



Oriel College
UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD

NFJM/RXB

September 2026

Oriel College
Oriel Square
Oxford
OX1 4EW
01865 616758

Dear Oriel College Freshers

I extend a hearty welcome to you. I am delighted that you will be joining us in just a few short weeks, and look forward to meeting you.

As an Oriensis myself, I can tell you that your time here can be transformational. I hope that you will embrace the new opportunities that await you at Oxford. We will help you thrive academically. We also hope that you benefit from the many social, cultural and sporting aspects of collegiate life.

When we ask our students what they love about Oriel, the answer we often receive is that they value our tight-knit and friendly community. That community is made up not only of undergraduate and graduate students but also includes academic, administrative and domestic staff, as well as a large network of alumni. I live in College too with my wife, Amelia. In time, like others before you, this place will come to feel like home.

You will hear the toast *Floreat Oriel* many times during your academic career at Oriel and beyond. It is used often, but always genuinely meant. I know you will find your own path to flourish during your time here.

So, *Floreat Oriel*,

Lord Mendoza
Provost