Welcome to Jesus College

Jesus College is consistently voted the best College at Oxford by our students. It is a College that students, past and present, tell us 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 350 undergraduates about 14% come from outside the UK and about half of our 200 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 excellent self-catering flats, including accommodation for couples. Over half of our rooms on the central site are ensuite.

We are not only extremely 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.

Professor Sir Nigel Shadbolt
ACADEMIC LIFE

Jesus College has a good mix of students from all backgrounds, with around 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 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 ‘People’. 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 wifi available and 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. Wireless networking is available in the libraries, common rooms and seminar rooms and in all accommodation. 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. 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.

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 350 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.

Henry Lee Min Rong
Engineering Science, 2nd year
Sunway College, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
The sense of community is really something that is both unique and comforting.
Pierre Alabrune
EMEL (European and Middle Eastern Languages) 1st year
Lycee Henri N. Paris, France
French Baccalauréat, Section Économique et Sociale
Applying to Oxford was one of the most challenging yet rewarding choices I have made in my academic life. I had never been to the UK before the interview process so the prospect of studying in Oxford was incredibly daunting. However, the opportunity to read two languages, Portuguese and Arabic, and in such a thriving environment, convinced me to apply. The difficulties of the first few weeks – the fear of the language barrier, essay deadlines and tutorials – quickly disappeared thanks to the college’s friendly atmosphere. The welfare structure and academic team here at Jesus also helped me adjust to Oxford life. But I have to say meeting all the freshers and getting to know Oxford together reassured me that I had made the right choice. During my first Michaelmas term, I developed strong friendships with people from different years and subjects which I found incredibly fulfilling. I applied to Oxford on the off-chance that I might get in, and it seemed worth the risk. I wasn’t really sure which of my A-level subjects I liked best, so I just decided to study a broad joint degree course that uses them all. When I came on an Open Day, Jesus seemed like a lovely college – the location is amazing and the buildings are beautiful. Jesus’ reputation as ‘the Friendly college’ also helped.
I wanted to take a gap year to work on some historical battlefields, and the College were happy for me to apply for a deferred place (which isn’t the same for all subjects, so do check). They were really helpful in assuring me that if they wanted to give me an offer that wasn’t deferred they could still do so. The adjustment to working here, after not writing essays for a year, was a bit of a shock, but I soon settled into it. When everyone else is working hard too, it doesn’t feel too bad, and there’s still time to do plenty of non-academic things every week!

Rosie Morgan
PPE 1st Year
Latymer Upper School, Hammersmith
A2: Maths, Economics, Politics, Philosophy
It was an easy choice to apply to Oxford. Oxford as a city is very historic and a unique place to live in and coming from a historically rich city previously this was a large attraction. The tutorial system is very beneficial if you are passionate about your subject, allowing for a thorough and critical understanding of your discipline to be developed.
Getting through the application process can appear to be daunting but once you’re here it’s completely worth the effort. The workload in your first term or two can also take some getting used to, but after a while it just becomes part of the Oxford process! Your college is the centre of your university experience here, and judging from my first term Jesus is about as friendly as it gets, with loads of great people as well as thorough academic and welfare support.

Katherine Page
Chemistry 3rd Year
The Joseph Rowntree School, York
A2: History, Art
It took me a little while to work out I wanted to do a scientific degree. What changed my mind was coming on the UNIQ summer school access programme which allowed me to experience lectures, tutorials and college life, as well as visiting the beautiful city of Oxford for the first time! I applied to Jesus as it is great for chemistry (one of the largest subjects here) as well as being known for its friendly and inclusive atmosphere. The community feel here is really great, and being one of the smaller colleges means you soon get to know staff and students alike.
The tutorial system is different to anything I had done before but I really enjoy challenging myself and it’s definitely improved my communication and presentation skills as well as my chemistry. The tutors are really supportive and keep you busy with work, making sure there’s always something challenging to get your teeth stuck into.
One of the main questions from my friends at home is how I have time for things other than academic work. It’s true that you have to work hard during the short terms, but if you like keeping occupied there are plenty of opportunities for extra activities and there really is something for everyone!
GRADUATE STUDY

Our 200 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 Academic Director (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.

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.
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I find myself praising Jesus a lot these days. And that’s because it’s a great college! It gives you the classic Oxford experience with formal dinners in a 17th century dining hall, intricate stained glass windows in the chapel, and perfectly manicured lawns. Yet it’s also a modern, friendly, and inclusive college with relaxed brunches and games nights organised by the MCR. For me, Jesus was the perfect choice because of its relationship with my scholarship. Charlie Perkins, but also because it has stunning architecture, good food, generous graduate grants, and nice people. The real clincher though is the accommodation.

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Master of Public Policy  
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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 two-thirds 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, 1 km from the College and close to the University Science Area; and in East Oxford, just under 3 km 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, as well as the popular ‘International Food Nights’.

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, panting, 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 roof-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 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.

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“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 stationary supplies, and has 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 in need. We participate in the University’s 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. All 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 & Awards’ – 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 Saviley 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, see the ‘Finance’ pages on the ‘Study here’ section of the College website, which includes 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 DirectGov website at www.direct.gov.uk. Financial advice for graduates is available on the University’s postgraduate admissions website or you may contact our Admissions Officer.
Likewise, there’s an endless amount of people and services you can talk to, if you’re a student at Jesus who wants to talk to someone who will listen.

Modern Languages 2nd year.

Llewelyn Hopwood

advice line on +44 (0)1865 289824.

advice, and their website at www.admin.ox.ac.uk/eop/disab is recommended, or you can phone their

College admissions website under ‘Disability Support’. The University’s Disability Office provides useful

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 our

in an emergency. Our College Nurse holds a surgery in College Monday to Friday during term for

services Manager, Welfare Fellow, Junior Dean, and College Advisors are available for consultation

and provides a wide range of welfare support to ensure that time spent here is fruitful and

In College and across the University we take seriously our role of promoting the well-being of all our

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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.

Abigail Gill


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Lowri Ifor

History (2010-2013) English Teacher, Capital City Academy, North West London

I was very reluctant to apply to Oxford, but luckily my parents persuaded me that it was worth a shot, and deciding to go for it turned out to be the best decision I ever made. I had a fantastic time and was full of three years at Jesus. I captained the rowing team, was Arts Rep on the JCR committee and organised talks for the history society – but my most cherished memories are of the brilliant friends I made and the fun we had together.

During my time at Jesus, I volunteered to lead school visits to the university and worked as a mentor on the UNIQ Summer School. I realised through this that I loved working with young people, and trained as a teacher through the Teach First programme after graduating, supported financially by a bursary from Jesus.

Studying history at Jesus was challenging but stimulating and I enjoyed the breadth of the course and the opportunity to discuss ideas critically. The course taught me to think outside the box to have confidence, and to stand up for what I believe in – all skills that I use daily in my work and ones that I hope on to pass on to my own students.

Kathy Tang

Chemistry (2010-2014) Training Pottery Attourney, Corporal and Rainford LLP London

Even with the incredible support of my parents and Head of Sixth Form, I applied to Oxford completely certain that students like me (from a South Wales comprehensive school) do not get in. Being asked to interview and then getting an offer therefore came as a total shock and led to the most brilliant four years. The Chemistry course is demanding but with hard work combined with the support of the superb Jesus tutors, you are given a platform from which you can achieve anything. The course has given me the confidence to question anything and everything to work independently and to never worry about being wrong. Jesus provided me with the freedom to develop as a person. I made many friends for life and experienced so much, helped throughout my time by the low-income bursary that Jesus offered me to ensure that money wouldn’t hold me back.

Oxford provides the freedom and opportunity to achieve anything, regardless of your background. I therefore implore you to grab the opportunity with both hands and could not recommend Jesus highly enough. I wish you an experience as incredible and fulfilling time as the one that I had.

Llewelyn Hopwood

Modern Languages 2nd year.

If you’re a student at Jesus who wants to talk to someone who will listen to you in private, you can approach one of the college peer-supporters. Likewise, there’s an endless amount of people and services you can talk to, and the aim of the welfare network is to ensure that you’ll never feel like your concerns have gone unheard.

Abigail Gill


I didn’t do my undergraduate degree at Oxford and was unsure whether it would be the right graduate experience for me. I also didn’t really understand the college system. By chance I ended up at Jesus College, where I immediately felt right at home. Not only is it a beautiful place to study and live, but it also has a community of people from all backgrounds with broad academic interests. I had some really fantastic opportunities at Jesus College. All graduate students can apply for a generous Research Allowance and I was also awarded a scholarship to undertake a language course over my summer holiday. I then secured an internship through the Oxford International Internship Programme to work at a charity in Mumbai, which was really the first step in my career. I now work in Policy and Research at Centrepoint, a youth homelessness charity in London. I look back at my time at Jesus College with really fond memories. I’m still in touch with all of the friends I made there and the college continues to offer support and a sense of community long after I graduated.

Lowri Ifor

History (2010-2013) English Teacher, Capital City Academy, North West London

I was very reluctant to apply to Oxford, but luckily my parents persuaded me that it was worth a shot, and deciding to go for it turned out to be the best decision I ever made. I had a fantastic time and was full of three years at Jesus. I captained the rowing team, was Arts Rep on the JCR committee and organised talks for the history society – but my most cherished memories are of the brilliant friends I made and the fun we had together.

During my time at Jesus, I volunteered to lead school visits to the university and worked as a mentor on the UNIQ Summer School. I realised through this that I loved working with young people, and trained as a teacher through the Teach First programme after graduating, supported financially by a bursary from Jesus.

Studying history at Jesus was challenging but stimulating and I enjoyed the breadth of the course and the opportunity to discuss ideas critically. The course taught me to think outside the box to have confidence, and to stand up for what I believe in – all skills that I use daily in my work and ones that I hope on to pass on to my own students.

Kathy Tang

Chemistry (2010-2014) Training Pottery Attourney, Corporal and Rainford LLP London

Even with the incredible support of my parents and Head of Sixth Form, I applied to Oxford completely certain that students like me (from a South Wales comprehensive school) do not get in. Being asked to interview and then getting an offer therefore came as a total shock and led to the most brilliant four years. The Chemistry course is demanding but with hard work combined with the support of the superb Jesus tutors, you are given a platform from which you can achieve anything. The course has given me the confidence to question anything and everything to work independently and to never worry about being wrong. Jesus provided me with the freedom to develop as a person. I made many friends for life and experienced so much, helped throughout my time by the low-income bursary that Jesus offered me to ensure that money wouldn’t hold me back.

Oxford provides the freedom and opportunity to achieve anything, regardless of your background. I therefore implore you to grab the opportunity with both hands and could not recommend Jesus highly enough. I wish you an experience as incredible and fulfilling time as the one that I had.

Llewelyn Hopwood

Modern Languages 2nd year.

If you’re a student at Jesus who wants to talk to someone who will listen to you in private, you can approach one of the college peer-supporters. Likewise, there’s an endless amount of people and services you can talk to, and the aim of the welfare network is to ensure that you’ll never feel like your concerns have gone unheard.
further advice, please contact our Access Fellow.

You must apply for deferred entry when making your application: you cannot change your mind after

Every year, we make a small number of offers for deferred entry to candidates taking a ‘gap year’. This allows a

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Looking for demonstrable commitment to the chosen subject, the ability to think critically and handle

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As well as predicted or actual A2 Level grades or equivalent, we look at past academic record and

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DIRECTIONS TO JESUS COLLEGE

The College is in the centre of Oxford, with its entrance (the Lodge) on Turl Street. There are good train and bus connections to Oxford. We are 15 minutes’ walk from the railway station, and less than 10 minutes’ walk from the coach station; buses and taxis are available. There is no parking at the College, although with advance notice we may be able to make a space available for visitors with mobility difficulties. Parking in the city centre is limited and expensive, so we recommend using one of the Park and Ride services (contact Oxford Bus Company +44 (0) 865 785400, www.oxfordbus.co.uk). Full directions are available on the Jesus College website at www.jesus.ox.ac.uk/visitors/directions-to-jesus-college.