

July Offer Holders newsletter

Dear Offer Holders,

Greetings from a very hot and sunny Oxford. It is not like this every day and definitely won't be like this when you arrive in September. Some of you would have seen Lauren's post on Facebook of pictures of Farndon Court. I'm attaching the photos here for those who are not Facebook. The refurbishment is now complete. We now have to get the furnishings into the building.

Here are some updates for July:

Offer Holder session

We will be holding an online pre-arrival offer holder session on 3 August at 4pm (UK time). We expect this session to last about one and a half hour. In this session, we're planning to cover the following topics:

- What next for students?
- Covid updates
- College support, welfare
- College life and plans for the Graduate Common Room
- Coming to the UK for the first time, what to expect.
- Q & A - we will allocate about half an hour or more for this part of the session.

You do not have to register for this session. Just put it in your diary. Ellen Moilanen will circulate the meeting link nearer to the time.

If you have a question or topic you would like to ask us, please send them to Ellen Moilanen at admissions.ox.ac.uk in advance of the session. We will also be taking questions during the session.

Freshers' Week

Freshers' week is a University-wide orientation week where colleges, common rooms, departments, and the students' union put on a range of info sessions, activity fairs, tours, and social events for new undergraduate and postgraduate students. Closer to the start of the academic year, we'll be sending out more information about the college-based activities we'll be expecting you to attend during this week and the GCR events you'll be able to attend. You can also expect to hear from your individual departments about the events that they will be hosting for you as well. If you have any questions about what to expect during Freshers' Week, feel free to reach out to Lauren, your Graduate Common Room President, at graduate.president@reuben.ox.ac.uk.

Get Involved over the Summer

Sign up via this google form if you're interested in helping to plan the events that the GCR will be putting on during Freshers' Week or more generally get involved in planning for the start of the year.

Priority Nursery Places

The university has a number of [nurseries](#) for its students and staff. All students and staff are eligible to apply for a place. As part of the university, the college can apply for a priority place for a student. If you do require a nursery place at Oxford, please write to Ellen Moilanen at admissions@reuben.ox.ac.uk expressing your interest by **4 August 2021**. Priority places are very limited and it is not a guarantee of a nursery place.

Up-coming Deadlines

31 July 2021 – Deadline to accept your provisional accommodation allocation and pay your security deposit of £200. In order to take up an offer of accommodation, you must have met the financial and academic conditions of your University Offer by 31 July 2021. Please email Ellen Moilanen at admissions@reuben.ox.ac.uk if you think are unable to meet this deadline.

If you require a student visa and you have met all the conditions of your offer, please ask your department to start the CAS process for you.

Invoicing of Fees

The invoice for your tuition fees will be sent to you in early September with a due date of 3 October 2021. Please note that your fees have to be paid before this date in order for you to matriculate.

If your fees are being paid by a funder, the invoice will be sent to your funder directly. We may contact you to ask for contact details of your funder.

Pre-Arrival Information page

The [pre-arrival information page](#) is now live on our website. This page will be updated periodically so please check this page regularly. The recording of our offer holders session in May is available on this website.

Covid Updates

As we all have experienced in the last year and a half, things can change very quickly from day to day and week to week. The university has a useful [Coronavirus website](#) which keeps you informed of the latest Covid updates and planning within the university to ensure your health and safety while you are in Oxford. Please do read through the information on this website as it provides you with an idea what to expect when you arrive.

I understand that some of you are asking about early arrivals and quarantine. We are currently working on getting Farndon Court ready for you but also planning for possible alternatives if you can't move into Farndon Court before 27 Sept. We will let you know during the pre-arrival session and email an update for those who can't make it to the session.