

MCR EVENTS GUIDE FRESHERS' FORTNIGHT 2015

04/10/15

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TREASURE HUNT

"Knowledge is a treasure, but practice is the key to it" Join us on a treasure hunt through the city centre to explore your new home town, some of its landmarks, and a few tidbits of history, random trivia, and intellectual clutter. Armed with maps and instruction sheets you'll start from college's Holywell entrance and make your way through the thicket of colleges, churches, and pubs. Keep your fingers crossed for good weather!

WELCOME RECEPTION

Come meet the MCR committee and the OUSU (Oxford University Student Union) Vice-President so to start understanding what will await for you in your life at Oxford. The MCR will welcome you with both alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks, with cocktail snacks and with the "can't be missed" MCR freshers' pictures. Smart attire is encouraged.

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LUNCH IN HALL

Meet a committee member at the Holywell Street Porter's Lodge and head all together for a self-serviced lunch in the wonderful dining hall of the college. A great chance to eat in company in a stunning environment and to get to know other freshers.

COLLEGE TOUR

Join MCR President Arnold in a college tour that will highlight all the beauties of New College and all the key rooms and offices that you will use and need during the course of the year.

MCR PARENTS MEAL AND COCKTAILS

Meet your MCR families in a restaurant in Oxford (the location will be chosen and communicated by your college parents and the meal will be subsidized £5 by the MCR) and then join the rest of the New College crowd at the House Bar for delicious cocktails served especially for you the whole night at happy hour prices.

06/10/15

WELFARE, WOMEN AND LGBTQ+ PICNIC

Come have a picnic lunch and (lots of) cake in the garden of Warham House and meet the MCR reps whose job it is to help you out: your Women's Officer, LGBTQ+ Officer, and the New College peer counsellors. Everyone welcome! Warham House is on Mansfield Road, which is the right turn off Holywell St. that's directly across from college.

TEA AND CAKES IN CLOISTERS + NEW COLLEGE TOWER CLIMB

Take a break from departmental or freshers' fatigue with a piece of the best cake in town and with some hot tea while you are waiting to see Oxford city centre and colleges from the most beautiful panoramic point that you can imagine: the New College Tower.

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CEILIDH DANCE

If you have never tried traditional Ceilidh dance, this is the time to do it! The MCR will host a live band with an instructor that will explain the basic steps of each dance that will be played. No previous knowledge and no dancing ability is required. Ceilidh is first of all a great way to socialize and have fun bumping into other people on the dance floor. Every year this is the most successful and appreciated event of the freshers' fortnight - a new experience not to be missed!

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BOARD GAMES BAR NIGHT

Come to the MCR bar to have a drink with fellow MCR members and/or play challenging and funny board games among which Cranium, Tokaido, Cards against Humanity and many other classics.

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OXFORD IMPS PERFORMANCE

The Oxford Imps, the best Oxford student-led improvisation company, will come to New College MCR to perform an unbelievably hilarious show. To understand what the Imps do and how entertaining their show will be even if you are not English mother-tongue, please have a look at their videos on YouTube (https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=oxford+imps).

If you are interested in the show, don't forget to sign up ASAP for a place at the following link!

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09/10/15

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BOP

Bops are fancy dress parties held on site where we pull out the good speakers and lights, fill the MCR and have a boogie to some live DJ music. The fancy dress theme this time is pyjamas (always very popular) so grab your onesies/ night gowns (no judgements here, I've heard they're quite comfortable). Party starting at 9pm. There will be food, drinks and good company.

10/10/15

VARSITY HORSE RACE

If you secured a ticket for the classic Varsity Horse Race wait for further instructions, cross your fingers for the sun to shine and get ready for a day of fun and excitement!

PORT MEADOW WALK

Start your day with a relaxing walk in the most scenic and biggest park of Oxford and stop at its most famous pubs to enjoy a drink and, possibly, a lunch in great company. Chris and Arnold will accompany you in the discovery of this quiet and immense place.

PERFORMING ART WORKSHOP

In the Performing Arts Workshop we will work with the topic "Frankenford - The Rise and Fall of the Academic Monsters" (or not, my creativity is clearly lacking right now). But we will definitely do some warming up to get to know each other better and play some games that involve moving, a little concentration, some improvising, maybe even creativity and I hope good laughs. At the end of the workshop we might even try to create some little topic (or non-topic) related scenes. If you have some previous experiences, good! If not, great! This workshop will be for everyone and all about having a good time! Hope to see many of you there! Ps. Please make sure to wear some comfortable clothes.

To subscribe for the remaining places for the workshop, please sign up ASAP at the link below:

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11/10/15

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CONSENT WORKSHOP

A workshop on the often-complicated but always-important details of sexual consent, so that we can all take Bill and Ted's immortal advice and be excellent to each other. We're not going to make you show up, but we really, really recommend it: this stuff is important, and your friendly Women's and LGBTQ+ Officers promise it definitely won't be boring.

SPORTS DAY

Come out for an afternoon of sports and games! There will be informal pick-up style games of football, rounders, touch rugby, volleyball, ultimate frisbee, and croquet. Everyone is invited no matter your experience! Please make sure to bring water. All of the activities will take place on the New College sports fields (behind the Weston Buildings).

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Whether you joined or not the sports day, prize yourself with a delicious ice-cream in the MCR

MOVIE NIGHT

Watch a comedy in the comfortable sofas of the MCR with good pizza, snacks and, most importantly, good company! Stay tuned on the Freshers' FB page as a few days before the event there will be a survey to establish which comedy to watch!

12/10/15

OPERA NIGHT

The first Arts & Culture screening of the academic year will take place at 7.30pm on Monday 12th October at the MCR TV Room. We will be watching the opera *La Bohème* by Giacomo Puccini, one of the most celebrated works of the romantic repertoire, perfect for opera connoisseurs, complete opera virgins and everyone in the between. A wonderful tragic story of love and loss, accompanied by some of the most sublime music of Puccini, will transport us to the Latin Quarter of Paris in the 1840s where we will follow the lives of a group of bohemian friends. The opera will be sung in Italian with English subtitles. There will be pizzas, snacks, sweets and refreshments!

ICE SKATING

If you are too active for the Opera Night, meet outside of the MCR to walk all together to the Oxford Ice-Skating ring for its Twilight Skating night. Cost is around \$5 and includes skates hire.

13/10/15

FERVOUR FORUM AND CHEESECAKE TASTING

Come talk about your main passions, hobbies or favourite sport and activities or listen to what intrigues other MCR members while tasting delicious cheesecakes. It is a very nice way to get to know better the New College crowd and to share your passion in a relaxed and usually curious environment. If you would like to talk about one of your interests/hobbies etc.

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YOGA TASTER

If you are looking for what yoga is designed to create - a quiescent mind and a healthy body -, do not miss this free taster session run by Mariella! Open and free to all freshers and MCR members.

LIVE MUSIC BAR NIGHT

After enjoying the Graduate Freshers' Dinner in the wonderful Dining Hall, come to the bar to relax and enjoy the performance of New College Quartet, one of the best classical string quartets in Oxford which will entertain you with Mozart music and the like.

15/10/15

PUB CRAWL AND MAXWELLS'

The multi-college pub crawl is not going to be one to miss. This night New, Merton, Jesus, GTC and Worcester college are going to join forces and descend on Oxford. We'll make teams with people from each college and show you some of the good pubs around Oxford. At the end of the night we've booked Maxwells (club that's hugely popular among us grads) and you'll receive half price drinks once you're in. This will be a great chance to meet people from other colleges (always useful if you want to be invited to have dinner at other college halls). Come to the New College MCR to get assigned to a team and learn the route you will follow in this great night!

16/10/15

GUEST NIGHT AND SECOND DESSERTS

Invite your beloved one, your new friends from your department or even fellow MCR members to the first guest night of the year (remember to sign up for the meal a week in advance because places sell out very quickly) and then head to the MCR for second desserts with port, cheese and sweets. You are allowed to bring maximum 2 guests to the Guest Night Dinner in Hall and the cost is £15.25 per person given the food is the same as that of high table (contrarily to formal halls). The second desserts event is open to all MCR members, even those who didn't go to the Guest Night Dinner.

17/10/15

BREAKFAST PACK

Pick up from Arnold your breakfast pack to wake up and get energized before the matriculation ceremony. Arnold will wait for you at the main porters' lodge in Holywell street.

Remember to bring your BOD card with you if you want to have brunch in the Hall before the matriculation picture.