10%, either upwards or downwards, an increase or reduction will be applied.

Alongside the important work that members of College can contribute by thinking about careful energy use, the College will continue its long standing programme of capital works (insulation, double-glazing, system improvements) to ensure that energy that is used, is used efficiently and effectively.

University Card and UPay system: Every student will be issued with a University Card which serves to identify those entitled to use University and College facilities and services. The card is associated with an individual account which is accessed and credited online with money to purchase meals, drinks, photocopying and printing in College. It is also the easiest way of paying battels bills. The card also operates the door security system in College. You must report cases of lost or stolen cards to the Lodge immediately on discovering loss or theft so that the card can be cancelled. Requests for replacements for lost, stolen or damaged cards should be directed to the College Office (email: college.office@stcatz.ox.ac.uk).

Unspent UPay balances at 31 October in the year in which a student member leaves the College are transferred to the St Catherine's Fund. This fund is used to meet the costs of equipment purchases and projects voted for by the Junior and Middle Common Rooms.

Meals: Breakfast is available in Hall at a cost of £3.33, lunch is available at a notional cost of £5.70, and the cost of dinner is £5.63.

Laundrette: The College has a laundrette on site that provides washers and dryers for student use. A wash costs £1.40 and a tumble-dry costs £1.40. The laundrette is open 24 hours and students pay for the facility. An ironing room is provided on Staircase 2 free of charge.

Other charges: Undergraduates are asked to pay a contribution towards the Junior Common Room Overseas Scholarship. The Junior Common Room Overseas Scholarship is for people from developing countries who, for political or financial reasons, or because suitable educational facilities do not exist, cannot study for a degree in their own countries. In order to apply for the Scholarship a person must have obtained a place at Oxford through the usual University admissions process. Students may opt-out of contributing towards the Scholarship by notifying the Accounts Office when they are billed, in which case the charge will be fully reimbursed or (if not yet paid) not payable. The charge will be set in Hilary Term 2024, and in Hilary Term 2023 it was £27.11.

Review of charges: All charges are reviewed each year and changes come into force on 1 August.

Bank accounts: It is essential that you open a student bank account when you arrive in Oxford. You will find that banks require several types of documentary evidence proving your identity and your correspondence address before and after admission to the College, and confirming your status as a student.

Please contact the College if you are unsure about anything. Points of contact for financial matters are the College Accountant, Carey Forster (email: carey.forster@stcatz.ox.ac.uk) or the Fees and Investments Secretary, Cathy Steiner (email: cathy.steiner@stcatz.ox.ac.uk), who deals specifically with fee matters and student loans.



3.5 Guide to College Library

Opening hours

Term-time (weeks 0th – 10th)

Monday to Friday: 8am to midnight Saturdays & Sundays: 9am to midnight

Vacation

Vacation hours vary so please check the library door, webpage, and Twitter or Facebook page for details.

Finding books

SOLO (<http://solo.bodleian.ox.ac.uk>) is Oxford's library catalogue. It provides details of books held by the University and by College libraries. SOLO allows you to search the entire catalogue, but if you only want to see books held by St. Catz, you can use the drop down menu to restrict your search.

SOLO has many other features. For more details and a number of useful guides, please see <http://libguides.bodleian.ox.ac.uk> and <https://www.stcatz.ox.ac.uk/catz-students/library-it/> and remember, you can always email us if you need any help finding resources.

Books are classified according to subject, and each catalogue record provides a book's shelf-mark. The map overleaf shows where each subject and corresponding shelf-mark can be found in the St. Catz library.

Borrowing books

Please, **reserve your printed books** with the Click and Collect system on SOLO. Read the instructions and watch the videos at <https://www.stcatz.ox.ac.uk/catz-students/library-it/>

Up to 12 books may be borrowed for a period of up to 4 weeks (or until Friday of 8th Week if that is sooner).

Vacation borrowing begins on Monday of 8th week, with books issued until 1st week of the following term. Emails are sent out to remind you when books are due back.

Fines are charged for overdue books. The fine is 10p per book, per day.

Readers must show their University cards to collect their reserved books and are personally responsible for all books taken out. The library reserves the right to charge the full replacement cost of any book not returned.

Working in the Library

Please help maintain a pleasant working environment in the library. Food is not permitted, and drinks are only allowed in a sealed cup or bottle. All noise must be kept to a minimum. Browsing the shelves is permitted.

Other resources in the Library

Reference books and a selection of periodicals can be found at the bottom of the first spiral staircase. The University also subscribes to an increasing number of electronic resources, including e-journals, e-books and databases, which you can access using SOLO.

Wireless is available in the library enabling you to connect via your laptop, and from the pcs in the North Seminar rooms. Please note use of the computers is subject to College and University computing regulations.

A photocopier and printer is available in the porch, where the relevant copyright regulations and instructions are displayed. Payment is made via Upay.



Recommendations

The library aims to acquire core texts for all undergraduate and graduate courses taught at the College. If you would like to make a recommendation, please email the librarians at

library@stcatz.ox.ac.uk. Alternatively email your tutors asking them to forward details to us if they support the recommendation.

A selection of new books is displayed near the issue desk and a termly accessions list is displayed on library, JCR, MCR and SCR notice boards.

Staff

Professor David Womersley, Fellow of the College, has overall responsibility for the library. The Librarian, Barbara Costa and the Library Assistant, Lucy Norman deal with the day-to-day running of the library. During term-time the librarians work between 8am and 5pm, Monday to Friday. At evenings and weekends graduate students invigilate the library and issue books.

Contacts

We are committed to supporting all of our students through their studies, including those with disabilities. If anyone finds they need extra support, please do not hesitate to email us or come talk to us about this. We will do our best to make sure you have the support you need from the library for your studies

Please get in touch if you have any comments or questions:

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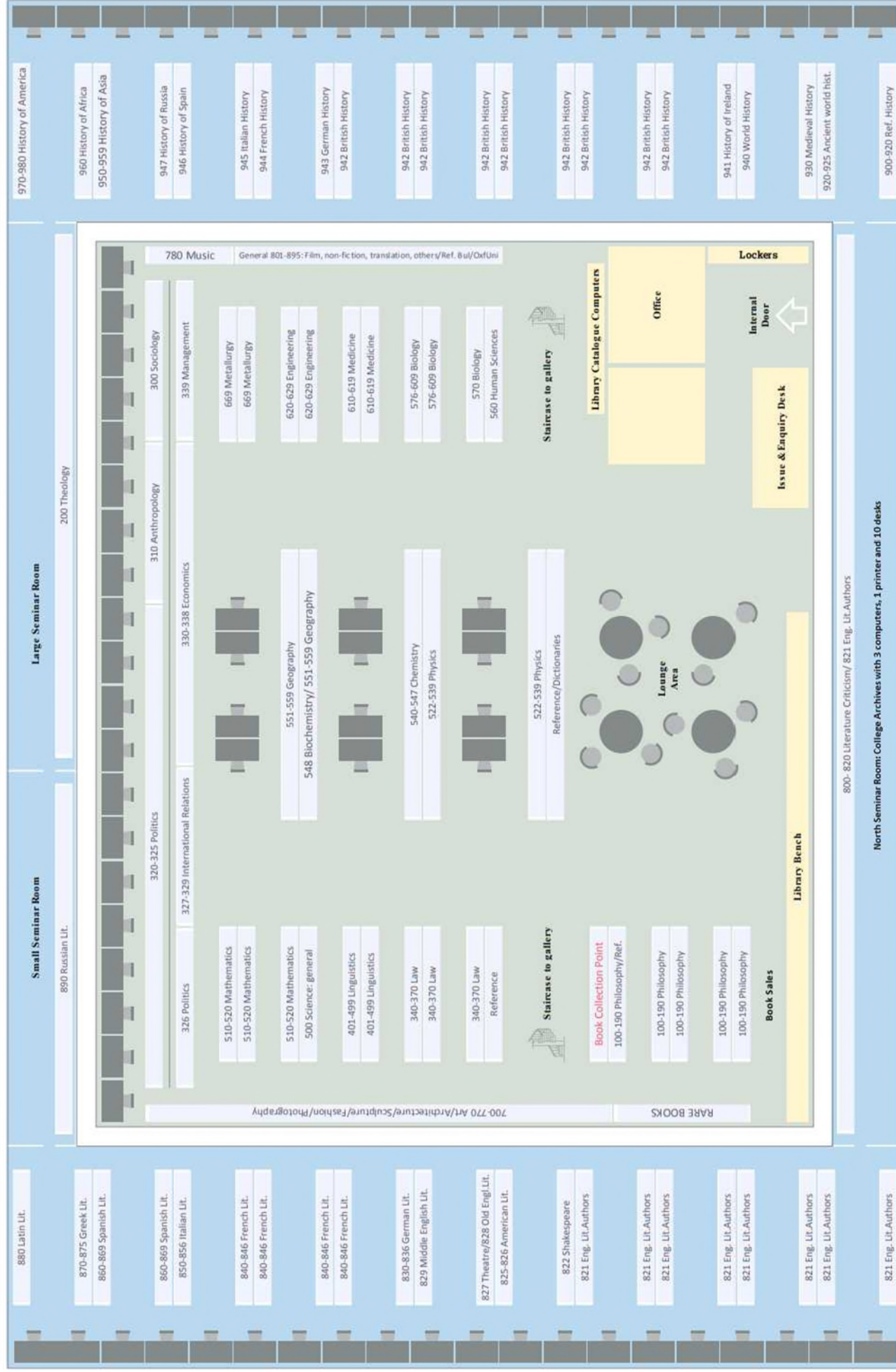
library@stcatz.ox.ac.uk

<https://www.stcatz.ox.ac.uk/cat-z-students/library-it/>

www.facebook.com/stcatzlibrary

@StCatzLib- Twitter





Porch with toilet, water fountain, printer and scanner

Main Entrance

Ground floor

Gallery

St Catherine's College Library Map



3.6 Gym Induction Document

The college has a well-equipped gymnasium with two squash courts and free-standing weights, weights machines, four ergometers, two running machines, two stationary bicycles, four elliptical trainers and a step-machine.

Student members who wish to use the gym are required to complete an induction, no matter how experienced an athlete they may be. If you intend to participate in any College sports, it is advisable that you take an induction course at the beginning of your time in Oxford.

[Click here to complete the College gym induction.](#)

3.7 Armed Incident Information Sheet



**IN THE RARE EVENT OF
a firearms or weapons attack**

RUN HIDE TELL



RUN to a place of safety. This is a far better option than to surrender or negotiate. If there's nowhere to go, then...

HIDE. It's better to hide than to confront. Remember to turn your phone to silent and turn off vibrate. Barricade yourself in if you can. Then finally and only when it is safe to do so...

TELL the police by calling 999.

RUN HIDE TELL



At the moment, the issue of terrorist attacks is regularly in the news. But it's been on our agenda for much longer.

The police and security service have been working constantly to foil terrorist attacks for years, not months.

But we are not complacent about keeping you safe.

Due to events in the UK and abroad, people are understandably concerned about a firearms or weapons attack. These attacks are very rare but in the event of such an attack, it helps to be prepared.

Remember, attacks of this nature are still very rare in the UK.

So Stay Safe, and just remember the words:

RUN. HIDE. TELL.

To watch the Stay Safe film, visit
www.npcc.police.uk/staysafe

Information is vital. If you see or hear something that could be terrorist related, trust your instincts and call the confidential Anti-Terrorist hotline on **0800 789 321**. Our specially trained officers will take it from there. Your call could save lives.

Always in an emergency, call **999**.



3.8 Endsleigh Insurance Information Sheet

St Catz have partnered with Endsleigh Insurance to offer possessions cover for your student accommodation. You should confirm your cover following the instructions below:

The graphic is a promotional poster for Endsleigh Insurance. It features a bright red background at the top with the Endsleigh logo and the text 'Be confident in your cover'. Below this, on a white background, is a cartoon red character wearing a white cap and holding a smartphone with the Endsleigh logo. Next to the character is a small white box containing a green plant and some tools. Text on the left explains the partnership and directs users to download the 'My Endsleigh' app. At the bottom, there are logos for Google Play and the App Store, along with a QR code and a small text box stating 'My Endsleigh Insurance and cashback Free to download'.

3.9 College Doctor Information

A welcome letter and information from the College Doctor can be found [here](#).

3.10 College Student Support Scheme

The College offers financial support to students if, for example, their financial circumstances have changed and they have already applied for other public funds. The funds available under this scheme are open to all students – undergraduate, graduate, UK and overseas. Details about applying can be found [here](#).



3.11 College Accommodation Information

The accommodation in College consists of study bedrooms grouped on staircases in the traditional Oxford manner, each floor having its own mini-kitchens and bathrooms. All rooms have large windows, overlooking the lawns and garden of the College, the river Cherwell or playing fields. Bed linen is provided but not towels. A launderette and ironing facilities are available.

Standard items provided:

- Bed and mattress
- Desk and chair
- Shelves
- Easy chair
- Small table
- Desk lamp
- Clothes hanging facility
- Duvet, pillows, and bed linen

You will definitely need to bring your own towels.

Vacation Residence

You will be expected to vacate your room during the vacations. Students with examination or submission obligations can apply to extend their contract during the vacations. Application forms are distributed each term before the vacation and must be submitted by the specified deadline. Usually all meals served in the College Hall continue to be provided although vacation catering times and arrangements may vary to those in term, students are notified accordingly.

Closure

The College completely closes for the week over Christmas and New Year, the week over Easter and may close during August. During this period all College staff are on vacation except for the Maintenance Department. For students living in College over this period there is no catering provided in College, no cleaning staff and no administrative staff. Maintenance uses these few weeks in the year to complete major project works; over this time heating, water and electricity may-be cut off for certain periods.

Catering Arrangements

Like all Oxford Colleges, dining arrangements are based around the Hall. Breakfast, lunch and dinner are all cooked on site and served in Hall between set times and are available to ALL students, not just residents living on campus. Self-catering facilities are basic and limited. **If you wish to cook meals, please note that you should bring induction compatible pans.**

Laundry

The College has a launderette on site that provides washers and dryers for student use. The launderette is open 24 hours and students pay for the facility. An ironing room is provided on Staircase 2 free of charge.



4. Living in Oxford

4.1 Safe Cycling in Oxford

SAFE CYCLING IN OXFORD

From: Ed Wigzell
Travel Officer
University of Oxford
Estates Services
The Malthouse
Tidmarsh Lane
Oxford
OX1 1NQ



Dear Student,

Cycling in Oxford is a very good idea (it's often the fastest way of getting round the city and research has shown that the more people cycle, the safer it becomes) but if you're not used to cycling in traffic there are some important things you need to know to keep yourself safe.

Before you cycle in Oxford

Get the right equipment - the absolute minimums are a mechanically safe bike that fits you, front and rear lights, rear reflector and a good quality lock. Most experienced Oxford cyclists also decide, after a few near misses, to wear a helmet (if you do decide to wear one make sure it is fitted correctly) and something high-visibility and reflective, particularly at night.

Register your bike at <https://www.bikeregister.com/> – theft of bicycles is very common in Oxford. A bicycle registration number will increase the chances of your bike being returned if stolen.

Improve your urban cycling skills – see details of cycle training at <http://www.ctc.org.uk/>.

Make sure you are mentally prepared: never cycle after drinking alcohol (the same rules and limits apply for people in charge of bikes and cars); read the Highway Code (the laws about how and where you can ride a bike are more like the laws for cars than people think: see <https://www.gov.uk/rules-for-cyclists-59-to-82>).

Whilst on your bike

When cycling, ride in a good visible position - at least a car door distance from parked cars, not weaving into gaps (you disappear). Get good eye contact with other road users to be sure that they have seen you. At junctions, either make sure you can get to the front of the traffic and be visible, or remain in your place in the queue in the centre of the lane. Get into the habit of only overtaking on the right hand side. One of the most common causes of accidents is collision with left turning vehicles. See <http://podcasts.ox.ac.uk/efficient-cycling> for an engaging podcast on how to efficiently negotiate bus and car traffic, be seen in the dark, manage the pedestrian/tourist threat, and work around other cyclists

If things go wrong

If you are involved in an accident, make sure that you get professional help either at the John Radcliffe Hospital or from your College nurse or doctor.

To report a stolen bike contact the local Police station (Tel. 101) and also report it as stolen at <https://www.bikeregister.com/>.



4.2 Academic Outfitters in Oxford

All students will be required to wear academic dress at various points during their university career, including at Matriculation, which will happen on **Saturday 15th October 2022**, and for university examinations.

You can purchase academic dress from the suppliers listed below. [Click here for guidance on what constitutes academic dress.](#)

Oxford Academic Outfitters

Shepherd & Woodward Ltd
109-113 High Street
Oxford
OX1 4BT

Tel: 01865 249491
Email: enquiries@shepwood.co.uk
<http://www.shepherdandwoodward.co.uk>

Walters & Co Ltd
10 Turl Street
Oxford
OX1 3DN

Tel: 01865 241848
Email: sales@walters-oxford.co.uk
<http://www.walters-oxford.co.uk/>

Ede & Ravenscroft
119 High Street
Oxford
OX1 4BX

Tel: 01865 242756
Email: oxford@edeandravenscroft.com
<https://shop.edeandravenscroft.com/pages/oxford-freshers>



4.3 Bodleian Libraries

To view a map of all Bodleian libraries across Oxford, click [here](#).



Bodleian Libraries
Broad Street
Oxford OX1 3BG
(01865) 277162
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reader.services@bodleian.ox.ac.uk


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Map of Libraries in Oxford



Plan of the Bodleian Library & Weston Library
including the Admissions Office, Old Bodleian Library and Radcliffe Camera


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for Oxford Freshers


OXFORD LibGuides

BODLEIAN i-Skills

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SOLO
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New to Oxford?
Library Assistant for Oxford Freshers provides guidance for undergraduates on which libraries to use, understanding your reading list, how to find and borrow books and journals, key passwords and how to use our print, copy and scan services. It also provides information for readers with disabilities. Access Library Assistant at <http://www.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/assistant>.

Oxford LibGuides
Oxford LibGuides is the home of Oxford's subject and research guides. Here you will find an A-Z of subjects with overviews of key tools and resources for each discipline. You will also find guidance on topics such as information discovery, reference management and measuring impact as well as our workshops timetable. Access Oxford LibGuides at <http://libguides.bodleian.ox.ac.uk>.

Bodleian i-Skills
Bodleian Libraries run a range of workshops in information discovery and scholarly communications. Workshops cover search skills, reference management tools such as RefWorks and Mendeley, current awareness, measuring impact, open access publishing, research data management and more. For full details check the timetable at <http://libguides.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/workshops>.



4.4 Oxford Language Centre Courses

The Language Centre

Online and in-person classes
for all students and staff



Academic English

Our Academic English courses can help you improve your academic spoken and written communication – building your skills and increasing your confidence.

We run a number of term-time courses in written and spoken communication as well as an intensive summer Pre-session English course. We also run a course for partners of Oxford University staff and students who are looking to improve their general English.



Modern Languages

Our broad range of language classes is designed for all Oxford University students and academic and professional staff.

You can choose from a variety of modern languages: Arabic, Dutch, French, German, Greek, Italian, Japanese, Mandarin, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish.

From beginner to advanced level, our study options include term-time courses, year-long courses, and end-of-term intensive courses.

Whether you want to improve your career prospects or research skills, meet new people, or learn something new, the Language Centre offers a central hub for all students and staff, and a supportive community of language-lovers.

Find out more and enrol at
www.lang.ox.ac.uk



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4.5 Voter Registration Information



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