

# freshers' week guide

**Hi guys!!** We thought it would be useful to make a guide with descriptions of each event in freshers' week. There are some compulsory, college-organised events, and we've also planned loads of other activities, too! Please contact us if you have any questions, either by email or on Facebook (or in real life!)

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## **cost**

- some events will be charged, such as the club nights (the JCR tries to subsidise this as much as possible!). These will be automatically batelled (put on your termly bill).
- all club nights will be opt-in, and all tickets for these can be picked up from the Entz stall at the Queen's Freshers' Fair.

# sunday

## welcome & BBQ

- your college parents will meet you and bring you to the Nun's Garden, where you can meet the other freshers, as well as the JCR exec.
- there will be live music, free BBQ food and some *speed-friending!!*
- Oxford can get a bit cold, so don't forget a jumper.

## hall

- you'll be automatically signed up for your first college dinner.
- the food is great, and the prices are reasonable, not to mention that the hall is beautiful.
- your whole year group will be there so it's a great chance to get to know more of the freshers.

## pub quiz in the JCR

- get into teams
- win some prizes
- be scouted for university challenge (no guarantees but you never know!)

# monday

## **free tea & toast**

- a free breakfast in the JCR: a lovely way to start your day!
- we'll be running this every day from 9 - 10, and there'll be members of the exec there so you can ask questions / have a chat.

## **provost's welcome and fire safety talk**

- your first chance to meet the provost!
- you will learn about the fire safety procedures at Queen's.

## **registration**

- head down to the Hall to get your bod card / find out about laundry arrangements / wi-fi password / email address / sign the book to become a member of college!

## **decanal afternoon**

- meet the welfare & decanal teams to learn about welfare at Queen's!

## **queen's freshers' fair**

- this will be held in the hall, and is your chance to join any/all of the Queen's societies.
- sign up to loads 'cause you can always unsubscribe later!
- this is also the chance to buy your club night tickets for the week (JTs/Atik/Fever) from anna/ellie/avanti/immi - look out for our stall near the door!

## **Introduction to academic life**

- this is a chance for Nick Owen (the senior academic tutor at Queen's) and Seth Whidden (the college's tutor for undergraduates) to help with the transition from school to university styles of work. Should be really helpful!
- Make sure to ask any questions that you have about work at Oxford.

## **mixer dinner**

- dinner in the hall! get excited; the welfare reps (they're amazing) have some fun surprises planned.

## **G+Ds waffles and ice cream**

- this is an iconic Oxford café, open 'til midnight for all your late-night ice cream needs!

## **queen's take over Bullingdon (club)**

- we have rented out Bullingdon for a Queen's-only night!!
- this is always a great night, and we'd love to see as many people there as possible - it's a good opportunity to get to know people in other years!
- bring your bod card and pick up your wristband from your pidge - you'll need it to get in.

# tuesday

## **tutor meetings**

- these are v important to attend, as they are when you'll meet your tutor for the first time - make sure to check the noticeboard to find out the time and location of your meeting!
- in this meeting you'll find out your lecture info, work for first week, and organise your timetable.

## **mental health talk**

- this is a talk organised by the uni counselling service, talking about emotional resilience.
- it's really interesting and super helpful!

## **Intersectionality training and sexual consent workshops**

- these are compulsory and it goes without saying that they're super important.
- they are run by Queen's students.
- information about groups and locations will be published nearer the time.

## **provost's dinner**

- the provost has invited you to your first formal dinner!
- this is a great oxford tradition, and it's pretty great to be able to dress up and have a 3-course meal for free! (you can even do this every single Saturday if you like, although in term time you have to pay for it)
- you'll have pre-dinner champagne in the upper library (so beautiful it's Buzzfeed's 5<sup>th</sup> best library)
- the food is delicious, even the traditional fourth course of smoked haddock and rarebit.
- in the words of last year's team 'the wine is plentiful and the chat is supreme' - what more could you want?
- it's a good chance to get to know your tutors and the other people that do your subject.
- the dress code will be smart (always check your invite): definitely wear a suit, but there will be no gowns.

## **Fifa and Facemasks**

- An evening of relaxation in the JCR! (the fifa and facemasks are optional!)
- Snacks will also be provided, if you're not already full of your HUGE meal.

# wednesday

## **academic work**

- from this point on the theme of the week changes a bit.
- the tutors might have set you some work, and we've indicated the times that make most sense to do it.
- of course you should work whenever is best for you and always keep a healthy work/life balance.

## **equalities tea and toast**

- this will be a special tea and toast, as the equalities team (also known as BWILD) will be there to chat to you about all things equalities!

## **library inductions**

- a chance to learn about the Queen's library - you're gonna be spending a lot of time there so this is v useful.

## **subject lunch**

- this is a chance to properly meet people doing your subject, not just in first year but in the whole college.
- meet outside hall for 12:30.

## **sports practices**

- try out the sports at queens! these are way less serious than the uni teams, and much more social.
- it's a nice way to make some more friends and even if you've never played before, still come along and try it!
- the captains will let you know when & where to go.

## **Eglesfield Music Society drinks**

- the Queen's music society is the oldest music society in Oxford, and they're hosting drinks in the OTR to welcome all music lovers.

## **Arts Night**

- the JCR arts rep (James McGee) will be organising an arts night, so come along to let out some creative energy.

*you can still go out of course, and Hanks is one of the clubs we can suggest! Quite a Queen's favourite...*

# thursday

## **international tea and toast**

- this is a special tea and toast to celebrate the international community at Queen's.
- everyone is welcome, international or not.
- we'll try and get some international breakfast foods for you to try!

## **university freshers' fair**

- this is held in the exam schools which is conveniently right across the road from Queen's.
- there's so much free stuff to get (think pens/bags/pizza).
- we'd recommend signing up to everything - you can always unsubscribe later!

## **Family dinner**

- this is a dinner with your college family!
- Great opportunity to bond

## **ice skating**

- ice skating, disco music; it's gonna be hilarious.

## **Fever (club)**

- if you wanna escape the cheesy music, you can't.
- a sort of surrealist clubbing experience, but an Oxford icon (ask anyone)
- buy your tickets from us at queen's freshers' fair!

# friday

## **Subject settlers**

- get to know everyone doing your subject a bit better.
- your subject representative will give you details nearer the time!

## **Movie night**

- This will be in the Shulman
- Film tbc!
- A lovely way to wind down after a busy week!

# saturday

## rowing taster day

- head down to QCBC (the Queen's boat club) for a great afternoon at the picturesque riverside boathouse.
- there will be a barbecue, sunshine (fingers crossed!) and bangers.
- this isn't a commitment to join the club! it's a classic Oxford sport so definitely try it out.

## BOP

- this is followed by the BOP, a college fancy dress party that is held in the beer cellar every other week.
- everyone who is anyone comes, so be there!
- the theme is to be released, so keep an eye on the JCR Facebook page.
- this is also a chance to try the college drink, the 'Sex on the Quad'.

# sunday

**NOTE: Term officially starts on Sunday the 13<sup>th</sup>. This is called week 1! (weeks start on a Sunday)**

## **academic drop-in sessions**

- come to the JCR to ask your questions and get any advice from other Queen's students that do your subject!
- Some of us will also be in Hall Café (aka the Hall!), which is a great alternative work space if you fancy an environment other than the library or your room!

## **JCR tea**

- this is on every single day at 4, and it's amazing.
- have some snacks (cheese on toast, cheese strings, hula hoops, even loads of vegan options!)
- no need to bring any money as this all goes on batells.

## **evensong**

- the Queen's choir is amazing, so head on down to the chapel to hear some beautiful music at your first evensong!

## **JCR meeting**

- this happens every fortnight in the JCR, and it's a meeting where you can raise any issues/ask any questions.
- there's also free pizza.
- look out for the emails from the chair, Becky, with the motions that will be discussed.

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