

ORIEL FRESHERS' WEEK TIMETABLE 2026 – Items in **BOLD** are **COMPULSORY**

	Sunday 4 th Oct	Monday 5 th	Tuesday 6 th	Wednesday 7 th	Thursday 8 th	Friday 9 th	Saturday 10 th
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) 12:00 – 12.30pm International Student Welcome (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 2</i>	10-11am – OxfordSU Freshers' Fair (meet ITL) <i>see note 2</i> 11:30 – 12:30 JCR Access Morning (3rd Quad): - Equalities & LGBTQ+ Snacks (MacGregor Room) - BAME Snacks (Robert Beddard Room) - Disability & Neurodivergent Snacks (Owen Walker Room) - Outreach Social Pizza & Donuts (JCR) <i>see note 4</i>	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 5
12:30 - 1:30pm		Lunch	Lunch Disability Info Lunch 12.30-1pm (HSR)	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
Afternoon	<i>For afternoon arrivals:</i> 3.30pm - 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) 2.30 - 3pm – JCR Intro, Myth busting and Life at Oriel (HLT) 3.30-5pm – Meetings with Tutors (recommended time slot, as arranged with individual tutors) 5-6.30pm – Study Skills Session (HLT)	1.30– 2.30pm EDI Induction Session (HLT) 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 tea and chat (JCR) <i>1-4pm – IT Support drop-in session (HSR)</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 (Oriel 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 (Oriel Bar) B: Board games (JCR)	6.30pm – Murder Mystery Game (JCR) 8.30pm – LGBTQ+ drinks (MacGregor room) 11pm - Club (Bullingdon)	9pm: A: Merton St Bar Crawl (meet Oriel Bar) B: Movie night (JCR) 11pm – Club (Plush) OR 11pm - Non-Contact Ice Hockey - (meet ITL) <i>see note 3</i>	8.30pm – JCR arts and crafts evening (JCR) 11pm – Club (Bridge)	9pm – Oriel Fridays with live band (Oriel Bar)	9pm – JCR Themed BOP (Oriel Bar) <i>[SUNDAY]</i> 6.00pm Choral Evensong (Chapel) 9.15pm – JCR Meeting with pizza (Oriel 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)

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 on Island site

HSR = Harris Seminar Room, location on 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:

All sessions marked in bold are compulsory

- Wine and Whine (JCR) – Intended for those who identify as women or non-binary
- 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.
- Non-contact Ice Hockey – as for all sporting fixtures this, is a zero alcohol tolerance event.
- 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. Also doubles as an opportunity to meet the College’s Outreach Team and learn about possible ways to get involved in their portfolio of events throughout the year.
- 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.