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An accessible version of this prospectus is available on the Jesus College website at www.jesus.ox.ac.uk/admissions



USEFUL CONTACTS

Jesus College admissions information, open days and visits

We are very happy to talk to prospective students, their families, teachers and school groups, whether by email, telephone, or on an arranged visit.

For College open days, visits, copies of this Prospectus and also the Alternative Prospectus produced by our undergraduates, please contact our Schools Liaison Officer; tel. +44 (0)1865 287261, schools.liaison@jesus.ox.ac.uk

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For advice on undergraduate admissions and tours of the University, visit *admissionsi* (the Admissions Information Centre), at 55 Little Clarendon St, Oxford, OX1 2HS, tel. +44 (0)1865 288000.

Graduate admissions to the University of Oxford

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graduate.admissions@admin.ox.ac.uk
www.admin.ox.ac.uk/postgraduate

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studentfunding@admin.ox.ac.uk
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Accommodation for visitors

Information on accommodation in Oxford may be found at www.visitoxford.org, the website of Oxford City Council.

Jesus College, Oxford aims to ensure that this Prospectus accurately represents the College and University of Oxford at the date of publication (August 2010). If you are interested in a particular service or facility mentioned, you should check its availability before applying. The College aims to ensure the latest information is published on the College website at www.jesus.ox.ac.uk. If you make an application and then receive an offer which you accept, you will be bound by the College's Statutes and Bylaws (a copy of which is obtainable on request from the Senior Tutor), as well as by any statements and codes of policy and practice which are made under them, usually published from time to time in the College's Handbooks for Undergraduates and for Graduates and on the College website.



WELCOME TO JESUS COLLEGE

Jesus students, past and present, tell me that their experience here has transformed their lives. Why is this? The answer is simple: Jesus offers a very special combination. A commitment to the highest standards of academic excellence and an informal, lively, supportive community of students and tutors. If you come and see us, you will be able to judge for yourself, and I encourage you to do this.

The students at Jesus come from a very wide range of backgrounds and countries. Amongst the 340 undergraduates about 10% come from outside the UK and about half of our 190 graduates are from more than 30 countries around the world. We have a relatively high proportion of state school undergraduate applicants, and we accept students purely on achievement and potential to benefit from the unique Oxford tutorial system.

Jesus College is right in the historic centre of Oxford, a few minutes' walk from the libraries and science laboratories, with shops and restaurants literally on the doorstep. All our first-year students, undergraduate and graduate, live on the central site in their first year. In subsequent years most move to one of our other two sites, a kilometre north of the centre and three kilometres east, where we have well-appointed self-catering flats, including accommodation for couples. We have recently added 31 new ensuite rooms to our central site.

We are not only generous with accommodation, but also with grants to all our students for research and academic purposes, holiday travel, musical and sporting activities, as well as access bursaries for undergraduates to top up the university-wide scheme.

I very much hope you will choose to come and study at Jesus: I can guarantee that you will have an outstanding and life-changing experience here.

Please get in touch if you wish to find out more.

A handwritten signature in green ink that reads "John Krebs".

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ACADEMIC LIFE

Jesus College has a good mix of students from all backgrounds, with over 60% coming from the state sector at undergraduate level, and with generally equal numbers of men and women. Our firm commitment to academic excellence is reflected in the high quality of our tutorial teaching, the consistently strong performance of our undergraduates in their University exams, and the first-class academic facilities we provide.

We hope that this Prospectus will give you a good idea of what it is like to be a student at Jesus College. We profile the experiences and views of some of our students here, and you can also take a look at the video clips and 'Week in the life' sections of our **College admissions website**, which provide an insight – in their own words and pictures – into the life of some of our undergraduates and graduates. Our undergraduates also produce their own lively Alternative Prospectus, available from our Schools Liaison Officer and on our website.

Our 90 or so **academic staff** are experts recruited both from the UK and internationally, who teach a wide range of the courses offered at Oxford in the humanities, sciences and social sciences. If you would like to find out who our academic staff are, you can read about their academic background, the areas in which they teach and their research interests on the Jesus College website under 'Academic Staff'. Please note there are some courses for which we do not admit students. You can find this information in the University Undergraduate and Graduate Prospectuses and on the admissions websites.

We have a very well-stocked **College library**, which provides many of the books that undergraduates need. It is a well-used modern working library, open 24 hours a day. Almost all the books can be borrowed round the clock on a self-issue system, the stock is regularly updated, and the Librarian is always happy to consider students' requests for new books. There is an Ethernet point at each work place for your own laptop computer, as well as the computers provided by the College so that you can search library catalogues, bibliographic resources and online journals. For more specialised reading, the Bodleian Library and the Radcliffe Science Library are only minutes away and are amongst the greatest libraries in the world.

The College has excellent **computing facilities**. A good number of computers giving access to the College and University networks and the internet, along with several printers and scanners, are available 24 hours a day in the computer suite: use is free, apart from a small charge for printing. All student rooms, both on the main site and at our accommodation sites, have Ethernet connection points, so if you have your own computer you can have free, fast access from your room. Wireless networking is available in the libraries, common rooms and seminar rooms. The computing staff provide lots of helpful advice and trouble-shooting. We recognise the importance of IT to everyone in College, and the equipment and service provided is constantly monitored and upgraded.



Leng Lee
DPhil Geography

Jesus College is a great college for non-British graduate students. It provides an informal and relaxed environment to engage with fellow students while making sure there are enough opportunities for students to get the 'traditional' Oxford experience when they want it. I have enjoyed my time at Jesus and will look back fondly on my time here.



UNDERGRADUATE STUDY

Academic study is the focus of life in College and we do all we can to ensure that students fulfil their potential and enjoy their studies to the full. Our 340 undergraduates come mainly from across the UK, with a welcome proportion from overseas. Our expert College tutors take a keen interest in their students' academic progress, and stay in regular contact with them. Each student will have one or more Jesus College tutors in their subject, responsible for directing their studies during their time at College.

An important aspect of teaching in Oxford is the tutorial. In many subjects, a good proportion of a student's tutorials are delivered by our College tutors, with tutors from other colleges and departments providing some specialised teaching. Typically, each week, tutors will arrange to see their students in pairs, or sometimes on a one-to-one basis, for an hour's tutorial. The tutor frequently sets the students an essay to write, or a set of problems to solve, which then forms the basis for critical and detailed discussion in the tutorial. We put considerable emphasis on independent research in preparation for tutorials, and students are expected to make full use of the resources provided in the libraries, laboratories, and lectures. Tutorials require active participation from both tutor and students, challenging both and taking account of students' strengths and interests. Teaching also takes place in small groups, lectures and, for scientists, in practicals in the departments' laboratories (which are within easy reach of College) and at field sites.





James Green
History 1st year
Evesham High School, Worcestershire (comprehensive)
A2: History; French; English Language and Literature; AS: Biology

I first came to Oxford on a summer school access programme and after spending a week meeting tutors, exploring the University and the city and making friends with others looking to apply, I knew Oxford was the ideal university for me. The tutorial system particularly appealed to me since it's what makes Oxford unique; it really allows you to develop your understanding of the subject in a challenging but enjoyable way.

I am so glad that I chose Jesus as my college. I came to look around with my parents and had a gut feeling that this was the college I wanted to come to. I haven't been disappointed. I felt welcome from day one. The accommodation and food is excellent and while the tutors continually push you, they are always prepared to help you as well. The workload can seem a bit demanding at first, but it doesn't take long to balance it with all the other societies and activities you want to participate in. Everyone at Jesus is incredibly friendly and I know I have made friends here who will remain friends for life.



Rosie Davies
Chemistry 3rd year
School of Saint Helen and Saint Katharine, Abingdon, Oxfordshire (independent)
A2: Maths, Further Maths, Physics and Chemistry AS: Economics

I was interested in Chemistry from about the age of 15, and loved it at A-level, so I decided that I would study it at university. I knew that Oxford has one of the best Chemistry departments in the world, so I visited on an Open Day and it looked ideal for me. Jesus was the friendliest college I looked at, and also came recommended for Chemistry.

I have not been disappointed! Not only has the academic teaching been as good as I expected, but I have also been able to pursue my other interests. I have fenced and played basketball at university level (both sports I played before coming to Oxford), but I have also tried out rowing, water polo and canoe polo for College!





Jayce Homersham
Engineering, Economics & Management (EEM)
3rd year
Glyn Technology School, Ewell, Surrey (comprehensive)
A2: Maths; Further Maths; Physics; Economics

When I applied for Engineering, Economics & Management (EEM) at Oxford, the idea of having the opportunity to study at one of the world's best universities seemed like a dream. Having attended one of the Open Days, I knew the College was perfect! The people around College were really welcoming and friendly. It didn't take long to notice the close-knit community amongst the students.

I wanted to take a Gap Year in the City and the College offered me a deferred entry place. They were really helpful when I contacted them before I applied.

I can't imagine being anywhere else (I wouldn't want to!). Jesus College provides its students with the chance to gain great academic understanding within their subject area, whilst ensuring students enjoy all aspects of university life.

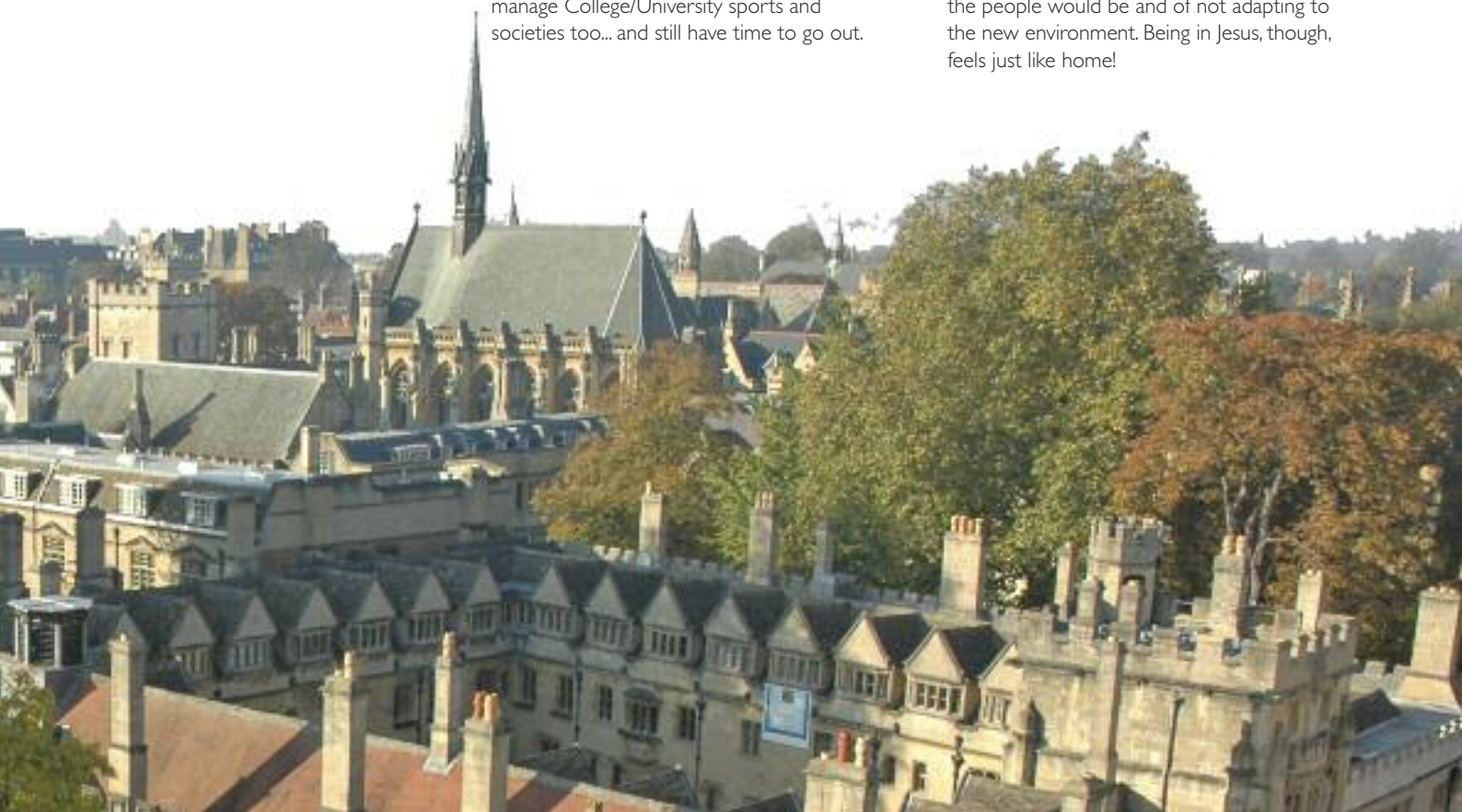
To start with, you will find the workload a bit of a shock to the system (especially after that long summer), but it doesn't take long to get the balance right. You will soon find that you can manage College/University sports and societies too... and still have time to go out.



Viktoria Dendrinou
Philosophy, Politics and Economics (PPE)
3rd year
Moraitis School, Athens, Greece
IB: Maths, Economics, Greek, History, English, Biology

After visiting Oxford I fell in love with its mixture of the past, the present and the future. I chose to apply to Jesus because it was by far the friendliest college I visited. Its small size is what makes it so special as everyone knows each other. The decision to study Philosophy, Politics and Economics was quite hard as I never considered myself to be a very theoretical person. However, I do not regret my decision at all as I've come to love the course and the opportunities it gives you to diversify as much as you want. I found myself enjoying reading about abstract philosophical concepts while at the same time learning about US politics and profit maximisation. Although the workload is quite significant, there is plenty of time for other activities such as various sports or even punting and picnics in the summer term when the city is prettier than ever.

Being an international student, coming to Oxford was a big decision. I was afraid of how the people would be and of not adapting to the new environment. Being in Jesus, though, feels just like home!





GRADUATE STUDY

Our 190 graduates are a vital part of the College community and come from a diverse variety of backgrounds: some are returning Jesus College undergraduates, others come from different UK universities, and many join us from varied international backgrounds and cultures. Making up a third of our students, graduates read for a broad range of higher degrees across many subject areas, from one-year taught Masters courses to three or four-year doctorates (called a DPhil), based on personal, original research. We also accept a few graduates each year to take undergraduate courses, often in less than the usual time, for a second undergraduate degree.

A graduate's University faculty or department is responsible for overseeing academic progress, appointing a supervisor and arranging any lectures and classes. In Jesus College, graduates are assigned a College Advisor who will usually be one of our Fellows and, as far as possible, working in a similar field. College Advisors provide general academic support and a personal contact within the College, and each year the Principal and Senior Tutor (who has particular responsibility for graduates in College) arrange a short progress review meeting with every graduate. We create opportunities throughout the year for graduates to meet the College's academic staff, including popular termly talks and dinners attended by our academics, graduates and their guests. All the College's facilities are open to graduates: most can have College accommodation if they wish, and there is a dedicated Middle Common Room (MCR) providing a space in which to relax and a focus for social activities. We offer up to four Graduate Scholarships each year to those in their first year and beyond, to reward academic excellence. There are also some fully-funded scholarships and Clarendon/Old Members' Awards in certain subject areas: full details are on our College website under 'Graduate Admissions'. We support all our graduates with a generous annual Research Allowance to assist them with attendance at conferences and travel for research. Graduates may also claim a Book Grant each year, and apply to College for financial assistance should they experience unforeseen financial difficulty.

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History 1st year

There are enough extra challenges overseas students have to face in coming to university overseas, but Jesus ensures the potentially biggest hassle of finding appropriate accommodation each year need not be one of them.





Sarah Beynon

DPhil in Zoology

Previous Degree: BA in Biological Sciences at Wadham College, Oxford

My scholarship is linked with the College and the Zoology department, giving me support and access to top-class facilities from both sides.

Jesus MCR provides students with a close-knit community of which to become a part. From speaking to friends and colleagues at other colleges, Jesus has a well-deserved reputation for this. The MCR is very active, with regular social events for all – whether it's a wine and cheese evening, ice-skating, whisky-tasting or Sunday brunch, there is something for everyone.

Accommodation in Jesus is, like everything else that the College has to offer, varied and flexible. I lived in the centre of Oxford, on Ship Street for my first year, and whilst I enjoyed the fabulous location, being a country bumpkin at heart, I did miss green, open space! However, Jesus has an answer to everything and I now have the opportunity to live in College accommodation at Herbert Close off the Cowley Road. The lovely flats here have off-road parking (vital when you travel for research as much as I do) and are surrounded by fabulous gardens and numerous sports pitches: it's not bad to be able to pop downstairs on a Saturday morning and take your pick from a grass or hard tennis court on your doorstep!

Jesus offers a traditional Oxford experience with the added benefits of providing a warm society, generous grants, modern facilities and superb location right in the city centre. Speaking as someone who has now spent almost five years in Oxford, it really is one of the best!

Bozhil Hristov

MSt then DPhil in General Linguistics and Comparative Philology

Previous degree: BA in English Language and Literature from Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski"

I applied to Oxford because of its international reputation. I didn't know much about the colleges, so I picked Jesus at random. After a year here, I know I made a good choice! Jesus offers plenty of opportunities to meet people with different backgrounds, take part in sports, or simply enjoy its historic architecture. Jesus was the obvious choice when I reapplied to Oxford to do a DPhil.

My course covers the general theory, but also allows you to specialise. Lectures and seminars involve stimulating group discussions, whereas the one-to-one tutorials cater for your needs and interests. The tutors are dedicated and approachable, which creates a very pleasant working environment. There is a wealth of resources and the library facilities are excellent.

I enjoy a chat with friends over brunch in the MCR or over a pint in one of the nearby pubs. Another positive experience was volunteering at a local school – working with the children always gave me a good start!





ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation at Jesus College is amongst the best in Oxford, and is very popular with our students. All our undergraduates are able to live in College accommodation throughout their time in Oxford if they want to do so. We also provide College accommodation for most of our graduates. Our accommodation is provided at reasonable cost, and up-to-date information about costs can be found on our College Admissions website under 'Finance'.

Our accommodation is in three locations. On our central site, we house all first-year undergraduates during term, and many first-year graduates throughout the year. The rooms range in date from the seventeenth to the twenty-first century, but are all equipped and maintained to the same high standards. About 25% of the accommodation on the main site is either ensuite or semi-ensuite (two study bedrooms sharing a bathroom). The College has just built new accommodation, as well as teaching and lecture space, on a site adjacent to the College; all bedrooms in the Ship Street Centre are ensuite.

After their first year, the majority of students live in blocks of College flats, sharing in groups of three or four. Within a flat, students have a study bedroom each, and share a living area, kitchen and one or two bathrooms. The flats are situated in two locations: in North Oxford, 1km from the College and close to the University Science Area; and in East Oxford, just under 3km from College, next to our sports ground. At the East Oxford site, we have a block of one-bedroom flats principally intended for students who are married or with established partners. We are unable to accommodate children or pets.





FOOD

Meals are provided in the College's Jacobean dining hall. Breakfast, lunch and the first sitting of dinner operate on an informal, self-service system. The second sitting of dinner is more formal, with the food served at the table. There are several student guest-night dinners each term, and students often enjoy inviting their friends to these. Throughout the year the College also hosts special occasion dinners, to which students are invited.

We provide a wide range of good food at reasonable prices, and regularly cater for different dietary requirements. Any student with particular dietary requirements should make them known to College so we can accommodate them. Students can choose whether or not to eat in College: there is no obligation to do so. All students are issued with a College swipe card, and the cost of meals is charged to a student's personal termly account on a 'pay as you go' basis. Those in College flats can self-cater: there are limited catering facilities for graduates on the main site, and none for undergraduates.

During the day, coffee, tea, soft drinks and snacks are served from the very popular snack bar in the Junior Common Room (JCR).



SOCIALISING, CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

All undergraduates and graduates belong to the **Junior Common Room (JCR)**; graduates also have a **Middle Common Room (MCR)**. The JCR and MCR are the College versions of a students' union, representing their members and providing a place to relax. The lively JCR is housed in spacious modern accommodation, including a conservatory and snack bar. Here students can meet friends, read newspapers and magazines, play a game of pool or watch television. The sociable MCR occupies two rooms, with newspapers, a networked computer, CD and DVD players, a television and a pool table, as well as its own small kitchen. Both common rooms organise plenty of social events, such as quizzes, DVD nights, trips out of Oxford, punting, Sunday brunches and parties: you can find out more by taking a look at the JCR and MCR web pages on the College website, under 'Societies'. The JCR and MCR are run by their own elected officers, who represent the student body within College. In the evening the **College bar** forms a venue for social events: it has a friendly and relaxed atmosphere and everyone is welcome.

The College offers excellent **sports facilities**, and all are welcome to use these, whether as a serious athlete, or just for fun. There are many opportunities to try new sports, and join one of the College teams to play other colleges, which operate at all levels of expertise. We have squash courts and extensive playing fields with hockey, cricket, football and rugby pitches, hard grass tennis courts, netball courts, and a sports pavilion. We also have our own boathouse on the River Thames, with boats used all year round by our rowing crews, from novices to experienced rowers. Students can use the University's swimming pool and next-door athletics stadium and gym free of charge and join University sports clubs as well.

There are plenty of non-sporting opportunities, with the chance to participate in music and drama at College and University level. Each year we hold the Turl Street Arts Festival, organised jointly by students of the three Colleges on Turl Street (Jesus, Exeter and Lincoln). The College has its own music room for practice, with a grand and upright piano. The sports pavilion also provides a musical and dramatic venue, and music concerts take place in the Chapel (which has an excellent organ, piano and harpsichord). The Chapel is also home to a non-auditioning choir, which leads the service of Choral Evensong every Sunday during term, and regularly goes on tour during the vacations.

We have thriving student-led **subject societies** in College, for example in English and History, which bring together students from different disciplines with interests in these areas. The societies meet once or more a term, typically inviting guest speakers or organising outings to the theatre or places of interest.

Jesus College welcomes those of all faiths or none, and there are places of worship and meetings for members of almost any denomination or faith in Oxford. Our **Chapel**, part of the original foundation of the College, continues to play a role in College life for those who wish to take part. We have a Chaplain, and the Chapel Choir is led by one of the College's Organ Scholars. There are regular services in the Chapel during term to which all are very welcome, with College Communion and a guest preacher once a week. Various events such as discussion groups and confirmation classes are held regularly.





“The bursaries are superb in levelling the playing field and ensuring everyone can enjoy the Oxford experience.”

“I remember sitting down with my parents and discussing finances, knowing that they wouldn’t be able to support me during my studies. I was genuinely considering not going to university because I simply didn’t know how I’d be able to afford it. Luckily my school assured me that the University would provide some support, and now I’m very happy studying medicine at an amazing college.”

“The Jesus College Access Bursary has helped me to buy books and stationery supplies and also helped towards paying the cost of food each term, which has become significantly higher since I started rowing for Jesus!”

“I am very grateful for the help I’ve received since coming to Jesus; it helps take the pressure off finances, allowing me to enjoy all the opportunities and culture that Oxford has to offer.”

“The Jesus College Access bursary has allowed me to continue my studies without fear of not making ends meet. When unexpected costs occurred during my final year, I was worried that I would not be able to continue with my fieldwork and complete my dissertation. Luckily, Jesus College was there for me and supported me so that I was able to meet the unexpected costs with a hardship grant on top of the bursary I usually received and for that, I am so grateful to the College.”

FINANCE

We are committed to ensuring that academic ability, and not financial means, is the reason for selecting our students, and can provide generous assistance to those students whom we consider require it. We participate in the Oxford Opportunity Bursaries scheme for undergraduates, and have our own undergraduate Jesus College Access Bursary scheme to supplement this. The College can also award grants or interest-free loans from its dedicated hardship funds to any student we assess as needing financial aid; applications are considered by a committee on a case-by-case basis and are treated in confidence.

We also assist all students financially with their studies, regardless of their particular financial circumstances. There is a generous Book Grant Scheme to help all students buy books and other academic equipment. Most undergraduates may apply for a Vacation Grant to enable them to study in Oxford for part of the vacations. Graduates benefit greatly from a well-resourced annual Research Allowance, to assist with research expenses such as conference attendance and research trips.

We offer an extensive range of Scholarships, Exhibitions, grants and prizes to reward academic distinction and progress at undergraduate and graduate levels. Scholarships and Exhibitions provide students with a sum of several hundred pounds each year, an entitlement to some free meals, and, as applicable, a Scholar’s gown. We have a diverse and growing number of prizes and other awards which we give out each year, details of which may be found on our College website, under ‘Prizes and Grants’ – we even have an award for demonstrating innovation! Each term, book prizes are awarded on the basis of academic performance, not only to the College’s high fliers, but also to those whom we believe show evidence of progress at any level. We have many awards for academic travel in the vacations. Particularly popular is the Dodd Fund, a gift to the College in the 1930s, which provides grants to undergraduates to travel abroad in the vacations for purposes unconnected with their studies.

Financial assistance is available to support student activities, both individually and as groups, in the fields of sport and the arts. The Sankey Scholarships are available to assist members of the College to meet the expenses of being called to the Bar.

If you would like further information on the financial support that may be available to undergraduates at Jesus College, please contact our Schools Liaison Officer or see the ‘Finance’ pages on the ‘Admissions’ section of the College website, which include links to the University’s student finance pages and details of the current bursary schemes. More general advice on undergraduate finance can be found on the Government’s AimHigher website at www.aimhigher.ac.uk. Financial advice for graduates is available on the University’s website at www.admin.ox.ac.uk/postgraduate/finance or you may contact our Admissions Officer.





HEALTH AND WELFARE

In College and across the University we take seriously our role of promoting the well-being of all our students and provide a wide range of welfare support to ensure that time spent here is fruitful and enjoyable.

Students register with a local NHS medical practice, which supplies two College Doctors who hold a surgery in College twice a week during term, and also see students at their regular surgery and in an emergency. Our College Nurse holds a surgery in College Monday to Friday during term for consultation and minor medical matters. The Welfare Officer, Principal, Senior Tutor, Tutor for Welfare, Junior Dean, and College Advisors are available for consultation regarding any problem, and the University Counselling Service offers expert help where this is appropriate. The JCR and MCR have their own welfare officers and peer support systems, and everyone in College co-operates to ensure that any problems that do arise are dealt with in a supportive manner.

DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL NEEDS

Jesus College supports the University's statements on Equal Opportunities and Diversity. We have a number of students with different disabilities or special educational needs successfully studying at the College. Disabled applicants are strongly encouraged to contact the College to discuss suitable accommodation, potential adjustments to academic facilities and study aids, both before application and then before taking up a place. It is important to contact the relevant University department or faculty as well. The Jesus Access Guide, which gives more details of provision, is available from the Schools Liaison Officer, or on our College website under 'Notices'. The University's Disability Office provides useful advice, and their website at www.admin.ox.ac.uk/eop/disab is recommended, or you can phone their advice line on +44 (0)1865 289824.

Joel Berkeley

Physics 3rd year

Life at Jesus College is a healthy compromise of all work and all play.



CAREERS AFTER COLLEGE

We are aware that studying at Jesus College is not just an end in itself, and our courses aim to provide our students with not only subject-specific knowledge but also a wide range of transferable skills, much valued by employers. Full information on careers for Oxford graduates is available from the University Careers Service at www.careers.ox.ac.uk, and we profile here what a few of our former students have gone on to do in their careers as a result of their time at Jesus College.



Anna Caffyn
Physics (1998-2002)

Chief Financial Analyst, HM Revenue & Customs

Studying Physics at Jesus gave me a great foundation for my career as a civil servant. Although the transition from Physics to tax is far from obvious, my degree gave me the confidence to ask difficult questions of colleagues, work independently, pursue my own ideas and to know that I can seek support from others when I get stuck.

Jesus College gave me a group of brilliant friends and a love of rowing – a sport I still take part in today. I spent most of my time at college dashing between the lab and the river and back again, having great fun in the process – though never quite managing to win those elusive blades!



Emma O'Connell
Geography (2000-2003)

Teacher, Yoxall St. Peter's Primary School, Staffordshire

I applied to Oxford from a comprehensive school, unsure what to expect, but with an open mind and a determination to succeed. The interviews were challenging, though I felt reassured by the tutors' engaging and friendly manner, which I later found to reflect the supportive attitude of Jesus College.

The Geography course was testing and diverse. I enjoyed the flexibility to pursue the subjects which I found most interesting. Alongside my studies, I played football for Jesus College and the Oxford second team, including a Varsity match. I also met my future husband and made some lifelong friends.

My time at Jesus has given me confidence in my abilities and has taught me how to think independently. As a teacher I use these skills every day, looking for inventive ways to motivate children in lessons, to encourage them to think for themselves, and to ensure that they enjoy their education as much as I have done.



Rachel Shields
English (2002-2005)

Reporter, The Independent on Sunday

I'll admit that I only applied to Oxford at the insistence of my parents, but I quickly realised that it was the best thing they ever made me do. My abiding memory of Jesus is definitely the close friends that I made; we lived in each other's pockets for three years and didn't get sick of each other, which is nothing short of a miracle. Reading English was challenging and at times stressful, but ultimately extremely rewarding. Studying at Oxford helped me enormously when starting out in journalism, imbuing me with a range of skills that have proved invaluable.



Michael Anstey
Zoology DPhil (2004-2008)

Boston Consulting Group, Toronto

When I completed my studies for my undergraduate degree in Biology at Queen's University in Canada, I was awarded a scholarship to pursue a DPhil in the University of Oxford's Department of Zoology and Jesus College. I knew relatively little about Jesus when I arrived, but I was delighted to find that many of the top Biologists in the University, and in fact the world, were Fellows at Jesus! When I was not doing research in my lab, I played volleyball for the University and rowed for Jesus – both great ways to get involved in the social side of college life.

After receiving my DPhil, I decided to pursue a career in the business world and was accepted for an internship at a dynamic Oxford-based venture capital firm. Three months later I joined the company as an Investment Analyst, evaluating potential investment opportunities in the Life Sciences sector. The world-class training and support I received from both Jesus College and the University were instrumental in my securing this challenging position and have enabled me to further my career when I returned to Canada at the end of last year.



HOW TO APPLY UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS

Who can apply?

We welcome applications from those who think they can benefit from the opportunities the College offers and who meet the academic standards for admission, and we make every effort to ensure that the admissions process is fair to applicants from every background and type of school or college.

Details of entry requirements can be found in the University's Undergraduate Prospectus. We welcome applications from mature students, and are happy to discuss such applications on an individual basis. The Schools Liaison Officer is always willing to answer any questions about courses or the admissions process as a whole, and to arrange to meet prospective applicants, families, teachers and school groups.

What qualifications are needed, and at what level?

Most of our applicants will be taking AS and A2 examinations, Scottish Highers and Advanced Highers (perhaps in combination with A2 levels), or International and European Baccalaureates, but we consider all equivalent qualifications. Most people apply before they take their exams, but we also welcome applications after exams have been taken. All applicants are considered together each December and we do not participate in 'clearing' in the summer. Conditional offers are usually based on three A grades in A2 level exams (or equivalent), excluding General Studies, and we will often require an A grade in one or more specific subjects being taken which are relevant to the chosen degree course. Performance at AS level may occasionally be specified, where results have not yet been declared. Although we value the Advanced Extension Award, we do not make offers on the basis of it. Offers made to post-examination candidates will usually be unconditional.

What else do we look at?

As well as predicted or actual A2 Level grades, or equivalent, we look at past academic record and references, and most candidates are invited to come for an interview. In some subjects we ask for samples of written course work, and in some subjects candidates take written tests either before interview shortlisting takes place, or once they are in Oxford for their interviews. Full details may be found in the University's Undergraduate Prospectus.

The interview is only one part of the admissions process, and we provide advice on preparing for interviews, as well as subject-specific information on interviews at Jesus College, to all we invite to interview. What an interview consists of varies from subject to subject: sometimes the discussion will be based on submitted work or topics already studied, sometimes it will be based on new material provided prior to or during the interview, such as a passage to read or a problem to solve. We are looking for demonstrable commitment to the chosen subject, the ability to think critically and handle new material, and a mature and responsible attitude to work.

What is the competition like?

Competition for a place at Jesus College is high. We do not have quotas for different types of educational background or country of origin, but make our decisions on academic criteria alone. On the basis of all the information available, we usually make offers of places to just over 100 applicants each year out of the 600 who apply.

Filip Wyszynski DPhil Chemistry

Choosing a college always seems like a bit of a lottery, which is why I feel truly lucky to have ended up at Jesus and be a part of this spirited and inclusive college.



What about a gap year (deferred entry)?

Every year, we make a small number of offers for deferred entry to candidates taking a 'gap year'. You must apply for deferred entry when making your application; you cannot change your mind after an offer has been made. Please refer to the University's department or faculty websites for subject-specific advice. Applicants who are offered places for deferred entry will generally be among the strongest of the cohort for their subject. We would not usually offer more than one or two deferred places per subject in order not to disadvantage the following year's candidates. In some cases, an applicant for deferred entry may be offered a place for non-deferred entry instead. If you require any further advice, please contact our Schools Liaison Officer:

How to find out more.

Further information about the admissions process and all aspects of the University is given in the University's Undergraduate Prospectus, issued by the Undergraduate Admissions Office, and at www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/undergraduate_courses. Our Jesus College Schools Liaison Officer and Admissions Officer can also advise you.

GRADUATE ADMISSIONS

The graduate admissions system is different from the undergraduate admissions system. Graduates apply to Oxford for one of three deadlines spread through the year. It is important to check in the University Graduate Prospectus which deadline(s) apply for your course. Applicants may name a first-choice college on their application form or ask the University to make a college allocation on their behalf. Applications are considered first by departments and faculties and, if an offer of a place is made, the application is then passed to the college. At Jesus College, preference will normally be given to applicants whose research interests overlap with those of our Fellows, and for whom we have space within our admissions quota. We usually admit some 70 graduates per year. If we are unable to admit an applicant holding a departmental or faculty offer who has applied to Jesus College, it is guaranteed that another Oxford college will make an offer of a college place. For more information, you can use our Graduate Admissions Gateway at www.jesus.ox.ac.uk/admissions/graduate, consult the University Graduate Prospectus from the Graduate Admissions Office or contact our College Admissions Officer.

OPEN DAYS AND VISITS

We are always willing to answer queries about any aspect of the College and admission to it. The best opportunities for potential undergraduates to find out what the College is like are provided by our Open Days, when tutors and students are on hand to talk about their subjects and life at College. We run a presentation for potential applicants, tours, and have an information room stocked with College and University subject and admissions material, with admissions staff and students available to talk to applicants, families and teachers.

We hold two Open Days in June/July (to coincide with the University's Open Days). There are limited places, so you need to book in advance with our Schools Liaison Officer. Some overnight accommodation in College is available for the summer Open Days. In mid-September, again coinciding with the University's Open Day, we hold an Information Day when admissions staff and students (but not tutors) are on hand to provide advice and admissions literature. Details of these events can be found on the College website. Individual visits can be arranged by appointment with our Schools Liaison Officer; if you cannot attend an Open Day.

Potential graduate applicants who wish to visit the College should contact our Admissions Officer. Although the College is officially open most afternoons from 2 – 4.30pm, all prospective applicants are always welcome to come and walk around the College.



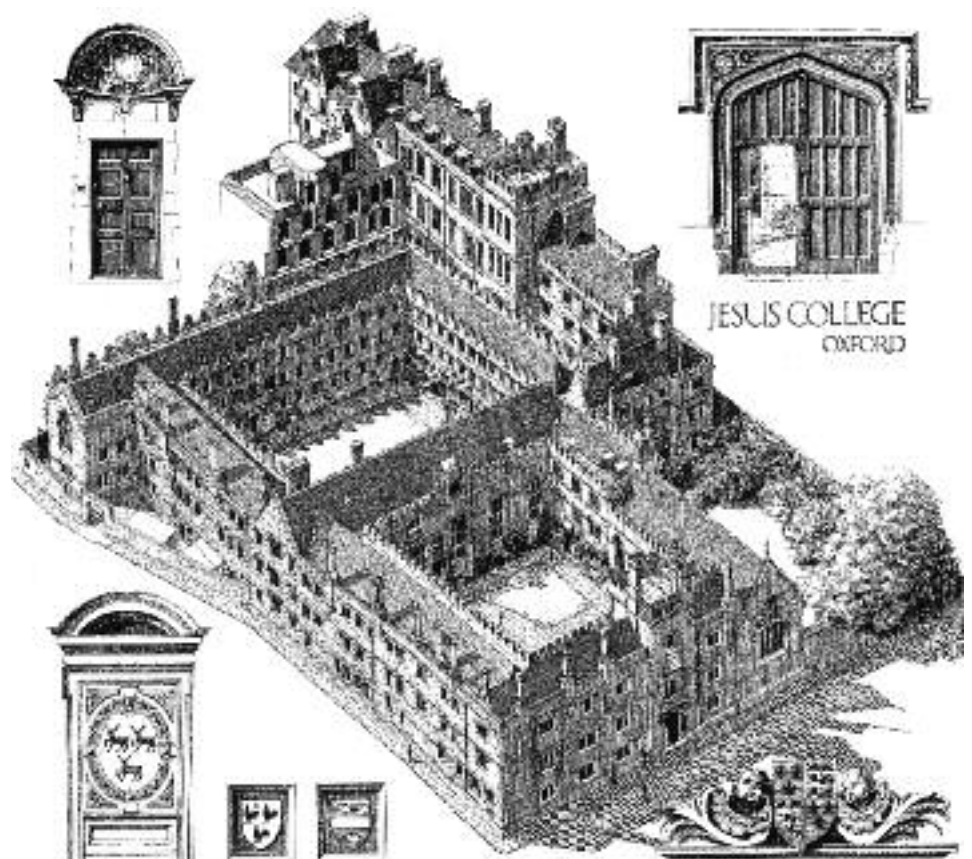
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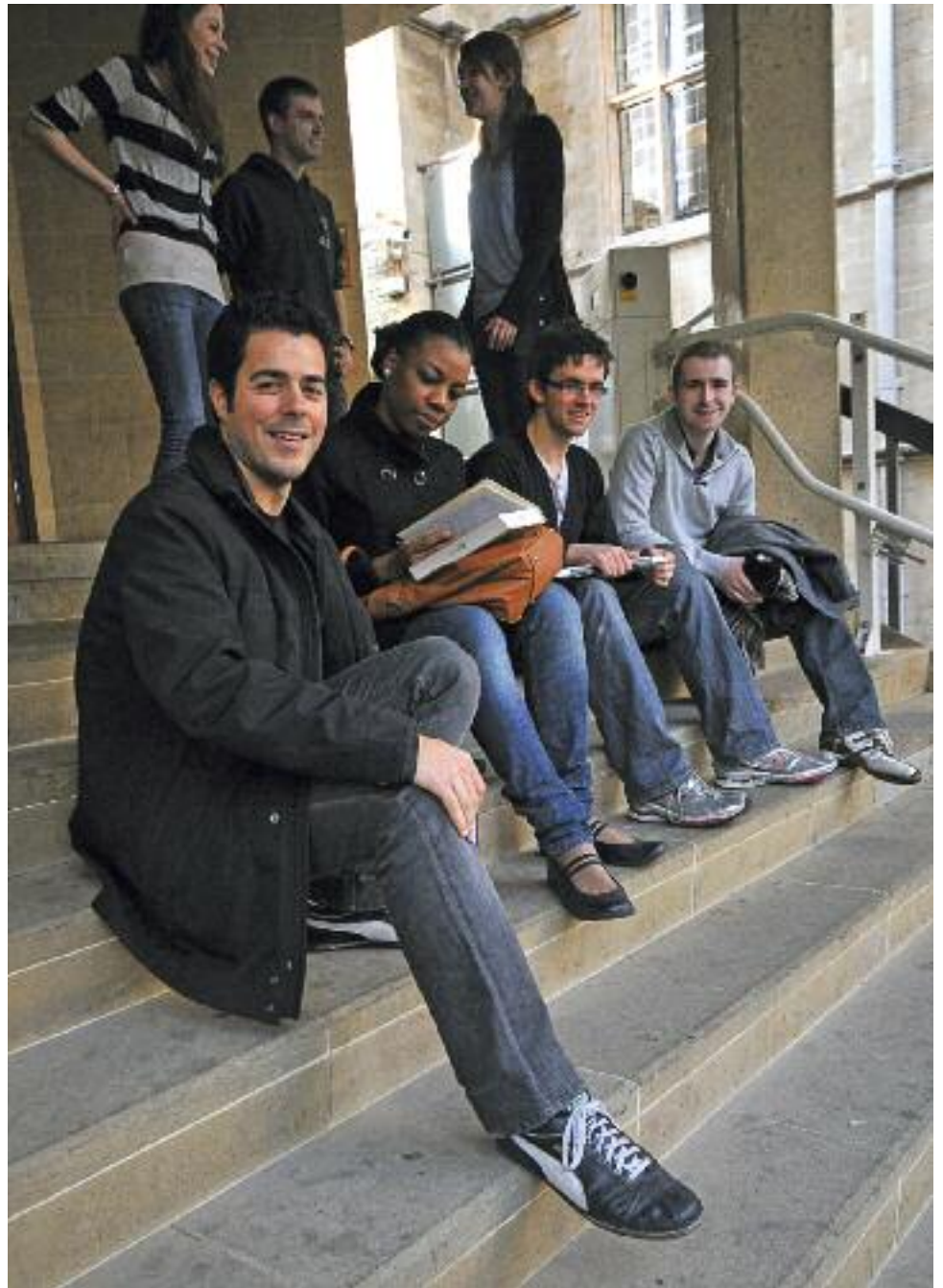
Jesus College was founded in 1571 by Queen Elizabeth I at the instigation of Dr Hugh Price, treasurer of St David's Cathedral in Wales. We are located in the very heart of Oxford on the land given to us by Queen Elizabeth, on which a hall for students has existed since the thirteenth century.

Our central buildings date largely from the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, but have been sympathetically added to and modernised as needed. Our beautiful Dining Hall, Chapel, and Principal's Lodgings are still used for their original purposes today. The historic Fellows' Library houses our collection of early printed books, which is particularly strong in seventeenth-century volumes in medicine, botany, chemistry, physics, law, theology and philosophy. The College's two main quadrangles are an oasis of green right in the middle of the city.

Jesus College was one of the first men's colleges to admit women, in 1974. Nowadays, our student intake is evenly balanced between men and women. Amongst our well-known former students are BBC journalist and presenter Francine Stock (Modern Languages), novelist and screenwriter William Boyd (English), and Gwyneth Glyn (Philosophy and Theology), the youngest writer to be appointed Children's Poet Laureate for Wales. In the world of politics, Harold Wilson, twice British Prime Minister, and Norman Manley, elected Chief Minister of Jamaica in 1955, both studied here. T.E. Lawrence ('Lawrence of Arabia') read History at Jesus, and his thesis on Crusader Castles (1910) is still in the College's possession. You can see some of these faces amongst the portraits hanging in the Hall, alongside those of Queen Elizabeth I, Charles I and Charles II, other College benefactors and seven Principals.

From its earliest days, the College has had a Welsh connection, and we have a library dedicated to our wide-ranging Celtic collection. We still value our links with Wales, celebrating St David's Day in several different ways each year.





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