



MAGDALEN COLLEGE FRESHERS' WEEK TIMETABLE MICHAELMAS 2020 – REVISED EDITION

The University has asked that all new graduate students should be in Oxford by the evening of *Sunday*,

4 October for reception arrangements in departments and faculties early in the next week. Some courses – Clinical Medicine, the BCL, and the PGCE – require students to arrive earlier in September. New students should contact the MCR Freshers Officer (Abigail Whalen – abigail.whalen@magd.ox.ac.uk) on arrival.

Your MCR committee has organised a timetable of events designed to welcome you to your new college home. Everything has been coordinated with the College's official reception events (which are also included in this timetable). However, you may have conflicting departmental commitments, so be sure to check your faculty's schedule. Events are essential, except those marked by an asterisk. We are most keen to see you and meet you all!

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE FOLLOWING IS A TIMETABLE BASED ON A STANDARD YEAR OF EVENTS. THIS YEAR, ADDITIONAL HEALTHY AND SAFETY ARRANGEMENTS WILL NECESSITATE CERTAIN CHANGES TO THE TRADITIONAL PROGRAM. WE SHALL UPDATE YOU ALL WHEN WE CAN REGARDING COVID-19 MEASURES AT THE UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE LEVEL, BUT YOU SHOULD NOTE AND RESERVE THE TIMESLOTS GIVEN HERE, SINCE THEY ARE SET ASIDE BY FACULTIES FOR COLLEGE INDUCTION SESSIONS.

For more information on life at Oxford during the COVID-19 pandemic, please refer to the university webpage (<https://www.ox.ac.uk/coronavirus>).

FRIDAY, 2 OCTOBER // MINUS-FIRST WEEK

7.00 p.m. – 9.00 p.m.

*Wine reception in the MCR for early arrivals. The MCR regularly organises wine and cheese nights with other colleges, which are always very popular, so hopefully this will be your first of many! Regrettably, we will be unable to provide cheese and other snacks due to safety and health precautions. Non-alcoholic drinks will also be available.

SATURDAY, 3 OCTOBER

10.00 a.m. – 12.00 p.m.

*Tour of Oxford. For early arrivals, discover the Colleges, best bars and shops, and history of Oxford, finishing with picking up lunch in the centre of town. Meet Mrin at Plodge at 9.50 a.m. and email Abigail if interested (spaces will be limited).

3.00 p.m. – 4.30 p.m.

*Zoom Tea Break: Grab a cuppa and a snack and come meet other members of the MCR and MCR committee members for a mid-day break. Link to be circulated shortly prior to the event.

4.30 p.m. – 5.30 p.m. *Welfare Presentation and Resources for Studying during a Pandemic: presentation on college, MCR, and uni-wide resources by welfare reps Sarah and Mrin. Zoom link to be circulated prior to event.

SUNDAY, 4 OCTOBER // FIRST DAY OF FRESHERS' ("NOUGHTH") WEEK

10.00 a.m. – 12.00 p.m. *Tour of Oxford: repeat of yesterday's tour. Please email ahead as spaces will be limited. Meet Abigail at Plodge at 9.50 a.m.

1.00 p.m. – 3.00p.m. *Socially distanced meet and greet with current MCR members in the MCR (location TBC) Feel free to come equipped with questions and a personal drink/cup of tea!

4.00 p.m. – 5.00 p.m. Introduction to the MCR Committee over Zoom. Link to be circulated before the meeting. This is one of the only events required by the MCR specifically, so please let the Fresher's Officer or MCR President know if you cannot come. Information will be given about sign up sheets for activities with limited spaces.

5.00 p.m. – 6.00 p.m. *Sexual Consent Training Workshop – whilst not strictly required, we highly encourage attendance to this event. Please find the link for your grouping (by first initial of surname) and join accordingly.

From 6.30 p.m. *Dinner in Hall for freshers (not formal).

MONDAY 5 OCTOBER **PICK UP YOUR PRE-ORDERED SUB-FUSC PACK TODAY – YOU WILL NEED IT FOR TONIGHT**

8.00 a.m. – 8.30 a.m. a slow *Morning Jog with the MCR – Meet David at the Porter's Lodge for (very) leisurely run through some of Oxford's beautiful parks. Meet other runners in college and find your next training partner!

9.00 a.m. – 5.00 p.m. Registration with the Student Support Administrator (strictly by timetable). Note that students must verify their student data online **before** coming to register (see: <https://www.ox.ac.uk/students/registration>). *Students who have permission to arrive early and are not within a required self-isolation period may contact the Academic Administrator (liz.howdill@magd.ox.ac.uk) to arrange an earlier registration slot.*

9.50 a.m. **IN THE AUDITORIUM**
Fire Safety Lecture (introduced by Home Bursar). **You are required to attend this as a matter of priority if it does not clash with an essential departmental meeting.**

5.30 p.m. VENUE TBC. Welcome from the President, the Tutor for Graduates, Deans of Arts, the Dean of Divinity, the Sub-Deans, the Tutor for Welfare, the Tutor for Equality and Diversity, the College Mentor for Students, and the Academic Administrator. **Please arrive no later**

than 5.55 p.m., as brief talks by the above College officers will begin then.

6.30 p.m.

DINNER IN HALL with the President (Dinah Rose QC), College Advisers, and the President of the MCR (Lucy Baehren). New graduates will be grouped with College Advisers in their subject; table plans will be displayed.

Gowns should be worn over formal attire.

10.00 p.m. – 11.30 p.m.

*MCR Zoom ‘Speed Dating’ Event – Meet some current and new members of the MCR over Zoom by being paired into smaller breakout rooms for different sessions.

TUESDAY 6 OCTOBER // FACULTY INDUCTION DAY

8.00 a.m. – 9.00 a.m.

*Informal Walking Tour of Uni Parks. Meet Aili by the Porter’s Lodge five minutes before heading out. We should be back in time for everyone to attend their respective faculty inductions.

9.00 a.m. – 5.00 p.m.

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8.00 p.m. – 9.00 p.m.

*TuesGay Drinks – casual, online introduction to a Magdalen classic and to the LGBTQ+ community in college and their allies! To be added, please contact Laura Löser (laura.loeser@classics.ox.ac.uk).

9.30 p.m. – 11.00 p.m.

*Zoom Pub Quiz – form teams with your household and compete for prizes (additional prize for most creative team name!). Test your knowledge on all things trivial – and then some! Link to be circulated shortly before the event.

WEDNESDAY 7 OCTOBER

9.00 a.m. – 11.00 a.m.

*Freshers’ Scavenger Hunt – a Magdalen Freshers’ classic: pair up with several of your housemates and come with comfortable shoes for a scavenger hunt around Magdalen and Oxford! Prizes will be awarded to the top three teams! Meet in **ST. JOHN’S QUAD** by the Porter’s Lodge for initial instructions and to be paired if without a team.

11.00 a.m. – 11.30 a.m.

*Meet a Porter – meet in **ST. JOHN’S QUAD** for a brief introduction to the porters and a question-and-answer session about their very important role in our college life.

11.30 p.m. – 1.00 p.m.

*Lunchtime Tour of the Ashmolean with Magdalen Classics DPhil Davide – meet at the porter’s lodge for a brief walk over to one of the excellent Oxford museums. Davide, a current MCR member, will give a brief overview of some of the highlights of our collections. Sign up to be announced as space is limited.

- 1.30 p.m. – 3.00 p.m.** *Coping with Student Life. Emotional resilience talk by the University Counselling Service (in the Auditorium)
- 2.00 p.m. – 2.30 p.m.** Oxford SU Virtual Freshers' Fair MCR entrance time slot (NB: students are not limited to the 30 minutes after logging in)
- 3.15 p.m. – 4.45 p.m.** Tours of **LONGWALL LIBRARY** in groups of 15 (by subject). Timetable in your pigeonhole.
- 5.30 p.m. – 6.00 p.m.** *Choral Evensong sung by the College Choir.
- 6.15 p.m.** *Gather in the MCR/MCR tent to meet your college parents and siblings. Feel free to go to dinner in town together, go on a socially distant walk through college or one of Oxford's parks, or make plans for a different date!

THURSDAY 8 OCTOBER *(please book Sunday Formal by today to be seated with Freshers)*

- 8.30 a.m. – 9.30 a.m.** *Morning stroll through Christ Church Meadows. Meet Ryan at the Porter's Lodge at 8.25 a.m. to join.
- 9.45 a.m. – 10.15 a.m.** All new students in **HALL** for talk by the College Doctors and the College Nurse.

FRIDAY 9 OCTOBER

- 8.00 a.m.** *MCR 5K Run – Lace up your shoes, and start your day with Steven!
- 10.00 a.m. – 10.45 a.m.** *College Tours with the College Archivist (spaces will be limited, so sign ups will be necessary). Get to know more about the college and its history from our very own College Archivist. Meet at the Plodge five minutes early.
- 1.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.** *Tower Climb (sign-up only) – There will be several slots for a chance to climb the historic Magdalen Tower and see one of the best views in Oxford (we might be a bit biased). Please wear sensible shoes.
- 6.45 p.m.** *Magdalen Chapel tour for newcomers (free pizza in Cloisters IV.2 after).
- 9.00 p.m. – 11.00 p.m.** *Zoom Social. Link to be circulated prior.

SATURDAY 10 OCTOBER

- 9.00 a.m. – 10.00 am** Informal meetings with the **President** in the **President's Lodgings** (it is not necessary to wear a gown). Timetable in your pigeonhole.
- 9.20 a.m. – 1.00 pm** Individual welfare/pastoral meetings with the **Dean of Divinity** in **CLOISTERS IV, Room 2**. Timetable in your pigeonhole.

10.00 a.m. – 12.00 p.m.

*Magdalen Virtual Freshers' Fair. In Magdalen, we run a fair number of internal student societies. Come along to sign up for sport, music, poetry, film, and other activities. Link to be provided.

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SATURDAY 17 OCTOBER // FIRST DAY OF MICHAELMAS TERM

MATRICULATION CEREMONY

All students in the 2020-21 academic year will be matriculated 'in absentia' and an online welcome event will be run in its place (time TBC). All new students will receive details in advance of the online event.

The College may make arrangements for a photographer to be in College on this date for small-group photographs and individual portraits. Further details will follow if this can be arranged. Students would need to wear academic dress for these 'matriculation' photographs, as described in *Information and Regulations*.

11.30 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.

Post-matriculation brunch. Celebrate joining the university with a socially distant brunch and chance to take pictures with housemates at the colonnade of the New Building.

2.00 p.m. – 5.00 p.m.

Ask your Freshers' Rep: Any burning questions about life at Oxford or Magdalen? Abigail will be in the MCR for the afternoon if you have some questions or just fancy a chat!

******At the present, we are planning a Freshers' Week 2.0 in Noughth Week of Hilary Term 2021 to offer our MCR freshers a more traditional timetable of events. More communication will come about additional events through MT20 and about Freshers' 2.0 pending further health and safety guidelines. Thank you for your patience and flexibility, and welcome to Magdalen!***