

Offer holders update June 2021

Dear Offer Holders,

I hope you are all keeping well and looking forward to the start of your course at Oxford. Here are some updates for June 2021.

Accommodation Allocation

If you have submitted your accommodation form by 11 June 2021, you should have received your provisional accommodation allocation and instructions on what to do next. Please remember to complete your accommodation acceptance form. If you have submitted your form after 11 June 2021, we will get back to you by early July on your allocation.

If you have not submitted your accommodation form and requires one, please complete the [accommodation online form](#). Accommodation is allocated on a first come, first served basis, with the exception with students who have accessibility or health needs. At the moment, we have the following rooms available:

2-bed cluster rooms Band D

8-bed cluster rooms Band C

8-bed cluster rooms Band D

8-bed cluster rooms Band F

Financial Declaration Form deadline 30 June 2021

The deadline for completing and submitting the financial declaration form and supporting documents is **30 June 2021**. Please email them to me at admissions@reuben.ox.ac.uk. You should have received your financial declaration form with your formal college offer letter. If you do require more time to submit this document, please email me using the email above with an explanation why you require an extension.

Please note that I'm going to be away from 18 June to 25 June inclusive. There will be a delay in responding to your emails during this period. If you have submitted your financial declaration form, I will confirm acceptance when I get back on 28 June. If you require an extension, please let me know before 18 June or after 25 June.

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 also available on this website.

Reuben College Facebook page

If you have not done so, please join the Reuben College Offer Holders page on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/reubencollegeofferholders> to keep yourself updated with the latest updates from Reuben. You can also search for 'Reuben College 2021 Offer Holders' on Facebook. It should appear on your search results. Please note that this group is moderated and please be mindful of the college's [social media policy](#) when interacting with this group. Through this page, some students have met up in person and online. Do join if you can.

Oxford Jargon

Oxford has its own unique jargon and you will come across some of them during your time here. I have picked up some common ones but here is [a full list](#) if anyone is interested.

Proctors	There are two Proctors (Junior and Senior) and are elected yearly by colleges in rotation. They are usually academics. From a student's perspective, Proctors are responsible for student discipline, the conduct of examinations, complaints and appeals. They also attend university ceremonies like degree ceremonies.
Battels	This is your college bill, for charges like formal meals, accommodation etc.
Michaelmas/Hilary/Trinity Term	The academic year at Oxford is divided into three terms, Michaelmas (October-December), Hilary (January to March) and Trinity Term (April to June). Each term is 8 weeks' long but depending on your course, it may start earlier or/and end later, i.e. exams. You can find the term dates here and download the term dates into your calendar.
Noughth Week, Week 1, Week 2 etc	<p>While in Oxford, you may hear someone say 'The meeting will be held on Tuesday of Week 3 of Michaelmas Term'. As mentioned above, each term has 8 weeks and we name each of the 8 weeks as Week 1, Week 2, Week 3 etc. The week before Week 1 is known as Noughth (0) week and the week before that is Week -1. The week after Week 8 is known as Week 9 and the following week is Week 10.</p> <p>Using my example above, Tuesday of Week 3 of Michaelmas Term 2021 will be the 26 October 2021.</p>
JCR/MCR/SCR	Colleges with undergraduates will usually have three common rooms, Junior Common Room (JCR for undergraduates), Middle Common Room (MCR for graduates) and Senior Common Room (for senior members of the college i.e. college fellows). As well as a physical space, the JCR and MCR are both student committees and social centre for students. At Reuben, we will have one shared common rooms for both students and fellows. Our student committee will be known as the Graduate Common Room (GCR).
Matriculation	Most of you will have to matriculate at the start of Michaelmas Term. Students with a degree from University of Oxford, University of Cambridge and Trinity College Dublin do not have to matriculate. To matriculate is to be officially conferred membership at the University Oxford. The ceremony is usually held on Saturday in Week 1 of Michaelmas Term and you will be matriculated at the Sheldonian Theatre. There may still be pandemic restrictions in October. We will provide you with further information nearer to the time.
Degree Day	Your graduation ceremony

Have a lovely summer/winter.