

A guide to your JCR Committee

What is the JCR?

The “JCR”, or “Junior Common Room”, is a term with two meanings. The first meaning refers to the body of undergraduate members of the college, including everyone from finalists to first years (you!). The second is the physical room in college reserved for use by those members – our common room is a lively and comfortable space, hosting our meetings, welfare teas and much more. The JCR has a committee made up of students, who are all here to help you out!

How do I get involved with the JCR?

JCR meetings occur around every week or two during term time, typically on Sunday. These meetings are the main way most students are actively involved in Univ student democracy and have a few key components. One such part is the proposal and voting upon of motions – for example, a motion to fund a student project could be proposed and voted upon. The second is elections or hustings (in cases where voting takes place later), where students can put themselves forward to become part of the committee.

You can find out more about JCR meetings, including standing orders and our election timetable, at <https://www.univjcr.co.uk/>.

President & Vice-Presidents

Sam Williamson (he/him)

President

Hi folks! My name is Sam – I'm a second year studying engineering here at Univ and I'm from Greater Manchester. Outside of my studies, I am involved in the college Chapel choir and also make videos on YouTube.



I will be your JCR President for the next year. This means that I am responsible for representing the interests of the undergraduate student body to college staff and assisting in their decision-making. I also oversee the fantastic JCR Committee and support them in realising their own ideas to improve the student community in college.

I and the rest of the committee are here to help make your Oxford experience as amazing as possible. If you have any issues throughout the year, especially during these crucial first few weeks, please do let me know! You can contact me via email at samuel.williamson@univ.ox.ac.uk or jcr.president@univ.ox.ac.uk – if I am not able to help you directly, I will endeavour to put you in contact with someone who can.

I'm looking forward to meeting many of you around college over the coming year. I hope that Welcome Week is a great start to your time at Univ – see you 'round!

Ben Solomons (he/him)

Vice-President/Treasurer

Hi! I'm Ben and I'm a 2nd year studying joint Maths and CS. I live in Luton, where I spend an excessive amount of time playing keyboard, computer games, and extremely bad football.



As your JCR VP/Treasurer, I have two parts to my job. As Vice President, I work with Immy and Sam to represent the JCR at meetings with college and oversee the JCR as a whole. As Treasurer, I've written up a budget to allocate each club, sport, and society some of the money college gives the JCR. I'll be in charge of administering the spending of that budget over the course of the year, as well as leading negotiations with college about the rent for 2022/2023.

If you have any questions about the JCR or life at college, or suggestions (budget-related or otherwise), feel free to drop me an email at benjamin.solomons@univ.ox.ac.uk. I look forward to seeing you around college!

Immy Hill-Norris (they/them)

*Vice-President/Secretary,
Students with Disabilities Rep*

Hiya lovelies! I'm Immy, a second year maths phil student from Manchester. I'm this year's JCR secretary which basically means I keep minutes for the meetings and



send them out (hopefully on time), as well as running things like the JCR newsletter and all around doing some groovy admin work.

As disabilities rep it's also my job to be a figurehead for issues arising with accessibility around college. Mostly I'm just here for disabled and otherwise students to contact with questions or requests. Last year I was the stim toy fairy, handing out college-funded stim toys around exam season, which I hope to continue this year!

Please feel free to contact me if you need absolutely anything! My own Oxford email is immy.hillnorris@univ.ox.ac.uk or for more official communications you can email the sec email at jcr.secretary@univ.ox.ac.uk.

Executive Committee

Hamzah Mahomed (he/him)

Welfare Rep, Skincare Rep

Hello! I'm Hamzah Mahomed and I'm a second year Chemist. I enjoy a bit of rowing and lockdown has turned me into an avid reader. Together with Abbey, we are the JCR Welfare Officers for 2021/22. Our

role is to organise the welfare system, including arranging events and meeting with college to discuss how they can best support members. Please come to us at any time for a chat; we're here to help navigate the welfare support available to you or just to lend a listening ear. I promise tea and a good chat, always.

Skincare rep is perhaps the most important role in the JCR, despite what others may claim. I have no budget but regularly petition the Welfare Officer (a handsome man named Hamzah) to subsidise skincare essentials like sunscreen and face masks. You may find me throwing water bottles at you to encourage hydration or yelling at you to sleep more to reduce inflammation.



Abbey Vaid (she/her)

Welfare Rep

I'm Abbey, a second year studying History, and Welfare Rep alongside Hamzah. My job is to be a person you can talk to about anything you're worried about or just answer questions you might be embarrassed to ask to other people. I can tell you

who to talk to in college if you need the help of a member of staff, find out more information if it's needed or just sit and listen. You will see me a lot around college, because we run Welfare Week every term and put on Welfare Teas every few weeks, so please come and say hi!



Charlotte Avery (she/her) & Alex Westwell (he/him)

Entz Reps

Hi, I'm Charlotte, a 2nd year Psychology student, and I make up half of the Entz Rep team alongside Alex! We're both super excited to bring you a fun packed Entz calendar and bring the Univ community

together. We're loving planning Freshers week and can't wait to see the costumes you come up with for all the different BOPs we have coming up!

Hi! I'm Alex and I am another of Univ's Entz Reps for next year. I'm basically responsible for making sure that Univ has a lot of fun social things going on – both inside college (with BOPs – big college parties)



and outside college (with big club nights). We've got a lot of events planned for this year – including college wide BBQs and sports days – and we think that Univ is going to have the best Entz in all of Oxford!

Please get in touch if you have any questions or suggestions for Entz this year – especially with BOP theme ideas! We're always here to answer any of your Entz related questions - you can email these to charlotte.avery@univ.ox.ac.uk.

Alexander Walker
(he/him) &
Theresa
Martlmüller
(she/her)



Hall and Accommodation Officers

Hi! We're Alexander (second year Maths), from Blackpool, and Theresa (second year PPE), from Munich, and we are your Hall and Accommodation officers for this coming year.

Basically, for the "hall" part of the position, we're here to serve as a point of contact for members of the JCR (i.e., you!) to express their opinion about food provided in hall which we can then pass on to the kitchen team. We're also responsible for organising and managing at least two formal halls a term (including the very exciting Christmas formals).

For the "accommodation" part of our role, our main responsibility is that of organising the Main Site and Stavertonia accommodation ballots for students heading into second and third year. Much as with hall, we also serve as a point of contact for any accommodation-related issues and can bring any such issues up in our regular discussions with the Accommodation Manager.

If you have any questions at all, or wish to raise an issue, please do get in touch! You can do so at alexander.walker@univ.ox.ac.uk or theresa.martlmuller@univ.ox.ac.uk and we'll both do our best to answer your questions.

Gariyasi Garg (she/her)

Academic Affairs Officer

Hi, I'm Gariyasi! I study PPE and I'm originally from North India. I love to read, dance, do some calligraphy and play some board games in my free time! For the coming year, I am the Academics Affairs Officer in the JCR Committee - which means I am a



messenger for all academic-related concerns from students to the relevant authorities. Academics forms a significant part of our lives at Oxford - though definitely not all of it! So far, I've found that all the tutors at Univ are quite accommodating and want their students to find their studies accessible, interesting and manageable. If you have any suggestions about improving the academic experience at Oxford, or organising academics-related events at college, I'd love to help out! You're totally welcome to talk to me in person or via email at gariyasi.garg@univ.ox.ac.uk.

Claire Gordon-Brown
(she/her)

IT Officer

Hi! My name's Claire (she/her), and I'm the IT officer. I look after the website and make any changes or additions, so please contact me if there's anything you'd like me to add or amend – I want you guys to

feel like the site works for us as a cohort. The website itself is a great place to go if you need any information or contact details for the JCR committee, but I'm here if you have any tech specific questions, or just want clarification over anything. Here's to a new academic year!



Barbie Tyler
(she/her) & Chloe
Bardou (she/her)

Access and Equal Opportunities Officers

Hi! I'm Barbie and I am a 2nd year Biochemist and a Crankstart scholar. I am Chloe and I am a 2nd year History and Politics student. We both come from unconventional backgrounds, and we are your Access and Equal Opportunities Officers for this year! We hope to increase outreach to state school students from disadvantaged areas and are also extremely excited to make Univ enjoyable for everyone regardless of your background! We are looking forward to holding events for you and ensuring you feel safe and comfortable so please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any issues!



Representatives

Trudy Ross (she/her)

*Women*s Rep*

Hey, I'm Trudy, the Women*s rep for Univ! As your rep I order free sanitary products for the student body, assist the 1979 Society (Univ's feminist society) and organise some relaxed women*s events in college too. Do get in touch with any queries

– my email is trudy.ross@univ.ox.ac.uk. Looking forward to meeting you!



Naomi Man (she/her)

LGBTQ+ Rep, Arts Rep

Hi, I'm Naomi!

As LGBT Rep, I organise events for the LGBT community, often collaborating with the MCR's LGBT Rep and other JCR Reps. I aim for our LGBT events to be spaces that

can help people feel more comfortable with their own identity. One of the most important events I help with is the Oxford wide "Tuesgays"; this usually takes place at Plush or the Jolly Farmer on Tuesdays in term-time.

As Arts Rep, I organise activities and workshops, alongside assisting our "Visitor for the Arts" in organising and advertising events. These have previously included a talk by the creative director of the Globe Theatre, as well as a drag workshop. I think maintaining accessibility to arts and



creative activities is very important to people's wellbeing – I think embracing that in the coming year will be extremely important.

**Lydia Khechine
(she/her) &
Halima Doski
(she/her)**

*Racial Equality
Officers*



Hi everyone! We're Lydia (third year History and Politics) and Halima (second year Chemist) at Univ. Both Lydia and I are your Racial Equality reps, which means we both work on making the college an inclusive place for all students who identify as a racial and ethnic minority. This includes organising events throughout term (look out for the meal for Welcome Week), which is a great time to meet other students across year groups over great (and subsidised!) food. Additionally, we work with other reps from other colleges to have inter-collegiate events, such as our Eid picnic with Balliol and Magdalen. We also have a Facebook group to join to post upcoming events or mention any concerns you may have.

We recognise that we all have different experiences and may feel nervous about starting at Oxford, but we are both here if you have any questions please do not hesitate to reach out! Our emails are lydia.khechine@univ.ox.ac.uk and halima.doski@univ.ox.ac.uk.

**Caitlin Price Hand
(she/her) & Fatima
Nadeem (she/her)**

Class Equality Reps

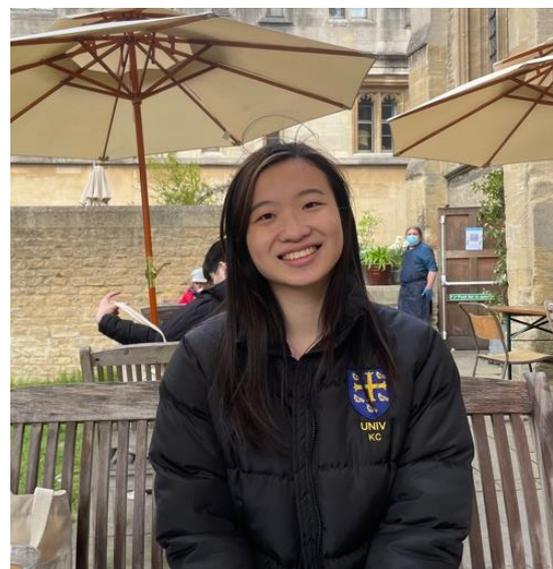
Hello everyone! We're Cait (she/her) and Fatima (she/her), second years studying English and Law from Manchester and Kent and we're the class equality reps currently in college. For working class, first gen or state comp educated students Oxford can often be seen as an increasingly daunting place to study so our role is to ensure these students are represented within the JCR and help with any issues that people may have within the college concerning this in order to make you more comfortable with your transition to Uni. Our role ensures that we're also involved in the Oxford University wide Class Act campaign so you can talk to us first if you have questions about this! We found Univ an immensely friendly and accommodating college as we hope incoming freshers will but feel free to drop us an email if you have any concerns or general questions!



Kylie Chong (she/her)

International Students Rep

Hi! I'm Kylie, a second-year lawyer, and I'm the undergraduate International Students' Representative. I was born and raised in Hong Kong, so living abroad for the first time (and in Oxford, no less!) has been a lovely experience.



Having gone through the process firsthand, I know that moving to a foreign country can be difficult and overwhelming. I'm here to answer any and all questions you might have, whether that be logistical and practical (e.g. regarding visas, moving and storage) or cultural (e.g. what is the Great British Bake Off and why should I care about it?). I also organise an International meal in Freshers' week and various events throughout the year. Above all, my main aim is to make sure that you all feel comfortable, supported and at home during your time at Oxford.

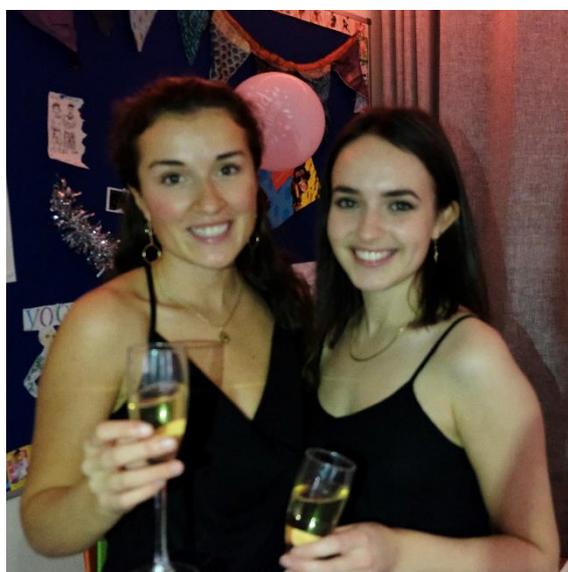
Please feel free to email me (kylie.chong@univ.ox.ac.uk) or DM me on Instagram @kyliecyh if there's anything you want to know (no question is too minor - I asked tons of questions last year!) or just to have a chat in general. I look forward to seeing you soon!

**Maria McCusker-Garcia
(she/her) & Scarlett
Tommons (she/her)**

*Charities & Communities
Reps*

Hi, we are Scarlett (third year History) and Maria (third year PPL), your Charities and Communities

Reps. We organise fundraising initiatives at Univ, and co-ordinate with RAG ("Raise and Give"), the Oxford wide charities organisation, which puts on lots of exciting events every year. Please do let us know if you have any particular charities you would like Univ to support, or any ideas for fundraising initiatives in Michaelmas – we are open to anything and have a generous budget to spend! Feel free to contact us via email (scarlett.tommons@univ.ox.ac.uk/ maria.mccusker-garcia@univ.ox.ac.uk). Looking forward to meeting you all soon!



**Lewis Croager
(he/him) &
Chuanqi Wang
(she/her)**



Environment Reps

Hello! It's Lewis, a second year earth scientist from Southport/Lancashire, and Chuanqi, a second year Computer Science and Philosophy student from China. We're the two JCR environment reps, and our role involves ensuring the college and JCR are being as environmentally conscious as possible. This last year we've posted newsletters to the JCR with all sorts of updates surrounding sustainability and the environment, talked to college, and we even helped to provide and subsidise eco-friendly trashing materials for members of the JCR! Feel free to approach us with any queries or ideas, we'd love to hear them! :)

Rhianna Harding (she/her)

Sports Rep

Hi! My name is Rhianna. I'm a second year studying Classics, and am the Sports Rep at Univ. I am here to help you with any sporty questions you may have, whether that be directing you to a team's captain or helping you set up a new team. I will also be putting on a sports day in welcome week as well as taster sessions for Univ's various sports teams so you can find out and try out all the sports we have to offer! If you have any sport related queries, feel free to email me at rhianna.harding@univ.ox.ac.uk.



Josh Grier (he/him)

Services Czar (Pizza Rep)

Hi everyone! I'm Josh, I'm a second year mathematician from Devon. I'm currently pizza rep for the JCR, which means that it's my job to buy pizza for the fortnightly JCR meetings. In a normal year the meetings would be held in the common room and there'd be lots of pizza available for anyone who turns up. COVID has changed a few things, so over the past year my role has also involved giving out Deliveroo vouchers and delivering pizza to different households.



Lucy Hagan (she/her)

Twitter Rep

My name's Lucy (she/her) and I'm a PPE-ist from the North West. As Twitter Rep I'm in charge of posting live updates from JCR meetings, sharing any news with our followers, and creating the occasional meme. Let me know if you have any cool ideas for the page! You can contact me via email at lucy.hagan@univ.ox.ac.uk.



Rachel Ojo (she/her)

First Year Rep

Hey, I'm Rachel and I'm your Freshers rep. I study PPE and I'm really excited to help make sure you all have a great time settling into life at Univ! With my role as Freshers rep, I represent all first years at JCR committee meetings as well as to the college, so if you have any concerns that you would like to be raised, you can bring them to me. I look forward to meeting you all soon and if you have any questions, feel free to email me at rachel.ojo@univ.ox.ac.uk.



Miles Bishop (he/him)

Oxford SU Officer

Hi, I'm Miles. I'm a second-year studying Russian and Czech. As the Student Union Officer, I attend regular meetings held by the SU and report back anything relevant to the JCR. I also advocate on behalf of all of you, so do feel free to get in touch with me and we can discuss anything you might like to raise (my email is miles.bishop@univ.ox.ac.uk).



Univ JCR's Top 10 "Do's and Don'ts"

1. Do have a look at Univ's amazing "Alternative Prospectus" (found at: <https://www.univ.ox.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/Alt-Prospectus-2021.pdf>)
2. Do join the Univ JCR Facebook group. This is one of the main ways the JCR communicates with its members about what is happening around college!
3. Do bring some cutlery and plates. With the COVID-19 household system, not everyone is guaranteed access to a full kitchen, but you will have a microwave to use.
4. Do bring some formal clothing - most students attend Formal Hall occasionally.
5. Do take posters and photos to stick up on your pinboards to personalise your room. It certainly helps to make your room in college feel more like home!
6. Do prepare a costume ready for our 0th Week Freshers' Bop, themed around "*Something that starts with the same letter as your name*". If not, there's plenty of time to create one when you're here!
7. Do consider bringing a bike to travel around Oxford. However, presently you may find this is unnecessary, as most places are within walking distance of Main Site (where most first years live).
8. Don't worry about buying sub-fusc before you get to Oxford. Matriculation is after Welcome Week, so you have plenty of time to buy it after you arrive.
9. Don't worry about buying books before you arrive. Univ has two great college libraries and there are many more libraries around Oxford.
10. Don't panic if you can't bring everything you need or forget something important. Univ is in a great location; there are plenty of shops nearby if you need something!