

MCR Freshers' Week Timetable 2015

(Friday 2 October – Sunday 11 October 2015)

Sunday 27 September – Thursday 1 October

Megaron

From 7pm, every night

If you are arriving in the week before Freshers' Week, come down to the Megaron to hang out with members of the MCR committee and to get to know the other early-birds.

Friday 2 October

President's Welcome

8pm, MCR

Here's when you meet your MCR Committee, the Graduate Officers, and Peer Supporters, as well as all your fellow Freshers! There will be refreshments, so make sure you come down to meet your year and kick off Freshers' Week in style!

Saturday 3 October

Mentor/Mentee Meet and Greet

11:30am, MCR

Mentors and mentees meet together to chat and get to know each other. Your mentors will be able to answer many of the questions you have about life in Balliol, and in Oxford more generally. There will be tea and some sweet things for your delectation.

Picnic Lunch

12.30pm, meet in the Megaron

Cross your fingers for sunshine, as - weather permitting - we'll head off to University Parks for a picnic! Mentors and mentees are particularly encouraged to come along after the morning event, but everyone is welcome. There will be a bunch of snacks, but feel free to bring your own additions.

Meet-your-floor dinners

7pm, Wing Kitchens

Free pizza! Meet in your nearest kitchen, and get to know the people you'll be cooking beside this year. After dinner, come for dessert in the Cockpit, and following dinner with some social entertainment. Livers-Out are also invited – your pizza will be waiting in the Cockpit!

Sunday 4 October

Manorlympics

3pm, Master's Field

Fun and games on the Master's Field, with no skill or athletic ability necessary. Try your luck with egg and spoon races, sack races, cracker eating contests, and other light-hearted games. There will be Freshers vs Stalers events, so stalers come and represent the old people too!

Barbecue

7pm, Manor Garden

We'll be putting the Manor's BBQ to good use and providing a feast fit for freshers! With an Aussie at the helm, you can trust that everything is going to be cooked to perfection. There will be plenty of yummy vegetarian/vegan food served too, and everyone is welcome!

Game Show Night

9pm, Manor Cockpit

Come down and get to know each other better with some light-hearted games. Would I Lie to You?, Blind Date and Newlyweds, revamped and starring you! Freshers and Stalers are all welcome. Don't worry - participation is not mandatory, so let the committee be the object of your entertainment!

Monday 5 October

Breakfast

9am, Cockpit

We'll be providing breakfast Monday – Friday all week. What better way can there be to start your day than some free food?

Emotional Resilience**

11.30am, Lecture Room 23, Balliol Main Site

Special session, by the 'Positive Group', in association with the Oxford University Counselling Service.

Collect Balliol Freshers' Packs

10am – 5pm, Old Common Room, Balliol Main Site

Your welcome packs, including your Bod cards, can be collected all day today.

Welfare Tea

3pm, Cockpit

Still stiff from those crazy feats at the Manorlympics or tired from exploring Oxford? Come and enjoy an afternoon break with your welfare officers, Sarah and Jess, in the Cockpit where tea and a range of sweet and savoury snacks will be waiting for you! We will move to the garden to enjoy some autumnal sunshine if the weather permits.

Mentor/Mentee Normal Hall

6pm, Balliol Main Site Hall, mentors and mentees to meet as convenient

Mentors and Mentees take a trip in to the main site to enjoy a dinner in the Hall. You can put money on your Bod card in advance at <https://payments.balliol.ox.ac.uk/> or you can pay cash at the Hall. Remember your Bod cards anyway, as food prices are heavily discounted for college members.

Pub Quiz

7.30pm, Cockpit

Come down to the Cockpit, grab yourself a team, and prepare to reveal your embarrassingly anorak-level knowledge of Star Wars or other subjects to your fellow freshers. Stalers are encouraged to come show the new people who's boss.

Tuesday 6 October (Faculty Day)

During the day there will be no events as most students will spend time involved with inductions at their department or faculty.

Wednesday 7 October (College Day)

Introduction from GP and Counselling Service*

9.30am – 10am, Balliol Main Site

Medical Registration and Immunisation*

10am – 11am, Balliol Main Site College Nurse's Room (XXII.1)

Praefectus' Welcome and Introduction to Manor Staff*

11.30am – 12:30pm, MCR

LGBTQ+ Lunch**

1.05pm – 2pm, Main Site

This event is organised by the JCR at main site. Marcela, our LGBTQ+ officer, will have further details for you to arrange going together.

Fire Awareness Session*

2pm – 3pm, Balliol Main Site Hall

Sexual Consent Workshop*

3-4pm, Balliol Main Site

Balliol College Library Induction for Graduates

4.15-5pm, Balliol Main Site Library

Mandatory Balliol Graduate Induction (Introduction to College Officers)*

5-6pm, Balliol Main Site, Lecture Room 23

Pub Crawl

8pm, Megaron

A chance to socialise and to see some of the best of the (many) local pubs Oxford has to offer. We'll meet in the Megaron and then head off in groups before all meeting up back at the Manor.

or

Movie Night

9pm, Manor Cockpit

Pub crawl doesn't take your fancy? Come down to the Cockpit for movies and popcorn instead!

Thursday 8 October

OUSU Freshers' Fair

11am, Exam Schools

Find the society or club to suit you: there's something for everyone! Make sure to take your Bod card.

Guided Tour of Oxford

2pm, meet at Manor lodge

We'll go for a wander round town and be tourists for a while, taking in the sights with a specialised tour for Balliolites by a veteran MCR member.

Women's Welcome**

7pm, Balliol Main Site

Balliol College has a long history of remarkable women starting with the co-founder of the college, Lady Dervorguilla, a Scottish princess and the wife of John Balliol. Come and meet some of the more recent remarkable women of the college over a glass of wine. All genders welcome!

Pick and Mix: G&D's, Cinema, Turf Tavern

8pm, meet in Manor foyer

We'll split in to three different groups depending on differing desires and either head off to a nearby historic pub, ice cream followed by games in the Manor, or to go and see a film at a local cinema. Choose whatever you're in the mood for!

Friday 9 October

Balliol Freshers' Fair

12-2pm, Balliol Main Site JCR

ReFreshers' Fair

10am-3pm, Exam Schools

Returning students are welcome to pop in to sign up for societies and sports clubs today. You'll need your Bod Card to get in.

International Students' Lunch**

1pm, Balliol Main Site Hall

Gym Inductions**

1.30-6pm, Balliol Main Site Gym

If you want to use the gym, either at the Manor or Main Site, you'll need to do a gym induction. Doesn't take long and slots run regularly, but make sure you go otherwise you'll not be able to use the facilities!

Chapel Choir Rehearsal**

5.30-6.30pm, Balliol Chapel

The Balliol Chapel Choir sings, on average, once a week and is always looking for new voices to join, so pop in if you're interested! The choir is open to all – no audition necessary!

Graduate Freshers' Pre-Dinner Drinks with College Advisors*

7.15-7.45pm, Balliol Main Site SCR Lounge

Meet your advisors and faculty members before the dinner with a reception in the SCR.

Graduate Freshers' Dinner*

7.45pm Hall

Shine those shoes and dress smartly to meet faculty and fellow faculty freshers for a delicious three-course meal in our grand hall. One of the highlights of the week.

N.B.: ALL Graduate Freshers are invited to attend Freshers' Dinner for free. All 'staler' attendees (i.e those starting a new course who have already completed a graduate degree in Balliol) must inform the College Office IN ADVANCE if they intend to attend the dinner. Email tutorial.secretary@balliol.ox.ac.uk

Graduate Stalers' Dinner

7.45pm, Manor Cockpit

Port and Chocolate

10pm, MCR

After-dinner drinks and even more food is an Oxford tradition. There will be port, soft drinks, and other goodies on offer to round out the evening.

Saturday 10 October

High Tea and Bop Costume Making

4pm, Manor TV room

Need an idea for your costume? Need a hand to staple it all together? Come to the TV room and find others who are similarly stuck. There'll be scones and tea to feed the creative fires! We'll transform the Manor for the bop, and we need your helping hands!

Freshers' Week Bop

9pm until late, Manor

We will throw open the doors of the Manor and have a big party to celebrate your Freshers' Week! Dress up a little or a lot, meet new people, and have the opportunity to dance your socks off.

Sunday 11 October

Welfare Brunch

11am, MCR

It's been a long week. Come and take it easy and share your experiences of the week with each other over some brunch. Be on time if you want the choicest morsels!

Sunday Movies

8pm, Manor Cockpit

*- Denotes a **mandatory** event.

** - Denotes a joint MCR and JCR event.