

ORIEL FRESHERS' WEEK TIMETABLE 2025

	Sunday 5 th Oct	Monday 6th	Tuesday 7th	Wednesday 8th	Thursday 9th	Friday 10th	Saturday 11th
8:15 - 9am		Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
Morning	Arrivals <i>For morning arrivals:</i> 12pm - Brief welcome from the Provost for students and their families	9:30-11am – Welcome to Oriel with College Officers (Harris Lecture Theatre/HLT) 11.15am-12pm – College Library Presentation (HLT) 12-12.30pm – JCR Intro, Myth busting and Life at Oriel (HLT)	9.30-10am – Meet the Student Union (HLT) 10-12.30pm – Meetings with Tutors (recommended time slot) 11.30am – Walking tour of Oxford inc. the Oxford Union <i>9am-12pm – IT Support drop-in session (HSR)</i>	9.30am-11.30am – Oriel Freshers' Fair (Hall) <i>(you may attend at any time during this slot) see note 3</i> 11.30am – JCR Equalities and LGBTQ+ snacks and discussion (MacGregor Room)	10-11am – Oxford SU Freshers' Fair (meet ITL) <i>see note 3</i> 11:30am-12:30pm – BAME Brunch and discussion (MacGregor room)	Faculty/Dept Meetings (recommended time) 11:30am-12:30pm – JCR Welfare Brunch (JCR)	10:30am – College Admission Ceremony* (meet in 3rd Quad at 10:15am) see note 6
12:30 - 1:30pm		Lunch	Lunch Disability Info Lunch 12.30-1pm (HSR)	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
Afternoon	<i>For afternoon arrivals:</i> 4pm - Brief welcome from the Provost for students and their families 4:15pm - Meet 'College Parents' in 1st Quad for tour of Oriel	1.30-2.30pm – Welfare at Oriel (HLT) 3.30-5pm – Meetings with Tutors (recommended time slot, as arranged with individual tutors) 5-6.30pm – Study Skills Session (HLT)	1.30pm: Pizza and Donuts (JCR) in support of the Class Act Initiative <i>see note 2</i> 3pm - Disability and Neurodivergence Snacks (MacGregor Room) 5-6.15pm - Consent workshop (HLT)	1.30-2.30pm – Medical Induction with College Doctor and Nurse (HLT) 3pm – Boat Club BBQ (Boathouse; meet ITL) 4-6.30pm – Meetings with Tutors (recommended time slot)	Faculty/Dept Meetings (recommended time; as arranged by departments) 1.30-2.30pm – Gingerbread decorating (JCR) 4-5pm – Food Rep cream tea and chat (JCR) <i>1-4pm – IT Support drop-in session (HSRoffice)</i>	Faculty/Dept Meetings (recommended time) 1.30pm – Chapel Coffee (3.3, 1st Quad) 2.30pm – Sports Hog Roast (Barty; meet ITL)	

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5:30-6:30pm	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	6:45pm – Freshers’ Formal (pre-dinner drinks with tutors) Post-dinner entertainment (First Quad)	Dinner	College Family Dinner (as arranged with college parents)
Evening	7:30pm – JCR Welcome Party and drinks (Bar) [Quiet space available in the JCR] 10pm - Wii games evening (JCR) 11pm - Club (The Varsity Club)	7pm - Wine and Whine (JCR) <i>see note 1</i> 8:30pm – A: JCR Quiz Night (The Bear Pub) B: Board games (JCR)	6.30pm – Murder Mystery Game (JCR) 8.30pm – LGBTQ+ drinks (MacGregor room) 11pm - Club (Bullingdon)	7pm-12am – JCR 1 st and 2 nd year crew date (meet ITL) <i>see note 4</i> <u>OR</u> 8.30pm – JCR arts and crafts evening (JCR) 9.30pm - Non-Contact Ice Hockey - ALTS (meet ITL) <i>see note 5</i>	9pm: A: Bar Crawl (meet ITL) B: Movie night (JCR) 11pm – Club (Bridge)	9pm – Oriel Fridays with live band (Bar)	9pm – JCR Themed BOP (Bar) [SUNDAY] 6.00pm Choral Evensong (Chapel) 9.15pm – JCR Meeting with pizza (Bar)
Night (Midnight - 2am)	Tea and toast (JCR)	Tea and toast (JCR)	Tea and toast (JCR)	Tea and toast (JCR)	Tea and toast (JCR)	Tea and toast (JCR)	Tea and toast (JCR)

All sessions marked in bold are compulsory

Key to locations:

Boathouse = Oriel College Boat Club across Christ Church Meadow on Boathouse Island, OX1 4JF

Bartlemas = Oriel College Sports Ground, nicknamed ‘Barty’, between Evelyn Close and Bartlemas Close, OX4 2AB

ITL = In the Lodge (by the porters)

HLT = Harris Lecture Theatre, located in Island site

JCR common area = the rooms located on the ground floor of the white building in 3rd Quad, the larger room being called the ‘JCR annex’. The flats above it are nicknamed ‘Doll’s House’

Notes for events:

1. Wine and Whine (JCR) – Intended for those who identify as women or non-binary
2. Class Act Initiative Social (see: <https://www.oxfordsu.org/organisation/10416/> for more info) - Intended for students who might appreciate some additional support on entering Higher Education for reasons of under-represented socio-economic background or being first generation at University.
3. Oriel Freshers’ Fair involves clubs and societies run or advertised by college members. The Student Union (SU) Freshers’ Fair is the University-wide Freshers’ Fair that will run for the entirety of Wednesday and Thursday. You are free to go at any time, but JCR Committee members will be there as timetabled.
4. 1st and 2nd Year Crew Date - This event usually involves alcohol. Those who do not wish to drink are still more than welcome to join. If drinking, bring a bottle of (ideally white) wine, pennies and £12 in cash.
5. Non-contact Ice Hockey – as for all sporting fixtures, those attending / participating must be sober
6. The College Admission Ceremony is the ceremony held in Oriel, while University Matriculation will happen in second week. Both are mandatory and sub-fusc is worn for both.