Welcome from the JCR President

Welcome to the Jesus College alternative prospectus! This prospectus is written by students, for you guys, so it gives you a chance to get an idea of what everyday life is like at Jesus. It’s full of tips from current students, as well as ‘days in the life’, and we hope it gives you a good sense of what being here would be like- and that it convinces you to apply to Jesus!

Jesus is well known for its friendly atmosphere, which means it’s really easy to get involved in all aspects of college life. There’s always loads going on, with the College fielding sports teams, pub quizzes in the College bar, and strong College involvement in drama and music around Oxford, no matter your previous experience. Jesus also stands out for its central location, 24 hour library (you’ll probably need it at some point!), and promise of accommodation for your whole time at Oxford.

My role as the JCR president involves heading up the JCR committee, which is a sort of a mini Student Union on a college level. The committee, which is elected each year, runs social events, co-ordinates college sport, provides peer-to-peer welfare services, delivers funding, and generally tries to ensure that everyone has a great time at Jesus. We have JCR meetings fortnightly, and it’s always great to have people come and talk about things they think are important in College.

The JCR is also a physical common room, where we have our meetings and bops (see the glossary!); as well as being somewhere for people to grab a cup of coffee, eat lunch, play pool or table tennis, watch TV, and just generally hang out.

If you want to get more of a feel for life at Jesus, be sure to come and visit us. The College advertises Open Days on their website [www.jesus.ox.ac.uk] but prospective students are welcome to look round at any time. Also, make sure to check out the JCR website [jcr.jesus.ox.ac.uk] and our Humans of Jesus Instagram [@humansofjesuscol] for more information about student life at Jesus!
Location and About Jesus

Facilities

Our main college site is situated right in the heart of Oxford. The main shopping streets are 30 seconds away, and you’re a two-minute walk from the iconic Radcliffe Camera and Bodleian Libraries.

Lots of colleges are in easy distance, so great for seeing friends from other places. It’s also lovely just to walk about the old streets and be so close to the Rad Cam, the Bodleian, and to the department and museums!

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Monday begins, like every single day of first year, with a 9am lecture. Sorry scientists, but this is what we do. By 10am, I’ve finally gotten the sleep out of my eyes enough to go to the Radcliffe Camera to work on this week’s topic, focusing on the importance of migration.

At 1pm I break for lunch in College, before heading to my 2pm lecture. In Michaelmas, lectures are a regular 9am and 2pm and two to three days a week you could have a 3 hour practical in between. Now it’s mid-Trinity, my final term, and practicals have all been completed, so afternoon lecture times vary a little bit. I spend the afternoon doing the reading for this week’s topic – usually using online resources as it’s a long way to the science library to get out books!

I call it a day at 5pm and go to the Oxford Union to listen to Sir Derek Jacobi. I would recommend being a member of the Oxford Union to all freshers; yes, it is a little expensive up front but over time you get to meet and listen to so many amazing people that it is entirely worth it. This year alone I’ve listened to amazing speakers such as Nick Hewer from The Apprentice, Judge Judy, the President of the Navajo Nation, Jeremy Irons and I was even lucky enough (after more than nine hours of queuing) to see Stephen Hawking discussing the origin of the universe!
0900: I usually have 2 or 3 hours of lectures in the morning, or a lecture and a 2 hour practical. Different types of practical include histology (looking at tissue structures under a microscope), gross anatomy (prodding specimens and naming structures), pharmacology and pathology.

1300: I cycle into college to grab lunch in Hall, which is a great opportunity to catch up with my College friends during a hectic day and take my mind off Medicine. Having both course friends and College friends makes for an exciting, multidimensional social life at Oxford.

1400: The afternoons are mostly free for essay preparation, save for a medical statistics workshop once a week or a teaching session at the GP once or twice a term. I usually get back to my room, hoist out the textbooks, and start reading.

1700: Two or three times a week we have a one hour tutorial in College. Tutorials typically involve receiving feedback for our essays and discussing the essay topic in more breadth and depth. The discussion is bidirectional – tutors pose questions to us but we also take the opportunity to scrutinise them and test the limits of their expertise. At Jesus, tutorials take place between one tutor and all of the four medical students in a given year group. Having more of my peers with me is useful because, if I don’t know something, they can help me out.

1800: After a tutorial I usually have dinner in College Hall, or I might return to the flat to cook.

1900: Back to the flat and yet more essay reading till the late(ish) hours of the night. Once a week or so I play squash with somebody from another college as part of the College League. I find this a great opportunity to unwind and network with new people from outside of my social bubble.
A Week in the Life of...

Imi, History, 2nd Year

Monday
I wake up feeling very tired at 8am – yesterday I ran the Oxford 10k race with my friends so I am very stiff! I have breakfast in College and then I head to the library to start my essay on European politics after the Second World War. This year my workload balances out at one and a half essays a week which is a nice manageable amount. I break for coffee at 11 – our JCR serves coffee, tea, muffins and amazing cookies during the day which is amazing but also dangerous! In the afternoon I meet my tutor to discuss some ideas for what I want to write my thesis on and finish and check my essay before rewarding myself by playing pool in the JCR (my ultimate procrastination destination!) I have dinner with the College Principal – he runs a barbeque every Trinity Term which is a nice event to go to, especially on a sunny evening. Then I head off to Corpus Christi College for a meeting of the Oxford Amnesty International Group – I joined this term and am helping to organise an event writing letters to prisoners on Death Row. After this I have tea with my friends in my flat and go to bed.

Tuesday
I wake up at 7am and go swimming with my friend before having breakfast in a café near our flat. Then I cycle down to the Examination Schools for a lecture on the Cold War. My tutorial is also this morning so I rush back to College for that before having lunch. I do some admin in the afternoon before getting out my books for next week’s essay – most history books are in the beautiful Radcliffe Camera so I work in there for a while (it’s very Harry-Potter with the old lamps and big wooden desks). I have a relaxing evening, cooking with friends and then heading to the pub for a few drinks.

Wednesday
Today I try to get a really good start on my reading so I spend all morning in the library, ploughing through a huge pile of books. We can get most books online too but I always prefer to read an actual copy. I have lunch at the Gloucester Green market – they do amazing dumplings and curries for not much money. In the afternoon I play with my College netball team in the termly tournament – College sport is much less competitive than Uni level and more about having fun and meeting new people. Then I read some more for my essay before heading into college for Formal Hall. This is a three course dinner which runs twice a week and as a scholar I get it for free which is amazing!
Thursday
Today I have a 9am lecture before continuing the reading for my essay – another long morning in the library. In the afternoon I take breaks with my friends, going for coffee and a run around University Parks which is really pretty in the summer. I then get ready for another formal hall dinner – today it is an exchange with the MCR (the middle common-room) so I chat to some graduate students about their degrees. After dinner we all head to the Jesus College bar – it has been renamed ‘The Baaa’ in reference to our Welsh history and serves College cocktails called ‘Sheepbites’.

Friday
My morning involved more reading for essay (history involves a lot of reading!). I have lunch with my friend and then watch her in a concert at Queen’s College – their choir often puts on performances which I like going to. In the afternoon I finish my last bit of reading – I have to go to the Social Science Library to read my last few books because some libraries do not allow you to take books away to read. I go to our JCR meeting where we talk about everything from Freshers’ Week President elections to buying a beanbag for people to nap on in College.

Saturday
I have a yoga class in the morning and then I head into College to start planning my essay and collecting all my notes together. I write my essay in the afternoon and email it to my tutor – finally finished! It’s a lovely evening so my friends and I decide to cook and eat dinner outside in the sun – we play some cricket (very badly in my case) and catch up on what we’ve been up to. After this I go to the cinema in Jericho to watch a live screening of Julius Caesar – I studied it as part of my module on Early Modern literature and politics last year and our tutor booked tickets for our class to watch it on stage.

Sunday
Today is my day off so I have a lie-in and cycle into College for brunch – this is a highlight of the week for everyone at Jesus (I have never missed a brunch!). I read my book on the grass of our second quad and in the afternoon we go to College welfare tea. Every week our welfare reps buy a selection of snacks and cake from Tesco and everyone congregates in the JCR to drink tea, eat food and chat.

Want to see more? Click here to visit our JCR page for videos of a student’s day and more student perspectives!
Saanjh, History and English, 1st Year

As a joint-schools student, I’ll typically be working on two different papers at the same time; that means I’ve got roughly three essays due every two weeks. Lectures (which, incidentally, can feature the academics on your reading list) are usually in the morning, so I’ll get lunch in College before heading to some sort of library (personal favourites include the RadCam and the Law Library), or even Second Quad when it’s open in the summer. Notwithstanding the inevitable procrastinatory coffee break, I’ll pack up and head back to College for dinner with friends, take an hour or two off for a leisurely Tesco trip or a run, and then finalise work for classes or tutorials back in my room. What’s distinctive about doing all of this at Jesus is the added strength of inter-year friendships you’re able to cultivate. Because of the relatively small cohort sizes for each subject, you’re given the chance not only to know the people you’ll be studying with, but those in the years above you. It’s both useful, in terms of asking for ‘real’ advice, and reassuring, that it’s more than possible to ‘get through’ when the workload seems overwhelming.

Peter, Chemistry, 1st Year

There’s no denying that chemistry is a challenging degree - you’ll have 12 hours of labs, a ~2 hour tute, a maths class, and a physics class every week. And don’t forget, you’ve got 9-11am lectures every day in first year! But lucky for you, the tutors at Jesus give plenty of support and take great care in developing your understanding, often looking a bit beyond the scope of the initial course, which comes in handy in your later years. You’ll learn and develop loads of new skills including lab technique, data analysis, how to rationalise chemical phenomena and, if you’re anything like me, tactical napping - a skill that proves really useful! What makes Jesus really special for me, is that you’ll become a part of a truly inclusive, colourful and empowered student network that always looks after each other; it’s not uncommon to see anonymous notes or chocolates left for you in the library on a rough day, which will give you the momentum you need to carry on.

Tim, Law, 1st Year

For law, we generally have three tutorials per fortnight, and an essay or a problem question will usually be set for each one. Tutorials are genuinely one of the highlights of my week, but can be embarrassing/awkward if you’re unprepared. The actual writing of the essays usually doesn’t take me that long; tutors are generally only looking for about 1500 words; the time consuming bit is the reading list. I’d estimate that we probably do at least 35 hours of reading a week. On top of that there will generally be about 8 hours of relevant lectures a week; some people find them useful, but most people don’t bother going to all of them. Whilst that sounds like a lot, no one works 24/7 – there will always be time for socialising, playing sport and other societies. At Jesus we have a special “Law library,” but in reality other subjects work there too, although it means that there is a good selection of all the textbooks etc. you’re likely to need, and if the library doesn’t have it then they are usually happy to order it for you. One of the other things we benefitted from last year was that whenever we were stuck or faced with what seemed like an impossible deadline, the lawyers in the years above were always happy to help out with notes and advice.

Caitlin, Geography, 2nd Year

Studying Geography means every week I am picking up a completely new textbook from a new library. One week it’s Global Biodiversity Change, the next is Cold War Geopolitics, and the one after it’s debating what Geography really is! This is what makes it so great, and at Oxford you get to engage with being a ’Geographer’, rather than being forced into the typical physical or human labels. At Jesus we typically have a weekly tutorial with an essay to prepare before hand as well as 4-6 lectures a week. In the first year you cover everything, and then for your final two years you get to choose the core areas that interest you the most, reach slightly further with total free choice over your dissertation topic. The highlight for me was the second year field trip! Studying Geography could change the way you see the world and everything that makes it tick.
Amy, History, 2nd Year

The workload for history is probably among the more ‘manageable’ in subjects (if you’re disciplined and organised - which I had to learn the hard way). In first year, you have 3 essays every two weeks. I would spend around 3 days on the reading for an essay, one day on planning, and one day writing. Planning essays is the best advice I can give, as it takes away all of the stress of trying to organise your jumbled thoughts while you’re writing. Don’t worry about reading the entire reading list – tutors tend to highlight the most important articles and books, and they recommend you read what interests you about the topic, which makes it so much more manageable (and actually quite enjoyable).

Elhana, Modern Languages and Linguistics (ab initio Portuguese), 2nd Year

Both of my subjects are taught at the faculty, so I tend to work either at the Taylorian or the Clarendon Institute. However, Jesus is located strategically; that means, a break is merely a walk away. In my first year, I mostly worked at Jesus library because it is open 24 hours and first year Linguistics and ab-initio Portuguese are tough! Because both are new subjects, we cover a lot in the first year. I’ve got two to four tutorials per week with additional worksheets from language classes. Another cool thing about Jesus library is that the librarian will not hesitate to add eclectic books to their collection on your demand. Getting Lusophone literature in Oxford libraries is a ‘survival of the fittest’ so it is a blessing that your College will purchase them for you. What I like about Jesus are the welfare officers and the tutors. The welfare officers truly care about you. I’ve had numerous difficulties (coursework, finance, mental health) and they have done their best to help me. The same goes to the Modern Languages tutors, who give great advice and encouragement. I know for a fact that this is a privilege you can have at Jesus.

Bronny, Medicine, 2nd Year

A typical medical week involves three tutorials, three essays, about ten lectures and a couple of practical classes. It’s pretty busy in the day – rushing to College and back from the MSTC (where we do lectures and pracs) and last-minute essay-writing if there’s a deadline coming up – but we all calm down come the evening. On your typical weekday, I’d finish work on notes or up-coming essays around dinner, and would either grab a drink with some friends at a pub or we’d all head to someone’s flat to snuggle and gossip on the sofas with a nice cuppa tea. Since most of our deadlines tend to come earlier on in the week, weekends are where I do the bulk of my work. I’ll set up in the College library (honestly one of my favourite places in the whole University) on Saturday morning with a pile of textbooks and get stuck in. Essays tend to take me about a day to do, so I’m always hoping that I get two done over the weekend... I’m a massive procrastinator though, so come Monday I’m in a bit of a frenzy to finish everything up on time!!

Ryan, Biological Sciences, 2nd Year

Like many of the other sciences, Biology involves a lot of contact hours, in first year having two lectures a day usually with a lab separating them. This makes it really easy to get to know people from other colleges, which is often quite difficult as a result of Oxford’s collegiate system. We even have a compulsory field trip to Wales that lasts a week before exams which basically ends up being a bonding trip. Jesus itself is also very sociable so doing Biology at Jesus, in my opinion, really facilitates many opportunities to meet new people and make friends. Academically the subject involves generally an essay a week, which is not that much compared to other subjects, and not a problem sheet unlike other scientists (which was a bit of a shock to me). This usually involves reading and condensing information on one facet of biology and can range from a very wide range of topics like the evolution of birds to reproductive life cycles of plants. What makes the teaching system so good is that you learn so much within a term about such different things which is bolstered by the fact that you get tutored by experts in their respective fields and not just the tutors in your college. In short, biology is a relatively chilled and interesting subject to study, with a workload that is rewarding yet leaves plenty of time to do other activities and enjoy yourself.
Tom, Engineering, 3rd year

Engineering at Oxford is a general course—so, being honest, you will learn a lot of things you won’t ever need to know again, but it’s the wider understanding and appreciation of engineering that sets you apart. An indirect benefit of this is you also learn to pick up a lot of info really fast so you’ll soon catch up to the level of other single discipline unis as you specialise. From my experience, prior to uni you also won’t have a proper understanding of what studying engineering is like, and as a consequence a lot of people end up specialising into areas completely different to what they originally thought: I certainly did! The tutors at Jesus are great; they treat you as adults and as long as you’re willing to learn then they’ll do all they can to help.

Lauren, Maths, 2nd year

With only 2 hours of lectures and 1 tutorial daily, studying Maths here gives you the freedom to structure your week whichever way suits you. You can expect 3 to 4 problem sheets a week which can take you from half an hour to half a day, dependent on where your strengths lie, and are then reviewed in tutorials. Our self motivated study is guided through the support of our wonderful tutors, who really get to know you and encourage you to study the things you enjoy. Our first year units are all compulsory and we seem to have covered more than most universities in the first year, so you’ll never be bored. After that almost all units are optional, with enough subject choices to completely avoid the ones you least enjoy. Jesus Mathematicians are very friendly, with the option of working together or asking the other years for help, you will never feel alone. Overall, Maths at Jesus is as intense as you want to make it, with support all around if you’re struggling or want to better yourself, and the freedom to do other activities as much as you wish.

Holly, PPE, 2nd year

For me, a typical week of work starts off with a couple of days of working on an economics problem sheet, which usually contains both maths problems and some wordier questions. I’ll then spend a couple of days reading for and writing that week’s Politics essay in Jesus’ library, before making sure I have some time off to relax over the weekend. Some of the benefits of studying at Jesus are that the library is open 24/7 (great for late night essay writing!), and that the PPE tutors here are especially great, knowing incredible amounts about their subjects. In my own experience I’ve also found the tutors incredibly supportive of me throughout the years, especially recently since I’ve been considering which path to take once I finish university.
Alex, Philosophy and Theology, 1st Year

Philosophy and theology is one of the most diverse degrees you can study. In first year you cover logic, moral and general philosophy, the figure of Jesus (and not just from a Christian perspective) and an optional theology module, which gives you room to study other religions, textual criticism or even an ancient language. For finals you can choose from a huge array of papers covering all religions and areas of philosophy. There’s also room to do a dissertation in either discipline. In an average week you’ll have around three lectures, one or two tutorials and if you choose a language some classes for that. In your first term there are also logic classes. Philthe keeps you on your toes at all times with such varied content - you’ll certainly never be bored! And of course if you study it at Jesus, you’ll benefit from amazing tutors!

Calvados, Physics, 1st Year

The workload in Jesus College is comparatively small yet challenging, especially in the case of Maths modules. We usually have two tutes per week, which generally means two problem sets should be finished each week. Time taken to complete (attempt) a problem set is highly varied among people, ranging from a few hours to a few days. And sometimes it’s unsurprising to find that the problem contents are largely ahead of the lectures as self-learning is always assumed in Oxford. But the actual tute arrangements are very flexible since tutors are often involved in world-leading research. The best thing about studying Physics at Jesus College would also be the fact that we have experienced researchers as our tutors. For future prospective applicants, my tip for the personal statement is simply try to write more about how you feel towards Physics rather than just listing all the awards you might have gained in competitions (though they should be mentioned as well!). Interview questions are almost certain to be tricky, so attempting them out loud and explaining your thinking process in order for the tutors to understand how to guide you is undoubtedly crucial. And also, most importantly, make sure you enjoy the twenty-minute-long, thoughts-interchanging and adrenaline-charged interview!

Alexandra, English, 2nd Year

English at Jesus is a really amazing experience, with lots of variety and opportunities to expand into areas which interest you most. With that of course comes a LOT of reading, which I would highly recommend doing as much as you can of in the holidays. While those old saviours Shmoop and Sparknotes do boast a surprisingly thorough selection of Middle English texts and niche Jacobean plays, there’s nothing better than sitting down to plan an essay and feeling like you actually have a good knowledge of the whole text, rather than whatever scraps you’ve managed to scrawl together that week. A typical week’s workload varies between years; I think on average you’re probably writing/researching 1-2 essays a week, with one tutorial for this and then a class for which you’ll need to prepare a presentation. It is actually doable as long as you prepare well, and don’t let the procrastination domino effect get the better of you!
Amber, Classics with Modern Languages, 2nd Year

I would recommend the CML course or indeed any joint honours for the very reasons that I applied to study French and Classics! I knew that I was interested in both areas but I also knew that I did not want to be limited to a single discipline. I also thought that the course would have a lot of overlap because both Classics and French are literature-based subjects as well as languages. Having completed my second year, I would say that the CML course has more than lived up to all these expectations. It is extremely rewarding (but also difficult) to juggle two distinct workloads, departments, classmates, tutors and lectures. Initially, I was surprised by the extent to which it really is left to the student to: a) liaise between departments (departments have literally no contact with one another) b) balance one’s own workload (you will feel pressure to do more work than is fair from both sides) c) (most important, in my opinion), draw one’s own comparisons between the separate courses and finally d) discover how few coursemates one has (6 in my year in the whole university!). Although these specificities of joint honour schools sometimes make me want to groan, they make it a degree that really feels like it is your own creation and it has made me far more independent as a learner and worker than I would have been otherwise.

David, History and Politics, 1st Year

Studying History and Politics at Jesus College means being part of a lively and supportive community of students. The student experience here is enhanced by a wide range of events within college, including termly talks by some of the foremost contemporary historians at the JR Green Society. Teaching in the first year mostly takes place within college, and is of the very highest standard. The tutors at Jesus also provide great advice and support to help with navigating one’s way through the degree. The college is fabulously situated in the centre of Oxford, with many of the historic buildings of the university being just a stroll away.

Jenna, Experimental Psychology, 1st Year

For Experimental Psychology, in the first year we typically have 3 tutorials a week (it sounds like a lot but I promise they’re more useful than scary!). There are also fewer tutorials in the following years. Generally, we have 1 or 2 essays a week and about 6 or 7 lectures. Our week also contains labs after the first year – this is where we get taught about conducting research and get the opportunity to do some ourselves. Although this sounds like a lot there is still time to fit in other things as long as your time management is good! (Though a bit of caffeine doesn’t go amiss either).
I study Classics at Jesus, now with a focus on ancient history. When I came to Oxford I only knew Latin so I had daily Greek classes for the first two terms to get my language up to scratch really quickly. It made the workload quite intense but it was a great way to learn the grammar and vocab thoroughly which means that now I have a clearer understanding of how the Greek language works than I do Latin! In first year, I had language work plus 1-1.5 essays a week, which increased to 2 essays weekly in second year. Now that I have completed Mods (second year exams) I have been able to choose from a broad range of history, archaeology/art, literature, philology and ancient/modern philosophy options, which cover everything from ancient settlements in what is now Afghanistan to the development of Marxist thought. There are 5 other classicists in my year which is useful – we can help and advise each other on difficult topics. Unlike some other colleges, Jesus offers additional one-to-one support to aid our language learning which was so useful for me as I find language the hardest part of the course.

Marina, German, 1st Year

I’m a German student, and I just finished my first year as one of 10 Linguists in my year at Jesus. Modern Languages is difficult to generalise because each language has its own timetable, but in an average week, most have around 3-4 lectures and 2 literature tutorials, as well as various language and translation classes. You’ll have your core tutors in college, but you’ll also receive some teaching at other colleges, which is great to meet a mix of different people. You can expect at least one essay deadline a week, and most of the time you spend working will be taken up with reading and planning for this, until you can finally sit down and put it together; it then gets marked by your tutor and discussed in your next tutorial. You’ll also get around two translations a week and some language work, but the main project is always the essay. The Modern Languages tutors at Jesus are very friendly and always happy to help with anything you need – I would definitely recommend Jesus to anyone who wants to study Languages!

Clem, Music, 3rd Year

Studying music at Jesus is great. The main thing to know about your tutors is that they really care about your learning. They’ll push you, and will want you to enjoy sinking your teeth in to your study. Your week will look quite different from most subjects. (Fewer lectures than scientists, more tutes than English/History etc.) Music, being a multi-disciplinary subject, lends itself to a varied course structure. This means you won’t get bored easily and you’ve always got lots of different tasks to work towards (be it an essay, a composition, a recital, an analysis, etc). However, it does mean you’ll need to spin lots of different plates, which can be tough at times. You’ll figure it out, and hopefully have fun doing so. You chose the right subject!

Click here for a full list of subjects offered at Jesus!
The idea of moving countries for university may be daunting, but Jesus welcomes students from all countries and backgrounds. Everyone works, lives and studies in the same areas, and many of our students graduate having made friends from all over the world.

The Jesus JCR has its own International Students Representative, and we often host international Formal dinners, often using students’ family recipes, to celebrate the diversity of our college.

Student finance and access to bursaries and grants may differ, so it’s worth getting in touch if you have any questions or concerns.

Click here to find contact information for the Access Representative for the JCR, or email the Admissions Officer for college at admissions.officer@jesus.ox.ac.uk

My name is Hannah, I am the International Rep for the Junior Common Room, and would like to welcome you all to the diverse international community you will find at Jesus College, and all over Oxford. There are many opportunities waiting for you: you can get together with people from your home in one of the countless national societies, or learn about other cultures during events such as the International Week we put on at Jesus College this spring, where students introduced their languages, local dances, and even liquors from all over the world! But I am here just as well to help international students with challenges that may come with studying abroad, from visa problems to language issues and homesickness, looking to make sure you have the best possible time here, and get to enjoy our exciting community to the full!

As an international student here, I won’t pretend that the geographical diversity of the student body at Oxford is anything close to ideal. That being said, the resultant international community tends to be incredibly close-knit, even across colleges, whether through associations or mutual connections. At College, through anything from International Formal Hall (featuring everything from Bulgarian to Jamaican), language taster sessions, guaranteed housing for all years of your course and ample vacation storage, it’s entirely possible to feel both included and involved.

Saanjh, History and English
Equality and Disabilities

At Jesus we welcome everyone, no matter your race, faith, ability, gender, sexual orientation or background. The Jesus JCR Committee elects its own Equal Opportunities Sub Committee every year to help represent everyone in college. These students can be your first point of contact for any questions or concerns you might have around college.

These positions include:

- BME (Black and Minority Ethnic) Representative
- Disabilities Representative
- Inter-faith Representative
- International Students Representative
- LGBTQIA+ Representative
- Women’s Representative

All of the representatives attend fortnightly JCR meetings and send regular updates via email and Facebook to the JCR. This includes student campaigns for equality and better representation, events run by various societies and events the reps themselves run in college.

**Disabilities**

Being an Elizabethan college has made accessibility difficult in the past, but nearly all of the buildings on Jesus’ main college site are now wheelchair accessible, and the JCR is committed to mandating college to improve it even further. We have fully accessible student accommodation in our Ship Street Centre. If you have any questions or concerns, please email our Disability Co-ordinator at asm@jesus.ox.ac.uk.

Click here for full information and contacts if you have any queries or concerns about accessibility and support at Jesus

**LGBTQIA+**

Jesus has its own LGBTQIA+ society, run by the LGBTQIA+ reps on the Equal Ops committee. It often organises smaller events in college such as movie nights or coffee meet-ups, or organises trips to LGBTQIA+ events run by the wider university.

**BME**

The BME rep updates the JCR on current student campaigns and can run focus or discussion groups in college. They are also a point of contact for the JCR as a whole for any queries and concerns among BME students.

**Interfaith**

The college Interfaith rep updates the JCR on all religious events being held in college. The chapel is also an open, quiet space for everyone of all faiths to use.

**Women’s Representative**

The Women’s rep updates the JCR on any feminist or women’s campaigns or events around Oxford. They can also organise events in college, which in the past have included an interyear women’s dinner, and helping out with Jesus’ feminist society, Ewespeak.

Click here for full links to all student campaigns and information on equality and diversity at Oxford
Welfare

Sometimes we all need to talk to someone, or take a breather during a busy term. All Oxford colleges run a welfare system, which is like a network of support for all students. Our JCR committee elects a Women’s and a Men’s Welfare officer, and we also run a Peer Support network, where some undergraduates become points of contact for fellow students, and are trained with the rest of the welfare team. College have a number of staff members trained to look after you, including a Welfare Fellow, Chaplain, and Academic Director. All of the above are trained to listen to you and help you out, whether something at home is upsetting you, you feel overwhelmed by work, or you just need someone to talk to. You can get in contact with whoever you’re most comfortable with, at any time and no matter how you’re feeling.

Our JCR Welfare officers also run a number of events throughout term to give you a well-deserved break—they’re also a great way to get to know everyone in college!

Welfare Tea

Every Sunday afternoon, the Welfare Officers buy a ton of food and snacks, and make teas and coffees for everyone in college. It’s as good as it sounds, and completely free on top!

“Names are Laurence and Lily, and we are the current men’s and women’s welfare rep respectively. This means that we’re a point of contact between the senior welfare team in college and the student body. Every year new welfare reps are elected by students in Jesus College, so two others will be taking over at the end of Michaelmas. As welfare reps, we’ve been peer support trained by the University Counselling Service to offer a confidential and non-judgemental listening space to our peers. Basically, you can come to us any time with any questions or concerns you have. We also run welfare events throughout term which include weekly welfare teas, Lily organises weekly yoga sessions and we both run a weekend full of different welfare events once a term. We can also provide you with welfare supplies if you message me directly and give you the code to a welfare locker in college if we’re not around; supplies include condoms, paracetamol, tampons and deodorant.”

Welfare Week

Terms last 8 weeks in Oxford, and students often talk about “Fifth Week Blues”. It’s just past the half-way point in term, but it’s the point most students feel their deadlines are creeping up, revision starts to intensify, or that they realise they have another four weeks of labs or essays ahead. To help ease students through this, our Welfare Officers arrange a ton of fun events. Past activities have included tie-dying shirts, walking dogs and extra Welfare Teas!
Food from the hatch and hall runs on a credit system. That means you pay at the end of term for meals—so if your student loan is late or something crops up, you’ll always have a back up until the next vacation!

Anonymous

Food & Drink

Hall

Hall serves breakfast, lunch and dinner every day during term time except Saturday evenings. There is always at least one vegetarian option, sandwiches to go and a salad bar, so there’s always something to choose. Hall is also much cheaper than food outlets in central Oxford so it’s a great way to get good value meal when you’re in town.

Hatch

During term, college runs a small takeaway café in the JCR. Hot drinks, tea, coffee, cookies, fruit and all kinds of other snacks are sold at cheap rates, making it a very popular location for library breaks and catch ups. Plus, the staff are always super friendly and it’s a great way to get to know people who work at college!

Click here for up-to-date meal prices.

Bar

Jesus, like all colleges, runs its own student bar. We have lots of events and drinks discounts running throughout the year. Highlights include karaoke nights, International Drinks Tasting, and the infamous end of term Bar Party. The bar is also open throughout the day and has its own jukebox, TV and Xbox, so it can be a quiet place to chill out when the JCR is too busy.

“Everyone is so helpful with my allergy and I completely trust their knowledge in what’s in the food I’m about to eat! Everything is so well labelled I feel at ease eating in college every day!”

Beth, Biological Sciences

“The JCR is always a nice place to escape from the libraries because you get to interact with students of any year or subject. The tea and sandwiches in the hatch are relatively cheap, plus you get free newspapers and magazines to peruse.”

Elhana, 2nd Year
Accommodation: 1st Year

KEY INFO

- All first year students live in single rooms
- All rooms are on central college site—second quad, third quad, or Ship Street Centre.
- All rooms have access to fridge, and are allowed a kettle and toastie maker.
- No kitchens in first year, but fully catered by college hall.
- All rooms randomly ballotsted before you arrive, so no stress about choosing which accommodation.
- All rooms priced the same—so it doesn’t matter where you are placed before you arrive.

“\textbf{There’s quite a range of rooms which you might end up with in first year - I had a double set on second quad. You get a massive living room to share with your room mate, and then you each have individual bed rooms. The location of the college is brilliant; super close to all the shops, and because it's so central its bound to be a short walk to lectures or wherever else you might need to go.}”

Tim, Law, 1st Year

TWO TYPES OF FIRST YEAR ROOM:

Double set
- The older style accommodation. Two private bedrooms open onto a huge living area with a sofa, two desks and a coffee table. Nearly all have their own shower and bathroom opening onto living area.

Single set
- Smaller than the double set, but often has a bigger bed. This is more modern accommodation and mostly found in third quad and the Ship Street Centre.
Accommodation: 2nd Year And Beyond

KEY INFO

• All students are guaranteed college-owned accommodation for their entire degree, and will most likely be in off-site flats in second year onwards.
• Second year accommodation either two or three person flats in North Oxford (Stevens Close).
• Third and forth year accommodation in four person flats in South Oxford (Barts).
• All flats fitted with kitchens.
• Lease extends over holidays, so no need to move out at end of term.

“At first I was a little concerned about living in Stevens for second year but actually living out with your friends is great. You have the opportunity to cook and more collective space for socialising that doesn’t feel as invasive as it being your bedroom.”

Daisy, History

“First year is pretty much ideal. The later years are good because you stay with your friends and your year group as a whole, although the distance out of Oxford is a slight inconvenience. You get used to it though, and a brief cycle/walk each morning/afternoon is probably a good thing after too long in the library! Plus, the caretakers are really friendly and helpful.”

Keir, Engineering

“It’s a bonus that Jesus guarantees college-owned accommodation for every year of your degree. It means you get to stay living with your friends in the same place, and you get to avoid the stresses of arranging private accommodation.”

Mustafa, Medicine

“It is further away than some accommodation is (particularly compared to colleges that have in-college accommodation all year around), but it is good quality, and having the whole year move together definitely adds to the friendly Jesus spirit! With it being guaranteed accommodation for all years of your course, it’s so much better than other colleges where you’d have to find private accommodation.”

Anonymous, Medicine
Clubs n Pubs

Jesus is a central college, which makes it a prime location for social events. All of Oxford’s major clubs are within a ten minute walk, and you can find a good representation of the Jesus contingent every weekend. Some of Oxford’s quirkiest pubs are also there if you’re feeling more relaxed—Turf Tavern and The Bear, some of the oldest pubs in Oxford, are just a few minutes’ walk away.

Freshers Week

Freshers Week is one of the most exciting times for the whole college, and nearly all of the year groups at college get involved in some way. At Jesus, we elect our own Freshers Week Presidents and Committee to ensure the week runs as smoothly as possible for you.

The Freshers Week Committee buy in club night tickets at a discounted rate for those who want to go out—so there’s no worrying about buying tickets before you arrive. They also run events in college in the evening, such as movie nights, ice-cream runs to G&Ds (the best ice-cream shop in Oxford) and board game nights. There’ll be something on that will suit you no matter what!

“The work is tough but interesting, and the people are wonderful. It’s quite easy to find the time to go out for a drink or dinner with friends and to finish off that essay, you just get quite good at procrastinating less the day before something’s due, and surviving for a couple of days on very little sleep and then catching up on your next day off!”

Bronny, Medicine

Bops

Every college hosts at least one bop per term, and Jesus is no exception. We have two per term except in Trinity, our summer term, to keep the noise down during exam season. It’s best to think of them as a fancy-dress party mixed with a cheesy school disco, except with discounted drinks. They’re often the highlights of term and Jesus’ bops are well attended by every year group. We also run our own highly popular DJ system where students sign up for half-hour slots. These are quickly snapped up and most attempt to fit their playlists to the bop theme, with mixed results!
Social

Other events

The JCR committee also host a number of other events for the college throughout the year. We have a traditional dinner dance just before Christmas, at the end of Michaelmas term. Nearly all of college gets dressed up and is bused out to a local hotel for a three course meal and party. It's usually the committee's last formal event before they handover their positions to those just elected, and always gets a huge turn out.

We have a cocktail dance in the next term (called Hilary)—the JCR hire out Plush, one of the popular clubs in Oxford, just for the college. Everyone dresses in black tie and enjoys drinks, snacks in the form of a private ice cream van and various cupcakes inside, and our own DJ.

In our summer term, Trinity, we have a Leavers BBQ at our third year accommodation. We have a huge playing field and we're able to put up a bouncy castle, play football, rounders or any other nostalgic games from school, and have one last big event before breaking up for the summer.

“**The balance of academic work and social life varies from person to person, and it's something that takes a little time to work out. The friendliness of the Jesus community means that you're never deprived of either academic or social opportunities, be they through bemusedly walking through the RadCam with a fellow fresher, a Tesco-run study break to lighten up a night in the Periodicals library, or inevitably running into someone you know and recognise, in the queue for a night out.**”

Saanjh, History and English, 1st Year

—we took the first piece of work far too seriously; in hindsight we should have made more of freshers and worried less about the work!”

Tim, Law, 1st Year

College Families

In Freshers Week, you'll be assigned to a college family. This means two students in the years above will adopt you, and usually one other fresher, and will be on hand to help you out at any point in your degree. During Freshers Week, you'll have the option of going out to lunch with your family, and your college parents will also cook you a homemade dinner one evening.

How seriously you take the family system is up to you, but it's a fun and relaxed way to get to know students outside of your year group!
Sports

Jesus is one of the most keen colleges when it comes to sport. We always get a really good turn out to all of our matches. We also welcome people of all skill levels, and often win lots of intercollegiate competitions (‘cuppers’) simply because we get a huge number turning out to them!

If you want to be a bit more competitive, every student can join the university-wide team for their sport. University-wide training is often throughout the week and colleges often play at weekends, so you can easily be a part of both!

• Netball
• Badminton
• Hockey
• Rugby
• Squash
• Rowing
• Volleyball
• Lacrosse
• Tennis
• Cricket
• Croquet
• Football
• Rounders
• Korfball
• Jesus Ski Trip

Life at Jesus:

“Rowing is life <3”
Tom, Engineering

“I never rowed before I came to Oxford, and now it pretty much takes up all of my free time, and I’m glad of it. There’s a good social scene, and it’s more fun than any sport I played before uni!”
Keir, Engineering

“The college sports teams are all great fun! Try as many as you can or want to, and see what you end up loving.”
Anonymous, Medicine

Cuppers

Outside of the college clubs listed here, Jesus also gets heavily involved in ‘cuppers’ competitions. Basically, these are ad-hoc contests between all of the colleges, and are usually run by university wide teams encouraging people who have never played the sport to get involved. No matter what skill level you’re at, whether a complete beginner or near-pro level, you’re welcome to compete for your college in any of them.

Some of Jesus’ previous wins at cuppers have included sailing, pistol shooting, and athletics.
Jesus has a great reputation for getting involved in the arts and drama. Many of our students perform in plays or orchestras around Oxford. As a college, we also enter the intercollegiate Drama Cuppers competition, open specifically to freshers to help them get involved in theatre while at Oxford.

Make sure to follow our Arts Instagram, to keep up with everything artistic going on in college! Click here:  @__tsas__

“Societies are great. We are all semi incompetent, but that’s fun in and of itself!”
Michael, History

“Arts and Crafts Society
• Turl Street Arts Festival
• Christian Union (CU)
• Law Society
• Life Drawing
• Drama Cuppers
• Choir
• Quiz
• Chess
• Ewespeak (Feminist Society)

Like most colleges, Jesus has an ever-growing list of clubs, events and societies. More are added and modified every year, but you can expect a similar range whenever you come to study at Jesus. Every student is welcome to set up their own society at any point of their degree, too—so if you think you could add another to the list, feel free to do so when you arrive at Jesus!

Chapel & Choir
Jesus hosts a non-auditioning choir which is open to everyone, no matter what experience or ability! Members of choir receive free singing lessons and a free formal dinner every Sunday in exchange for singing at chapel services. Members also have the opportunity to go on an annual Choir tour—previous destinations have included Italy and Georgia.

“The chapel choir is a wonderful extra for anyone, regardless of singing ability or religious stance. It’s a great way to get better at sight-reading and getting to know people across the years at college. You also get free meals and we go on cool trips to places like Hong Kong, Florence, Georgia and Guernsey.”
Bronny, Medicine

“I’m the president of the Oxford Quiz Society, and while it took a while to get involved, I’ve had a really good time competing with and against friends from other colleges, and have made some of my closest friends that way.”
Francis
Library

We are lucky enough to have a **24-hour, self-service library** at Jesus. This means you can come in **as early as you’d like** and **stay as long as you want** to meet whatever deadlines you may have.

Our library also allows **books and belongings to be left at your desk**. So even if you no longer live on the main college site, you **don’t need to carry in all of your textbooks or work every single day**.

Finally, our **librarian** is amazing and often **orders in books** that aren’t currently in the Jesus library for us. So if you feel like you can’t possibly manage the five minute walk to the Bodleian, or if the book is missing or on loan from your faculty library, **college will help you out!**

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**“The 24/7 library is so unbelievably useful. Whatever your work schedule is, there’s (almost always) space for you. The stock is really very good for Medicine. **Almost every book** on the extended reading lists are there (which you'll only use a fraction of, anyway!). Plus if you ever need another book, the librarian is always more than happy to order them in. The college library also has great provisions for any software you might need to use during your course. All you’d need to do is pop in and ask!”**

Anonymous, Medicine

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**“The library is a good mix between a work place and a social hub of college. You know that you can always find people to go to lunch with or a hatch break.”**

Daisy, History

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**“It's really really daunting starting your first few pieces of tute work. I came to uni having not written an essay since GCSE, so it was a massive shock to the system to not only have to trawl through enormous textbooks for information to lay out myself but also to present it in essay format. It took me the better part of the first two terms to get my essays right, but my tutors were all super helpful in pointing out how best to lay them out and how to present all the relevant information first, with the extra bits that get you extra marks later, and always were very understanding if I asked for help or an extension.”**

Bronny, Medicine
Q: What was your first piece of academic work like?

“My tutor was very reassuring to us when it came to writing our first essay - she recognised that lots of us were overwhelmed with the task at first, and she helped us with that until we could manage it every week on our own.” — Anonymous

“Daunting, but the tutors were very supportive and constructive with their feedback. It was a shock to have work set during Freshers' Week, but prepared me for the work-hangover balance to come.” - Francis

“Quite challenging, but they don’t expect too much for your first essay - so enjoy freshers’ week!” - Susie

“My first piece of academic work (an essay) was absolutely awful. I got a solid 20%, and I was horrified. My tutor was super lovely and understanding, she took the time to point out where I’d gone wrong in terms of both content and layout, and then spent the rest of the tutorial explaining how to write the essays, where to get the information and how much depth to go into.” — Bronny, Medicine

“Support from the medicine tutors is absolutely incredible. They do all they can to help you adjust to the heavy workload at Oxford, and get you ready and well-prepared for exams.”

Anonymous, Medicine

“Stick to the reading lists and give yourself plenty of time for each essay! I made the mistake of not doing this in Michaelmas term and I came to really regret it.”

Anonymous, History

“It’s up to everyone individually how they chose to balance work/social, and at times one might be more important than the other. Whilst there inevitably will be a lot of academic work, you can chose how you want to fit it in. Some people try to do it all during the week, and then take weekends completely off. Its also a skill you get better at; in hindsight, it definitely took me at least a term before I found a balance with which I was happy with.”

Tim, Law, 1st Year

“As long as you work during the day, you can usually take the evenings off for chilling out or going out. As long as you don’t spend too much time hungover, you’ll generally survive!”

Keir, Engineering

“Having a 24/7 library is a lifesaver!”

Alice, History

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Applying and Admissions

Advice from current students:

“Do your research; really think why you want to study what you do; relax and be yourself most importantly!” - Edward, German and Linguistics, 1st Year

“Don’t think about it too much. Take everything you hear about it with a pinch of salt.” - Anonymous, Psychology

“Don’t let the stereotypes of Oxford put you off! Say what you think in interviews.” - Anonymous

“If you think you’ll enjoy/gain from the tutorial style of teaching and like the idea of studying here - definitely apply!” - Anonymous, Medicine

“Really don’t worry about what to wear at interviews. Wear something you’re comfortable in. The tutors really don’t care.” —Anonymous

“Apply, and don’t let your preconceptions of Oxford affect you at all-Oxford is what you make of it!” - Francis

“You aren’t being interviewed because tutors want to be dazzled, but because they’ve sensed your genuine commitment to your subject, which is something you’ve most likely been naturally communicating for a while.”—Saanjh, History and English

“Enjoy your interviews, they’re supposed to emulate a tutorial so they’re a chance for you to see if you like that way of learning, of being led towards a new idea with knowledge you already have, and so you should come out of it feeling like you’ve learnt something new and exciting. They’re also a chance for the tutors to see if you’re someone they might want to teach for the next three or four or more years, so it’s also super important to relax and be your usual friendly self!” - Bronny, Medicine

“Go for it!” - Susie, Geography

“I was surprised to find the tutors were actually people, although of course they are people - I just expected them to be a lot more academic and stuffy. It was a really lovely change to find personable, friendly people in front of me at interview, who seemed interested in me as a person as well as grilling me on my academics.”

Bronny, Medicine

“As an international applicant (and, later, student), it sometimes feels like the stakes may be a little higher - you may have to travel farther for interviews if you attend in-person, and may also have come from a different educational system. That isn’t at all disadvantageous, however alienating it can and may possibly feel. There’s a close-knit and thriving community here, and your experience is far from uncommon. Just remember that you, as every applicant does, brings something different to the (interview, class or tutorial) table, whether that’s cultural or anything else - and that it’s probably something the rest of the community would love to or hear, or benefit from doing so.”

Saanjh, History and English, 1st Year

“The key to interview success is to make your thought process explicit when answering a question. At every opportunity, say what you’re thinking out loud to the interviewer. Even if what you say is wrong, or incomplete because you haven’t reached the answer yet, interviewers are more interested in how you approach problems rather than whether you can find the right answer.”

Mustafa, Medicine
Applying: A Summary

Check your subject page on the official Oxford University site (Click here for the full course listing). You’ll find out from there if you need to submit any written work or sit one of Oxford’s separate admissions tests. Then check the UCAS deadline for Oxbridge admissions. This is usually early October and is separate from the deadline for other universities, so make sure you get your application in on time!

September—Early October

If you are shortlisted for an interview, you’ll receive further information around this stage.

January

You’ll receive your decision letter in the post around this time, and usually an email to confirm it. If you don’t hear anything, get in touch with the Admissions Officer at the college you interviewed at—their email will be on their college website (Click here to email the Admissions Officer for Jesus College).

August

Receive your results and confirm your offer if you received one in January!

Interviews

Every Oxford interview is unique, and there’s a lot of exaggerated quotes and questions published in the media to sensationalise the whole experience. The most important thing to remember is that tutors are interested in how you think, not how much learning off-by-heart of random facts you can do before you walk into their office!

During interviews, you’ll be hosted at the college who invited you for free—this includes meals and accommodation. A team of students and college staff will look after you during your time here. They’ll answer any questions you have, give you a tour of college, and be on hand to answer any questions you have. Students will also run events in the evening like quizzes or movie nights to help you relax and meet your fellow interviewees. Who knows, you might meet your future room mate!

“I was certain I wouldn’t get in, and really nervous about the interviews. I thought everyone at Oxford would be wearing red chinos while cycling around the Rad Cam reading Brideshead Revisited, and was worried I wouldn’t fit in.”

Francis
**Finance and Bursaries**

Money should never be a barrier to studying at Oxford. The University and Jesus have a number of scholarships, grants and hardship funds if you need extra support to attend university. You don’t have to apply for any of these—simply fill in the sections necessary for means testing when applying through Student Finance, and you’ll be automatically put forward for these funds if you’re eligible.

Jesus also has a vast range of prizes students can win, and funds they can apply for. These can range from sporting grants, to funds to help you fund yourself through an internship, to support for travelling for pleasure.

Click here for a full list of scholarships, prizes and awards available to undergraduates at Jesus.

**Dodd Fund**

Every student in college is eligible to apply for up to £250 for non-academic travel through this fund. You can choose to travel anywhere in the world for any purpose—for example, many choose to use this on the Jesus College Ski Trip. But just as many put the money towards a trip with friends or family.

**Scholarships and Exhibitions**

These are academic awards for performances in undergraduate exams. Students who achieve a first (the highest grade, above 70% average usually) are granted a scholarship, and exhibitions are awarded by tutors based on merit. You receive a cash prize and a couple of free formal dinners a week, which is always nice!

“I was granted the ‘Cultural, Sporting and Travel Grant Award’ in order to pay for my grade 8 music lessons and exams which I would not be able to have done without the help of college!”

Anonymous

“I get the Jesus Access Bursary which really helps in giving enough money so that you can feel just that little bit more comfortable. It’s nice to think that, if I want to splash out on a pricey meal out, I’ve got the safety net to do that and don’t need to worry about counting pennies all the time.”

Sam, Philosophy and Theology

“I was given money to attend a conference for my dissertation that I definitely would not have been able to attend without college help, which helped me make contacts for interview and kickstarted my research. I also used the Dodd Fund to attend the Jesus ski trip which was amazing!”

Susie, Geography, 2nd Year

“Being a Moritz-Heyman scholar has played an amazing part in my experience of Oxford. It allows you to volunteer with amazing people and groups and also removes a lot of the stress accompanying the cost of university. It is offered to many incoming students from low-income backgrounds to reduce your university fees as well as help with living costs in exchange only for volunteering hours. With scholarships and bursaries like this, no one should be concerned about the price of coming to Oxford.”

Anonymous
Jargon Buster

*Oxford can get a little confusing sometimes.* If any strange words or terms pop up, either in this prospectus or during an open day, it’ll be explained here!

**Bops**—A staple of Oxford! Every college hosts a bop, which is like a school disco but with fancy dress and drinks. Sounds cringey but are often the best attended events in all colleges.

**Battels**—Your termly bill including food, accommodation and other costs.

**The Bod**—Refers to all of the Oxford libraries and the “Old Library”, which is a huge building in Radcliffe Square. Librarians there can call up any book that was published in the UK, so it’s a pretty good resource for weekly essays!

**Formal**—Also called Formal Hall. A served dinner in college, which is optional and takes place after normal dinner.

**JCR**—The Junior Common Room which is both a room in college, and the name of the undergraduate student body, headed by the JCR committee.

**Michaelmas, Hilary and Trinity**—The names of each of our 3 terms (in order—Autumn, Spring, and Summer). Each one lasts 8 weeks.

**Rad Cam**—The Radcliffe Camera - another of Oxford’s famous libraries. It’s technically the History Faculty Library, but everyone has access with their Bod Card.

**Tute**—A tutorial with a tutor, either on your own or with another person/people studying your subject.

**Trashings**—The name of the celebration after you finish any set of exams. Friends usually escort you from your exam halls back to college, and at Jesus we have a special tradition of throwing buckets of water over students who have finished! They also attempt to hit the Jesus clock tower by popping a bottle of prosecco at it.