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WCR President

Dear new Univ graduate members,

I am writing to welcome you to University College, often called Univ, and to its Weir Common Room (WCR, known most commonly as the MCR). The WCR comprises the graduate students here at Univ. The Univ graduate community is a friendly, diverse, international group, and the returning members are looking forward to welcoming you to the fold.

The WCR is run and organised by the WCR committee. You can learn more about the various committee members, their roles, and various other aspects of graduate life on the Univ WCR website (<https://wcr.univ.ox.ac.uk/>).

We always aim to make Univ feel as much like home as quickly as possible, so we have a busy programme planned for Welcome Week (aka Freshers' week). We really encourage all of you to attend as many events as you can during this week, as it's a great opportunity to meet lots of new people, both new to Univ and returning to Univ. For those of you arriving earlier, we also have a few events running in the week before Welcome Week, so that you can start meeting people and settling into life at Univ as soon as you arrive. The timetables are available in your on-line welcome packs. These events are run by WCR committee members, so you will have the chance to meet the different WCR officers and ask any Univ and Oxford related questions you may have.

For the most up-to-date information on our activities, join the WhatsApp group (you have been emailed the QR codes separately). We also have a WhatsApp group just for freshers. Our website is also updated regularly. More general information on the WCR, Univ and Oxford can be found on the "Learn@Univ" tab on the Univ website (<https://www.univ.ox.ac.uk/learn-at-univ/>). The website also has a dedicated space for "New Student" information and a series of useful FAQs (<https://www.univ.ox.ac.uk/learn-at-univ/new-students/>).

Finally, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me (holly.johnston@univ.ox.ac.uk) or the rest of the WCR committee members by email. The WCR Committee and I are more than happy to help you in any way we can, and even if we may not have all the answers to your questions and issues, we can point you towards the person who will. We want to make your start in Oxford as smooth as possible!

I look forward to meeting you very soon!

Best wishes

Holly